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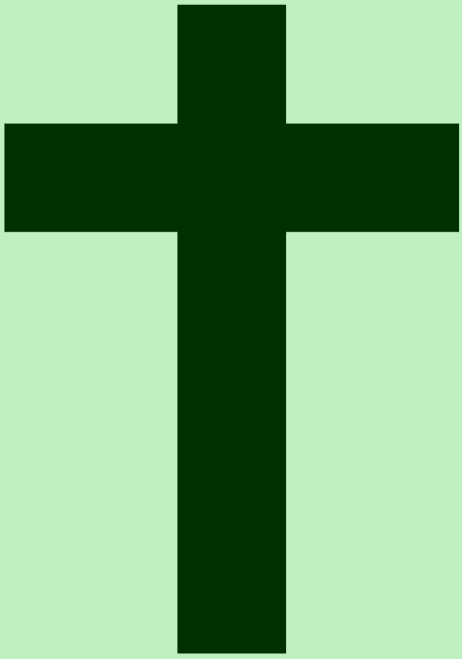

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UGenesisi

Umdabuko

1 Ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba. 2 Umhlaba wawungelasimo
njalo ungelalutho, ubumnyama babengame phezulu kolwandle njalo uMoya kaNku-
lunkulu wayehambahamba phezu kwamanzi.

3 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Akubekhona ukukhanya,” lakanye kwabakhona
ukukhanya. 4 UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi ukukhanya kwakukuhle, was-
esehlukanisa ukukhanya lobumnyama. 5 UNkulunkulu wabiza ukukhanya ngokuthi
“yimini,” ubumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi “yibusuku.” Ngakho kwabakhona
ukuhlwa lokusa, kwaba lusuku lwakuqala.

6 Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Kakube lomkhandlu phakathi kwamanzi uk-
wehlukanisa amanzi kwamanye amanzi.” 7 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wehlukanisa
amanzi angaphansi komkhandlu kulawo amanzi angaphezulu kwawo. Kwabanjalo.
8 UNkulunkulu wabiza umkhandlu lo ngokuthi “ngumkhathi.” Njalo kwabakhona
ukuhlwa, kwabakhona njalo ukusa, usuku lwesibili.

9 Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Kakuthi amanzi angaphansi komkhathi abuthane nda-
wonye njalo kakuvele umhlabathi owomileyo.” Ngakho kwabanjalo. 10 UNkulunkulu
wabiza umhlaba owomileyo ngokuthi “ngumhlabathi,” lamanzi abutheneyo wathi
“lulwandle.” Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle.
11 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Umhlabathi kawuthele izimila: imlimela ethela intanga
lezihlahla emhlabathini ezithela izithelo ezilentanga phakathi, kusiya ngemihlobo
yazo ehlukeneyo.” Kwabanjalo. 12 Umhlaba wathela izimila: izihlahla ezilen-
tanga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, lezihlahla ezithela izithelo ezilentanga phakathi
kwazo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle.
13 Kwabakhona njalo ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwesithathu.

14 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Akube lezibane emkhandlwini womkhathi uk-
wehlukanisa imini lobusuku, njalo zibe luphawu lokubonisa izigaba zomnyaka,
lezinsuku leminyaka, 15 njalo zibe yizibane emkhandlwini womkhathi ukuletha
ukukhanya emhlabeni.” Kwabanjalo. 16 UNkulunkulu wenza izibane ezimbili
ezinkulu, isibane esikhulu ukubusa emini lesibane esincinyane ukubusa ebusuku.
Wenza futhi lezinkanyezi. 17 UNkulunkulu wazibeka emkhandlwini womkhathi
ukuletha ukukhanya emhlabeni, 18 ukubusa imini lobusuku, kanye lokwahlukanisa
ukukhanya lobumnyama. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. 19 Njalo
kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwesine.

20 Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Akube lezidalwa eziphilayo emanzini, njalo akuthi
izinyoni ziphaphe ngaphezulu komhlaba zidabule emkhandlwini womkhathi.”
21 Yikho uNkulunkulu wadala izidalwa ezinkulu zolwandle layo yonke into ephilayo
lehambayo lenyakazelayo emanzini, kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, lezinyoni zonke
ezilamaphiko, ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle.
22 UNkulunkulu wazibusisa wathi, “Zalanani lande ngobunengi ligcwalise amanzi
olwandle, njalo akuthi lezinyoni lazo zande emhlabeni.” 23 Kwabakhona ukuhlwa,
kwabakhona njalo lokusa, usuku lwesihlanu.

24 UNkulunkulu wabuya wathi, “Akuthi umhlaba uveze izidalwa eziphilayo kusiya
ngemihlobo yazo: izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini, kanye lezinyamazana
zeganga, yilezo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo.” Lakanye kwabanjalo. 25 UNkulunkulu
wenza izinyamazana zeganga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, izifuyo kusiya ngemihlobo
yazo, njalo zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini kusiya ngemihlobo yazo.
Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle.
26 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Asenze umuntu ngesimo sethu langomfanekiso wethu
ukuze abuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle lezinyoni zemkhathini, phezu kwezifuyo,
phezu kwawo wonke umhlaba laphezu kwazo zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela
emhlabathini.”
27 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wadala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe,
ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wabadala,
owesilisa lowesifazane.
28 UNkulunkulu wababusisa wathi kubo, “Zalanani lande ngobunengi; liwugcwalise
umhlaba, liwubuse. Busani phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle lezinyoni zemkhathini
laphezu kwezidalwa zonke ezihambayo emhlabathini.”
29 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Ngilinika zonke izihlahla ezithela intanga ezisemh-
labeni wonke lazozonke izihlahla ezilezithelo ezilentanga phakathi. Zingezenu
ukuba lizidle. 30 Njalo nginika zonke izihlahla eziluhlaza kuzozonke izinyamazana
zomhlaba lakuzo zonke izinyoni zemkhathini lakuzo zonke izidalwa ezihambayo
emhlabathini, yonke into ephefumula impilo phakathi kwayo ukuba zibe yikudla
kwazo.” Kwabanjalo.
31 UNkulunkulu wakubona konke lokho ayesekwenzile, njalo kwakukuhle kakhulu.
Kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwesithupha.

2

1 Kanjalo amazulu lomhlaba kwapheleliswa ngakho konke ukuhlotshiswa
okukhulu.

2 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu wayesewuqedile umsebenzi ayewenza;
ngakho wasephumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe. 3 Njalo uNkulunkulu
walubusisa usuku lwesikhombisa walwenza lwaba ngcwele ngoba waphumula kuwo
wonke umsebenzi wokudala lokho ayesekwenzile.

U-Adamu Lo-Eva

4 Lo ngumlando wamazulu lomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho, lapho UTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu enza khona umhlaba lamazulu.

5 Kwakungakabi lesihlahlakazana seganga emhlabathini njalo kungakamili loba
yini emila emhlabathini, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wayengakanisi izulu emhlabeni,
njalo kwakungelamuntu wokusebenza umhlabathi, 6 kodwa inkungu yayisenyuka
emhlabathini, ithelele umhlabathi wonke. 7 Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wase-
bumba umuntu ngothuli lomhlabathi, waphefumulela emakhaleni akhe umphefu-
mulo wokuphila, umuntu wasesiba yisidalwa esiphilayo.
8 Ngalesosikhathi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wayelungise isivande empumalanga, e-
Edeni; wambeka khona umuntu ayembumbile. 9 Njalo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenza
yonke imihlobo yezihlahla ukuthi zikhule emhlabathini, izihlahla ezazibukeka
emehlweni njalo zizinhle ekudleni. Phakathi laphakathi kwesivande kwakulesihlahla
sokuphila lesihlahla sokwazi okuhle lokubi.
10 Umfula owawuthelela isivande wawugeleza usuka e-Edeni; usuka lapho
wehlukana waba yimifudlana emine. 11 Ibizo lowokuqala yiPhishoni; ozungeze lonke

ilizwe laseHavila, lapho okulegolide khona. 12 (Igolide lalelolizwe lihle; amakha
erezini le-onikisi lawo akhona.) 13 Ibizo lomfudlana wesibili yiGihoni; usekele
kulolonke ilizwe laseKhushi. 14 Ibizo lomfudlana wesithathu yiThigrisi; ubhoda
ngempumalanga kwe-Asiriya. Njalo umfudlana wesine yiYufrathe.
15 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wamthatha umuntu wambeka eSivandeni se-Edeni ukuthi
asisebenze njalo asinakekele. 16 Njalo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wamlaya umuntu wathi,
“Ukhululekile ukudla loba yisiphi isihlahla esivandeni; 17 kodwa ungadli isihlahla
sokwazi okuhle lokubi, ngoba ungaze usidle uzakufa ngempela.”
18 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wathi, “Kakukuhle ukuba indoda ibe yodwa. Ngizayenzela
umsizi oyifaneleyo.”
19 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wayesezibumbile ngomhlabathi zonke izinyamazana ze-
ganga lazozonke izinyoni zemoyeni. Waziletha emuntwini ukuthi aziphe amabizo;
kwathi loba yiliphi ibizo asibiza ngalo isidalwa esiphilayo, kwaba yilo ibizo laso.
20 Ngakho umuntu wapha amabizo zonke izifuyo, lezinyoni zemkhathini lazozonke
izinyamazana zeganga.
Kodwa u-Adamu wayengelaye umsizi omfaneleyo. 21 Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenza indoda yalala ubuthongo bokufa; kwathi khonapho isalele wathatha olunye
ubhambo lwendoda waseyivala leyondawo ngenyama. 22 Emva kwalokho UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wasesenza umfazi ngobhambo ayeluthethe endodeni, wasemletha
endodeni.
23 Indoda yathi,
“Lo manje uselithambo lamathambo ami
lenyama yenyama yami;
usezabizwa ngokuthi ‘mfazi,’
ngoba wakhitshwa endodeni.”
24 Ngalesisizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane lomkayo, babe nyamanye.
25 Indoda lomkayo babehambaze, bengelazo inhloni.

3

Ukuwa Komuntu

1 Inyoka yayiliqili ukwedlula zonke izinyamazana zeganga UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
ayezenzile. Yathi kowesifazane, “Kambe uNkulunkulu watsho ngeqiniso ukuthi,
‘Lingadli noma yisiphi isihlahla esivandeni’?”
2 Owesifazane wathi enyokeni, “Singadla izithelo zezihlahla esivandeni, 3 kodwa
uNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Lingazidli izithelo zesihlahla esiphakathi laphakathi kwesi-
vande, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life.’ ”
4 Inyoka yathi kowesifazane, “Kalisoze life ngempela. 5 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyazi
ukuthi lingasidla amehlo enu azavuleka, beselisiba njengoNkulunkulu, lazi okuhle
lokubi.”
6 Kwathi owesifazane ngokubona ukuthi izithelo zesihlahla leso zaziyikudla okuhle
njalo zibukeka emehlweni, njalo kudingeka ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha, wakha ezinye
wadla. Wapha njalo ezinye indoda yakhe ayelayo khonapho, layo yadla. 7 Amehlo
abo bobabili asevuleka, basebenanzelela ukuthi babenqunu; yikho basebethungela
ndawonye amahlamvu omkhiwa bazenzela izembatho ngawo.
8 Indoda lomkayo basebesizwa umsindo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu ehamba esivandeni
ilanga selithambeme, basebemcatshela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu phakathi kwezihlahla
zesivande. 9 Kodwa UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wayimemeza indoda wathi, “Ungaphi?”
10 Yaphendula yathi, “Ngikuzwile esivandeni, ngesaba ngoba benginqunu; yikho
ngasengicatsha.”

11 Wasesithi, “Ngubani okutshelileyo ukuthi unqunu? Usudlile yini isihlahla
engalilaya ukuthi lingasidli?”
12 Indoda yathi, “Umfazi owangipha yena, ungiphile ezinye izithelo zesihlahla
ngazidla.”
13 Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wathi kowesifazane, “Kuyini lokhu osukwenzile
na?”
Owesifazane wathi, “Inyoka ingikhohlisile, ngadla.”
14 Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wasesithi enyokeni, “Ngoba usukwenzile lokhu,
Uqalekisiwe ngaphezu kwezifuyo zonke
kanye lezinyamazana zonke zeganga!
Uzahuba phansi ngesisu sakho
njalo uzakudla uthuli
zonke insuku zokuphila kwakho.
15 Njalo ngizafaka ubutha
phakathi kwakho lowesifazane,
laphakathi kwenzalo yakho leyowesifazane;
uzacobodisa ikhanda lakho,
njalo wena uzagamula isithende sakhe.”
16 Kowesifazane wathi,
“Ngizakwandisa ngokuphindiweyo inhlungu zakho nxa ubeletha;
ngobuhlungu uzazala abantwana.
Inkanuko yakho izakuba sendodeni yakho,
njalo yona izabusa phezu kwakho.”
17 Ku-Adamu wathi, “Ngoba ulalele umkakho wadla isihlahla engakulaya ngathi,
‘Ungasidli,’
Uqalekisiwe umhlabathi ngenxa yakho;
ngokusebenza nzima uzakudla okuphuma kuwo
zonke insuku zokuphila kwakho.
18 Uzamila ameva lezihlahlakazana zameva azahlaba wena,
njalo uzakudla izihlahla zeganga.
19 Ngezithukuthuku zebunzi lakho
uzakudla ukudla kwakho
uze ubuyele emhlabathini,
njengoba wathathwa kuwo;
ngoba uluthuli
njalo uzabuyela othulini.”
20 U-Adamu wamutha umkakhe wathi ngu-Eva, ngoba wayezakuba ngunina wabo
bonke abaphilayo.
21 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenza imvunulo yesikhumba, wenzela u-Adamu lomkakhe,
wabagqokisa. 22 Njalo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wathi, “Umuntu manje usenjengomunye
wethu, usekwazi okuhle lokubi. Kangavunyelwa ukuthi elule isandla sakhe
akhe njalo isihlahla sokuphila adle, aphile laphakade.” 23 Ngakho UTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wamxotsha eSivandeni se-Edeni ukuthi asebenze umhlabathi ayethethwe
kuwo. 24 Esemxotshile umuntu wamisa ngempumalanga kweSivande se-Edeni
amakherubhi lenkemba ebhebhayo, iphazima isiyale lale ukulinda indlela eya
esihlahleni sokuphila.

4

UKhayini Lo-Abheli

1 U-Adamu wembatha lomkakhe u-Eva, wasezithwala, wabeletha uKhayini. Wathi,
“Ngosizo LUKATHIXO sengibelethe indoda.” 2 Muva wabeletha umfowabo u-Abheli.
U-Abheli waba ngumfuyi wemihlambi yezimvu, uKhayini yena wasebenza umhla-
bathi. 3 Ngokuya kwesikhathi uKhayini waletha ezinye izithelo zomhlabathi ukuba
ngumnikelo KUTHIXO. 4 Kodwa u-Abheli waletha izitho ezinonileyo zisuka kwamanye
amazibulo omhlambi wakhe. UTHIXO wathokoza ngo-Abheli kanye lomnikelo wakhe,
5 kodwa kathokozanga ngoKhayini lomnikelo wakhe. Ngakho uKhayini wazonda
kakhulu, lobuso bakhe bahloba.
6 UTHIXO wasesithi kuKhayini, “Uzondeleni na? Kungani ubuso bakho buhlobile?
7 Nxa usenza okulungileyo, kawuyikwamukelwa yini? Kodwa nxa ungenzi oku-
lungileyo, isono sikucathamele emnyango wakho; sinxwanele ukukuthumba, kodwa
kumele usehlule.”
8 UKhayini wasesithi kumfowabo u-Abheli, “Ake sihambe siye egangeni.” Kwathi
bekhonale egangeni uKhayini wamhlasela umfowabo u-Abheli wambulala.
9 UTHIXO wasesithi kuKhayini, “Ungaphi umfowenu u-Abheli na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Angazi. Ngingumgcini womfowethu na?”
10 UTHIXO wathi, “Usuyenzeni? Lalela! Igazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi lisuka
emhlabathini. 11 Manje usuqalekisiwe njalo usuxotshiwe kuwo umhlabathi ovule
umlomo wawo ukwamukela igazi lomfowenu lisuka esandleni sakho. 12 Lapho
uwusebenza umhlabathi kawusayi kuthela amabele kuwe. Uzakuba luzulane
emhlabeni.”
13 UKhayini wathi KUTHIXO, “Isijeziso sami singaphezu kwamandla ami. 14 Lamuhla
usungixotsha elizweni, ngakho sengizasithela ngingabi khona kuwe; ngizakuba luzu-
lane olungela kuphumula emhlabeni, kuthi loba ngubani ongifumanayo angibulale.”
15 Kodwa UTHIXO wathi kuye, “Akunjalo; lowo ozabulala uKhayini uzaphindiselwa
ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa.” Ngakho UTHIXO wasebeka uphawu kuKhayini ukuze
kuthi lowo omfumanayo angambulali. 16 Ngakho uKhayini wasesuka emehlweni
KATHIXO wayahlala elizweni laseNodi, empumalanga kwase-Edeni.
17 UKhayini wembatha lomkakhe, wathatha isisu wazala u-Enoki. Ngalesosikhathi
uKhayini wayesakha idolobho alibiza ngendodana yakhe u-Enoki. 18 Ku-Enoki
kwazalwa u-Iradi, yena u-Iradi waba nguyise kaMehujayeli, uMehujayeli waba
nguyise kaMethushayeli, uMethushayeli waba nguyise kaLameki.
19 ULameki wathatha abafazi ababili, omunye ethiwa ngu-Ada, omunye ethiwa
nguZila. 20 U-Ada wazala uJabhali; owayenguyise walabo abahlala emathenteni
befuye izifuyo. 21 Ibizo lomfowabo lalinguJubhali; wayenguyise wabo bonke
abatshaya umhubhe lechacho. 22 UZila laye waba lendodana, uThubhali-Khayini,
owayekhanda zonke inhlobo zezinto ngethusi langensimbi. Udadewabo kaThubhali-
Khayini wayenguNahama.
23 ULameki wathi kubomkakhe,
“Ada loZila, ngilalelani;
bafazi bakaLameki, zwanini amazwi ami.
Sengibulele umuntu ngenxa yokungilimaza,
ijaha ngoba lingihlasele.
24 Nxa uKhayini ephindiselwa kasikhombisa
ngakho uLameki amatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.”
25 U-Adamu waphinda wembatha lomkakhe njalo, wazala indodana wayithi
nguSethi, esithi, “UNkulunkulu usengiphile omunye umntwana endaweni ka-Abheli,
njengoba uKhayini wambulala.” 26 USethi laye waba lendodana, wayibiza ngokuthi
ngu-Enoshi.
Ngalesosikhathi abantu baqala ukukhuleka bebiza ibizo LIKATHIXO.

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Kusukela Ku-Adamu Kusiya KuNowa

1 Lo ngumlando olotshiweyo ngosendo luka-Adamu.

Lapho uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu.
2 Wabadala, owesilisa lowesifazane wasebabusisa. Wababiza ngokuthi “Ngabantu” emva kokubadala.

3 Kwathi u-Adamu esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu (130) wathola indodana eyafana laye xathu; wayibiza ngokuthi nguSethi. 4 USethi esezelwe, u-Adamu waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili (800) njalo wayelamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 5 Isiyonke iminyaka ka-Adamu yayingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu (930), wasesifa.
6 Kwathi uSethi esephile iminyaka elikhulu lanhlanu (105) waba nguyise ka-Enoshi.
7 Ngemva kokuzala u-Enoshi uSethi waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa (807), njalo wayelamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
8 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguSethi yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi lambili (912), wasesifa.
9 Kwathi u-Enoshi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye (90) wazala uKhenani. 10 Ngemva kokuzala uKhenani, u-Enoshi waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lanhlanu (815) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 11 Isiyonke iminyaka, u-Enoshi waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu (905), wasesifa.
12 Kwathi uKhenani esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa (70) wazala uMahalaleli. 13 Ngemva kokuba esezele uMahalaleli, uKhenani waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane (840) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 14 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguKhenani yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi (910), wasesifa.
15 Kwathi uMahalaleli esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu (65), wazala uJaredi. 16 Ngemva kokuzala kwakhe uJaredi, uMahalaleli waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu (830) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 17 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguMahalaleli yaba ngamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu (895), wasesifa.
18 UJaredi esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili (162), wazala u-Enoki. 19 Ngemva kokuzala kwakhe u-Enoki, uJaredi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili (800) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 20 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguJaredi yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili (962), wasesifa.
21 Kwathi u-Enoki esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu (65), wazala uMethuzela. 22 Ngemva kokuzala uMethuzela, u-Enoki wahamba loNkulunkulu okweminyaka engamakhulu amathathu (300) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 23 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa ngu-Enoki yaba ngamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu (365). 24 U-Enoki wahamba ngokuthembeka loNkulunkulu; wanyamalala, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamthatha.
25 Kwathi uMethuzela esephile okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa (187) wazala uLameki. 26 Ngemva kokuzala uLameki, uMethuzela waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili (782) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.

27 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguMethuzela yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha layisificamunwemunye (969), wasesifa.
28 ULameki esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili (182) wazala indodana. 29 Wayitha ibizo wathi nguNowa, wathi, “Izasiduduza emsebenzini lasekutshikatshikeni kwethu okubuhlungu ngezandla zethu okubangwa ngumhlabathi UTHIXO awuthukileyo.” 30 Ngemva kokuzalwa kukaNowa, uLameki waphila iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu (595) njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 31 Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguLameki yaba ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa (777), wasesifa.
32 Ngemva kokuphila iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu (500), uNowa wazala uShemu, loHamu loJafethi.

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Uzamcolo

1 Kwathi abantu sebesanda ngobunengi emhlabeni, bezala amadodakazi,
2 amadodana kaNkulunkulu abona ukuthi amadodakazi abantu ayemahle, bazikhethela abawafunayo bawathatha. 3 UTHIXO wasesithi, “UMoya wami kawuyikuphikisana lomuntu ngokungapheliyo, ngoba yena ngowenyama nje; insuku zakhe zizakuba likhulu elilamatshumi amabili kuphela.”
4 AmaNefilimi ayesemhlabeni ngalezonsuku. Njalo langemva kwazo amadodana kaNkulunkulu angenela amadodakazi abantu azala lawo abantwana. Ayengamaqhawe ekadeni, amadoda odumo.
5 UTHIXO wabona ukuthi ukuxhwala kwabantu kwasekukukhulu kakhulu emhlabeni, njalo lokuthi zonke izinkanuko zeminakano yezinhliziyo zabo zaziyibubi kuphela sonke isikhathi. 6 UTHIXO wadabuka ngokuthi wayemenzile umuntu emhlabeni, ngakho inhliziyo yakhe yagcwala ubuhlungu. 7 Ngakho UTHIXO wasesithi, “Umuntu engamdalayo ngizamkhucula emhlabeni, abantu lezinyamazana, lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini, lezinyoni zemkhathini ngoba kuyangidabukisa ukuthi ngakwenza.” 8 Kodwa uNowa wathola umusa emehlweni kaTHIXO.

UNowa Lozamcolo

9 Lo ngumlando kaNowa.

UNowa wayeyindoda elungileyo, engelasici phakathi kwabantu ngesikhathi aphila ngaso, njalo wabambelela kuNkulunkulu. 10 UNowa wayelamadodana amathathu: UShemu, uHamu loJafethi.
11 Umhlaba wawuxhwalile phambi kukaNkulunkulu njalo ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu. 12 UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi umhlaba wawusuxhwale njani, ngoba bonke abantu emhlabeni basebehamba ngezindlela zabo ezixhwalileyo. 13 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, “Ngizabatshabalalisa bonke abantu, ngoba umhlaba ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo. Ngeqiniso ngizababhubhisa bona kanye lomhlaba. 14 Ngakho zakhele umkhumbi ngezigodo zesihlahla sokubaza; wenze amakamelo kuwo, uwuhuqe ngenhlaka ngaphakathi langaphandle. 15 Uzawakha kanje: Umkhumbi kawube ngamalunga ezingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu ubude, ububanzi bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu lezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuphakama kwawo. 16 Uwenzele uphahla, utshiye ngaphansi kophahla intuba eyingxenye yelunga lengalo ukufika phezulu. Ufake umnyango eceleni komkhumbi njalo wenze isigcawu saphansi, esaphakathi laphakathi kanye lesaphezulu. 17 Ngizathumela uzamcolo emhlabeni ukubhubhisa konke okuphilayo

ngaphansi kwezulu, zonke izidalwa eziphefumulayo. Yonke into emhlabeni izabhubha. 18 Kodwa ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe, njalo wena uzangena emkhunjini, wena lamadodana akho lomkakho kanye labomalukazana bakho. 19 Kuzamele ulethe emkhunjini okubili kwezidalwa zonke eziphilayo, okuduna lokusikazi, uzigcine ziphila zilawe. 20 Okubili kwemihlobo yonke yezinyoni, okwemihlobo yonke yezinyamazana lokwezinanakazana zonke ezihuquzela emhlabathini zizakuza kuwe zizogcinwa ziphila. 21 Kumele uthathe yonke imihlobo yokudla okuzadliwa, ukulondolozele wena kanye lazo.”

22 UNowa wakwenza konke njengokulaywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu.

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1 UTHIXO wathi kuNowa, “Ngena emkhunjini, wena kanye lendlu yakho yonke, ngoba ngikufumane ulungile kulesi isizukulwane. 2 Ngena lezinyamazana eziyisikhombisa ezemihlobo yonke yezinyamazana ezihlanzekileyo, enduna lensikazi, lezimbili ezemihlobo yonke yezinyamazana ezingcolileyo, enduna lensikazi yayo, 3 njalo eziyisikhombisa zezinyoni zemihlobo yonke, ezinduna lezinsikazi, ukuze kugcinakale uhlobo lwazo zonke emhlabeni. 4 Ngemva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa kusukela manje ngizathumela izulu emhlabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, njalo ngizatshabalalisa sonke isidalwa esiphilayo engasenzayo emhlabeni.”

5 UNowa wakwenza konke lokho akulaywa NGUTHIXO.

6 UNowa wayeleminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha yobudala ekufikeni kukazamcolo emhlabeni. 7 UNowa lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe kanye labomalukazana bakhe bangena emkhunjini ukuze baphephe emanzini kazamcolo. 8 Ngazimbili izinyamazana ezihlanzekileyo lezingcolileyo, ezezinyoni lezezinanakazana zonke ezihuquzela emhlabathini, 9 ezinduna lezinsikazi zeza kuNowa zangena emkhunjini, njengokulaywa kukaNowa nguNkulunkulu. 10 Kwathi ngemva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo eza emhlabeni.

11 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wokuphila kukaNowa, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga yesibili, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo yolwandle olukhulu yadabuka, lamasango amanzi amazulu avuleka. 12 Izulu lana emhlabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

13 Ngalolosuku uNowa lamadodana akhe, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi, kanye lomkakhe labomalukazana bakhe bamadodana akhe womathathu bangena emkhunjini. 14 Babelazo zonke izinyamazana zeganga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, zonke izifuyo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini kusiya ngemihlobo yazo lazozonke izinyoni kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, yonke into elempiko. 15 Zeza kuNowa ngazimbili zonke izidalwa ezilomphefumulo wokuphila zangena emkhunjini. 16 Izinyamazana ezazingena zazingezinduna lezinsikazi ezezinto zonke eziphilayo, njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayekulaye uNowa. Emva kwalokho UTHIXO wasemvalela phakathi.

17 Okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane impophoma zaphikelela zithululeka emhlabeni, kwathi ngokwanda kwamanzi awuphakamisa umkhumbi waba ngaphezulu komhlaba. 18 Amanzi akhwela anda kakhulu emhlabeni, umkhumbi wandenda phezu kwamanzi. 19 Akhwela kakhulu emhlabeni, kwathi zonke izintaba eziphakemeyo ngaphansi kwawo wonke amazulu zasibekelwa. 20 Amanzi akhwela asibekela izintaba zatshona okudlula izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. 21 Zonke izinto eziphilayo ezihamba phezu komhlaba zafa, izinyoni, izifuyo, izinyamazana zeganga, zonke izidalwa ezazitshatshama phezu komhlaba, loluntu lonke. 22 Yonke into ephefumula impilo ngamakhala ayo nxa isemhlabathini owomileyo yafa. 23 Yonke

into ephilayo phezu komhlaba yakhukhulwa; abantu lezinyamazana lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini kanye lezinyoni zemkhathini kwakhuculwa emhlabeni. NguNowa kuphela owasalayo, lalabo ababelaye emkhunjini.
24 Amanzi agcwala emhlabeni okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

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1 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uNowa lazozonke izinyamazana zeganga lezifuyo ezazilaye emkhunjini, wasethumela umoya emhlabeni, amanzi asesentsha.
2 Manje imithombo yolwandle lamasango amanzi asemazulwini kwasekuvaliwe, lezulu laselisile emkhathini. 3 Amanzi entsha kancanekancane emhlabeni. Ekupheleni kwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu amanzi ayesentshile, 4 kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga yesikhombisa umkhumbi wayakuma phezu kwezintaba zase-Ararathi. 5 Amanzi aqhubeka esentsha kwaze kwaba yinyanga yetshumi, kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi iziqongo zezintaba zaqala ukubonakala.
6 Ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane uNowa wavula iwindi ayelenzile emkhunjini 7 wathuma iwabayi, lazulazula emoyeni amanzi aze atsha emhlabeni.
8 Wasethuma ijuba ukuthi abone ingabe amanzi ayesephelile emhlabathini. 9 Kodwa ijuba laswela indawo yokubeka unyawo ngoba kwakulamanzi yonke indawo phezu komhlaba; ngakho labuyela kuNowa emkhunjini. Wakhupha isandla walamukela ijuba walibuyisa kuye emkhunjini. 10 Walinda okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa waphinda walithuma ijuba lisuka emkhunjini. 11 Kwathi ijuba selibuya kuye ntambama, laliphethe ngomlomo walo ihlamvu lesihlahla se-oliva elalisanda kukhiwa! UNowa wahle wazi ukuthi amanzi ayesehlile kakhulu emhlabeni. 12 Walinda okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa walithuma ijuba njalo, kodwa ngalesi isikhathi kalisabuyanga kuye.
13 Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala yomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye wokuphila kukaNowa, amanzi ayesomile emhlabeni. Ngakho uNowa wasesusa uphahla lomkhumbi esebona ukuthi iphansi lomhlabathi laselomile. 14 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga yesibili umhlabathi wawusuwome qha.
15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, 16 “Phuma emkhunjini, wena lomkakho, lamadodana akho labomkabo. 17 Khupha yonke into ephilayo olayo, izinyoni, izinyamazana lazozonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini ukuze zande emhlabeni, zizale zande ngobunengi bazo.”
18 Ngakho uNowa wasephuma lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe kanye labomalukazana bakhe. 19 Zonke izinyamazana kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini lazozonke izinyoni, yonke into enyakazayo emhlabeni, kwaphuma emkhunjini, ngemihlobo kulandelana.
20 UNowa wasesakhela uTHIXO i-alithari, wathatha ezinye izinyamazana lezinyoni ezihlanzekileyo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwalo. 21 UTHIXO wahotsha iphunga elimnandi wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: “Kangisayikuphinda ngiwuqalekise njalo umhlaba ngenxa yabantu, ngoba imicabango yenhliziyo yomuntu mibi kusukela ebuntwaneni bakhe. Njalo kangisoze lanini ngiphinde ngibhubhise zonke izidalwa eziphilayo, njengalokhu engikwenzileyo.
22 Nxa umhlaba ulokhu usekhona,
isikhathi sokuhlanyela lesokuvuna,
umqando lokutshisa,
ihlobo lobusika,
imini lobusuku
kakusoze kwacina.”

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Isivumelwano SikaNkulunkulu LoNowa

1 UNkulunkulu wambusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe wathi kubo, “Zalanani lande
ngobunengi ligcwalise umhlaba. 2 Zizalesaba zibe lovalo ngani zonke izinyamazana
zomhlaba, lazozonke izinyoni zemoyeni, lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini,
kanye lenhlanzi zonke zolwandle; ziphiwe ezandleni zakho. 3 Yonke into ephilayo
lenyakazayo izakuba yikudla kuwe. Njengalokhu ngalipha izihlahla eziluhlaza,
manje sengilipha yonke into.
4 Kodwa lingadli inyama ilegazi lokuphila phakathi kwayo. 5 Njalo igazi lokuphila
kwenu ngizafuna impendulo ngalo, ngizafuna impendulo kuyo yonke inyamazana.
Njalo emuntwini wonke ngizafuna ukwazi ngempilo yomzalwane wakhe.
6 Loba ngubani ochitha igazi lomuntu,
igazi lakhe lizachithwa ngumuntu;
ngoba ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu umenzile umuntu.
7 Mayelana lani, zalanani lande ngobunengi; yandani emhlabeni libe banengi.”
8 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa lakumadodana akhe ayelawo: 9 “Manje sen-
gimisa isivumelwano sami lani lezizukulwane zenu ezilandelayo 10 lasosonke
isidalwa esiphilayo esasilawe, izinyoni, izifuyo lezinyamazana zeganga, zonke lezo
ezaphuma lani emkhunjini, sonke isidalwa esiphilayo emhlabeni. 11 Ngiyasimisa
isivumelwano sami lani: Kakusoze njalo impilo yonke iqunywe ngamanzi kazamcolo;
kakusoze njalo kube lozamcolo ozabhubhisa umhlaba.”
12 UNkulunkulu wathi, “Lesi yisiboniso sesivumelwano engisenzayo phakathi
kwami lani lasosonke isidalwa esiphilayo elilaso, isivumelwano sezizukulwane
zonke ezizayo: 13 Sengibeke umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini, wona uza-
kuba yisiboniso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lomhlaba. 14 Kuzakuthi nxa
ngiletha amayezi phezu komhlaba besekuvela umchilowamakhosikazi emayezini,
15 ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lani lazozonke izidalwa
eziphilayo ezemihlobo yonke. Kakusoze njalo lanini amanzi abe yisikhukhula
esizabhubhisa impilo. 16 Kuzakuthi nxa kungavela umchilowamakhosikazi emayezini
ngizawubona besengikhumbula isivumelwano saphakade phakathi kukaNkulunkulu
lezidalwa zonke eziphilayo ezemihlobo yonke emhlabeni.”
17 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, “Lesi yisiboniso sesivumelwano esengisimisile
phakathi kwami lakho konke okuphilayo emhlabeni.”

Amadodana KaNowa

18 Amadodana kaNowa aphuma emkhunjini ayengoShemu, uHamu loJafethi.
(UHamu wayenguyise kaKhenani.) 19 La ayeyiwo amadodana amathathu kaNowa,
kuwo kwadabuka abantu abasabalala emhlabeni wonke.
20 UNowa, indoda yomhlabathi, wasuka wahlanyela isivini. 21 Wathi esenathe
iwayini lakhona, wadakwa walala enqunu phakathi kwethente lakhe. 22 UHamu,
uyise kaKhenani, wabona ubunqunu bukayise wasetshela abafowabo phandle.
23 Kodwa uShemu loJafethi bathatha isivunulo basiphosela emahlombe abo; bangena
behamba nyovane bamboza ubunqunu bukayise. Ubuso babo babukhangele emuva
ukuze bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise.
24 Kwathi uNowa esevukile selehlile iwayini wezwa ngokwakwenziwe kuye
yindodana yakhe encane kulamanye, 25 wathi,
“Uqalekisiwe uKhenani!
Isigqili esizakuba phansi
kubafowabo.”
26 Wabuya wathi njalo,

“Udumo kalube KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu kaShemu!
Sengathi uKhenani angaba yisigqili sikaShemu.
27 Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaqhelisa indawo kaJafethi;
sengathi uJafethi angahlala emathenteni kaShemu,
njalo sengathi uKhenani angaba yisichaka sakhe.”
28 Ngemva kukazamcolo uNowa waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amahlanu (350). 29 UNowa waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu (950) isiyonke, wasesifa.

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Uhlelo Lwezizwe

1 Lo ngumlando kaShemu, loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa, okwathi bona ngokwabo baba lamadodana ngemva kwesikhukhula.

AmaJafethi

2 Amadodana kaJafethi ayeyila:
uGomeri, uMagogi, uMadayi uJavani, uThubhali, uMesheki loThirasi.
3 Amadodana kaGomeri ayeyila:
u-Ashikhenazi, uRifathi kanye loThogarima.
4 Amadodana kaJavani ayeyila:
u-Elisha, uThashishi, uKhithimi loRodanimu. 5 (Kusukela kulaba abahlala ngasolwandle behlukana ngezigodi zabo, yilabo ngosendo lwabo bephakathi kwezizwe zabo, kuyilabo lalabo bekhuluma ulimi lwabo.)

AmaHamithi

6 Amadodana kaHamu ayeyila:
uKhushi, uMizirayimi, uPhuthi loKhenani.
7 Amadodana kaKhushi ayeyila:
uSebha, uHavila, uSabhitha, uRahama loSabhitheka.
Amadodana kaRahama ayeyila:
uShebha loDedani.
8 UKhushi wayenguyise kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawe elilamandla emhlabeni. 9 Wayengumzingeli omkhulu phambi KUKATHIXO; kungakho lokho kwathiwa, “NjengoNimrodi, umzingeli omkhulu phambi KUKATHIXO.” 10 Izindawo ezinkulu zembusweni wakhe kwakuyiBhabhiloni, i-Erekhi, i-Akhadi leKhaline eShinari. 11 Esuka kulelolizwe waya e-Asiriya lapho akha khona iNiniva, iRehobhothi, i-Iri, iKhala 12 leReseni ephakathi kweNiniva leKhala; yilo idolobho elikhulukazi.
13 UMizirayimi wayenguyise
wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi, amaNafithuhi, 14 amaPhathrosi lamaKhasiluhi (okwadabuka khona amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori.
15 UKhenani wayenguyise
kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, amaHithi, 16 amaJebusi, ama-Amori, amaGigashi, 17 amaHivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini, 18 ama-Avadi, amaZemari kanye lama-Hamathi.
(Muva izizwana zamaKhenani zasabalala 19 kwathi imingcele yeKhenani yasukela eSidoni isiya eGerari kufika eGaza, besekuqonda eSodoma, leGomora, le-Adima leZebhoyimi kuze kuyefika eLasha.)
20 La yiwo amadodana kaHamu ngokosendo lwawo langezindimi zawo, ezigodini zawo kanye langezizwe zawo.

AmaSemi

21 Amadodana azalwa njalo kuShemu, umnewabo owayenguJafethi; uShemu
wayengukhokho wawo wonke amadodana ka-Ebha.
22 Amadodana kaShemu ayeyila:
u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Afazadi, uLudi lo-Aramu.
23 Amadodana ka-Aramu ayeyila:
u-Uzi, uHuli, uGetha loMesheki.
24 U-Afazadi wayenguyise kaShela,
uShela wazala u-Ebha.
25 Amadodana amabili ayezalwa ngu-Ebha ayeyila:
Omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba ngezinsuku zakhe umhlaba wawudabuke
phakathi; umfowabo kwakuthiwa nguJokithani.
26 UJokithani wayenguyise
ka-Alimodadi, uShelefi, uHazarimavethi, uJera, 27 uHadoramu, u-Uzali, uDikila,
28 u-Obhali, u-Abhimayeli, uShebha, 29 u-Ofiri, uHavila kanye loJobhabhi.
Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJokithani.
30 Isigodi ababehlala kuso sasisukela eMesha kusiya eSefari elizweni elilamaqaqa
elisempumalanga.
31 La ngamadodana kaShemu ngokosendo lwawo langezindimi zawo,
emazweni awo lezizweni zawo.

32 Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaNowa kusiya ngemindeni yazo, phakathi
kwezizwe zawo. Kusukela kuzo, izizwe zahlakazeka zagcwala umhlaba
wonke emva kukazamcolo.

11

Umphongolo WaseBhabheli

1 Umhlaba wonke wawulolimi lunye lokukhuluma okufananayo. 2 Kwathi
abantu belokhu beqhelela empumalanga, bafumana indawo evulekileyo eShinari
basebesakha khona.
3 Basebetshelana bathi, “Kasitshayeni izitina sizitshise kakhulu.” Babesebenzisa
izitina endaweni yamatshe, lethara endaweni yodaka. 4 Basebesithi, “Zwanini,
kasizakheleni idolobho libe lomphongolo ofika emazulwini, ukuze sizenzele ibizo
singaze sasabalala umhlaba wonke.”
5 Kodwa UTHIXO wehla wazalibona idolobho kanye lomphongolo abantu ababe-
wakha. 6 UTHIXO wathi, “Nxa bengabantu banye bekhuluma limi lunye sebeqalisile
ukwenza lokhu, pho kakukho okungabehlula. 7 Zwanini, kasehleni siye phansi
sisanganise ulimi lwabo bangabe besazwana.”
8 Kanjalo UTHIXO wabahlakaza emhlabeni wonke, bayekela ukwakha idolobho.
9 Kungakho labizwa ngokuthi yiBhabheli, ngoba khonapho UTHIXO wasanganisa ulimi
lomhlaba wonke. Kusukela lapho UTHIXO wabahlakazela emhlabeni wonke.

Kusukela KuShemu Kusiya Ku-Abhrama

10 Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaShemu.

Eminyakeni emibili emva kukazamcolo, uShemu eseleminyaka elikhulu (100)
wazala u-Afazadi. 11 Esezele u-Afazadi, uShemu waphila okweminyaka enga-
makhulu amahlanu (500), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
12 Kwathi u-Afazadi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu (35),
wazala uShela. 13 Esezele uShela, u-Afazadi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu
amane lantathu (403), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.

14 UShela esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu (30) wazala u-Ebha.
15 Esezele u-Ebha, uShela waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu
(403), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
16 U-Ebha esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lane (34) wazala uPhelegi.
17 Esezele uPhelegi, u-Ebha waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamat-
shumi amathathu (430), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
18 UPhelegi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu (30), wazala uRewu.
19 Esezele uRewu, uPhelegi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesifi-
camunwemunye (209), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
20 Kwathi uRewu esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili (32), wazala
uSerugi. 21 Esezele uSerugi, uRewu waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili
lesikhombisa (207), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
22 Kwathi uSerugi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu (30), wazala
uNahori. 23 Esezele uNahori, uSerugi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu
amabili (200), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi.
24 UNahori esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye (29)
wazala uThera. 25 Esezele uThera, uNahori waphila okweminyaka elikhulu
letshumi lesificamunwemunye (119), njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamado-
dakazi.
26 UThera esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa (70) wazala u-Abhrama,
uNahori loHarani.

Imuli Ka-Abhrama

27 Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaThera.

UThera wazala u-Abhrama, uNahori loHarani. Kwathi uHarani wazala uLothi.
28 Kwathi uyise uThera esaphila uHarani wafa bese-Uri idolobho lamaKhaladiya,
elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe. 29 U-Abhrama loNahori bathatha bobabili. Ibizo lomka-
Abhrama lalinguSarayi, kwathi ibizo likamkaNahori linguMilikha; wayeyindodakazi
kaHarani uyise kaMilikha kanye lo-Isikha. 30 Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba;
wayengelabantwana.
31 UThera wathatha indodana yakhe u-Abhrama, lomzukulu wakhe uLothi indo-
dana kaHarani, lomalokazana wakhe uSarayi umfazi wendodana yakhe u-Abhrama,
basuka bonke e-Uri lamaKhaladiya baqonda eKhenani. Kodwa bafika eHarani
basebesakha khona.
32 UThera waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lanhlanu (205), wafela
eHarani.

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Ukubizwa Kuka-Abhrama

1 UTHIXO wathi ku-Abhrama, “Suka elizweni lakini, lebantwini bakini lasendlini
kayihlo uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona.
2 Ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu
njalo ngizakubusisa;
ngizakwenza ibizo lakho libe likhulu,
njalo uzakuba yisibusiso.
3 Ngizababusisa labo abakubusisayo,
lalowo okuqalekisayo ngizamqalekisa;
njalo bonke abantu emhlabeni bazakubusiswa ngawe.”
4 Ngakho u-Abhrama wasuka, njengokutshelwa kwakhe NGUTHIXO; njalo uLothi
wahamba laye. U-Abhrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu
ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani. 5 Wathatha umkakhe uSarayi, lomntanomfowabo uLothi,

lempahla yabo yonke ababeyizuzile kanye labantu ababebatholile eHarani, baqonda elizweni laseKhenani, bayafika khona.
6 U-Abhrama wahamba walidabula ilizwe waze wafika endaweni yesihlahla esikhulu saseMore eShekhemu. Ngalesosikhathi amaKhenani ayephakathi kwelizwe.
7 UTHIXO wabonakala ku-Abhrama wathi, “Lelilizwe ngizalinika inzalo yakho.” Ngakho wasesakha i-alithari khonapho elakhela UTHIXO owayebonakele kuye.
8 Esuka lapho waqonda ezintabeni empumalanga kweBhetheli wamisa ithente lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga le-Ayi isempumalanga. Khonapho wakhela UTHIXO i-alithari walidumisa ibizo LIKATHIXO.
9 U-Abhrama wasuka waqhubeka eqonda eNegebi.

U-Abhrama EseGibhithe

10 Kwasekusiba lendlala elizweni, okwenza u-Abhrama waya eGibhithe ukuyahlala khona okwesikhathi esithile ngoba indlala yayinkulu kakhulu. 11 Kwathi esebanga ukungena eGibhithe wathi kumkakhe uSarayi, “Ngiyazi ukuthi ungumfazi omuhle kakhulu. 12 AmaGibhithe azakuthi ekubona athi, ‘Lo ngumkakhe.’ Lapho-ke bazangibulala wena bakuyekele uphile. 13 Ubokuthi ungudadewethu, ukuze ngiphathwe kuhle ngenxa yakho njalo lempilo yami isinde ngenxa yakho.”
14 Kwathi u-Abhrama efika eGibhithe, amaGibhithe abona umkakhe ukuthi wayengumfazi omuhle kakhulu. 15 Izikhulu zikaFaro sezimbonile zamncoma kakhulu kuFaro, uSarayi wasengeniswa esigodlweni sakhe. 16 Wamphatha kuhle u-Abhrama ngenxa kaSarayi, ngakho u-Abhrama wazuza izimvu lenkomo, obabhemi abaduna labasikazi, izinceku zesilisa lezesifazane lamakamela.
17 Kodwa UTHIXO wehlisela uFaro lendlu yakhe izifo ezimbi ngenxa kaSarayi umka-Abhrama. 18 Ngakho uFaro wabiza u-Abhrama wathi, “Wenzeni kimi? Kungani ungangitshelanga ukuthi ungumkakho na? 19 Watsholoni ukuthi ungudadewenu, ngacina sengizithathele mina waba ngowami? Manje, nangu umkakho. Mthathe uhambe!” 20 UFaro waselaya ukuthi u-Abhrama lamadoda ayelawo basuswe elizweni, kanye lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

13

U-Abhrama LoLothi Bayehlukana

1 Ngakho u-Abhrama wasuka eGibhithe waya eNegebi, kanye lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho, loLothi ehamba laye. 2 U-Abhrama wayesenothile kakhulu ngezifuyo langesiliva legolide.
3 Esuka eNegebi wazula lapha lalapha waze wafika eBhetheli, endaweni eyayiphakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi lapho ayemise khona ithente lakhe kuqala 4 njalo lapho ayeqale khona ukwakha i-alithari. Khonapho u-Abhrama wadumisa ibizo LIKATHIXO.
5 ULothi wayehamba lo-Abhrama, laye wayelemihlambi yezimvu lenkomo lamathente. 6 Kodwa indawo yayingasoze ibenele bonke nxa babengahlala ndawonye, ngoba impahla yabo yayinengi kakhulu, isala ukuthi bahlale ndawonye. 7 Kwaba lokuxabana phakathi kwabelusi baka-Abhrama labelusi bakaLothi. AmaKhenani lamaPherizi lawo ayehlala kulelolizwe ngalesosikhathi.
8 U-Abhrama wasesithi kuLothi, “Kasingalwi mina lawe, kumbe abelusi bakho labami ngoba siyizinini zegazi. 9 Umhlaba wonke kawukho phambi kwakho na? Kasehlukane. Ungaya kwesokhohlo mina ngizakuya kwesokunene; ungaya kwesokunene mina ngizakuya kwesokhohlo.”
10 ULothi wakhangela wabona ukuthi lonke igceke laseJodani lalilamanzi amanengi, njengesivande SIKATHIXO, njengelizwe laseGibhithe kusiya eZowari. (Ngalesisikhathi UTHIXO wayengakabhubhisi iSodoma leGomora.) 11 Ngakho uLothi wazikhethela

lonke igceke laseJodani, wasesuka waya empumalanga. Amadoda la womabili
ehlukana: 12 U-Abhrama wahlala elizweni laseKhenani, kwathi uLothi wahlala
phakathi kwamadolobho asemagcekeni wamisa amathente akhe eduze leSodoma.
13 Abantu baseSodoma babexhwalile kakhulu, besenza izono ezinkulu kuTHIXO.
14 UTHIXO wathi ku-Abhrama ngemva kokuba uLothi esesukile kuye, “Phakamisa
amehlo akho asuke lapho okhona, ukhangele enhla leningizimu, empumalanga
lentshonalanga. 15 Lonke ilizwe olibonayo ngizalinika wena kanye lesizukulwane
sakho okulaphakade. 16 Ngizakwenza isizukulwane sakho sibe njengothuli lomhla-
bathi, okokuthi nxa ekhona ongabala uthuli, lesizukulwane sakho sibe lokubalwa.
17 Hamba udabule ubude lobubanzi belizwe, ngoba ngiyakupha lona.”
18 Ngakho u-Abhrama wathutha amathente akhe wahamba wayakwakha eduze
kwezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure eHebhroni, lapho akhela khona uTHIXO i-alithari.

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U-Abhrama Uhlenga ULothi

1 Ngesikhathi u-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShinari, lo-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, loKhedo-
lawoma inkosi yase-Elamu kanye loThidali inkosi yaseGoyimi 2 baya empini behlasela
uBhera inkosi yaseSodoma, loBhirisha inkosi yaseGomora, loShinabhi inkosi yase-
Adima, loShemebheri inkosi yaseZebhoyimi lenkosi yaseBhela (kutsho iZowari).
3 Wonke amakhosi la abikwe muva ahlanganyela eSigodini saseSidimu (uLwandle
lweTswayi). 4 Okweminyaka elitshumi lambili ayebuswa nguKhedolawoma, kodwa
ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu amvukela.
5 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane, uKhedolawoma lamakhosi ayemanyene laye ba-
phuma bayanqoba amaRefayi e-Ashitherothi Khanayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lama-Emi
eShave Khiriyathayimi 6 lamaHori elizweni lamaqaqa laseSeyiri, kwaze kwayafika
e-Eli Pharani eduze lenkangala. 7 Yikho basebephenduka baya e-Eni Mishiphathi
(kutsho eKhadeshi), banqoba isigodi sonke sama-Amaleki kanye lama-Amori ayehlala
eHazazoni Thamari.
8 Ngakho inkosi yaseSodoma, lenkosi yaseGomora, lenkosi yase-Adima, lenkosi
yaseZebhoyimi kanye lenkosi yaseBhela (kutsho iZowari) baphuma bayahlela izimpi
zabo eSigodini saseSidimi 9 baqondana loKhedolawoma inkosi yase-Elamu, loThidali
inkosi yaseGoyimi, lo-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShinari kanye lo-Ariyoki inkosi yase-
Elasari, amakhosi amane eqondene lamahlanu. 10 Ngalesosikhathi iSigodi sase-
Sidimi sasigcwele imigodi yengcino, ngakho kwathi amakhosi aseSodoma leGomora,
esebaleka, abanye abantu bawo bawela kuyo, abanengi babalekela ezintabeni.
11 Amakhosi la amane athumba zonke impahla zaseSodoma leGomora lokudla
kwabo konke; asehamba. 12 Bathumba njalo loLothi umntanomfowabo ka-Abhrama
lempahla zakhe, njengoba wayehlala eSodoma.
13 Omunye owayephunyukile wafika wazabikela u-Abhrama umHebheru. U-
Abhrama wayehlala phansi kwezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure um’Amori, umfowabo
ka-Eshikholi lo-Aneri, bonke labo babebambene lo-Abhrama. 14 Kwathi u-Abhrama
esizwa ukuthi isihlobo sakhe sasithunjiwe, wabutha amadoda ayengamakhulu
amathathu letshumi layisificaminwembili (318) ababefundiswe ukulwa, bezalwa
endlini yakhe, wangena emzileni baze bayafika eDani. 15 Ebusuku u-Abhrama
wehlukanisa abantu bakhe ukuthi babahlasele, wabalandela, waxotshana labo waze
wafika eHobha, enhla kweDamaseko. 16 Wabemuka zonke impahla wathola lomhlobo
wakhe uLothi kanye lemfuyo yakhe, ndawonye labesifazane labanye abantu.
17 U-Abhrama esebuyile ekunqobeni kwakhe uKhedolawoma lamakhosi ayebam-
bene laye, inkosi yaseSodoma yaphuma yazahlangana laye eSigodini saseShave
(okutsho iSigodi seNkosi).

18 UMelikhizedekhi inkosi yaseSalema, waseletha isinkwa lewayini.
Wayengumphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, 19 wabusisa u-Abhrama esithi,
“Ubusisiwe u-Abhrama nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke,
uMdali wezulu lomhlaba.
20 Njalo kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke,
owanikela izitha zakho esandleni sakho.”
U-Abhrama wasemupha okwetshumi kwakho konke ayelakho.
21 Inkosi yaseSodoma yathi ku-Abhrama, “Ngipha abantu wena uzigcinele impahla.”
22 Kodwa u-Abhrama wathi enkosini yaseSodoma, “Sengiphakamisele isandla sami kuTHIXO, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMdali wezulu lomhlaba, ngenza isifungo
23 ukuthi kangisoze ngamukele lutho olungolwakho, loba kungaze kube ngumuca wohali loba umchilo wamanyathela, ukuze lanini ungaze wathi, ‘U-Abhrama wanothiswa yimi.’ 24 Angisoze ngamukele lutho ngaphandle kwalokho abantu bami asebekudlile lesabelo esingesalabobantu ababehamba lami, u-Aneri, lo-Eshikholi loMamure. Kabazuze isabelo sabo.”

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Isivumelwano sikaThixo Lo-Abhrama

1 Ngemva kwalokho ilizwi likaThixo leza ku-Abhrama ngombono:
“Ungesabi, Abhrama.
Ngiyisihlangu sakho,
umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu.”
2 Kodwa u-Abhrama wathi, “Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, ungangiphani njengoba ngilokhu ngingelamntwana, ilifa lami lizadliwa ngu-Eliyezari waseDamaseko na?”
3 U-Abhrama wathi njalo, “Awungiphanga bantwana; ngakho inceku endlini yami izakuba yindlalifa yami.”
4 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lathi: “Umuntu lo kayikuba yindlalifa yakho, kodwa indodana ephuma kowakho umzimba izakuba yindlalifa yakho.” 5 Wamkhuphela phandle wathi, “Khangela emkhathini ubale izinkanyezi, nxa usenelisa ukuzibala.”
Wasesithi kuye, “Sizakuba njalo isizukulwane sakho.”
6 U-Abhrama wamkholwa uThixo, lokho kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga.
7 Waphinda wathi kuye, “NginguThixo owakususa e-Uri lamaKhaladiya ukuzakupha lelilizwe ukuthi libe ngelakho.”
8 Kodwa u-Abhrama wathi, “Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, ngingazi kanjani ukuthi lizakuba ngelami na?”
9 UThixo wathi kuye, “Ngilethela ithokazi, imbuzi, lenqama, konke kuleminyaka emithathu yokuzalwa, kanye lejuba lenkwilimba esesencinyane.”
10 U-Abhrama wakuletha konke lokhu kuye, yilokho wakudabula phakathi ngakunye wakuhlela izingxenye zakho zakhangelana; kodwa izinyoni kazidabulanga phakathi. 11 Izinyoni ezidla inyama zehlela ezidunjini, kodwa u-Abhrama wazixotsha.
12 Kwathi ilanga selitshona, u-Abhrama wathathwa yibuthongo obukhulu, wehlelwa yibumnyama obesabekayo. 13 UThixo wasesithi kuye, “Yazi ngempela ukuthi Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba ngabezizweni elizweni elingayisilo labo okweminyaka engamakhulu amane, njalo bazagqilazwa, bahlukuluzwe khonale.
14 Kodwa ngizasijezisa lesosizwe esibagqilazayo, kuthi emva kwesikhathi baphume belemfuyo enengi kakhulu. 15 Kodwa wena, uzakuya kubokhokho bakho ngokuthula, ungcwatshwe usukhulile kakhulu. 16 Isizukulwane sakho sesine sizabuya lapha, ngoba isono sama-Amori kasikafiki ekucineni.”

17 Kwathi ilanga selitshonile, ubumnyama sebufikile, kwavela imbawula yomlilo,
ithunqa intuthu, ilelangabi elibhebhayo, yadabula phakathi kweziqa zenyama.
18 Ngalelolanga UTHIXO wenza isivumelwano lo-Abhrama wathi, "Ilizwe leli ngilipha
izizukulwane zakho, kusukela emfuleni waseGibhithe kusiyafika emfuleni omkhulu,
iYufrathe, 19 ilizwe lamaKheni, lamaKhenizi, lamaKhadimoni, 20 lamaHithi, lama-
Pherizi, lamaRefayi, 21 lama-Amori, lamaKhenani, lamaGigashi kanye lamaJebusi."

16

UHagari Lo-Ishumayeli

1 USarayi umka-Abhrama wayengamzalelanga bantwana. Kodwa wayelencekukazi
yomGibhithe eyayithiwa nguHagari; 2 ngakho uSarayi wathi ku-Abhrama, "UTHIXO
ungincitshile abantwana. Hamba, wembathe lencekukazi yami; mhlawumbe lami
ngingaba lendlu ngaye."

U-Abhrama wavuma kulokho okwakutshiwo nguSarayi. 3 Ngakho kwathi u-
Abhrama esehlale eKhenani okweminyaka elitshumi, uSarayi umkakhe wathatha
incekukazi yakhe yomGibhithe uHagari wamupha indoda yakhe ukuba ngumkayo.
4 U-Abhrama wambatha loHagari, wazithwala.

Wathi esezibona esezithwele, waseqalisa ukweyisa inkosikazi yakhe. 5 USarayi
wasesithi ku-Abhrama, "Ngumlandu wakho ukuze ngihlupheke kangaka. Incekukazi
yami ngayethula ezandleni zakho, kodwa ithi ngoba isisazi ukuthi isizithwele
isingeyisa. Sengathi UTHIXO angahlulela phakathi kwami lawe."

6 U-Abhrama wathi, "Incekukazi yakho isezandleni zakho. Yenza lokho obona
kufanele ngayo." USarayi wasemphatha kubi uHagari; wacina embalekela.

7 Ingilosi KATHIXO yamfumana uHagari eduze komthombo enkangala;
kwakungumthombo oseceleni kwendlela eya eShuri. 8 Yathi, "Hagari, ncekukazi
kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi njalo uya ngaphi?"

Waphendula wathi, "Ngibalekela inkosikazi yami, uSarayi."

9 Ngakho ingilosi KATHIXO yamtshela yathi, "Buyela enkosikazini yakho ufike
uyilalele." 10 Ingilosi KATHIXO yengeza yathi, "Ngizakwandisa izizukulwane zakho
zibe zinengi okungelakubalwa."

11 Ingilosi KATHIXO yaphinda yathi kuye:

"Khathesi usuzithwele
njalo uzabusiswa ngendodana.
Kumele uyethe uthi ngu-Ishumayeli,
ngoba UTHIXO usekuzwile ukukhala kwakho.
12 Uzakuba yindoda engubabhemi weganga;
isandla sakhe sizaxabana labantu bonke
lesandla somuntu wonke sixabane laye,
njalo uzaphila ngenzondano
labafowabo bonke."

13 UTHIXO owakhuluma laye wamutha lelibizo elithi: "UnguNkulunkulu ongi-
bonayo," ngoba wathi, "Manje sengimbonile lowo ongibonayo." 14 Yikho-nje
umthombo lowo wabizwa ngokuthi yiBheri-Lahayi-Royi; ulokhu usekhona, phakathi
kweKhadeshi leBheredi.

15 Ngakho uHagari wazalela u-Abhrama indodana, u-Abhrama wamutha ibizo
lokuthi ngu-Ishumayeli. 16 U-Abhrama wayeleminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lesithupha lapho uHagari emzalela u-Ishumayeli.

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Isivumelwano Sokusoka

1 U-Abhrama eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwe-
munye yobudala, uTHIXO wabonakala kuye wathi, “NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla;
hamba ngokwethembeka phambi kwami, ungasoleki. 2 Ngizasiqinisa isivumelwano
phakathi kwami lawe, ngandise njalo ubunengi benu.”
3 U-Abhrama wawa wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, 4 “Mina
ngokwami ngithi lesi yisivumelwano sami lawe: uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi.
5 Kawusayi kubizwa ngokuthi Abhrama; ibizo lakho selizakuba ngu-Abhrahama,
ngoba sengikwenze uyise wezizwe ezinengi. 6 Ngizakwenza uzuze inzalo enengi;
ngizakwenza izizwe ngawe, njalo amakhosi azaphuma kuwe. 7 Ngizaqinisa isivumel-
wano sami sibe yisivumelwano sanini lanini phakathi kwami lawe kanye lezizukul-
wane ezizayo ukuba nguNkulunkulu wakho, loNkulunkulu wezizukulwane zakho
ngemva kwakho. 8 Ilizwe lonke laseKhenani, okwamanje ohlala njengowezizwe kulo,
ngizakupha libe yilifa laphakade kuwe lezizukulwane zakho ngemva kwakho; njalo
ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo.”
9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi ku-Abhrahama, “Wena kumele ugcine isivumelwano
sami, wena lezizukulwane zakho ezizayo. 10 Lesi yisivumelwano sami lawe lezizukul-
wane ezizayo, isivumelwano okumele usigcine: Wonke umuntu wesilisa phakathi
kwenu kuzamele asokwe. 11 Wena kumele usokwe, lokho kuzakuba yisiboniso
sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe. 12 Kuzizukulwane ezizayo umuntu wonke we-
silisa ophakathi kwenu oselezinsuku eziyisificaminwembili kumele asokwe, kusitsho
lalabo abazalwa emzini wakho loba abathengwa ngemali emuntwini wezizwe, labo
abangazalwa nguwe. 13 Loba abazalwa emzini wakho kumbe abathengwa ngemali,
kumele basokwe. Isivumelwano sami enyameni yakho sizakuba yisivumelwano
esingapheliyo. 14 Lowo owesilisa ongasokwanga, ongazange ake asokwe enyameni
uzakhalalwa ngabantu bakibo; usephule isivumelwano sami.”
15 UNkulunkulu waphinda njalo wathi ku-Abhrahama, “Umkakho uSarayi, ungabe
usambiza ngokuthi nguSarayi; ibizo lakhe selinguSara. 16 Ngizambusisa, njalo
ngizakunika indodana ngaye. Ngizambusisa ukuze abe ngunina wezizwe; amakhosi
ezizwe azavela kuye.”
17 U-Abhrahama wawa wathi mbo ngobuso phansi; wahleka wazitshela wathi,
“Kambe indodana ingazalwa ngumuntu oseleminyaka elikhulu na? USara angamzala
umntwana yena eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye na?” 18 Ngakho
u-Abhrahama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Nxa u-Ishumayeli engaphila ngaphansi
kwesibusiso sakho kuphela!”
19 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Yebo, uSara uzakuzalela indodana, wena uyibize
ngokuthi ngu-Isaka. Ngizaqinisa isivumelwano sami laye sibe yisivumelwano
esingapheliyo lezizukulwane eziza ngemva kwakhe. 20 Mayelana lo-Ishumayeli,
ngizwile okutshiloyo: ngeqiniso ngizambusisa; ngizamnika inzalo enkulu, ngandise
ubunengi bayo. Uzakuba nguyise wababusi abalitshumi lambili, ngimenze abe
yisizwe esikhulu. 21 Kodwa isivumelwano sami ngizasiqinisa lo-Isaka, ozamzalelwa
nguSara ngalesisikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo.” 22 Eseqedile ukukhuluma lo-Abhrahama,
uNkulunkulu wenyuka wamtshiya.
23 Ngalelolanga u-Abhrahama wathatha indodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli labo bonke
abazalelwa emzini wakhe loba abathengwayo ngemali yakhe wabasoka, njengoba
uNkulunkulu wayemtshelile. 24 U-Abhrahama wayeleminyaka yokuzalwa enga-
matshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye mhla esokwa, 25 indodana
yakhe u-Ishumayeli yayileminyaka yokuzalwa elitshumi lantathu; 26 u-Abhrahama
lendodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli bobabili basokwa mhlalokho ngalanga linye. 27 Njalo
bonke abesilisa ababesemzini ka-Abhrahama, kugoqela labo abazalelwa khonapho
ekhaya labathengwa kwabezizwe, basokwa kanye laye.

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Izethekeli Ezintathu

1 UTHIXO wabonakala ku-Abhrahama eduzane lezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure,
ehlezi emnyango wethente lakhe, ilanga litshisa kakhulu. 2 U-Abhrahama waphosa
amehlo wabona amadoda amathathu emi eduze. Wonela ukuwabona wasuka
ngokuphangisa emnyango wethente lakhe wawahlangabeza wafika wakhothama
phansi.
3 Wathi, "Nxa ngifumene umusa kuwe, nkosi yami, ungedluli eceleni kwenceku
yakho. 4 Akulethwe amanzi amalutshwana nje, ukuze lonke ligeze inyawo zenu,
keliphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla lesi. 5 Wothini ngilidingele ukudla ukuze lizuze
amandla andubana liqhubeke ngohambo lwenu njengoba nje selizile encekwini
yenu."
Baphendula bathi, "Kulungile, yenza lokho okutshoyo."
6 Ngakho u-Abhrahama waphanga waya ethenteni kuSara. Wathi, "Phangisa,
thatha izilinganiso ezintathu zefulawa ecolekileyo, uvube inhlama wenze isinkwa."
7 Waphanga waya emhlambini wakhetha iguqana elihle, elibuthakathaka walipha
isisebenzi ukuba silihlinze. 8 Waseletha izankefu zamasi, lochago kanye leguqa
elaselilungisiwe, konke wakubeka phambi kwabo. Bathi besidla yena wema eduzane
labo ngaphansi kwesihlahla.
9 Bambuza bathi, "Ungaphi umkakho uSara na?"
Wathi, "Ulaphayana, ethenteni."
10 UTHIXO wasesithi, "Ngizabuya ngempela kuwe ngalesisikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo,
njalo umkakho uSara uzakuba lendodana."
USara wayelokhu elalele esemnyango wethente elalingemuva kwakhe. 11 U-
Abhrahama loSara basebevele sebebadala kakhulu, uSara esedlule isikhathi sokuba
labantwana. 12 Ngakho uSara wahleka yedwa, wakhumbula wathi, "Kambe
sengigugile kanje lenkosi yami isindala, ngingakhona ngizuza intokozo le?"
13 UTHIXO wasesithi ku-Abhrahama, "Kungani uSara ehlekile njalo wathi, 'Kambe
sibili ngizakuba lomntwana mina sengiluphele?' 14 Kambe kulolutho olwehlula
UTHIXO na? Ngizabuya kuwe ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo, njalo uSara
uzakuba lendodana."
15 USara wesaba, yikho waqamba amanga wathi, "Kangizange ngihleke mina."
Kodwa wathi, "Ye, uhlekile."

U-Abhrahama Uncengela ISodoma

16 Amadoda asuka ahamba aqonda eSodoma, u-Abhrahama wawaphelekezela
ukuwakhupha. 17 UTHIXO wasesithi, "Ngimfihlele yini u-Abhrahama lokho esen-
gizakwenza na? 18 Ngempela u-Abhrahama uzakuba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla,
njalo zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa ngaye. 19 Ngoba sengimkhethile, ukuze
aqondise abantwabakhe lomuzi wakhe, yena esedlule, ukugcina indlela KATHIXO
ngokwenza okulungileyo lokuqondileyo, ukuze UTHIXO amenzele u-Abhrahama lokho
amthembise khona."
20 UTHIXO wasesithi kuye, "Insolo ngeSodoma leGomora inkulu kakhulu njalo isono
sakhona siyesabeka 21 okokuthi sengizakuya khona ngiyebona ingabe lokho abakwen-
zileyo kubi okulingana lensolo le esifikile kimi. Nxa kungenjalo, ngizakwazi."
22 Amadoda akhangela phambili aqonda eSodoma, kodwa u-Abhrahama wasala
emi phambi KUKATHIXO. 23 Ngakho u-Abhrahama waya kuye wathi: "Uzabhubhisa
abalungileyo kanye lababi na? 24 Pho nxa kukhona abangamatshumi amahlanu
kulelodolobho ke? Ngempela uzalikhucula na ungalixoleli ngenxa yabangamatshumi
amahlanu abalungileyo abakulo na? 25 Akube khatshana lawe ukwenza into enjalo,

ukubulala abalungileyo lababi. Kakube khatshana lawe lokho! Kambe uMahluleli womhlaba wonke kayikwenza okufaneleyo na?”

26 UTHIXO wathi, “Nxa ngifumana abangamatshumi amahlanu abalungileyo edolobheni laseSodoma, ngizalixolela lonke idolobho ngenxa yabo.”

27 U-Abhrahama waphinda wakhuluma njalo wathi: “Njengoba sengibe lesibindi esingaka sokukhuluma loThixo, loba ngingasulutho mina, ngiluthuli nje lomlotha, 28 pho nxa inani labalungileyo lingaphansi ngabahlanu ematshumini amahlanu? Uzalibhubhisa idolobho lonke ngenxa yabantu abahlanu na?”

Wathi, “Ngingafumana abangamatshumi amane lanhlanu kangiyikulibhubhisa.”

29 Waphinda njalo wakhuluma laye wathi, “Nxa kufunyanwa amatshumi amane kuphela-ke?”

Yena wathi, “Ngenxa yabangamatshumi amane kangizukukwenza.”

30 Ngakho wasesithi, “UThixo makangathukutheli, kodwa ake ngikhulume. Kungafunyanwa khona amatshumi amathathu ke?”

Waphendula wathi, “Kangizukukwenza ngingafumana khona amatshumi amathathu.”

31 U-Abhrahama wathi, “Kambe njengoba ngibe lesibindi esingaka ngaze ngakhuluma loThixo, pho nxa kufunyanwa abangamatshumi amabili khona kuphela-ke?”

Wathi, “Ngenxa yabangamatshumi amabili kangiyikulibhubhisa.”

32 Waphinda wathi, “UThixo angathukutheli, kodwa ake ngikhulume kanye kuphela njalo. Kambe nxa kungafunyanwa itshumi lodwa-ke?”

Waphendula wathi, “Ngenxa yabalitshumi kangiyikulibhubhisa.”

33 Kwathi UTHIXO eseqedile ukukhuluma lo-Abhrahama wasuka, lo-Abhrahama wabuyela ngekhaya.

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Ukubhujiswa KweSodoma LeGomora

1 Izingilosi zombili zafika eSodoma kusihlwa, uLothi ehlezi esangweni ledolobho. Wathi ezibona wasukuma wazihlangabeza wathi mbo phansi ngobuso. 2 Wathi, “Makhosi ami, ake liphambukele endlini yenceku yenu. Lingageza inyawo zenu, lilale khona andubana liqhubeke ngendlela yenu ekuseni.”

Zaphendula zathi, “Hatshi, sizalala egcekeni phandle.”

3 Kodwa waphikelela kakhulukazi zaze zahamba laye zangena endlini yakhe. Wazilungisela ukudla, wazenzela isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zadla. 4 Zingakayilala, amadoda aqhamuka kuzozonke izindawo zedolobho laseSodoma, amajaha lamaxhegu, ayihanqa indlu. 5 Amemeza uLothi athi, “Angaphi amadoda afike emzini wakho lamuhla kusihlwa? Akhuphe eze lapha ngoba sifuna ukulala lawo siwenze abafazi.”

6 ULothi waphuma wayakhuluma lawo wavala umnyango ngemva kwakhe, 7 wathi, “Hatshi, bazalwane. Lingenzi linto embi kangaka. 8 Khangelani, ngilamadodakazi amabili angakaze alale lendoda. Wothini ngiwalethe lapha kini lenze elikuthandayo ngawo. Kodwa lingenzi lutho emadodeni ngoba angaphansi komthunzi wophahla lwami.”

9 Aphendula athi, “Suka endleleni yethu.” Babuye bathi, “Umuntu lo weza lapha njengowezizwe, kodwa khathesi usefuna ukuba ngumahluleli! Wena-ke sizakuthwalisa nzima kulawo.” Babelokhu beminyezela uLothi, bafuqela phambili bezama ukwephula isivalo.

10 Kodwa amadoda lawo ayephakathi avula adonsela uLothi endlini avala isivalo. 11 Asewatshaya ngobuphofu amadoda ayesemnyango wendlu leyo, amajaha lamaxhegu, asesehluleka ukubona umnyango.

12 Amadoda lawo amabili athi kuLothi, “Bakhona yini abanye olabo lapha
abakhwenyana, amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, loba nje omunye edolobheni leli
ongowakho? Bakhuphe lapha, 13 ngoba sizayibhubhisa indawo le. Insolo efika
kuTHIXO ngalababantu inkulu kabi okokuthi useze wasithuma ukuthi silibhubhise.”
14 Ngakho uLothi waphuma wayakhuluma labakhwenyana bakhe, labo abase-
bethembise ukulobola amadodakazi akhe. Wathi, “Phangisani, phumani kulindawo,
ngoba uTHIXO usezalibhubhisa idolobho leli!” Kodwa abakhwenyana bakhe baca-
banga ukuthi wenza amahlaya.
15 Kwathi emathathakusa izingilosi zakhuthaza uLothi zathi, “Phangisa! Thatha
umkakho lamadodakazi akho womabili akhona lapha, ngoba lizaqabuka likhukhulwa
nxa idolobho selijeziswa.”
16 Wathi esatomatoma, amadoda ambamba ngesandla kanye lesandla somkakhe
lezamadodakazi akhe womabili abaholela ngaphandle kwedolobho bephephile,
ngoba uTHIXO wayelomusa kubo. 17 Bonela ukuthi bakhutshwe, omunye wazo
wathi, “Balekani liqinise! Lingakhangeli emuva, njalo lingemi ndawo emagcekeni!
Balekelani ezintabeni funa likhukhulwe!”
18 Kodwa uLothi wathi kuzo, “Hatshi, makhosi ami, bakithi! 19 Inceku yenu isizuze
umusa emehlweni enu, njalo selitshengise umusa omkhulu kimi ngokuphephisa
impilo yami. Kodwa ngingeke ngibalekele ezintabeni; ububi lobu buzangifica ngihle
ngife. 20 Khangelani, nanku umuzi oseduze engingabalekela kuwo, njalo mncinyane,
wothini ngibalekele kuwo, mncinyane, kawunjalo? Lapho ngizasinda.”
21 Yathi kuye, “Kulungile, ngiyasamukela njalo lalesisicelo; kangizukuwubhidliza
umuzi okhuluma ngawo. 22 Kodwa balekela khona masinyane, ngoba kangiyikwenza
lutho uze ufike khona.” (Yikho umuzi lowo wabizwa ngokuthi yiZowari.)
23 Ngesikhathi uLothi efika eZowari ilanga laseliphumile elizweni. 24 UTHIXO
wasenisa umlilo wesolufa etshisayo phezu kweSodoma leGomora, uvela kuTHIXO
usehla emazulwini. 25 Kanjalo wawabhidliza amadolobho lamagceke wonke, labo
bonke ababehlala kuwo amadolobho kanye lokumila emhlabathini. 26 Kodwa
umkaLothi wakhangela emuva, waphenduka isiduli setswayi.
27 Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku olulandelayo u-Abhrahama wasuka wabuyela en-
daweni lapho ayeme phambi kukaTHIXO khona. 28 Wakhangela malungana leSodoma
leGomora, malungana lalo lonke ilizwe lamagceke, wabona izikhatha zentuthu
ziqonga zisuka phansi, njengomlilo usuka esithandweni somlilo.
29 Ngakho kwathi uNkulunkulu ebhubhisa amadolobho asemagcekeni wakhumbula
u-Abhrahama, wamkhupha uLothi enkemenkemeni eyatshabalalisa amadolobho
lapho uLothi ayekade ehlala khona.

ULothi Lamadodakazi Akhe

30 ULothi lamadodakazi akhe womabili basuka eZowari bayahlala ezintabeni,
ngoba wayesesaba ukuhlala eZowari. Yena lamadodakazi akhe womabili babehlala
ebhalwini. 31 Ngolunye usuku indodakazi endala yathi kwencinyane, “Ubaba
useluphele, njalo kakulandoda lapha engalala lathi, njengoba kungumkhuba emh-
labeni wonke. 32 Kasidakise ubaba ngewayini besesilala laye ukuze silombe usendo
lwakwethu ngobaba.”
33 Ngalobobusuku uyise bamnathisa iwayini, indodakazi endala yangena yembatha
laye. Yena kayibonanga izolala loba isivuka.
34 Ngosuku olulandelayo indodakazi endala yathi kwencinyane, “Izolo ebusuku
ngembathe lobaba. Kasimdakise futhi ngewayini ngobusuku balamuhla lawe
uhambe uyokwembatha laye ukuze silondoloze usendo lwakithi ngobaba.”

35 Bamdakisa-ke uyise ngewayini ngalobobusuku njalo, indodakazi encinyane ya-
hamba yayakwembatha laye. Njalo kazange ananzelele ukuthi walala nini lokuthi
wavuka nini.
36 Ngakho womabili amadodakazi kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise. 37 Indodakazi
endala yazala indodana yamutha ibizo yathi nguMowabi: nguye uyise wamaMowabi
alamuhla nje. 38 Indodakazi encinyane layo yazala indodana, yayitha yathi nguBheni-
Ami; nguye uyise wama-Amoni alamuhla nje.

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U-Abhrahama Lo-Abhimelekhi

1 U-Abhrahama wathutha kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseNegebi wayahlala
phakathi kweKhadeshi leShuri. Okwesikhatshana wake wahlala eGerari, 2 lapho u-
Abhrahama athi khona ngomkakhe uSara, “Ngudadewethu.” Ngakho u-Abhimelekhi
inkosi yaseGerari yathi uSara kalethwe, yazithathela.
3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wafika ku-Abhimelekhi ephutsheni ebusuku wathi kuye,
“Usufile wena ngenxa yomfazi omthetheyo; ngumfazi womnikazi.”
4 Kodwa u-Abhimelekhi wayelokhu engakamthinti, ngakho wathi, “Thixo, uza-
sibhubhisa isizwe esimsulwa na? 5 Katshongo kimi yini wathi, ‘Ngudadewethu,’
laye katshongo na wathi, ‘Ungumnewethu?’ Lokhu ngikwenze ngenhliziyo emsulwa
langezandla ezimhlophe.”
6 Ngalokho uNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye ephutsheni, “Yebo, ngiyakwazi ukuthi
lokhu ukwenze ngenhliziyo emsulwa, yikho ngikuthintile ukuthi ungenzi isono
kimi. Yikho ngingakuyekelanga wamthinta. 7 Manje mbuyisele umfazi womuntu,
ngoba umuntu lowo ungumphrofethi, uzakukhulekela ukuthi uphile. Kodwa nxa
ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi wena lakho konke okungokwakho kuzakufa.”
8 Kusisa ngelanga elilandelayo ekuseni kakhulu, u-Abhimelekhi wabiza zonke
izikhulu zakhe, kwathi esezitshelile konke okwenzakeleyo, zesaba kakhulu. 9 U-
Abhimelekhi wasebiza u-Abhrahama wathi, “Ukwenzeleni lokhu kithi na? Ngikone
ngani uze ulethe ukona okunje phezu kwami lombuso wami na? Wenze kimi izinto
okungafanelanga zenziwe.” 10 U-Abhimelekhi wabuza u-Abhrahama wathi, “Besiyini
isizatho sakho sokwenza lokhu na?”
11 U-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, “Ngazitshela ngathi, ‘Ngempela kakukho
ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kule indawo njalo bazangibulala ngenxa yomkami.’
12 Ngaphandle kwalokho, uvele ungudadewethu, indodakazi kababa kodwa engasuye
kamama; waba ngumkami. 13 Kwathi uNkulunkulu esengisusile emzini kababa
ngathi kuSara, ‘Nansi indlela ongatshengisa ngayo uthando lwakho kimi: Noma
ngaphi lapho esiya khona, ubokuthi ngami, “Ungumnewethu.” ’ ”
14 U-Abhimelekhi waseletha izimvu lenkomo, lezisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane
wazipha u-Abhrahama, wabuyisela uSara umkakhe kuye. 15 Njalo u-Abhimelekhi
wathi, “Nanti ilizwe lami uyalibona; ungahlala lapho othanda khona.”
16 Wathi kuSara, “Umnewenu ngimupha amashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane. Le
iyinhlawulo yehlazo elenziwe kuwe phambi kwabantu bonke bakini; usugeziwe.”
17 U-Abhrahama wasekhuleka kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wamsilisa u-
Abhimelekhi, lomkakhe lezigqili zakhe zesifazane ukuthi babelabantwana njalo,
18 ngoba UTHIXO wayevale bonke abesifazane bendlu ka-Abhimelekhi inzalo ngenxa
yomka-Abhrahama, uSara.

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Ukuzalwa Kuka-Isaka

1 Ngakho UTHIXO waba lomusa kuSara njengoba wayetshilo, UTHIXO wamenzela
uSara lokho ayekuthembisile. 2 USara wazithwala wazalela u-Abhrahama ebudaleni
bakhe indodana ngesikhathi sonaleso uNkulunkulu ayemthembise sona. 3 U-
Abhrahama wayitha ibizo elithi Isaka leyondodana ayizalelwa nguSara. 4 Kwathi
indodana yakhe u-Isaka isilensuku eziyisificaminwembili izelwe, u-Abhrahama
wayisoka, njengoba walaywa nguNkulunkulu. 5 U-Abhrahama wayeseleminyaka
elikhulu ekuzalweni kwendodana yakhe u-Isaka.
6 USara wathi, "UNkulunkulu usengilethele intokozo, njalo bonke abazakuzwa
lokhu bazathokoza lami." 7 Wabuye wengeza wathi, "Kambe ngubani obengatsho
ku-Abhrahama ukuthi uSara angondla abantwana? Kodwa sengimzalele indodana
ebudaleni bakhe."

Ukuxotshwa KukaHagari Lo-Ishumayeli

8 Wakhula umntwana, walunyulwa, kwathi mhla u-Isaka elunyulwa u-Abhrahama
wenza idili elikhulu. 9 Kodwa uSara wabona ukuthi indodana kaHagari umGibhithe,
ayeyizalele u-Abhrahama yayikloloda, 10 wasesithi ku-Abhrahama, "Mxotshe umfazi
lo oyisigqili kanye lendodana yakhe, ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi lesi kayisoze
yabelana ilifa lendodana yami u-Isaka."
11 Indaba le yamhlupha kakhulu u-Abhrahama ngoba yayithintana lendodana
yakhe. 12 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "Ungakhathazeki kakhulu ngomfana
kanye lesigqilikazi sakho. Lalela konke uSara akutshela khona ngoba isizukulwane
sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka. 13 Indodana le eyesigqilikazi layo ngizayenza ibe yisizwe
ngoba iyinzalo yakho."
14 Ngosuku olulandelayo ekuseni kakhulu u-Abhrahama wathatha ukudla lesigxingi
samanzi wakunika uHagari. Wakwetshata emahlombe kaHagari, wasebakhupha
lomfana. Owesifazane wasuka wayantula enkangala yaseBherishebha.
15 Esephelile amanzi esigxingini, wabeka umntwana ngaphansi kwesixuku. 16 Yena
wasuka wayahlala bucwadlana, okungaba libanga lokuphosa umtshoko, ngoba
wacabanga wathi, "Ngeke ngibukele umfana esifa." Kwathi ehlezi khonapho bucwala
wakhala ebubula.
17 UNkulunkulu wamuzwa umfanyana ekhala, ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yasibiza
uHagari isezulwini yathi kuye, "Kwenzenjani, Hagari? Ungesabi; uNkulunkulu
usekuzwile ukukhala komfana elele khonaphayana. 18 Mphakamise umfana um-
bambe ngesandla, ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe esikhulu."
19 UNkulunkulu wasemvula amehlo, wabona umthombo wamanzi. Ngakho
wasesiyagcwalisa umgodla ngamanzi wapha umfana wanatha.
20 UNkulunkulu wayelaye umfana ekhula. Wahlala enkangala waba ngumcibi
womtshoko. 21 Wathi ehlala eNkangala yasePharani, unina wamdingela umfazi
eGibhithe.

Isivumelwano SaseBherishebha

22 Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhimelekhi loFikholi, umlawuli wamabutho akhe bathi ku-
Abhrahama, "UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke okwenzayo. 23 Khathesi-ke funga
kimi khonapha phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi kawusoze wenze izinto zobuqili
kimi, loba ebantwaneni bami loba kuzizukulwane zami. Tshengisa kimi lakulo ilizwe
ohlezi kulo njengesizwe wona lowomusa engikwenzele wona."
24 U-Abhrahama wathi, "Ngiyafunga."
25 U-Abhrahama wasesola ku-Abhimelekhi ngomthombo izinceku zika-Abhimelekhi
ezaziwuthumbile. 26 Kodwa u-Abhimelekhi wathi, "Angikwazi ukuthi ngubani
okwenzileyo lokho. Kawuzange ungitshele, sekuyikhona ngikuzwa nje lamhla."

27 Ngakho u-Abhrahama waletha izimvu lenkomo wazipha u-Abhimelekhi,
amadoda womabili enza isivumelwano. 28 U-Abhrahama wehlukanisa amazinyane
amasikazi ayisikhombisa emhlambini, 29 u-Abhimelekhi wambuza u-Abhrahama
wathi, “Atshoni amazinyane la amasikazi ayisikhombisa owehlukanise emhlambini
wawabeka wodwa na?”
30 Waphendula wathi, “Yamukela ezandleni zami amazinyane la ayisikhombisa
njengobufakazi bokuthi yimi engemba umthombo lo.”
31 Ngakho indawo leyo yathiwa yiBherishebha ngoba amadoda la womabili enza
isifungo khonapho.
32 Ngemva kokuba isivumelwano sesibotshiwe eBherishebha, u-Abhimelekhi
loFikholi umlawuli wamabutho akhe babuyela elizweni lamaFilistiya. 33 U-
Abhrahama wahlanyela isihlahla sethamarisiki eBherishebha, khonapho walibiza
ibizo LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu Waphakade. 34 U-Abhrahama wahlala elizweni
lamaFilistiya okwesikhathi eside.

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Ukulingwa Kuka-Abhrahama

1 Emva kwesikhathi esithile uNkulunkulu walinga u-Abhrahama. Wathi kuye,
“Abhrahama!”
Waphendula wathi, “Ngilapha.”
2 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Thatha indodana yakho, indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa,
u-Isaka, omthandayo, uye emangweni waseMoriya. Khonapho menze umhlatshelo
abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshengisa yona.”
3 Kusisa ekuseni kakhulu u-Abhrahama wavuka wabopha ubabhemi wakhe.
Wahamba lezinceku zakhe ezimbili kanye lendodana yakhe u-Isaka. Kwathi
esegamule inkuni ezaneleyo zomnikelo wokutshiswa, waqhubeka waya kuleyondawo
uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona. 4 Ngelanga lesithathu u-Abhrahama wakhangela,
wayibona leyondawo kude le. 5 Wathi ezincekwini zakhe, “Hlalani lapha lobabhemi,
mina lomfana sisake siye laphayana. Sizakuthi singakhonza sibuye kini.”
6 U-Abhrahama wathatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa wazithwalisa umn-
tanakhe u-Isaka, yena ngokwakhe waphatha umlilo lengqamu. Kwathi belokhu
beqhubeka bobabili, 7 u-Isaka wakhuluma wambuza uyise u-Abhrahama wathi,
“Baba?”
U-Abhrahama wasabela wathi, “Yebo, ndodana yami!”
U-Isaka wathi, “Umlilo lenkuni nanku kukhona, kodwa iwundlu lomnikelo wokut-
shiswa lingaphi?”
8 U-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, “Ndodana yami, uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe
uzasipha iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa.” Baqhubeka bobabili bahamba.
9 Sebefikile endaweni uNkulunkulu amtshela yona, u-Abhrahama wakha i-Alithari
khonapho walungisa inkuni phezu kwalo. Wabopha indodana yakhe u-Isaka
wayilalisa e-alithareni phezu kwenkuni. 10 Waseselula isandla sakhe ethatha
ingqamu ukuba abulale indodana yakhe. 11 Kodwa ingilosi KATHIXO yamemeza
isezulwini yathi, “Abhrahama! Abhrahama!”
Waphendula wathi, “Ngilapha.”
12 Yathi, “Ungamthinti ngesandla sakho umfana. Ungenzi lutho kuye. Khathesi
sengisazi ukuthi uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, ngoba kawuyigodlanga indodana yakho
eyiyo yodwa.”
13 U-Abhrahama wathi uyakhangela wabona inqama esixukwini ibanjwe ngem-
pondo zayo. Waya khona wayithatha inqama wenza umhlatshelo womnikelo
wokutshiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. 14 Yikho u-Abhrahama wabiza indawo

leyo ngokuthi uTHIXO Uzakupha. Kuze kube lamuhla kuthiwa, “Entabeni kaTHIXO kuzaphiwa.”

15 Ingilosi kaTHIXO yabiza u-Abhrahama isezulwini ngokwesibili 16 yathi, “Ngifunga
ngami uqobo, kutsho uTHIXO, ukuthi ngenxa yokuthi ukwenzile lokhu, kawaze
wayigodla indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa, 17 ngempela ngizakubusisa ngenze iz-
izukulwane zakho zibe zinengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini lanjengetshebetshebe
okhunjini lolwandle. Izizukulwane zakho zizawathatha amadolobho ezitha zazo,
18 kuthi ngenzalo yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa, ngoba ungilalele.”

19 Emva kwalokho u-Abhrahama wabuyela ezincekwini zakhe, basebehamba bonke
eBherishebha. U-Abhrahama wahlala eBherishebha.

Amadodana KaNahori

20 Emva kwesikhathi esithile u-Abhrahama watshelwa ukuthi, “UMilikha laye
uselabantwana; sewazalela umfowenu uNahori amadodana:
21 u-Uzi izibulo, uBhuzi umfowabo,
uKhemuweli (uyise ka-Aramu),
22 uKhesedi, uHazo, uPhilidashi, uJidilafu loBhethuweli.”
23 UBhethuweli wazala uRabheka.
UMilikha wazala amadodana la ayisificaminwembili loNahori umfowabo ka-
Abhrahama.

24 Umfazi wakhe omncane owayethiwa nguRewuma laye wayelamadodana la:
uThebha, uGahamu, uThahashi kanye loMahakha.

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Ukufa KukaSara

1 USara waphila waze waba leminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa
obudala. 2 Wafela eKhiriyathi Aribha (kutsho eHebhroni) elizweni laseKhenani, u-
Abhrahama wahamba ukuyamzilela lokumlilela khona.

3 U-Abhrahama wasukuma eseceleni komkakhe ofileyo wakhuluma lamaHithi.
Wathi, 4 “Ngingowezizweni lesihambi phakathi kwenu. Ngithengiselani isiqinti
sokuba yindawo yokungcwabela khona abakithi abafileyo.”

5 AmaHithi amphendula u-Abhrahama athi, 6 “Silalele, nkosi yami. Uyinkosana ela-
mandla phakathi kwethu. Ngcwaba abafileyo bakini loba kukuwaphi amangcwaba
ethu athandeka kakhulu. Kakho owakithi ozakwalela ingcwaba lakhe ukuthi
ungcwabe kulo ofileyo wakini.”

7 Ngakho u-Abhrahama wasukuma wakhothamela phansi phambi kwamaHithi,
abanikazi balelolizwe. 8 Wathi kubo, “Nxa lithanda ukuthi ngimbele abafileyo bami,
lalelani kimi, lingincengele ku-Efroni indodana kaZohari 9 ukuthi angithengisele
ubhalu Lwakhe lwaseMakhaphela olusekucineni kwesiqinti. Mceleni ukuthi
angithengisele sona ngentengo egcweleyo sibe yindawo yamangcwaba phakathi
kwenu.”

10 U-Efroni umHithi owayehlezi khonapho phakathi kwabantu bakibo wamphen-
dula u-Abhrahama wonke amaHithi ayefikile esangweni ledolobho lakhe ezizwela.
11 Wathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami. Lalela kimi; ngiyakupha isiqinti, njalo ngiyakupha
lobhalu oluphakathi kwaso. Ngikupha sona phambi kwabantu bakithi. Mbela
abafileyo bakho.”

12 U-Abhrahama waphinda wakhothamela phansi phambi kwabantu balelolizwe
13 wathi ku-Efroni bona besizwa, “Ake ulalelisise engikutshoyo. Mina ngizayikhupha
intengo yesiqinti. Ngicela uyamukele kimi ukuze ngimbele khona abafileyo bami.”

14 U-Efroni waphendula u-Abhrahama wathi, 15 “Lalela kimi, nkosi yami; isiqinti lesi
sibiza amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane, kodwa kungena njani lokho phakathi
kwami lawe? Wena mbela abafileyo bakho.”
16 U-Abhrahama wayivuma intengo ka-Efroni wasemlinganisela ubunzima ben-
tengo ayeyibizile amaHithi esizwa: amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane,
mayelana lesisindo esasisetshenziswa ngabathengisi.
17 Ngakho isiqinti sika-Efroni eMakhaphela, eduze leMamure, isiqinti kanye lobhalu
olwaluphakathi kwaso, lazozonke izihlahla ezaziphakathi kwaso, kwabhaliswa
18 ngo-Abhrahama ukuthi sekuyimpahla yakhe, kusenziwa phambi kwamaHithi
wonke ayefikile esangweni ledolobho. 19 Ngemva kwalokho u-Abhrahama
wangcwaba umkakhe uSara ebhalwini olwalusesiqintini saseMakhaphela eduze
leMamure (eseHebhroni) elizweni laseKhenani. 20 Kanjalo isiqinti lobhalu ol-
waluphakathi kwaso kwabhaliswa ngo-Abhrahama ngama-Hithi ukuba yindawo
yamangcwaba.

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U-Isaka LoRabheka

1 U-Abhrahama wayeseluphele kakhulu, njalo UTHIXO wayembusisile kukho konke.
2 Wasesithi encekwini yakhe enkulu, leyo eyayilawula konke ayelakho, “Beka isandla
sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami. 3 Ngifuna ukuthi ufunge NGOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
wasezulwini loNkulunkulu wasemhlabeni, ukuthi kawuyikuzuzela indodana yami
umfazi emadodakazini amaKhenani engihlala phakathi kwawo, 4 kodwa uzakuya
elizweni lakithi lasezihlotsheni zami uzuzele indodana yami u-Isaka umfazi.”
5 Inceku yambuza yathi, “Pho nxa lowo wesifazane engavumi ukuza lami
kulelilizwe-ke? Ngizathatha indodana yakho ngiyise kulelolizwe lapho owavela
khona na?”
6 U-Abhrahama wathi, “Ungaqali ukuhambisa indodana yami khonale. 7 UTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, owangikhupha emzini kababa laselizweni lakithi njalo
owakhuluma kimi, wangithembisa ngesifungo wathi, ‘Ilizwe leli ngizalinika inzalo
yakho,’ uzathuma ingilosi yakhe ihambe phambi kwakho ukuze ukwazi ukutholela
indodana yami umfazi khonale. 8 Nxa owesifazane lowo esala ukuza lapha lawe,
uzabe usukhululwe kulesi isifungo sami. Kodwa ungaqali ukusa indodana yami
khonale.” 9 Ngakho inceku yasifaka isandla sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi lenkosi yayo
u-Abhrahama yafunga isifungo kuye ngodaba lolu.
10 Inceku yasithatha amakamela enkosi yayo alitshumi yasuka, yathatha yonke
imihlobo yezinto ezinhle zenkosi yayo. Yaqonda e-Aramu Naharayimu, yahamba yaze
yayafika emzini waseNahori. 11 Amakamela yawaguqisa phansi eduzane lomthombo
ngaphandle komuzi; kwasekuntambama, sekuyisikhathi sabesifazane ukuyakukha
amanzi.
12 Yasikhuleka yathi, “Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, yenza
ngiphumelele lamuhla, utshengise umusa enkosini yami u-Abhrahama. 13 Khangela-
ke, nanku ngimi lapha eceleni komthombo lo, njalo amadodakazi abantu baleli-
dolobho asesiza ukuzakukha amanzi. 14 Kungasake kuthi ngingathi entombini, ‘Ake
ungikhele amanzi ngenkezo yakho nginathe,’ yona ithi, ‘Natha, njalo ngizanathisa
lamakamela akho,’ kube yiyo kanye oyikhethele inceku yakho u-Isaka. Ngalokho
ngizakwazi ukuthi usutshengise umusa enkosini yami.”
15 Ingakaqedi ukukhuleka, uRabheka waphuma ethwele imbiza yakhe yamanzi
ehlombe lakhe. Wayeyindodakazi kaBhethuweli indodana kaMilikha, owayengum-
fazi womfowabo ka-Abhrahama uNahori. 16 Intombi le yayinhle kakhulu, igcwele;
ingakaze ilale lendoda. Yehlela emthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo yasiqansa.

17 Inceku yaphanga yamhlangabeza yathi, “Ngicela amanzi embizeni yakho.”
18 Wathi, “Natha nkosi yami,” watsho esehlisa imbiza eyibamba ngezandla
emnathisa.
19 Esemnathisile wathi, “Ngizakhelela lamakamela akho lawo ngiwanathise.”
20 Wasethululela imbiza yakhe emkolweni, wagijimela emthonjeni njalo ukukha
amanye, wawakhelela wonke amakamela akhe. 21 Indoda yabukela ithule ilokhu
inanzelela idinga ukubona ukuthi ngeqiniso UTHIXO wayeluphumelelisile yini
uhambo lwayo.
22 Amakamela eseqedile ukunatha, indoda leyo yakhupha isongo lamakhala
elenziwe ngegolide elilobunzima obungaba yingxenye yeshekeli, lezigqizo zegolide
ezimbili ezilobunzima bamashekeli alitshumi. 23 Yasibuza yathi, “Uyindodakazi
kabani na? Ake ungitshele, kambe singazuza indawo yini emzini kayihlo kesicatshise
amakhanda ubusuku balamuhla nje?”
24 URabheka wamphendula wathi, “Ngiyindodakazi kaBhethuweli, indodana
kaMilikha ayizalela uNahori.” 25 Waphinda wengeza wathi, “Silotshani obunengi
lamahlanga, kanye lendawo yokulala ikhona okwalamuhla ebusuku.”
26 Indoda yakhothamela phansi yakhonza UTHIXO, 27 isithi, “Udumo kalube KUTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, ongadelanga umusa wakhe lokuthembeka
kwakhe enkosini yami. Mina ngokwami UTHIXO ungikhokhele ohanjweni lwami
ngazafika endlini yezinini zenkosi yami.”
28 Intombi yagijima yayabikela abendlu kanina ngalezizinto. 29 URabheka wayelom-
newabo owayethiwa nguLabhani, yena waphanga waya kuleyondoda eyayisemthon-
jeni. 30 Wonela ukubona isongo lamakhala kanye lezigqizo engalweni kadadewabo,
njalo esezwile uRabheka elandisa ngokwakhulunywa yindoda leyo kuye, wasuka
waya kuyo wayifica imi eceleni kwamakamela eduze komthombo. 31 Wathi, “Woza,
wena obusisiweyo NGUTHIXO. Umeleni phandle lapha? Sengilungisile indlu lendawo
yamakamela.”
32 Ngakho indoda yaya ngekhaya, lamakamela ethulwa imithwalo. Utshani
lamahlanga kwalethwa emakameleni, yena lamadoda ayelawo balethelwa amanzi
okugeza inyawo zabo. 33 Kwasekulethwa ukudla kwabekwa phambi kwakhe, kodwa
wathi, “Kangizukudla ngize ngiqale ngilitshele lokho okumele ngikutsho.”
ULabhani wathi, “Sitshele phela.”
34 Ngakho wasesithi, “Ngiyinceku ka-Abhrahama. 35 UTHIXO uyibusisile inkosi yami
kakhulu, isinothile kakhulu. Uyiphile izimvu lenkomo, isiliva legolide, lezinceku
zesilisa lezesifazane kanye lamakamela labobabhemi. 36 Inkosikazi yenkosi yami,
uSara, imzalele indodana ebudaleni bayo, inkosi yami yasiyinika leyondodana konke
elakho. 37 Njalo inkosi yami yangifungisa isifungo yathi, ‘Ungazuzeli indodana yami
umfazi emadodakazini amaKhenani, engihlala elizweni lawo, 38 kodwa yana ezininini
zikababa, kwabosendo lwakithi, uzuzele indodana yami umfazi.’
39 Ngasengiyibuza inkosi yami ngathi, ‘Pho nxa owesifazane lowo esala ukuza
lapha-ke?’
40 Yaphendula yathi, ‘UTHIXO, engihamba phambi kwakhe, uzathumela ingilosi
yakhe ihambe lawe, iphumelelise uhambo lwakho ukuze uzuzele indodana yami
umfazi kwabosendo lwakithi, lasezininini zikababa. 41 Ngakho uzakuthi ungaya
kwabosendo lwakithi, uzakhululwa esifungweni sami loba bangaze bale laye.’
42 Ngithe ukufika kwami emthonjeni lamuhla ngathi, ‘Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu
wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, nxa uthanda, ngicela uphumelelise uhambo lolu
engingalo lapha. 43 Akubone, ngimi eceleni kwalo umthombo; nxa kufika intombi
izokukha amanzi, ngithi kuyo, “Akunginathise amanzi amalutshwana enkonxeni

yakho,” 44 ingaze ithi kimi, “Natha, njalo ngizanathisa lamakamela akho lawo,” kabe
nguye UTHIXO asemkhethele indodana yenkosi yami.’
45 Ngingakaqedi ukukhuleka enhliziyweni yami, uRabheka waphuma, ethwele
imbiza yakhe ehlombe. Wehlela emthonjeni wakha amanzi, ngathi kuye, ‘Akungi-
nathise.’
46 Waphanga wethula imbiza yakhe ehlombe lakhe wathi, ‘Natha, ngizanathisa
lamakamela akho njalo.’ Ngakho nganatha, waphinda wanathisa lamakamela njalo.
47 Ngambuza ngathi, ‘Uyindodakazi kabani wena?’
Wathi, ‘Indodakazi kaBhethuweli indodana kaNahori, amzala kuMilikha.’
Ngasengimgqizisa isongo emakhaleni lezigqizo ezingalweni zakhe,
48 ngasengikhothamela phansi, ngamkhonza UTHIXO. Ngadumisa UTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, ongikhokhele endleleni eqondileyo
ngazathola intombi engumzukulu womfowabo wenkosi yami ngayizuzela indodana
yayo inkosi yami. 49 Manje-ke nxa lizatshengisa umusa lokwethembeka enkosini
yami, ngitshelani; loba kungenjalo, ngitshelani ukuze ngazi ukuthi ngithini.”
50 ULabhani loBhethuweli baphendula bathi, “Lokhu kuvela KUTHIXO; kakukho
esingakutsho kuwe, loba yini. 51 Nangu uRabheka; mthathe uhambe laye ayekuba
ngumfazi wendodana yenkosi yakho, njengalokhu okuqondiswe NGUTHIXO.”
52 Kwathi inceku ka-Abhrahama ikuzwa lokhu abakutshoyo yakhothama phansi
emhlabathini phambi KUKATHIXO. 53 Ngakho inceku yasikhupha igolide lesiliva
kanye lempahla zokugqoka yakupha uRabheka; yapha njalo umnewabo lonina izipho
ezidulayo. 54 Yena lamadoda ayehamba lawo basebesidla njalo banatha, balala khona.
Bathi bevuka ekuseni wathi, “Sivumeleni sibuyele enkosini yami.”
55 Kodwa umnewabo lonina baphendula bathi, “Ake ume kesihlale lentombazana
okwensukwana ezingaba litshumi; lapho selingahamba-ke.”
56 Kodwa wathi kubo, “Lingangibambeleli, njengoba UTHIXO eseluphumelelisile
uhambo lwami. Wothini ngihambe ukuze ngiyefika enkosini yami.”
57 Basebesithi, “Wothi sibize intombazana kesiyibuze ngakho.” 58 Ngakho bambiza
uRabheka bambuza bathi, “Uyafuna ukuhamba layo indoda le na?”
Wathi, “Ngizahamba layo.”
59 Ngakho basebemkhulula udadewabo uRabheka ukuba ahambe kanye lomlizane
wakhe, bahamba lenceku ka-Abhrahama lamadoda ayelayo. 60 Njalo bambusisa
uRabheka bathi kuye,
“Dadewethu, sengathi ungandisa
izinkulungwane zezinkulungwane;
sengathi inzalo yakho ingathumba
amadolobho ezitha zayo.”
61 URabheka lamantombazana akhe bazilungiselela, basebekhwela amakamela abo
bahamba lendoda leyo. Ngakho inceku yamthatha uRabheka yahamba.
62 Ngalesosikhathi u-Isaka wayesefikile evela eBheri-Lahayi-Royi, ngoba wayehlala
eNegebi. 63 Ngenye intambama waya ensimini ehambahamba ukuthi ake ahluze
ingqondo, wasesithi uyakhangela wabona amakamela esiza. 64 URabheka laye
wakhangela wambona u-Isaka. Wehla ekameleni lakhe 65 wabuza inceku wathi,
“Indoda leyana esensimini ngubani, leyana esihlangabezayo?”
Inceku yaphendula yathi, “Uyinkosi yami.” Yikho uRabheka wasethatha ilembu
elilula wazemboza ngalo.
66 Inceku yasimtshela u-Isaka konke lokho eyayikwenzile. 67 U-Isaka wamn-
genisa ethenteni likanina uSara, wahle wamthatha uRabheka. Ngakho wasesiba
ngumkakhe, wamthanda; u-Isaka waduduzeka ngemva kokufa kukanina.

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Ukufa Kuka-Abhrahama

1 U-Abhrahama wathatha omunye umfazi okwakuthiwa nguKhethura. 2 Wamzalela
uZimirani, uJokishani, uMedani, uMidiyani, u-Ishibhaki loShuwa. 3 UJokishani
wazala uShebha loDedani; isizukulwane sikaDedani saba ngama-Ashuri,
amaLethushi lamaLehumi. 4 Amadodana kaMidiyani kwakungu-Efa, u-Eferi,
uHanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida. Bonke laba babeyizizukulwane zikaKhethura.
5 Konke u-Abhrahama ayelakho wakutshiyela u-Isaka. 6 Kodwa esaphila wanika
amadodana akhe awazala labafazi bakhe beceleni izipho, wabasusa eduze kwendo-
dana yakhe u-Isaka baya elizweni lasempumalanga.
7 U-Abhrahama waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lanhlanu. 8 Lapho u-Abhrahama waphefumula okokucina njalo wafa eseluphele,
eselixhegu elileminyaka eminengi; wembelwa labakibo. 9 Amadodana akhe u-Isaka
lo-Ishumayeli bamngcwaba ebhalwini lwaseMakhaphela eduze leMamure, esiqintini
sika-Efroni indodana kaZohari umHithi, 10 isiqinti leso u-Abhrahama asithenga
kumaHithi. Khonapho u-Abhrahama wangcwatshwa lomkakhe uSara. 11 Ngemva
kokuba esefile u-Abhrahama uNkulunkulu wayibusisa indodana yakhe u-Isaka,
owayehlala eBheri-Lahayi-Royi.

Amadodana Ka-Ishumayeli

12 Lo ngumlando wendodana ka-Abhrahama u-Ishumayeli, incekukazi kaSara
uHagari eyamzalela u-Abhrahama.

> 13 La ngamabizo abantwana baka-Ishumayeli behlelwe ngokwelamana
> kwabo:

uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli,
uKhedari, u-Adibheli, loMibhisamu,
14 uMishima, uDuma, uMasa,
15 uHadadi, uThema, uJethuri,
uNafishi kanye loKhedema.

> 16 La ayengamadodana ka-Ishumayeli, njalo la ngamabizo ababusi bezizwana
> ezilitshumi lambili kulandela ukuhlaliswa kwazo lemizi yawo.

17 U-Ishumayeli waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhom-
bisa. Waphefumula okokucina wafa, wembelwa labakibo. 18 Izizukulwane zakhe
zakhela emangweni osuka eHavila kusiya eShuri, eduzane lomngcele waseGibhithe,
nxa uqonda e-Asiriya. Njalo baphila belenzondo labafowabo bonke.

UJakhobe Lo-Esawu

19 Lo ngumlando wendodana ka-Abhrahama u-Isaka.

U-Abhrahama wazala u-Isaka, 20 u-Isaka wathi eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane
obudala wathatha uRabheka indodakazi kaBhethuweli um'Aramu wasePhadani
Aramu njalo engudadewabo kaLabhani um'Aramu.
21 U-Isaka wakhuleka kuTHIXO ekhulekela umkakhe ngoba wayeyinyumba. UTHIXO
wawuphendula umkhuleko wakhe, umkakhe uRabheka wazithwala. 22 Abantwana
bafuqana phakathi kwakhe, wathi, "Kungani lokhu kusenzakala kimi?" Ngakho
wasehamba wayabuza kuTHIXO.
23 UTHIXO wathi kuye,

“Izizwe ezimbili zisesiswini sakho,
njalo abantu ababili phakathi kwakho bazakwehlukaniswa;
omunye uzakuba lamandla kulomunye,
kuthi omdala uzakhonza omncinyane.”

24 Kwathi isikhathi sakhe sokubeletha sesifikile, kwakulamaphahla angabafana
esiswini sakhe. 25 Owabona ilanga kuqala wayebomvu, umzimba wakhe wonke
ulihwanqa njengengubo yoboya; yikho bamutha bathi ngu-Esawu. 26 Ngemva
kwalokhu, umfowabo walandela, isandla sakhe sibambe isithende sika-Esawu;
ngakho wathiwa nguJakhobe. U-Isaka wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha
ngesikhathi uRabheka ebazala.

27 Bakhula abafana, u-Esawu waba ngumzingeli omkhulu, indoda yegangeni,
kodwa uJakhobe wayeyindoda ethuleyo, engasuki ngekhaya emathenteni. 28 U-
Isaka owayethanda inyama yenyamazana wayethanda u-Esawu, kodwa uRabheka
wayethanda uJakhobe.

29 Ngesinye isikhathi uJakhobe wayepheka inyama, u-Esawu wafika evela egan-
geni elambile. 30 Wathi kuJakhobe, “Phangisa, akungiphe ukudla kwakho lokho
osukukhanzinge kwaba bomvana! Sengifile ngendlala!” (Yikho wabizwa ngokuthi
ngu-Edomi.)

31 UJakhobe waphendula wathi, “Qala ungithengisele ubuzibulo bakho.”

32 U-Esawu wathi, “Khangela, sengisifa. Bungisiza ngani ubuzibulo lobo?”

33 Kodwa uJakhobe wathi, “Qala ufunge kimi.” Yikho wasefunga isifungo kuye,
ethengisa ubuzibulo bakhe kuJakhobe.

34 Ngakho uJakhobe wasesipha u-Esawu isinkwa lokudla kwendumba eziphekwa
ziluhlaza. Wadla, wanatha, wasukuma wahamba.

Ngaleyondlela u-Esawu wabeyisa ubuzibulo bakhe.

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U-Isaka Lo-Abhimelekhi

1 Kwasekusiba lendlala elizweni, ngaphandle kwendlala yakuqala eyayikhona
ngesikhathi sika-Abhrahama, u-Isaka waya ku-Abhimelekhi inkosi yamaFilistiya
eGerari. 2 UTHIXO wabonakala ku-Isaka wathi, “Ungehleli eGibhithe; hlala elizweni
engithi hlala khona. 3 Ake uhlale kulelilizwe okwesikhatshana, mina ngizakuba lawe
ngikubusise. Ngoba wena lezizukulwane zakho ngizalinika wonke amazwe la njalo
ngiqinise isifungo engasifunga kuyihlo u-Abhrahama. 4 Ngizakwenza izizukulwane
zakho zibe zinengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini, ngizinike wonke lamazwe, njalo
kuthi ngenzalo yakho zonke izizwe emhlabeni zizabusiswa, 5 ngoba u-Abhrahama
wangilalela, wagcina izimiso zami, lemilayo yami, kanye lemithetho yami.” 6 Ngakho
u-Isaka wahlala eGerari.

7 Kwathi lapho abantu baleyondawo bembuza ngomkakhe wathi, “Ngudadewethu,”
ngoba wayesesaba ukuthi, “Ngumkami.” Wacabanga wathi, “Amadoda alapha
angangibulala ngenxa kaRabheka, ngoba muhle kakhulu.”

8 Kwathi u-Isaka esehlale khona okwesikhathi eside, u-Abhimelekhi inkosi ya-
maFilistiya wakhangela ngefasitela wabona u-Isaka egone umkakhe uRabheka.
9 Ngakho wasebiza u-Isaka wathi, “Kanti ngumkakho ngeqiniso! Kungani uthe
ungudadewenu?”

U-Isaka wamphendula wathi, “Ngoba ngakhumbula ukuthi ngingalahlekelwa
yimpilo yami ngenxa yakhe.”

10 U-Abhimelekhi wasesithi, “Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo kithi? Omunye wamadoda
ubezaqabuka elala laye umkakho, ubususibangela icala.”

11 Ngakho u-Abhimelekhi wasekhupha umlayo ebantwini bonke wathi, “Lowo
ozake ayithinte indoda le loba umkayo ngempela uzabulawa.”
12 U-Isaka walima amabele kulelolizwe, ngalowomnyaka wavuna okuphindwe
ngekhulu, ngoba UTHIXO wambusisa. 13 Umuntu lo wanotha kakhulu, lemfuyo yakhe
yanda kakhulukazi. 14 Waba lemihlambi yezimvu lenkomo emikhulu kakhulu, kanye
lezisebenzi ezinengi, amaFilistiya aze aba lomona ngaye. 15 Kwasekusithi yonke
imithombo eyayigejwe yizisebenzi ngesikhathi sikayise u-Abhrahama, amaFilistiya
ayivala ngokuyigqibela ngenhlabathi.
16 U-Abhimelekhi wasesithi ku-Isaka, “Suka kithi; ususuke waba lamandla kakhulu
kulathi.”
17 Ngakho u-Isaka wasuka lapho wayakuma eSigodini saseGerari, wahle wakha
khona. 18 U-Isaka wayiphanda imithombo eyayigejwe ngesikhathi sikayise u-
Abhrahama, eyayigqitshelwe ngamaFilistiya ngemva kokuba u-Abhrahama esefile,
wayibiza ngalawo mabizo uyise ayeyibiza ngawo.
19 Izisebenzi zika-Isaka zagebha esigodini zafumana umthombo olamanzi amahle
khonapho. 20 Kodwa abelusi baseGerari baxabana labelusi baka-Isaka bathi, “Amanzi
la ngawethu!” Ngakho umthombo lowo wawuthi yi-Eseki, ngoba bawubanga
laye. 21 Ngakho basebesimba omunye umthombo, kodwa lawo bawubanga njalo;
wasewubiza ngokuthi yiSithina. 22 Wasuka lapho wayagebha omunye umthombo,
akwabe kusaba khona owubangayo. Wawuthi yiRehobhothi, esithi, “Manje UTHIXO
usesiphile indawo, sesizaphumelela kuleli ilizwe.”
23 Esuka lapho waya eBherishebha. 24 Ngalobobusuku UTHIXO wabonakala
kuye wathi, “NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abhrahama. Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe;
ngizakubusisa ngandise ubunengi bezizukulwane zakho ngenxa yenceku yami u-
Abhrahama.”
25 U-Isaka wakha i-Alithari khonapho wamemeza ibizo LIKATHIXO. Wamisa ithente
lakhe khonapho, izisebenzi zakhe zemba umthombo khonapho.
26 Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhimelekhi weza kuye evela eGerari, elo-Ahuzathi umeluleki
wakhe loFikholi umlawuli wamabutho akhe. 27 U-Isaka wababuza wathi, “Lilandeni
kimi, njengoba lalingizonda laze langixotsha?”
28 Bamphendula bathi, “Sabona kamhlophe ukuthi UTHIXO wayelawe; yikho
sasesicabanga ukuthi kumele kube lesivumelwano esibotshiweyo phakathi kwethu
lawe. Kasenze isibopho lawe 29 esokuthi kawusoze usihlukuluze, njengoba lathi
singazange sikulimaze ngalutho kodwa sakuvalelisa ngokuthula. Khathesi usubu-
sisiwe NGUTHIXO.”
30 U-Isaka wasebenzela idili, badla banatha. 31 Ekuseni kakhulu ngelanga
elilandelayo amadoda wonke enza isifungo omunye komunye. U-Isaka wasebavulela
indlela bahamba ngokuthula.
32 Ngalolosuku izisebenzi zika-Isaka zabuya zamtshela ngomthombo ezaziwugeb-
hile. Zathi, “Sesiwatholile amanzi!” 33 Wawuthi yiShibha, osekuze kube namuhla
idolobho kuthiwa yiBherishebha.

UJakhobe Uthatha Isibusiso Sika-Esawu

34 Kwathi u-Esawu eseleminyaka yobudala engamatshumi amane, wathatha uJu-
dithi indodakazi kaBheri umHithi njalo loBhasemathi indodakazi ka-Eloni umHithi.
35 Baletha ukukhathazeka kakhulu ku-Isaka loRabheka.

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1 Kwathi u-Isaka eseluphele, amehlo akhe esethundubele okokuthi wayengasaboni,
wabiza u-Esawu indodana yakhe endala wathi kuye, “Ndodana yami.”
Waphendula wathi, “Ngilapha.”

2 U-Isaka wathi, “Manje sengilixhegu, njalo kangilazi ilanga lami lokufa. 3 Thatha
izikhali zakho, isikhwama semitshoko yakho ledandili lakho ungene iganga uyen-
gizingelela inyamazana. 4 Ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi engikuthandayo ukulethe
kimi lapha ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso sami ngingakafi.”
5 URabheka wayelalele u-Isaka ekhuluma lendodana yakhe u-Esawu. Kwathi
u-Esawu esephumile waya egangeni ukuyazingela inyamazana ukuze ayilethe,
6 uRabheka wathi endodaneni yakhe uJakhobe, “Khangela, ngizwe uyihlo esithi
kumnewenu u-Esawu 7 ‘Ngilethela inyamazana ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi
ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso sami phambi KUKATHIXO ngingakafi.’ 8 Manje-ke
lalela kuhle, ndodana yami, wenze lokho engikutshela khona: 9 Yana emhlambini
ulethe lapha kimi amazinyane embuzi amabili anonileyo, ukuze ngilungisele uyihlo
ukudla okumnandi ngendlela akuthanda ngayo. 10 Wena ubusukusa kuyihlo adle,
abesekunika isibusiso sakhe engakafi.”
11 UJakhobe wathi kuRabheka unina, “Kodwa umnewethu u-Esawu lihwanqa, mina
ngilejwabu elitshelelayo. 12 Pho ubaba angangibamba ke? Kuzabonakala ukuthi
ngiyamqila ngibe sengizehlisele isiqalekiso phezu kwami esikhundleni sesibusiso.”
13 Unina wathi kuye, “Ndodana yami, lesosiqalekiso kasehlele kimi. Wena yenza
lokho engikutshela khona kuphela; hamba uyengithathela wona.”
14 Ngakho wahamba wayawathatha wawaletha kunina, yena walungisa ukudla
okumnandi, ngaleyondlela eyayithandwa nguyise. 15 URabheka wasethatha izigqoko
ezithandekayo zika-Esawu indodana yakhe endala, ezazikhona endlini, wazigqokisa
indodana yakhe encane, uJakhobe. 16 Wabuya wamgoqela izandla zakhe lentamo
lapho okwakubutshelezi khona ngesikhumba sembuzi. 17 Waseqhubela indodana
yakhe uJakhobe ukudla lokho okumnandi kanye lesinkwa ayesenzile.
18 Waya kuyise wafika wathi, “Baba.”
Wasabela wathi, “Yebo, ndodana yami. Ngubani?”
19 UJakhobe wathi kuyise, “Ngingu-Esawu izibulo lakho. Sengenzile njengokungi-
layela kwakho. Vuka uhlale udle inyama yami yenyamazana ukuze ungiphe isibusiso
sakho.”
20 U-Isaka wayibuza indodana yakhe wathi, “Uyizuze njani masinyane kangaka,
ndodana yami?”
Waphendula wathi, “UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ungiphumelelisile.”
21 U-Isaka wasesithi kuJakhobe, “Sondela eduze ngikuthinte, ndodana yami, ukuze
ngazi ngempela ukuthi uyiyo indodana yami u-Esawu noma hatshi.”
22 UJakhobe wasondela kuyise u-Isaka wamthinta wathi, “Ilizwi ngelikaJakhobe,
kodwa izandla yizandla zika-Esawu.” 23 Kazange amazi ngoba izandla zakhe
zaziloboya njengezikamnewabo u-Esawu; ngakho wambusisa. 24 Wabuza wathi,
“Kambe unguye na u-Esawu indodana yami?”
Waphendula wathi, “Nginguye.”
25 Wasesithi, “Ndodana yami, ngipha inyama yakho yenyamazana ngidle, ukuze
ngikuphe isibusiso sami.”
UJakhobe wamupha wadla; waletha lewayini wanatha. 26 Uyise u-Isaka wathi kuye,
“Woza lapha, ndodana yami, ungange.”
27 Wasesiya kuye wamanga. Kwathi u-Isaka esewuzwile umnuko wezigqoko zakhe,
wambusisa wathi,
“Yeka, umnuko wendodana yami
unjengomnuko wensimu
UTHIXO ayibusisileyo.
28 Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakupha amazolo asezulwini
lokuvunda komhlabathi,

inala yamabele lewayini elitsha.
29 Sengathi izizwe zingakukhonza
labantu bakukhothamele.
Ube yinkosi phezu kwabafowenu,
njalo sengathi amadodana kanyoko angakukhothamela.
Sengathi labo abakuqalekisayo labo baqalekiswe
labakubusisayo babusiswe.”

30 U-Isaka eseqedile ukumbusisa njalo uJakhobe esathi uyasuka kuyise, umnewabo u-Esawu wabengena evela zingela. 31 Laye njalo walungisa ukudla okumnandi wakuletha kuyise. Wasesithi kuye, “Baba, vuka udle inyama yami yenyamazana, ukuze ungiphe isibusiso sakho.”

32 Uyise u-Isaka wambuza wathi, “Ungubani wena?”

Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho u-Esawu.”

33 U-Isaka wathuthumela kakhulu wathi, “Kanti ubengubani ozingele inyamazana wayiletha kimi? Ngiyidlile khathesi nje usuzafika, ngambusisa njalo ngempela uzakubusiswa!”

34 Kwathi u-Esawu ewezwa amazwi kayise, wakhala kakhulu okuzwisa ubuhlungu wathi kuyise, “Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba!”

35 Kodwa wathi, “Umfowenu uze ngobuqili wathatha isibusiso sakho.”

36 U-Esawu wathi, “Kakumfanelanga na ukuthiwa nguJakhobe? Lokhu sokungokwesibili engiqila: Wathatha ubuzibulo bami, manje usethethe isibusiso sami?” Wasebuza wathi, “Kawungigcinelanga yini mina esinye isibusiso”?

37 U-Isaka wamphendula u-Esawu wathi, “Sengimenze waba yinkosi phezu kwakho, ngenza zonke izihlobo zakhe zaba yizisebenzi zakhe, njalo ngamsekela ngenala yamabele langewayini elitsha. Kambe ngingabe ngisakwenzelani, ndodana yami?”

38 U-Esawu wathi kuyise, “Kanti ulesibusiso esisodwa kuphela na baba? Ngibusisa lami, baba!” U-Esawu wasekhala kakhulu ephumisela.

39 Uyise u-Isaka wamphendula wathi,

“Umuzi wakho uzakuba
khatshana lokuvunda komhlaba,
khatshana lamazolo asezulwini eliphezulu.
40 Uzaphila ngokusebenzisa inkemba
njalo uzamkhonza umfowenu.
Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usudlubulunda,
uzalilahla ijogwe lakhe
lisuke entanyeni yakho.”

UJakhobe Ubalekela KuLabhani

41 U-Esawu wabambela uJakhobe isikhwili ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ayemuphe sona. Wazitshela wathi, “Insuku zokulilela ubaba seziseduze; lapho-ke ngizambulala umfowethu uJakhobe.”

42 Kwathi uRabheka esezwile okwakutshiwo yindodana yakhe endala u-Esawu, wabiza indodana yakhe encinyane uJakhobe wathi kuye, “Umnewenu u-Esawu uziduduza ngomcabango wokuthi akubulale. 43 Ngakho-ke wena ndodana yami, yenza lokho engikutshela khona: Baleka masinyane uye kumfowethu uLabhani eHarani. 44 Uhlale khonale ulaka lomfowenu luze ludede. 45 Kuzakuthi nxa umnewenu engasakuzondelanga esekhohliwe ukuthi kuyini owakwenza kuye, ngizathumela ilizwi ukuthi ubuye usuka khonale. Kambe kungaba yini ukuthi ngilahlekelwe yini lobabili ngasuku lunye na?”

46 URabheka wasesithi ku-Isaka, “Ukuphila sokunginenga ngenxa yabafazi
bamaHithi laba. Nxa uJakhobe engathatha umfazi ebafazini balelilizwe, abafazi
bamaHithi abanje, ukuphila kwami kuyabe kungasasizi.”

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1 Ngakho u-Isaka wabiza uJakhobe wambusisa wamlaya wathi: “Ungathathi umfazi
womKhenani. 2 Hamba khathesi uye ePhadani Aramu, emzini kayihlomkhulu
uBhethuweli. Thatha khona umfazi, emadodakazini kaLabhani, umnewabo kanyoko.
3 Sengathi uNkulunkulu uSomandla angakubusisa akuphe inzalo, andise ubunengi
bayo lize libe yizizwe ezinengi. 4 Sengathi angakupha wena kanye lezizukulwane
zakho isibusiso leso esaphiwa u-Abhrahama, ukuze lilithathe ilizwe leli ohlezi kulo
manje njengowezizweni, ilizwe uNkulunkulu alipha u-Abhrahama.” 5 Ngakho u-Isaka
wasemvalelisa uJakhobe, waya ePhadani Aramu, kuLabhani indodana kaBhethuweli
um’Aramu, umnewabo kaRabheka, owayengunina kaJakhobe lo-Esawu.
6 U-Esawu wezwa ukuthi u-Isaka wayembusisile uJakhobe njalo wamthumela
ePhadani Aramu ukuthi ayothatha umfazi khona, lokuthi wathi embusisa wamlaya
wathi, “Ungathathi umfazi ongumKhenani,” 7 lokuthi uJakhobe wayebalalele uyise
lonina wahamba waya ePhadani Aramu. 8 U-Esawu wakunanzelela ukuthi abafazi
bamaKhenani babeyisinengiso kuyise u-Isaka; 9 ngakho wasesiya ku-Ishumayeli
wathatha uMahalathi, udadewabo kaNebhayothi, indodakazi ka-Ishumayeli indo-
dana ka-Abhrahama, phezu kwabanye abafazi ayevele eselabo.

Iphupho LikaJakhobe EBhetheli

10 UJakhobe wasuka eBherishebha waqonda eHarani. 11 Wafika kwenye indawo,
wema lapho ukuthi alale khona ngoba ilanga laselitshonile. Wathatha ilitshe khona
walenza umqamelo walala. 12 Wehlelwa liphupho wabona ilele ligxile phansi
emhlabeni, isiqongo salo sifinyelela ezulwini, kwathi izingilosi zikaNkulunkulu
zabe ziqansa zisehla kulo. 13 Laphaya ngaphezu kwalo kwakumi UTHIXO esithi:
“NGINGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abhrahama loNkulunkulu ka-Isaka. Ngiza-
kupha wena kanye lezizukulwane zakho ilizwe leli olele kulo. 14 Izizukulwane
zakho zizakuba njengothuli lomhlabathi, njalo lizaqhela liye entshonalanga lasem-
pumalanga, enyakatho laseningizimu. Bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabusiswa ngenxa
yakho lenzalo yakho. 15 Ngilawe njalo ngizakulinda loba ungaze uye ngaphi, njalo
ngizakubuyisa kulelilizwe. Kangizukukudela ngize ngikwenze lokho engikuthembise
khona.”
16 UJakhobe wathi evuka ebuthongweni bakhe wacabanga wathi, “Ngeqiniso
UTHIXO ukhona kule indawo, kodwa bengingakunanzeleli.” 17 Wesaba wathi, “Yeka
ukwesabeka kwale indawo ehloniphekayo! Ngempela iyindlu kaNkulunkulu; leli
lisango lasezulwini.”
18 Kusisa ekuseni kakhulu uJakhobe walithatha ilitshe ayelele eliqamele walimisa
laba yinsika wathela amafutha phezu kwalo. 19 Indawo leyo wayibiza wathi
yiBhetheli, ikanti idolobho lakhona lalithiwa yiLuzi.
20 Ngakho uJakhobe wenza isifungo wathi, “Nxa uNkulunkulu ezakuba lami
angilondoloze kuloluhambo engikulo, angiphe ukudla lezigqoko, 21 ngibuyele emzini
kababa ngiphilile, lapho UTHIXO uzakuba nguNkulunkulu wami 22 njalo lelitshe leli
engilenze insika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu, njalo kuzakuthi konke onginika
khona ngizakunika wena okwetshumi.”

29

UJakhobe Ufika EPhadani Aramu

1 UJakhobe waseqhubeka ngohambo lwakhe wayafika elizweni labantu bempumalanga. 2 Wabona khonale umthombo esiqintini, kulemihlambi yezimvu emithathu ilele eduzane kwawo ngoba imihlambi yayinatha khonapho emthonjeni lowo. Ilitshe elalivale umlomo womthombo lalilikhulu. 3 Kwakusithi yonke imihlambi ingabuthana khona, abelusi baligiqe ilitshe balisuse emlonyeni womthombo banathise izimvu. Besebelibuyisela ilitshe endaweni yalo emlonyeni womthombo.

4 UJakhobe wabuza abelusi wathi, “Bafowethu, livela ngaphi?”

Baphendula bathi, “Sivela eHarani.”

5 Wathi, “Liyamazi yini uLabhani, umzukulu kaNahori?”

Baphendula bathi, “Yebo, siyamazi.”

6 UJakhobe wasebabuza wathi, “Uyaphila yini?”

Bathi, “Yebo, uyaphila; nansi indodakazi yakhe uRasheli esiza lezimvu.”

7 Wathi, “Khangelani, ilanga lilokhu lisemini; akukabi yisikhathi sokuthi imihlambi ibuthwe. Zinathiseni izimvu lezi lizibuyisele emadlelweni.”

8 Baphendula bathi, “Asingeke, ize iqale iqoqane yonke imihlambi, ilitshe beselisuswa emlonyeni womthombo. Besesizinathisa-ke izimvu.”

9 Wathi elokhu esakhuluma labo uRasheli wafika lezimvu zikayise, kalokho wayengumelusi. 10 UJakhobe wathi ebona uRasheli indodakazi kaLabhani, umnewabo kanina esiza lezimvu zikaLabhani, wahamba wayagiqa ilitshe elalisemlonyeni womthombo wanathisa izimvu zikamalumakhe. 11 UJakhobe wasesanga uRasheli njalo wakhala kakhulu. 12 Wayesemtshelile uRasheli ukuthi wayeyisihlobo sikayise lokuthi wayeyindodana kaRabheka. Ngakho intombi yagijima yayabikela uyise.

13 ULabhani wonela ukuwuzwa umbiko ngoJakhobe, indodana kadadewabo, wahle waphuthuma wayamhlangabeza. Wamgona, wamanga, wamletha ngekhaya, lapho uJakhobe amtshela khona izinto lezi. 14 ULabhani wasesithi kuye, “Uyinyama yami legazi lami.”

UJakhobe Uthatha ULeya LoRasheli

UJakhobe esehlale laye okwenyanga yonke, 15 uLabhani wathi kuye, “Kambe sekungathi ngoba uyisihlobo sami ubusungisebenzela ungaholi lutho? Akungitshele ukuthi umholo wakho ungaba yini?”

16 ULabhani wayelamadodakazi amabili; ibizo lendala lalinguLeya, encinyane inguRasheli. 17 ULeya wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli wayelesimo esibukekayo, emuhle. 18 UJakhobe wezwa emthanda uRasheli wasesithi, “Ngizakusebenzela okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ukuze ungiphe indodakazi yakho encane uRasheli.”

19 ULabhani wathi, “Kungcono ngimuphe wena kulokuba ngimuphe enye indoda. Hlala lapha lami.” 20 UJakhobe waseyisebenza iminyaka eyisikhombisa ukuze azuze uRasheli, kodwa yakhanya ingathi yizinsukwana ezimbalwa kuye ngenxa yothando kuye.

21 UJakhobe wasesithi kuLabhani, “Ngipha-ke umkami. Isikhathi sami sesigcwalisekile, sengifuna ukwembatha laye.”

22 Ngakho uLabhani wasenxusa bonke abantu bendawo wenza idili. 23 Kodwa kwathi sekusihlwa, wathatha indodakazi yakhe uLeya wamupha uJakhobe, uJakhobe wembatha laye. 24 ULabhani waphinda wapha uLeya incekukazi yakhe uZilipha ukuba ibe yincekukazi yakhe.

25 Kwathi sokusile, wabona kunguLeya! UJakhobe wathi kuLabhani, “Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo kimi? Mina ngasebenzela uRasheli, kakunjalo na? Kungani ungikhohlisile?”

26 ULabhani waphendula wathi, “Kakusiwo mkhuba wethu lapha ukwendisa
indodakazi encane endala ingakendi. 27 Qeda iviki yokucola lo omdala; besesikupha
lalo omncane njalo ngemva kokumsebenzela eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa.”
28 UJakhobe wenza njalo. Waqeda iviki eloLeya, uLabhani wasemupha indodakazi
yakhe uRasheli ukuba ibe ngumkakhe. 29 ULabhani wanika indodakazi yakhe
uRasheli incekukazi yakhe uBhiliha ukuba abe yincekukazi yakhe. 30 UJakhobe wase-
lala loRasheli, wamthanda ukwedlula uLeya. Wasesebenzela uLabhani okweminye
iminyaka eyisikhombisa njalo.

Abantwana BakaJakhobe

31 UTHIXO wathi ngokubona ukuthi uLeya wayengathandwa, wavula inzalo yakhe,
kodwa uRasheli wayeyinyumba. 32 ULeya wathatha isisu wazala indodana. Wa-
mutha ibizo wathi nguRubheni, ngoba wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi UTHIXO usebonile
ukuhlupheka kwami. Ngempela umkami usezangithanda manje.”
33 Wathatha isisu njalo, wathi esephinde umfana njalo wathi, “Ngoba UTHIXO
wezwa ukuthi kangithandwa, wanginika lo njalo.” Ngakho wamutha wathi
nguSimiyoni.
34 Wasithatha njalo isisu, kwathi esezele omunye umfana wathi, “Khathesi-ke
umkami usezabambelela kimi ngoba sengimzalele amadodana amathathu.” Yikho
wathiwa nguLevi.
35 Waphinda wasithatha isisu, wazuza umfana wathi, “Ngalesisikhathi ngizadumisa
UTHIXO.” Wamutha wathi nguJuda. Wasesima ukuzuza abantwana.

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1 URasheli wathi ebona ukuthi wayengazaleli uJakhobe abantwana,
wasekhwelezela udadewabo. Wasesithi kuJakhobe, “Ngipha abantwana, kumbe
ngife!”
2 UJakhobe wamzondela wathi, “Sengisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu yini mina,
onguye okuvale ukuthi ungazali?”
3 Yena wasesithi, “Nangu uBhiliha incekukazi yami. Lala laye ukuze angizalele
abantwana, ukuze kuthi ngaye ngibe lemuli.”
4 Ngakho wasemupha incekukazi yakhe uBhiliha njengomfazi. UJakhobe wem-
batha laye, 5 wazithwala wamzalela indodana. 6 Ngakho uRasheli wathi, “UNku-
lunkulu usengigezile; ulalele ukuncenga kwami wasenginika indodana.” Ngenxa
yalokhu wayitha wathi nguDani.
7 Incekukazi kaRasheli, uBhiliha, yathatha isisu njalo yazalela uJakhobe indodana
yesibili. 8 URasheli wasesithi, “Kade kuyimpi phakathi kwami lodadewethu, mina
senginqobile.” Wasemuthi nguNafithali.
9 ULeya wathi ngokubona ukuthi kasazali wathatha incekukazi yakhe uZilipha
wayipha uJakhobe njengomfazi. 10 Incekukazi kaLeya uZilipha yazalela uJakhobe
indodana. 11 ULeya wasesithi, “Inhlanhla engakanani!” Wamutha ibizo wathi
nguGadi.
12 Incekukazi kaLeya uZilipha yazalela uJakhobe indodana yesibili. 13 ULeya wathi,
“Uthi ngiyathaba yini! Abafazi bazakuthi ngiyathaba.” Yikho wambiza ngokuthi ngu-
Asheri.
14 Ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi uRubheni waya emasimini wafumana izih-
lahlakazana zamamandraki waziletha kunina uLeya. URasheli wathi kuLeya,
“Ngicela ezinye zezihlahlakazana zendodana yakho.”
15 Kodwa wathi kuye, “Kakukwanelisanga na ukuthi wangemuka indoda? Usufuna
ukuthatha lamamandraki endodana yami njalo?”

URasheli wathi, “Kulungile, angazalala ngakwakho lamuhla ukuze ngizuze amamandraki endodana yakho.”
16 Ngakho kwathi uJakhobe efika evela emasimini ngaleyontambama, uLeya wamhlangabeza wathi, “Kumele ulale ngakwami lamuhla. Ngikuqhatshile ngamamandraki endodana yami.” Ngakho wembatha laye ngalobobusuku.
17 UNkulunkulu wamlalela uLeya, wathatha isisu wazalela uJakhobe indodana yesihlanu. 18 ULeya wathi, “UNkulunkulu usengiphe umvuzo ngenxa yokuthi nganika indoda yami incekukazi yami.” Ngakho wamutha wathi ngu-Isakhari.
19 ULeya waphinda wasithatha njalo isisu wazalela uJakhobe indodana yesithupha.
20 Ngakho uLeya wathi, “UNkulunkulu usengiphe isipho esiligugu. Khathesi umkami usezangiphatha ngenhlonipho, ngoba sengimzalele amadodana ayisithupha.” Wasemutha wathi nguZebhuluni.
21 Emva kwesikhathi esithile wazala intombazana wayithi nguDina.
22 UNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uRasheli; wezwa ukukhala kwakhe wavula isibeletho sakhe. 23 Wathatha isisu wazala indodana, wathi, “UNkulunkulu uselisusile ihlazo lami.” 24 Wamutha wathi nguJosefa, wathi, “Sengathi UTHIXO angangipha enye indodana.”

Imihlambi KaJakhobe Yezimvu Iyanda

25 URasheli esezele uJosefa uJakhobe wathi kuLabhani, “Ngivumela ukuthi ngibuyele elizweni lakithi. 26 Ngipha omkami labantwana engibasebenzeleyo kuwe, ngihle ngihambe. Uyawazi umsebenzi engiwusebenzileyo kuwe lapha.”
27 Kodwa uLabhani wathi kuye, “Nxa ungithanda, hlala. Sengibonile ngokwambulelwa ukuthi UTHIXO ungibusisile ngenxa yakho.” 28 Wengeza ngokuthi, “Qamba loba yiphi inhlawulo oyifunayo, ngizakupha.”
29 UJakhobe wathi kuye, “Uyakwazi ukuthi ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi izifuyo zakho zigcinakale njani ziphethwe yimi. 30 Okuncinyane owawulakho ngingakafiki sekusele kwanda kakhulu, njalo UTHIXO ukubusisile langabe kungaphi lapho engike ngaba khona. Kodwa manje ngizaze ngiwenzele nini mina umuzi wami ulutho?”
31 Wabuza wathi, “Ngikupheni na?”
Waphendula uJakhobe wathi, “Ungangiphi lutho. Kodwa ake ungenzele lokhu kodwa, ukuze ngiqhubeke ngisondla imihlambi yakho: 32 Wothi ngingene emihlambini yakho lamuhla ngikhuphe kuyo zonke izimvu ezilamachatha kumbe amabala, lamazinyane wonke amnyama lembuzi zonke ezilamabala kumbe amachatha. Yizo ezizakuba yinhlawulo yami. 33 Ngesikhathi esizayo ubuqotho bami buzavela nxa uhlola inhlawulo onginike yona. Ingqe yiphi imbuzi engizabe ngilayo engelamachatha kumbe amabala, loba lizinyane lemvu elingamnyama lizakubalwa njengelebiweyo.”
34 ULabhani wathi, “Kulungile, kakube njengokutsho kwakho.” 35 Mhlalokho wazikhupha zonke impongo ezazingamaqamule kumbe ezilamabala, njalo lezinsikazi ezilamachatha kumbe ezilamabala (zonke ezazilokumhlophe kuzo) lamazinyane ezimvu wonke amnyama zonke wathi zikhangelwe ngamadodana akhe. 36 Wasebeka umango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe loJakhobe, kodwa uJakhobe wayelokhu esondla yonke imihlambi eseleyo kaLabhani.
37 Kwathi uJakhobe wagamula ingatsha zesihlahla sephopla, eze-alimondi lezepulane wahamba ezixoza amaxolo wenza imidwa kwavela kuzo isigodo esimhlophe.
38 Ingatsha lezi ezixoziweyo wazibeka kuyo yonke imikolo yokunathela imihlambi ukuthi zime ziqondane lezifuyo nxa zinatha. Kwakusithi lezozifuyo ezidabuleyo zizonatha 39 zifike zixakane phambi kwezingatsha. Zazizala amazinyane alamabala ayimidwa loba alamachatha kumbe amabala nje. 40 UJakhobe wawakhetha wawabeka wodwa amazinyane, kodwa lezo ezinye waziyekela zadunga lezo ezingamaqamule

lezimnyama ezazingezikaLabhani. Ngaleyondlela, wenza imihlambi ehlukeneyo
eyakhe kaze ayihlanganisa lekaLabhani. 41 Kwakusithi kungadabula ezinsikazi
eziqinileyo, uJakhobe wayefaka imiqwayi emikolweni phambi kwezifuyo ukuze
zixakane eduze kwayo, 42 kodwa nxa ezinsikazi zingezibuthakathaka wayengayifaki
imiqwayi. Ngakho izifuyo ezibuthakathaka zaba ngezikaLabhani, eziqinileyo zabuya
ngoJakhobe. 43 Ngale indlela indoda le yanotha kakhulu yaba lemihlambi emikhulu,
lezincekukazi, lezinceku kanye lamakamela labobabhemi.

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UJakhobe Ubalekela ULabhani

1 UJakhobe wezwa ukuthi amadodana kaLabhani ayesithi, “UJakhobe usethethe
konke ubaba ayelakho njalo usezuze yonke inotho ebingekababa.” 2 Njalo uJakhobe
wananzelela ukuthi uLabhani wayengasamphathi njengakuqala.
3 UTHIXO wasesithi kuJakhobe, “Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lasezihlotsheni zakho,
mina ngizakuba lawe.”
4 Ngakho uJakhobe wasethumela ilizwi kuRasheli loLeya ukuthi beze egangeni
lapho imihlambi yakhe eyayikhona. 5 Wathi kubo, “Sengibona ukuthi uyihlo
kasangiphathi njengakuqala, kodwa uNkulunkulu kababa ube lami. 6 Liyakwazi
ukuthi ngamsebenzela uyihlo ngamandla ami wonke, 7 kodwa uyihlo ungidlelezele
ngokuguqula umholo wami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. Kodwa uNkulunkulu
kamvumelanga ukuthi angilimaze. 8 Kwakusithi angathi, ‘Ezilamabalabala ngezakho,
ezomholo,’ imihlambi yonke izale ezimabalabala; kuthi angathi, ‘Ezingamaqamule
zizakuba ngumholo wakho,’ yonke imihlambi izale amazinyane angamaqamule.
9 Ngaleyondlela uNkulunkulu usethethe imihlambi kayihlo wayipha mina.
10 Ngesikhathi sokuxotshwa lokumitha kwemihlambi, ngaba lephupho lapho
okwathi ngikhangela ngabona ukuthi impongo ezazixotsha umhlambi zazinga-
maqamule, kumbe zingamafahlafahla kumbe zilamabala. 11 Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu
yathi kimi kulelophupho, ‘Jakhobe.’ Ngasabela ngathi, ‘Ngilapha.’ 12 Yathi,
‘Khangela ukuthi zonke impongo ezixotsha umhlambi ngezingamaqamule, ngezinga-
mafahlafahla kumbe ngezilamabala, ngoba ngikubonile konke lokho uLabhani
abekwenza kuwe. 13 NginguNkulunkulu waseBhetheli, lapho owagcoba khona insika
njalo lapho owenza khona isifungo kimi. Suka kulelilizwe khona manje ubuyele
elizweni lakini.’ ”
14 URasheli loLeya baphendula bathi, “Sivele siseselesabelo selifa likababa na?
15 Kasinjengabezizweni kuye na? Kakusikho kodwa ukuthi walobolisa ngathi,
kodwa sowakusebenzisa konke esalotsholwa ngakho. 16 Ngempela yonke inotho
uNkulunkulu ayemuka ubaba ngeyethu labantwabethu. Ngakho yenza loba yini
uNkulunkulu akutshele yona.”
17 UJakhobe wasegadisa abantwabakhe labomkakhe emakameleni, 18 waziqhuba
zonke izifuyo zakhe zahamba phambili, kanye lempahla zonke ayezizuzile ePhadani
Aramu, esebuyela kuyise u-Isaka elizweni laseKhenani.
19 Kwathi uLabhani ehambile eyogunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli weba izithombe
zikayise. 20 Phezu kwalokho uJakhobe wakhohlisa uLabhani um’Aramu ngokungamt-
sheli ukuthi yena wayesebaleka. 21 Ngakho wabaleka lakho konke okwakungok-
wakhe, wachapha umfula iYufrathe, waqonda elizweni lamaqaqa eleGiliyadi.

ULabhani Uxotshana LoJakhobe

22 Ngosuku lwesithathu uLabhani watshelwa ukuthi uJakhobe wayesebalekile.
23 Wathatha izihlobo zakhe bangena emzileni kaJakhobe okwensuku eziyisikhombisa
baze bayambamba elizweni lamaqaqa eleGiliyadi. 24 UNkulunkulu weza kuLabhani

um'Aramu ephutsheni ebusuku wathi kuye, "Unanzelele ukuthi ungaze watsho lutho kuJakhobe, loba lungoluhle kumbe olubi."
25 UJakhobe wayemise ithente lakhe elizweni lamaqaqa eGiliyadi eficwa khona nguLabhani, uLabhani laye lezihlobo zakhe bakha izihonqo khonapho. 26 Ngakho uLabhani wasesithi kuJakhobe, "Wenzeni manje? Ungikhohlisile, njalo uthumbe amadodakazi ami njengabathunjiweyo empini. 27 Kungani ubalekele ngasese wangikhohlisa na? Kungani ungangazisanga ukuze ngikuvalelise ngentokozo langokutshaya izigubhu lamachacho? 28 Kawuzange ume ukuthi ngange abazukulu bami lamadodakazi ami ngibavalelise. Wenze into eyibuthutha. 29 Ngilamandla okukulimaza; kodwa ngobusuku obudluleyo uNkulunkulu kayihlo uthe kimi, 'Unanzelele ungaze watsho lutho kuJakhobe, loba ngoluhle kumbe ngolubi.' 30 Manje ususukile ngoba ubulangazelela ukubuyela emzini kayihlo. Kodwa kungani webe izithombe zami na?"
31 UJakhobe wamphendula uLabhani wathi, "Bengisesaba ukuthi uzangemuka amadodakazi akho ngamandla. 32 Kodwa nxa ufumana loba ngubani olezithombe zakho, kayikuphila. Ake ubone, lezihlobo zakho zikhona, ingabe kulolutho lwakho yini lapha kimi; nxa lukhona, luthathe." UJakhobe wayengazi ukuthi uRasheli wayezebile izithombe.
33 Ngakho uLabhani wangena ethenteni likaJakhobe lethenteni likaLeya lethenteni lezincekukazi zombili, kodwa kafumananga lutho. Ephuma ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli. 34 URasheli wayethethe izithombe lezo, wazifihla phakathi kwesihlalo sekamela lakhe, wasehlala phezu kwazo. ULabhani wabhudula kukho konke okwakusethenteni, katholanga lutho.
35 URasheli wathi kuyise, "Ungazondi nkosi yami ukuthi kungani ngingakusukumeli, kungenxa yokuba ngisesikhathini." Ngakho wabhudula, kodwa akaze azifumana izithombe zangekhaya.
36 UJakhobe wazonda kubi wamthwalisa nzima uLabhani. Wambuza wathi, "Icala lami ngelani? Ngenze sono bani ukuze ungizingele kanje? 37 Njengoba usuziguduzile zonke impahla zami, kuyini osukufumene okungokomuzi wakho na? Kubeke khonapha phambi kwezihlobo zakho lezami batsho okuyikho phakathi kwethu sobabili.
38 Sengibe lawe okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili. Izimvu zakho lembuzi zakho kazizange ziphunze, njalo kangizange ngizihlabele inqama emihlambini yakho. 39 Kangizange ngizokutshengisa izifuyo ezidatshulwe yizilo; yimi engathwala lokho kulahlekelwa ngazihlawula. Njalo wafuna inhlawulo yalezo ezazebiwe emini loba ebusuku. 40 Impilo yami yayinje: ukutshisa kwakungibhaxabula emini, ebusuku umqando ungihaqaze, ubuthongo babaleka emehlweni ami. 41 Kwakunjalo okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngisemzini wakho. Ngakusebenzela okweminyaka elitshumi lane ngisebenzela amadodakazi akho womabili njalo okweminyaka eyisithupha ngisebenzela imihlambi yakho, njalo wena waguqula inhlawulo yami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. 42 Aluba uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama langokwesaba kuka-Isaka, ubengelami, ubuzangixotsha nje ngingaphathanga lutho. Kodwa uNkulunkulu ububonile ubunzima bami lokusebenza nzima kwezandla zami, yikho ekukhuzile izolo ebusuku."
43 ULabhani wamphendula uJakhobe wathi, "Abesifazane ngamadodakazi ami, abantwana ngabantwabami, lemihlambi yimihlambi yami. Kodwa kuyini engingakwenza lamuhla ngala amadodakazi ami, kumbe ngabantwana ababazeleyo na? 44 Zwana-ke, kasenze isivumelwano, wena lami, sibe ngufakazi phakathi kwethu."
45 Ngakho uJakhobe wasethatha ilitshe walimisa laba yinsika. 46 Wasesithi ezihlotsheni zakhe, "Buthelelani amatshe." Bawathatha amatshe aba yinqwaba,

basebedlela khonapho eceleni kwenqwaba. 47 ULabhani wayibiza ngokuthi yiJegari
Sahadutha, uJakhobe yena wathi yiGaledi.
48 ULabhani wathi, “Inqwaba le ingufakazi phakathi kwami lawe lamuhla.”
Yikho yabizwa ngokuthi yiGaledi. 49 Yabizwa njalo ngokuthi yiMizipha, ngoba
wathi, “Sengathi uTHIXO angalinda phakathi kwakho lami nxa sikhatshana omunye
komunye. 50 Ungaze uphathe kubi amadodakazi ami, loba ungaze uthathe abanye
abafazi ngaphandle kwamadodakazi ami, loba kungekho omunye umuntu olathi,
khumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu ungufakazi phakathi kwakho lami.”
51 ULabhani wathi njalo kuJakhobe, “Nansi inqwaba le, njalo nansi insika engiy-
imise phakathi kwakho lami. 52 Inqwaba le ingufakazi, kanye lensika le ingufakazi
wokuthi kangisoze ngiyidlule inqwaba le ngize kwelakho icele ngizekonela lokuthi
lawe kawuyikudlula kule inqwaba lensika uze kwelami icele uzengonela. 53 Sengathi
uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, loNkulunkulu kaNahori, uNkulunkulu kayise wabo
angahlulela phakathi kwethu.”
Ngakho uJakhobe wenza isifungo ebizweni likaMesatshwa kayise u-Isaka. 54 Wenza
umhlatshelo khonapho elizweni lamaqaqa wanxusa izihlobo zakhe ekudleni.
Sebedlile, balala khonapho.
55 Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku olulandelayo uLabhani wanga abazukulu bakhe
lamadodakazi akhe wababusisa. Wasefulathela wabuyela ekhaya.

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UJakhobe Ulungiselela Ukuhlangana Lo-Esawu

1 UJakhobe laye wahamba ngeyakhe indlela, wasehlangabezwa yizingilosi zikaNku-
lunkulu. 2 Wathi ezibona uJakhobe wathi, “Leli libandla likaNkulunkulu!” Indawo
leyo waseyibiza ngokuthi yiMahanayimi.
3 UJakhobe wathuma izithunywa ukuba zihambe phambili kwakhe kumnewabo
u-Esawu elizweni laseSeyiri, ilizwe lika-Edomi. 4 Wazilaya wathi, “Nanku okumele
likutsho enkosini yami u-Esawu, ‘Inceku yakho uJakhobe uthi bengihlezi loLabhani
njalo ngihlale khona kwaze kwaba khathesi. 5 Ngilenkomo labobabhemi, ngilezimvu,
lembuzi, njalo ngilezinceku lezincekukazi. Khathesi-ke sengithumela lelilizwi
enkosini yami, ukuze ngithole umusa emehlweni akho.’ ”
6 Kwathi izithunywa sezibuya kuJakhobe zathi, “Sihambile kumfowenu u-Esawu,
okwamanje uyeza ukuzokuhlangabeza, ulamadoda angamakhulu amane eza lawo.”
7 UJakhobe wafikelwa yikwesaba lokukhathazeka okukhulu wasesehlukanisa
phakathi abantu ayelabo baba ngamaqembu amabili, wenzenjalo lemihlambini
yezimvu leyenkomo lamakamela lawo. 8 Wakhumbula wathi, “Nxa u-Esawu angafika
ahlasele elinye iqembu, leloqembu eliseleyo lingahle libaleke.”
9 UJakhobe wasekhuleka wathi, “Oh Nkulunkulu kababa u-Abhrahama, Nku-
lunkulu kababa u-Isaka, THIXO, wena owathi kimi, ‘Buyela elizweni lakini lasezihlot-
sheni zakho, ngizakwenza uphumelele,’ 10 mina kangiwufanelanga wonke umusa
lokuthembeka okutshengise inceku yakho. Ngangiphethe intonga yami zwi mhla
ngichapha iJodani leli, kodwa khathesi sengingamaqembu amabili. 11 Ngiyakhuleka
ngithi ngisindise esandleni somfowethu u-Esawu, ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi uzakuza
angihlasele, kanye labesifazane labantwababo. 12 Kodwa wena uthe, ‘Ngempela
ngizakwenza uphumelele ngenze lezizukulwane zakho zibe njengetshebetshebe
lolwandle elingeke labalwa.’ ”
13 Wahlala khonapho ngalobobusuku, kwathi kulokho ayelakho wakhetha isipho
sikamnewabo u-Esawu: 14 imbuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lempongo ezinga-
matshumi amabili; izimvu ezinsikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lenqama ezingamat-
shumi amabili; 15 amakamela amasikazi angamatshumi amathathu lamathole awo;

amankomokazi angamatshumi amane lenkunzi ezilitshumi; kanye labobabhemi
abasikazi abangamatshumi amabili lemiduna yawo elitshumi. 16 Wakugcinisa
izisebenzi zakhe konke, umhlambi munye wema wodwa, wathi kuzo izisebenzi
zakhe, “Hambani phambi kwami, njalo litshiye ibanga phakathi kwemihlambi.”
17 Lowo owayephambili wamlaya wathi, “Nxa umnewethu u-Esawu ekuhlangabeza
afike abuze athi, ‘Ungokabani wena, njalo uya ngaphi, njalo ngezikabani zonke
lezizifuyo eziphambi kwakho?’ 18 Ubokuthi, ‘Ngezenceku yakho uJakhobe. Ziyisipho
esithunyelwe inkosi yami u-Esawu, laye uyeza nje emuva kwethu.’ ”
19 Walaya njalo isisebenzi sesibili, lesesithathu lazozonke ezinye ezaziqhuba
imihlambi wathi: “Kumele likhulume into efanayo ku-Esawu nxa lihlangana laye.
20 Njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi, ‘Inceku yakho uJakhobe iyeza ngemva kwethu.’ ”
Ngoba wacabanga wathi: “Ngizamthoba ngezipho lezi engizithumela phambili;
nxa sengimbona muva mhlawumbe uzangamukela.” 21 Ngakho izipho zikaJakhobe
zahanjiswa, zamandulela, kodwa yena wasala ezihonqweni ubusuku bonke.

UJakhobe Ubindana LoNkulunkulu

22 Ngalobobusuku uJakhobe waphakama wathatha omkakhe bobabili, lez-
incekukazi zakhe zombili kanye lamadodana akhe alitshumi lamunye wawela izibuko
likaJabhoki. 23 Esebachaphisile wabuye wachaphisa yonke imfuyo yakhe. 24 Ngakho
uJakhobe wasala yedwa, indoda ethile yabindana laye kwaze kwaba semathathakusa.
25 Leyondoda yathi ngokubona ukuthi kayimehluli uJakhobe, yambamba inyonga,
inyonga yakhe yakhumuka elokhu ebindana laleyondoda. 26 Indoda yasisithi,
“Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sokusile.”
Kodwa uJakhobe wamphendula wathi, “Kangisoze ngikwekele uhambe ngaphandle
kokuthi ungibusise.”
27 Indoda yambuza yathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho na?”
Wathi, “NginguJakhobe.”
28 Indoda yasisithi, “Ibizo lakho kalisayikuba nguJakhobe, kodwa u-Israyeli, ngoba
ulwe loNkulunkulu kanye labantu wanqoba.”
29 UJakhobe wathi, “Akungitshele ibizo lakho.”
Kodwa waphendula wathi “Ulibuzelani ibizo lami na?” Wasembusisa khonapho.
30 Ngakho uJakhobe wabiza indawo leyo ngokuthi yiPheniyeli esithi, “Kungoba
ngimbonile uNkulunkulu ubuso ngobuso, kodwa impilo yami kayilinyazwanga.”
31 Ilanga lamphumela esedlula ePheniweli, ehamba eqhugezela ngenxa yenyonga
yakhe. 32 Ngakho-ke kuze kube lamuhla abako-Israyeli kabayidli inyama elomsipha
osuka enyongeni, ngoba inyonga kaJakhobe yenyela eduze lomsipha.

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UJakhobe Uhlangana Lo-Esawu

1 UJakhobe wathi evusa amehlo wabona u-Esawu, eqhamuka lamadoda akhe
angamakhulu amane; wasesehlukanisa abantwana phakathi kukaLeya, uRasheli
lezincekukazi zombili. 2 Waqhuba phambili izincekukazi labantwabazo, kwalandela
uLeya labantwabakhe, kweza uRasheli loJosefa ngemuva. 3 Yena ngokwakhe
wahamba phambili wakhothama phansi emhlabathini kasikhombisa esebanga kum-
newabo.
4 Kodwa u-Esawu wagijima wahlangabeza uJakhobe wamanga; wamgona ngezin-
galo entanyeni wamanga. Bakhala. 5 U-Esawu wasekhangela wabona abesifazane
labantwana. Wabuza wathi, “Ngobani laba ohamba labo na?”
UJakhobe waphendula wathi, “Ngabantwana uNkulunkulu abaphe ngesihle inceku
yakho.”

6 Kwathi izincekukazi labantwabazo, zasondela zakhothamela phansi.
7 Kwalandela uLeya kanye labantwabakhe beza bakhothamela phansi. Abokucina
kwaba nguJosefa loRasheli, labo bakhothamela phansi.
8 U-Esawu wabuza wathi, “Utshoni ngemihlambi yonke le engihlangane layo?”
Wathi, “Ngeyokucela umusa kuwe, nkosi yami.”
9 Kodwa u-Esawu wathi, “Lami sengilakho okunengi, mnawami. Zigcinele lawe
lokho olakho.”
10 UJakhobe wathi, “Hatshi bo, bakithi. Nxa ngisamukeleka kuwe yamukela isipho
sami lesi. Ngoba ukubona ubuso bakho kufana lokubona ubuso bukaNkulunkulu,
ikakhulu njengoba usungamukele ngesihle. 11 Ngicela ukuthi wamukele isipho
leso esilethwe kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu ube lomusa kimi, ngaba lakho konke
engikudingayo.” Kwathi ngoba uJakhobe encenga, u-Esawu wasamukela.
12 U-Esawu wasesithi, “Kasihambeni. Ngizahamba lani.”
13 Kodwa uJakhobe wathi kuye, “Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana
babuthakathaka lokuthi ngisamele nginakekele izimvukazi lamankomokazi konke
okusanda kuzala. Zingahanjiswa ngamandla okwelanga elilodwa nje, izifuyo
zizakufa. 14 Ngakho inkosi yami kayizihambele phambili kwenceku yayo, mina
ngilandele kancane okwamandla emihlambi eqhutshwayo labantwana, ngize ngifike
enkosini yami eSeyiri.”
15 U-Esawu wathi, “Nxa kunjalo ngizatshiya amanye amadoda ami lawe.”
UJakhobe wabuza wathi, “Kambe ube ukwenzelani lokho? Inkosi yami kayingen-
zele umusa nje kube kuphela.”
16 Ngakho ngalolosuku u-Esawu wasuka esebuyela eSeyiri. 17 Kodwa uJakhobe
waya eSukhothi lapho azakhela khona umuzi wakha lezibaya zezifuyo zakhe.
Kungakho leyondawo ithiwa yiSukhothi.
18 UJakhobe esebuyile ePhadani Aramu wafika kuhle edolobheni laseShekhemu
eKhenani wamisa izihonqo eduzane kwedolobho. 19 Ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezilikhulu
wathenga isiqinti somhlabathi emadodaneni kaHamori, uyise kaShekhemu, lapho
amisa khona ithente lakhe. 20 Khonapho amisa i-alithari walibiza ngokuthi yi-Eli
Elohe Israyeli.

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UDina LabakoShekhemu

1 UDina, indodakazi kaLeya ayizalela uJakhobe wasuka wayakwethekelela
abafazi balelolizwe. 2 Kwathi uShekhemu, indodana kaHamori umHivi, umbusi
walowomango, ebona uDina, wamthatha wamdlova. 3 Inhliziyo yakhe yathatheka
ngoDina indodakazi kaJakhobe, wayithanda intombi le, wakhuluma layo kamnandi.
4 UShekhemu wathi kuyise uHamori, “Ngithathela intombi le ibe ngumkami.”
5 UJakhobe wathi ekuzwa ukuthi indodakazi yakhe uDina yayingcolisiwe, amado-
dana akhe ayesegangeni lezifuyo; wathula nje aze abuya ekhaya.
6 Ngakho usekaShekhemu, uHamori wayakhuluma loJakhobe. 7 Ngalesosikhathi
amadodana kaJakhobe ayesebuyile evela egangeni evele esezwile okwasekwenzakele.
Babelosizi njalo begcwele ulaka ngoba uShekhemu wayenze into elihlazo ko-Israyeli
ngokudlova indodakazi kaJakhobe, into okwakungamelanga yenziwe.
8 Kodwa uHamori wathi kubo, “Indodana yami uShekhemu uyayithanda indo-
dakazi yakho. Muphe yona ibe ngumkakhe. 9 Kasendiselane; sipheni amadodakazi
enu, lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu. 10 Lingazihlalela phakathi kwethu; ilizwe
livulekile kini. Hlalani kulo, thengisani kulo njalo lifuye kulo.”
11 UShekhemu wasesithi kuyise kaDina lakubanewabo, “Ngicela ukuthi linga-
mukele, ngizalinika loba yini eliyifunayo. 12 Khulumani amalobolo lokangaziwe,

mina ngizakuletha ngobunengi bakho njengokufuna kwenu, njalo ngizakukhupha konke elikubizayo. Lina ngiphani intombi kuphela nje ibe ngumkami."
13 Kwathi ngoba udadewabo uDina wayesengcolisiwe, amadodana kaJakhobe aphendula ngobuqili ekhuluma loShekhemu loyise uHamori. 14 Athi kubo, "Asingeke senze into enjalo; ngeke siphe udadewethu indoda engasokwanga. Lokho kungaba lihlazo kithi. 15 Sizavuma kuphela nxa lenze lokhu: ukuthi libe njengathi ngokusoka bonke abesilisa benu. 16 Lapho-ke sesingalendisela amadodakazi ethu lathi sithathe amadodakazi enu. Sizakwakha phakathi kwenu sibe ngabantu banye lani. 17 Kodwa nxa lingavumi ukusokwa sizamthatha udadewethu sihambe."
18 Icebo labo lakhanya lilihle kuHamori loShekhemu. 19 Ijaha leli eliyilo elal-ihlonitshwa kakhulu emzini kayise, kalisachithanga isikhathi ukukwenza lokho ababekutshilo ngoba lalitshiseka ngendodakazi kaJakhobe. 20 Ngakho uHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu baya entubeni yedolobho bayabonisana lamadoda edolobho lakibo. 21 Bathi, "Amadoda la alomusa kithi. Kabahlale elizweni lethu bathengiselane labantu; ilizwe leli lilendawo enkulu abangahlala kuyo. Singathatha amadodakazi abo labo bangathatha awethu. 22 Kodwa bangavuma ukuhlala phakathi kwethu kuphela nxa abesilisa bethu bengasokwa njengabo. 23 Kambe izifuyo zabo, lempahla yabo kanye layo yonke imfuyo yabo kakukuba ngokwethu na? Ngakho kasivumeni, khona bezakwakha phakathi kwethu."
24 Wonke amadoda ayekhona entubeni yedolobho avumelana loHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu, kwathi bonke abesilisa balelodolobho basokwa.
25 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu, bonke belokhu besebuhlungwini, amadodana kaJakhobe amabili, uSimiyoni loLevi, abanewabo bakaDina, bathatha inkemba zabo balihlasela idolobho belibele, babulala bonke abesilisa. 26 OHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu babaquma ngenkemba bamkhupha uDina endlini kaShekhemu bahamba. 27 Amadodana kaJakhobe afikela phezu kwezidumbu aliphanga idolobho lapho udadewabo ayengcoliselwe khona. 28 Athumba imihlambi yabo yezimvu lenkomo, labobabhemi lakho konke okwakungokwabo phakathi edolobheni lan-gaphandle egangeni. 29 Bayiqukula yonke inotho yabo kanye labafazi labantwana, bathumba konke okwakusezindlini kwaba yimpango.
30 UJakhobe wasesithi kuSimiyoni loLevi, "Selingehlisele uhlupho langenza nga-soleka kakhulu kumaKhenani lamaPherizi, abantu abahlala elizweni leli. Thina sibalutshwana, bangahlangana bangihlasele, mina lomuzi wami sizabhujiswa."
31 Kodwa bona baphendula bathi, "Bekufanele yini ukuthi aphathe udadewethu njengesifebe na?"

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UJakhobe Ubuyela EBhetheli

1 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJakhobe, "Yana eBhetheli wakhe khona, njalo khonapho wakhele uNkulunkulu i-alithari, yena owabonakala kuwe lapho ubalekela umnewenu u-Esawu."
2 Ngakho uJakhobe wasesithi kwabomuzi wakhe lakubo bonke ababelaye, "Lahlani onkulunkulu bezizweni elilabo, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe lezigqoko zenu. 3 Beselisiza sihambe siye eBhetheli lapho engizakwakha khona i-alithari likaNkulunkulu yena owangisizayo ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami njalo olokhu elami loba ngingaze ngiye ngaphi." 4 Basebemupha uJakhobe bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni ababelabo lamacici ayesendlebeni zabo, uJakhobe wakumbela ngaphansi kwesihlahla som'Okhi eShekhemu. 5 Emva kwalokho basebesuka, ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kwehlela imizi yonke ababakhelane layo, akwaze kwaba loyedwa owaxotshana labo.

6 UJakhobe wafika eLuzi (leyo yiBhetheli) kanye labo bonke ayelabo elizweni
laseKhenani. 7 Wakha khona i-alithari, indawo waseyibiza ngokuthi yi-Eli Bhetheli,
ngoba kwakulapho uNkulunkulu aziveza khona ngesikhathi ebalekela umfowabo.
8 UDibhora, umlizane kaRabheka wafa, wembelwa ngaphansi kom'Okhi ngezansi
kweBhetheli. Yikho yathiwa yi-Aloni Bhakhuthi.
9 UJakhobe esebuyile ePhadani Aramu uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye njalo,
wambusisa. 10 UNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "Ibizo lakho linguJakhobe, kodwa kawusayi
kuthiwa unguJakhobe; ibizo lakho selizathiwa ungu-Israyeli." Ngakho wamutha
wathi ngu-Israyeli.
11 UNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zalanani lande
ngobunengi. Kuzaphuma kuwe isizwe lezinhlanga zezizwe, lamakhosi azavela
emzimbeni wakho. 12 Ilizwe engalinika u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka ngilinika wena lawe,
njalo ilizwe leli ngizalinika izizukulwane zakho eziza emva kwakho." 13 UNkulunkulu
wasephakama emtshiya endaweni lapho ayeke wakhuluma laye khona.
14 UJakhobe wamisa insika yelitshe endaweni leyo uNkulunkulu ayekhulume laye
khona, wasethululela phezu kwayo umnikelo onathwayo; wathela njalo amafutha
phezu kwayo. 15 UJakhobe wasebiza indawo leyo lapho uNkulunkulu akhuluma laye
khona ngokuthi yiBhetheli.

Ukufa KukaRasheli Lo-Isaka

16 Basebehamba besuka eBhetheli. Kwathi belokhu besesebucwala kwe-Efrathi,
uRasheli wahelelwa kwaba nzima ukubeletha. 17 Kwathi ekulobobunzima
bokubeletha umbelethisi wathi kuye, "Ungesabi. Ngoba uzazuza enye indodana."
18 Kwathi esephela ngoba wayesesifa wetha indodana yakhe wathi nguBheni-Oni.
Kodwa uyise wayo wayithi nguBhenjamini.
19 Wafa kanjalo uRasheli wembelwa endleleni kuyiwa e-Efrathi (kutshiwo iBhethile-
hema.) 20 UJakhobe wakha insika phezu kwethuna, kuze kube lamhla insika leyo
itshengisa ithuna likaRasheli.
21 U-Israyeli wabuye wathutha wayamisa ithente lakhe ngale kweMigidali-Eda. 22 U-
Israyeli esakhile kulowomango, uRubheni wasuka wayalala lomfazi weceleni kayise
uBhiliha, njalo u-Israyeli wakuzwa.

UJakhobe wayelamadodana alitshumi lambili:

23 Amadodana kaLeya ayeyila:
uRubheni izibulo likaJakhobe,
uSimiyoni, uLevi, uJuda, u-Isakhari loZebhuluni.
24 Amadodana kaRasheli ayeyila:
uJosefa loBhenjamini.
25 Amadodana encekukazi kaRasheli, uBhiliha ayeyila:
uDani loNafithali.
26 Amadodana encekukazi kaLeya uZilipha ayeyila:
uGadi lo-Asheri.

La ayengamadodana kaJakhobe awazalela ePhadani Aramu.

27 UJakhobe weza ekhaya kuyise u-Isaka eMamure, eduze leKhiriyathi Aribha (kut-
sho iHebhroni) lapho u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka ababehlala khona. 28 U-Isaka waphila
okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. 29 Wafika ekucineni wafa,
wembelwa labantu bakibo eseluphele leminyaka yakhe isiminengi. Amadodana akhe
u-Esawu loJakhobe bamngcwaba.

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Izizukulwane Zika-Esawu

1 Lo ngumlando ka-Esawu (okungu-Edomi).

2 U-Esawu wathatha ebafazini baseKhenani: u-Ada indodakazi ka-Eloni umHithi,
lo-Oholibhama indodakazi ka-Ana, njalo eyindodakazi kaZibhiyoni umHivi, 3 njalo
loBhasemathi indodakazi ka-Ishumayeli njalo engudadewabo kaNebhayothi.
4 U-Ada wazala u-Elifazi ku-Esawu, uBhasemathi wazala uRuweli, 5 u-Oholibhama
wazala uJewushi, loJalamu loKhora. La ayengamadodana ka-Esawu, awazala
eKhenani.
6 U-Esawu wathatha omkakhe lamadodana akhe kanye lamadodakazi akhe labo
bonke ababesemzini wakhe kanye lezifuyo zakhe lezinye izinyamazana zakhe
lempahla zonke ayezizuzile eKhenani, wasuka waya khatshana lomfowabo uJakhobe.
7 Imfuyo yabo yayinengi kakhulu okokuthi babengeke bahlale ndawonye; lomhlaba
ababehlala kuwo wawungasoze ubathwale bobabili ngenxa yezifuyo zabo. 8 Ngakho
u-Esawu (kutshiwo u-Edomi) wayakwakha elizweni lamaqaqa elaseSeyiri.

9 Lo ngumlando ka-Esawu uyise wama-Edomi elizweni lamaqaqa elaseSeyiri.

10 La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Esawu:
U-Elifazi, indodana yomka-Esawu u-Ada, lo Ruweli indodana yomka-Esawu
uBhasemathi.
11 Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayeyila:
uThemani, u-Omari, uZefo, uGathamu loKhenazi. 12 Indodana ka-Esawu u-Elifazi
wayelomfazi weceleni owayethiwa nguThimina, owamzalela u-Amaleki. Laba
babengabazukulu baka-Ada umka-Esawu.
13 Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila:
uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza. Laba bebengabazukulu bomka-Esawu uBhase-
mathi umka-Esawu.
14 Amadodana kamka-Esawu u-Oholibhama, indodakazi ka-Ana, njalo
engumzukulu kaZibhiyoni, awazalela u-Esawu ayeyila:
uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora.

15 Laba babezinduna kwabosendo luka-Esawu:
Amadodana ka-Elifazi izibulo lika-Esawu:
Induna uThemani, u-Omari, uZefo, uKhenazi, 16 uKhora, uGathamu, lo-Amaleki.
Lezi kwakuzinduna ezidabuka ku-Elifazi, e-Edomi; zazingabazukulu baka-Ada.
17 Amadodana kaRuweli indodana ka-Esawu:
Izinduna uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza. Lezizinduna zazidabuka kuRewuli
e-Edomi; zazingabazukulu bakaBhasemathi umka-Esawu.
18 Amadodana ka-Oholibhama, umka-Esawu:
Izinduna uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora. Lezi kwakuzinduna ezazidabuka kumka-
Esawu, u-Oholibhama, indodakazi ka-Ana.
19 La ayengamadodana ka-Esawu (kutshiwo u-Edomi), njalo bona babezin-
duna zabo.

20 La ayengamadodana kaSeyiri umHori, ababehlala kulowomango:
ULothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni, u-Ana, 21 uDishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani. La
amadodana kaSeyiri e-Edomi ayeyizinduna zamaHori.
22 Amadodana kaLothani ayeyila:
uHori loHemani. UThimina wayengudadewabo kaLothani.
23 Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila:

u-Alivani, uManahathi, u-Ebhali, uShefo lo-Onami.
24 Amadodana kaZibhiyoni ayeyila:
u-Ayiya lo-Ana. (Lo nguye u-Ana owafumana izintombo zamanzi atshisayo enkangala eselusa obabhemi bakayise uZibhiyoni.)
25 Abantwana baka-Ana babeyilaba:
uDishoni lo-Oholibhama indodakazi ka-Ana.
26 Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila:
uHemidani, u-Eshibhani, u-Ithirani loKherani.
27 Amadodana ka-Ezeri ayeyila:
uBhilihani, uZavani lo-Akhani.
28 Amadodana kaDishani ayeyila:
u-Uzi lo-Arani.
29 Laba babezinduna zamaHori:
ULothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni, u-Ana, 30 uDishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani.
Laba babezinduna zamaHori kusiya ngezigaba zabo elizweni laseSeyiri.

Ababusi Base-Edomi

31 La ayengamakhosi abusa e-Edomi kungakabusi inkosi yako-Israyeli:
32 UBhela indodana kaBheyori waba yinkosi e-Edomi. Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yiDinihabha.
33 UBhela esefile, uJobhabhi indodana kaZera waseBhozira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
34 UJobhabhi esefile, uHushamu waselizweni lamaThemani wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
35 UHushamu esefile, uHadadi indodana kaBhedadi, owanqoba uMidiyani elizweni laseMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yi-Avithi.
36 UHadadi esefile, uSamila waseMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
37 USamila esefile, uShawuli waseRehobhothi phezu komfula wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
38 UShawuli esefile, uBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
39 UBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori esefile, uHadari wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yiPawu; njalo ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli indodakazi kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi.

40 Lezi kwakuzinduna ezadabuka ku-Esawu, ngamabizo azo, kusiya ngosendo lwazo lezigodi zazo:
UThimina, u-Aliva, uJethethi,
41 u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, uPhinoni,
42 uKhenazi, uThemani, uMibhizari,
43 uMagidiyeli lo-Iramu.
Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi, kusiya ngokuhlala kwabo elizweni ababakhe kulo.

Lolu yilo-ke usendo luka-Esawu, uyise wama-Edomi.

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Amaphupho KaJosefa

1 UJakhobe wahlala elizweni lapho uyise laye ahlala kulo, ilizwe laseKhenani.

2 Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaJakhobe.

UJosefa ijaha elalileminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, wayeselusa imihlambi yezimvu labanewabo, amadodana kaBhiliha lamadodana kaZilipha, abafazi bakayise, wasebaceba kuyise.
3 U-Israyeli wasuka wamthanda uJosefa ukwedlula wonke amanye amadodana
akhe, ngoba wamzala eseluphele; yikho wamenzela ijazi eliceciswe kakhulu. 4 Kwathi
abafowabo bebona ukuthi uyise wayemthanda ukwedlula bonke abanye bamzonda
kabazange bamkhulumise ngothando.
5 UJosefa waphupha, wathi esebatshelile ngephupho lakhe bamzonda ngokwed-
lulisileyo. 6 Wathi kubo, “Zwanini iphupho engibe lalo: 7 besibopha izithungo
zamabele sisemasimini lapho okuthe masinyane esami isithungo saphakama sema
saqonda, kwathi ezenu izithungo zasigombolozela esami, zasikhothamela phansi.”
8 Abanewabo bathi kuye. “Ufisa ukubusa phezu kwethu na? Ungasibusa ngempela
na?” Basebemzonda ngamandla ngenxa yephupho lakhe lalokho ayekutshilo.
9 Waphinda waba lelinye iphupho, walitshela abanewabo. Wathi, “Lalelani, ngibe
lalo elinye iphupho, kuleli, ilanga lenyanga kanye lezinkanyezi ezilitshumi lanye
bezingikhothamela phansi.”
10 Wathi eselitshele uyise njalo labanewabo uyise wamkhalimela wathi, “Liphupho
bani leli oliphuphileyo? Utsho ukuthi unyoko lami labanewenu sizaguqa phansi
emhlabathini sibili siguqela wena?” 11 Abanewabo babalomona ngaye, kodwa uyise
wayigcina engqondweni yakhe indaba le.

UJosefa Uthengiswa Ngabafowabo

12 Abanewabo basuka bahamba lemihlambi kayise emadlelweni eduze
kweShekhemu. 13 U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa, “Njengoba usazi abanewenu
basemadlelweni lemihlambi eduze kweShekhemu. Lalela-ke, ngifuna ukukuthuma
kubo.”
Waphendula wathi, “Kulungile.”
14 Ngakho wasesithi kuye, “Hamba uyebona ingabe abafowenu bayaphila yini
kanye lemihlambi, ukuze ubuye uzongazisa.” Lakanye wamvalelisa esuka esigodini
saseHebhroni.
UJosefa esefikile eShekhemu, 15 wafunyanwa yindoda ezula egangeni yambuza
yathi, “Udingani?”
16 Waphendula wathi, “Ngidinga abafowethu. Kambe ungangitshela ukuthi
belusela ngaphi imihlambi yabo na?”
17 Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Sebesukile lapha. Ngabezwa besithi, ‘Kasiyeni
eDothani.’ ”
Ngakho uJosefa wabalandela abafowabo wayabafumana eduze kweDothani.
18 Kodwa bambona esesekude, wathi engakafiki kubo, bakhanda icebo lokumbulala.
19 Batshelana bathi, “Nanguyana umphuphi lowana esiza. 20 Zwanini, kasim-
bulaleni simphosele kwelinye lamagodi la besesisithi udliwe yisilo esesabekayo.
Besesibona-ke ukuthi azaphelela ngaphi amaphupho akhe.”
21 Kwathi uRubheni esekuzwile lokhu, wazama ukuthi amlamulele ezandleni zabo.
Wathi, “Kasingacimi impilo yakhe. 22 Lingachithi gazi. Mphoseleni emgodini lo lapha
enkangala, kodwa lingambeki isandla.” URubheni watsho lokhu ukuze amlamulele
kubo abesembuyisela kuyise.
23 Ngakho kwathi uJosefa efika kubafowabo, bamhlubula ijazi lakhe, elalibalazwe
kakuhle ayeligqokile, 24 bamthatha bayamphosela emgodini. Umgodi lo wawungela
lutho, kungelamanzi phakathi kwawo.
25 Bathi sebehlezi phansi ukuthi badle, bathi baphosa amehlo babona udwendwe
lwama-Ishumayeli luvelela eGiliyadi. Amakamela abo ayethwaliswe iziyoliso, ibhami
lemure, konke lokhu bekusa eGibhithe.

26 UJuda wathi kubafowabo, “Sizazuzani nxa sibulala umfowethu sigqibele igazi
lakhe na? 27 Zwanini, kasimthengiseni kuma-Ishumayeli thina singambeki sandla;
kambe yena evele engumfowethu, eyinyama yethu legazi lethu.” Abafowabo
bavuma.
28 Ngakho kwathi abathengisi bamaMidiyani besedlula abafowabo bamkhupha
uJosefa emgodini bamthengisa ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amabili kuma-
Ishumayeli, amthatha aya laye eGibhithe.
29 URubheni wathi esebuyela emgodini wafumana uJosefa engasekho, wasedabula
izigqoko zakhe ngokudabuka. 30 Wabuyela kubafowabo wathi, “Umfana kasekho!
Sengizakwenzanjani manje?”
31 Basebethatha ijazi likaJosefa, babulala imbuzi basebegxamuza ijazi lelo egazini.
32 Balithatha ijazi lokuceciswa babuyela lalo kuyise bathi, “Silidobhile. Ake
ulikhangele kuhle kumbe lijazi lendodana yakho.”
33 Lakanye walibona liyilo wathi, “Lijazi lendodana yami. Udliwe yisilo es-
esabekayo. Ngempela uJosefa usedlithizwe waba yizicucu.”
34 UJakhobe wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wagqoka ezamasaka walilela indodana
yakhe okwensuku ezinengi. 35 Wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi beza ukuzam-
duduza, kodwa kavumanga ukududuzeka. Wathi, “Hatshi, ngizakuya ethuneni ngilila
nginje, ngiye endodaneni yami.” Uyise wamkhalela kanjalo.
36 Kusenjalo, amaMidiyani amthengisa uJosefa eGibhithe kuPhothifa, omunye
wezikhulu zikaFaro, owayengumlawuli wabalindi.

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UJuda LoThamari

1 Ngalesosikhathi uJuda watshiya abafowabo wahamba wayahlala lendoda yase-
Adulami eyayithiwa nguHira. 2 Khonale uJuda wabonana lendodakazi yendoda
engumKhenani eyayithiwa nguShuwa. Wayithatha wembatha layo; 3 yathatha isisu
yazala indodana yathiwa ngu-Eri. 4 Wazithwala njalo wazala indodana wayithi ngu-
Onani. 5 Wazala njalo enye indodana wayithi nguShela. Le wayizalela eKhezibhi.
6 UJuda wazuzela u-Eri izibulo lakhe umfazi, ibizo lakhe linguThamari. 7 Kodwa
u-Eri izibulo likaJuda, wayengcolile emehlweni kaThixo; uThixo wasembulala.
8 UJuda wasesithi ku-Onani, “Lala lomkamfowenu ugcwalise umlandu wakho
njengomfowabo uzalele umfowenu abantwana.” 9 Kodwa u-Onani wakwazi ukuthi
inzalo leyo yayingezukuba ngeyakhe; ngakho kwakusithi sonke isikhathi angalala
lomkamfowabo achithele inhlanyelo phansi emhlabathini ukuze angaze azalela
umfowabo abantwana. 10 Lokho ayekwenza kwakukubi emehlweni kaThixo; ngakho
uThixo wambulala.
11 UJuda wasesithi kumalukazana wakhe uThamari, “Hamba uyehlala njengom-
felokazi emzini kayihlo indodana yami uShela ize ikhule.” Ngoba wanakana wathi,
“Laye angafa njengabanewabo.” Ngakho uThamari wahamba wayahlala emzini
kayise.
12 Ngemva kwesikhathi eside umkaJuda, indodakazi kaShuwa wafa. Kwathi
uJuda eseduduzekile waya eThimina, emadodeni ayegunda izimvu zakhe, ehamba
lomngane wakhe uHira um’Adulami.
13 Kwathi uThamari esetsheliwe kwathiwa, “Uyihlozala uyeza eThimina ukuza-
gunda izimvu zakhe,” 14 wakhulula izigqoko zakhe zokuzila wazimboza ngesim-
bombozo ukuzifihla, wasehlala phansi eduzane lesango lase-Enayimi, elisendleleni
yaseThimina. Ngoba wabona ukuthi loba uShela wayesekhulile, yena wayelokhu
engakamphiwa ukuthi abe ngumkakhe.

15 UJuda wathi embona wacabanga ukuthi yisifebe, ngoba wayezivale ubuso.
16 Kwathi ngoba engamboni ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe waya kuye eceleni
komgwaqo wathi, “Woza manje, ngifuna ukulala lawe.”
Yena wabuza wathi, “Uzangiphani ngingalala lawe?”
17 Wathi, “Ngizakuthumezela izinyane lembuzi emhlambini wami.”
UThamari wabuza wathi, “Uzangipha na ulutho lube yisibambiso
ungakalithumezi?”
18 Wathi, “Ngikuphe sibambiso bani?”
Waphendula wathi, “Isilengiso sophawu lwakho lentambo yaso, kanye lodondolo
lwakho oluphetheyo.” Ngakho wamupha lezozinto waselala laye, wahle wazithwala.
19 Esesuka lapho uThamari wakhupha isimbombozo sakhe wagqoka izigqoko zakhe
zokuzila njalo.
20 Kusenjalo uJuda wathumezela izinyane lembuzi ngomngane wakhe um’Adulami
ukuze abuyiselwe isibambiso sakhe esasikowesifazane lowo, kodwa wamswela.
21 Wabuza amadoda ayehlala lapho wathi, “Singaphi isifebe ebesilapha eceleni
komgwaqo e-Enayimi na?”
Athi, “Kakuzange kube lesifebe lapha.”
22 Ngakho wasebuyela kuJuda wayakuthi, “Kangimfumananga. Futhi amadoda
lawo ahlala khona athi kakuzange kube lesifebe esasihlala lapho.”
23 UJuda wasesithi, “Myekele ahle akugcine khonokho alakho funa sicine sesiy-
inhlekisa. Phezu kwalokho mina bengimthumezele izinyane lembuzi, kodwa
kawusamfumananga.”
24 Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu uJuda watshelwa ukuthi umalukazana wakhe
uThamari wayesefebile wasethatha isisu.
UJuda wathi, “Mkhupheni, atshiswe aze afe.”
25 Kwathi lapho ekhutshwa wathumela ilizwi kuyisezala wathi, “Ngoniwa yindoda
engumnikazi walezizinto.” Wengeza ngokuthi, “Akubone ukuthi singaba ngesikabani
isilengiso sophawu lesi lentambo kanye lodondolo lolu.”
26 UJuda wazazi izinto lezo wathi, “Ulungile kulami, ngoba kangisamphanga
endodaneni yami uShela.” Kasaphindanga wembatha laye njalo.
27 Kwathi isikhathi sakhe sokubeletha sesifikile, wayelamaphahla angabafana
esiswini. 28 Wathi khonapho ebeletha omunye wawo wakhupha isandla; umbelethisi
wathatha intambo ebomvu wayibophela esihlakaleni sesandla salo wathi, “Leli yilo
eliphume kuqala.” 29 Kodwa labuyisela isandla, umfowabo waphuma kuqala, was-
esithi, “Le yiyo indlela ofohle ngayo!” Laseliphiwa ibizo elithi nguPherezi. 30 Ngakho
umfowabo, owayelentambo esihlakaleni, waphuma wethiwa ibizo wathiwa nguZera.

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UJosefa LomkaPhothifa

1 UJosefa wathathwa wasiwa eGibhithe. UPhothifa, owayengomunye wezikhulu
zikaFaro, eyindunankulu yabalindi, wamthenga kuma-Ishumayeli abayibo abam-
letha khona.
2 UTHIXO wayelaye uJosefa, waphumelela, wahlala endlini yenkosi yakhe umGib-
hithe. 3 Kwathi inkosi yakhe ikubona ukuthi UTHIXO wayelaye lokuthi UTHIXO
wamphumelelisa kukho konke ayekwenza, 4 uJosefa wasethandeka kuye wasesiba
yinceku yakhe. UPhothifa wasembeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe, kwathi
konke ayelakho wakubeka ezandleni zakhe. 5 Kusukela ngesikhathi embeka ukuba
ngumphathi womuzi wakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, UTHIXO wawubusisa
umuzi womGibhithe ngenxa kaJosefa. Isibusiso SIKATHIXO saba phezu kwakho konke
uPhothifa ayelakho, loba kusendlini loba kusensimini. 6 Ngakho watshiya konke

okwakhe ezandleni zikaJosefa; kwathi ngoba uJosefa enguye ophetheyo wakhohlwa ngakho konke ngaphandle kokudla ayekudla.

UJosefa lo wayemi kuhle, ebukeka, 7 kwasekusithi ngemva kwesikhathi inkosikazi yenkosi yakhe yambuka, yamfisa uJosefa yathi, “Woza engutsheni lami!”

8 Kodwa wala. Wamtshela wathi, “Njengoba kuyimi engiphetheyo, inkosi yami kayizihluphi ngalutho emzini wayo; yonke into elayo iyibeke ezandleni zami. 9 Kakho omkhulu kulami kulumuzi. Inkosi yami kayingalisi lutho ngaphandle kwakho, ngoba wena ungumkayo. Pho ngingayenza kanjani into embi kanje, ngenze isono kuNkulunkulu na?” 10 Kwathi loba emphikelela uJosefa insuku ngensuku, wala ukulala laye wala lokuthi ahlale laye.

11 Ngolunye usuku wangena endlini ukuqhuba umsebenzi wakhe, izisebenzi zasendlini zingekho phakathi endlini. 12 UmkaPhothifa wambamba ngesigqoko wathi, “Woza engutsheni ulale lami!” Kodwa waphunyuka wabaleka waphuma endlini, isigqoko sakhe sasala esandleni sowesifazane.

13 Kwathi ebona ukuthi utshiye isigqoko sakhe esandleni sakhe njalo wabaleka endlini, 14 owesifazane wamemeza izisebenzi zendlini wathi kuzo, “Khangelani, umHebheru lo walethwa lapha ukuzadlala ngathi! Ungene lapha efuna ukulala lami, kodwa ngahlaba umkhosi. 15 Uthe esizwa ngihlaba umkhosi ngidinga uncedo, wasetshiya isigqoko sakhe eceleni kwami wabaleka waphuma endlini.”

16 Wasigcina isigqoko eceleni kwakhe inkosi kaJosefa yaze yabuya ngekhaya. 17 Waseyitshela indaba le wathi: “Isigqili somHebheru lesiyana owasilethela sona sifikile kimi ukuzadlala ngami. 18 Kodwa ngonele ukuthi ngihlabe umkhosi ngidinga uncedo, satshiya isigqoko saso eceleni kwami sabaleka saphuma endlini.”

19 Kwathi inkosi yakhe isizwile indaba eyayitshelwa ngumfazi esithi, “Singenze njalo isigqili sakho,” yathukuthela kakhulu. 20 Inkosi yakhe uJosefa yamthatha yamphosela entolongweni, indawo lapho okwakuvalelwa khona izibotshwa zenkosi.

Kodwa kwathi uJosefa ekhonapho entolongweni, 21 uTHIXO waba laye; wamenzela umusa wamenza wathandeka emehlweni omphathijele. 22 Ngakho-ke umphathijele wamkhweza wamenza umphathi wabo bonke ababebotshiwe besentolongweni, njalo kwaba nguye okhangele konke okwakusenziwa khona. 23 Umphathijele kazange azihluphe loba ngani eyayiphethwe nguJosefa ngoba uTHIXO wayelaye uJosefa, wamupha impumelelo kukho konke ayekwenza.

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UJosefa Uchasisa Amaphupho

1 Emva kwesikhathi esithile umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa wenkosi yaseGibhithe bayikhuba inkosi yabo, inkosi yaseGibhithe. 2 UFaro wayezizondele izikhulu zakhe zombili, umphathinkezo omkhulu lomphekizinkwa omkhulu, 3 wabaphosela entolongweni eyayisendlini kandunankulu wabalindi, lapho uJosefa ayevalelwe khona. 4 Indunankulu yabalindi yabanikela kuJosefa, wabalawula.

Kwathi sebehlale entolongweni okwesikhathi esithile, 5 ngulowo wamadoda la amabili, umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa, abenkosi yaseGibhithe, ababevalelwe baphupha amaphupho ngabusuku bunye, kwathi yilelo iphupho laba lengcazelo yalo.

6 Kwathi uJosefa efika kubo kusisa ekuseni, wabona bebunile. 7 Wasezibuza izikhulu zikaFaro ezazisentolongweni kanye laye endlini yenkosi yakhe wathi, “Kungani ubuso benu bubunile kanje lamuhla na?”

8 Baphendula bathi, “Sobabili siphuphile, kodwa kakho ongasichasisela amaphupho ethu.”

Ngakho uJosefa wasesithi kubo, “Izingcazelo kakusizikaNkulunkulu na? Ngitshelani amaphupho enu.”

9 Umphathinkezo omkhulu wamtshela uJosefa ngephupho lakhe. Wathi kuye,
“Ephutsheni lami ngibone isihlahla sevini siphambi kwami, 10 lelovini lilengatsha
ezintathu. Lonela ukuhluma lahle laqhakaza, amaxha alo ahle avuthwa aba
yizithelo ezivuthiweyo. 11 Inkezo kaFaro ibisesandleni sami, ngawathatha amagrebisi
ngawakhamela enkezweni kaFaro ngamqhubela esandleni sakhe.”
12 UJosefa wathi kuye, “Nanku elikutshoyo. Amagatsha amathathu yizinsuku
ezintathu. 13 Phakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho
akubisele esikhundleni sakho, njalo uzayibeka inkezo kaFaro esandleni sakhe
njengalokhu owawuvele ukwenza usesengumphathinkezo yakhe. 14 Kodwa nxa
konke sekulungile ungikhumbule, ungenzele umusa; ungikhulumele kuFaro ukuze
ngiphume kule intolongo. 15 Ngoba ngasuswa ngamandla elizweni lamaHebheru,
futhi lapha kangenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi ngifakwe entolongweni.”
16 Kwathi umphekizinkwa omkhulu ebona ukuthi uJosefa wayenike ingcazelo
emnandi, wathi kuJosefa, “Lami njalo ngiphuphile: Phezu kwekhanda lami bekulez-
itsha zesinkwa ezintathu. 17 Esitsheni esiphezulu bekulemihlobo yonke yalokho
okubhekhelwe uFaro, kodwa izinyoni zazilokhu zisidlala esitsheni sisekhanda lami.”
18 UJosefa wathi, “Nanku elikutshoyo. Izitsha ezintathu zinsuku ezintathu.
19 Phakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaliphakamisa ikhanda lakho akulengise
esihlahleni. Izinyoni zizakudla inyama yakho.”
20 Ilanga lesithathu laliyisikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kukaFaro, ngakho wenzela
izikhulu zakhe idili. Waphakamisa amakhanda amabili, elomphathinkezo omkhulu
lelomphekizinkwa omkhulu phambi kwezikhulu zakhe: 21 Wabuyisela umpha-
thinkezo esikhundleni sakhe, waphinda njalo ukubeka inkezo esandleni sikaFaro,
22 kodwa walengisa umphekizinkwa omkhulu, kwaba njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo
kubo ekubachasiseleni kwakhe.
23 Kodwa umphathinkezo omkhulu kasamkhumbulanga uJosefa; wakhohlwa
ngaye.

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Amaphupho KaFaro

1 Kwathi sekwedlule iminyaka emibili egcweleyo uFaro waba lephupho: Wazibona
emi okhunjini lukaNayili, 2 kwasekuqhamuka emfuleni lowo amankomokazi ay-
isikhombisa, egcwele njalo enonile, esidla phakathi kwemihlanga. 3 Ngemva kwawo
kwathutsha amanye ayisikhombisa, amabi njalo acakileyo, aphuma kuNayili afika
ema eceleni kwalawo ayesokhunjini lomfula. 4 Amankomokazi ayemabi, ecakile
aginya lawo ayisikhombisa ayegcwele, enonile. UFaro wasephaphama.
5 Wabuye walala waphupha okwesibili: Izikhwebu zamabele eziyisikhombisa,
zigcwele zizinhle, zazikhula ehlangeni linye. 6 Ngemva kwazo kwakhula ezinye
izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa, zicakile njalo zihangulwe ludwangu. 7 Izikhwebu
lezo ezazicakile zaginya lezo eziyisikhombisa ezaziphilile, zigcwele. UFaro
wasephaphama, kwakuliphupho nje.
8 Ekuseni umoya wakhe wawukhathazekile, ngakho wasesithi kakubizwe bonke
abemilingo lezazi zaseGibhithe. UFaro wabatshela amaphupho akhe, kodwa akakho
loyedwa owakwaziyo ukuwachasisa.
9 Umphathinkezo omkhulu wathi kuFaro, “Lamuhla sengikhumbula amaphutha
ami. 10 UFaro wake wazondela izinceku zakhe, wangivalela mina kanye lom-
phekizinkwa omkhulu endlini yendunankulu yabalindi. 11 Ngamunye wethu waba
lephupho ngobusuku bunye, iphupho linye ngalinye lalilengcazelo yalo lodwa.
12 Kwakulejaha lomHebheru khonapho, lathi liyinceku yendunankulu yabalindi.
Salitshela amaphupho ethu, lasichasisela wona, lisipha ngulowo ingcazelo yephupho

lakhe. 13 Izinto zaba njengokusichazela kwakhe: ngabuyiselwa esikhundleni sami,
lomkhula wami walengiswa."
14 Ngakho uFaro wabiza uJosefa, walethwa masinyane esuka entolongweni. Kwathi
esephucile indevu, wantshintsha izigqoko weza phambi kukaFaro.
15 UFaro wathi kuJosefa, "Ngiphuphe iphupho, kodwa kakho ongangichasisela lona.
Kodwa ngizwa kuthiwa wena, nxa ungalizwa iphupho uyalichasisa."
16 UJosefa wamphendula uFaro wathi, "Ngeke ngikwenze, kodwa uNkulunkulu
uzamnika uFaro impendulo ayidingayo."
17 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, "Ephutsheni lami bengimi okhunjini lukaNayili,
18 ngasengibona kuqhamuka amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo, egcwele, es-
idla phakathi kwemihlanga. 19 Ngemva kwawo kwaqhamuka amanye amankomokazi
ayisikhombisa, etshwabhene, emabi kakhulu futhi ecakile. Ngangingakaze ngibone
amankomokazi amabi kangako kulolonke elaseGibhithe. 20 Lawo mankomokazi acak-
ileyo, amabi adla lawana amankomokazi ayisikhombisa ayenonile ayiwo aqhamuka
kuqala. 21 Kodwa loba esewadlile lawo kakho owayengatsho ukuthi atheni; ayelokhu
emabi njengakuqala. Ngasengiphaphama.
22 Ephutsheni lami ngibone njalo izikhwebu zamabele eziyisikhombisa, zigcwele,
njalo zizinhle zikhula ehlangeni linye. 23 Ngemva kwazo, kwahluma ezinye izikhwebu
eziyisikhombisa, zibunile njalo zicakile, zihangulwe ludwangu. 24 Lezozikhwebu
zamabele ezicakileyo zaginya leziyana eziyisikhombisa ezinhle. Ngibatshelile
abamasalamusi ngalokhu, kodwa kakho okwazileyo ukungichasisela."
25 UJosefa wasesithi kuFaro, "Amaphupho kaFaro ayilutho lunye. UNkulunkulu
usevezile kuFaro lokho asezakwenza. 26 Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa amahle ay-
iminyaka eyisikhombisa, njalo lezikhwebu zamabele ezinhle ziyiminyaka eyisikhom-
bisa; kuliphupho linye. 27 Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa eza muva yiminyaka
eyisikhombisa, kanjalo lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezazingelamsebenzi, zitshaywe
ludwangu: Yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala.
28 Kunjengokuba ngitshilo kuFaro. UNkulunkulu usevezile kuFaro lokho azak-
wenza. 29 Sekusiza iminyaka eyisikhombisa eyenala enkulu kulolonke elaseGibhithe,
30 kodwa izalandelwa yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala. Kuzakuthi yonke inala
enkulu eGibhithe ikhohlakale, ngoba indlala izalibhubhisa ilizwe. 31 Inala elizweni
izabe ingasakhunjulwa, ngoba indlala eyilandelayo izabe inkulu kakhulu. 32 Isizatho
sokuthi iphupho liphiwe uFaro ngezindlela ezimbili yikuthi, indaba isimiswe
yaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu, njalo uNkulunkulu uzakukwenza masinyane.
33 Khathesi-ke uFaro kadinge indoda elombono njalo ehlakaniphileyo ayibeke
phezu kwelizwe laseGibhithe. 34 UFaro abesekhetha abalisa elizweni abazathatha
ingxenye eyodwa kwezinhlanu yesivuno saseGibhithe ngeminyaka yenala eyisikhom-
bisa. 35 Kumele baqoqe konke ukudla ngale iminyaka emihle ezayo bakugcine ukudla
ngaphansi kukaFaro, kugcinwe emadolobheni ukuthi kube yikudla. 36 Ukudla lokhu
kakugcinelwe ilizwe kulondolozelwe ukusetshenziswa ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa
yendlala ezafika eGibhithe, ukwenzela ukuthi ilizwe lingabhujiswa yindlala."
37 Icebo leli lakhanya lilihle kuFaro lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe. 38 UFaro
wasezibuza wathi, "Kambe singamfumana yini omunye onjengendoda le, umuntu
olomoya kaNkulunkulu?"
39 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, "Njengoba uNkulunkulu esekwazisile konke lokhu,
kakho olombono onje lohlakaniphileyo njengawe. 40 Wena-ke usuzaphatha isigodlo
sami, kuthi bonke abantu bami bazalalela iziqondiso zakho. Mina ngizakuba mkhulu
kulawe ngesikhundla sesihlalo sobukhosi sami kuphela."

UJosefa Uphatha Ilizwe LaseGibhithe

41 Ngakho uFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, “Sengikubeka ukuthi wena uliphathe lonke
ilizwe laseGibhithe.” 42 UFaro wasethatha indandatho yophawu lwakhe eyayisemu-
nweni wakhe wayifaka emunweni kaJosefa. Wamgqokisa izembatho zelineni elihle
wamgqizisa iketane yegolide entanyeni. 43 Kwathiwa usezahamba ngenqola yempi
njengoba esenguye umsekeli wakhe oseduze, kwathi edlula abantu bamemeza bathi,
“Vulani indlela!” Wambeka-ke ukuthi aphathe ilizwe lonke laseGibhithe.
44 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, “Mina nginguFaro, kodwa ngaphandle kwelizwi lakho
kakho ozasiphakamisa isandla loba unyawo kulolonke elaseGibhithe.” 45 UFaro
wetha uJosefa ibizo elithi Zafenathi-Phaneya, wasemupha u-Asenathi indodakazi
kaPhothifera, umphristi wase-Oni ukuba abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa walibhoda lonke
ilizwe laseGibhithe.
46 UJosefa wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu yokuzalwa eqalisa ukusebenzela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. UJosefa wasuka phambi kukaFaro walibhoda lonke
ilizwe laseGibhithe. 47 Ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala umhlaba wathela ukudla
okunengi kakhulu. 48 UJosefa wakuqoqa konke ukudla okwavunwa phakathi kwaleyominyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eGibhithe wakulondoloza emadolobheni. Kulelo
lalelodolobho wabeka ukudla okwakulinywa emasimini akuleyondawo. 49 UJosefa
waqoqa izinqwaba lezinqwaba zamabele, kwaba njengetshebetshebe lolwandle.
Kwaba kunengi waze wayekela ukukubhala phansi ngoba kwasekungaphezu kokulinganiswa.
50 Ingakafiki iminyaka yendlala, u-Asenathi, indodakazi kaPhothifera, umphristi
ka-Oni wazalela uJosefa amadodana amabili. 51 UJosefa wetha izibulo lakhe wathi
nguManase, esithi, “Kungenxa yokuthi uNkulunkulu wenzile ukuthi ngilukhohlwe
lonke uhlupho lwami kanye layo yonke indlu kababa.” 52 Indodana yesibili wayibiza
ngokuthi ngu-Efrayimi, wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi uNkulunkulu ungenze ngaba
lezithelo elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami.”
53 Iminyaka yenala eyisikhombisa eGibhithe yaphela, 54 kwaqalisa iminyaka
yendlala eyisikhombisa, njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo. Indlala yaba khona kuwo
wonke amanye amazwe, kodwa kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe ukudla kwakukhona.
55 Kwathi lapho iGibhithe lonke selingenelwa yindlala abantu bazibika kuFaro befuna
ukudla. Ngakho uFaro wasebatshela bonke abaseGibhithe wathi, “Yanini kuJosefa
lenze lokho alitshela khona.”
56 Kwathi indlala isimemetheke kulolonke ilizwe uJosefa wavula iziphala wawathengisela amaGibhithe ukudla ngoba indlala yayisinkulu kakhulu kulolonke ilizwe
laseGibhithe. 57 Kwathi wonke amanye amazwe eza eGibhithe ezothenga amabele
kuJosefa, ngoba indlala yayibhahile kuwo wonke umhlaba.

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Abafowabo BakaJosefa Baya EGibhithe

1 Kwathi uJakhobe esezwile ukuthi amabele ayekhona eGibhithe wathi emadoda-
neni akhe, “Kungani likhangelana nje?” 2 Waqhubeka wathi, “Sengizwile ukuthi
amabele akhona eGibhithe. Yehlani liye khona liyesithengela wona ukuze siphile
singafi.”
3 Ngakho abanewabo bakaJosefa behla bayathenga amabele eGibhithe. 4 Kodwa
uJakhobe kamthumanga labanye uBhenjamini, umnawakhe kaJosefa ngoba wesaba
ukuthi angaqabuka ewelwa yingozi. 5 Kungakho amadodana ka-Israyeli aye-
ludwendwe lunye lalabo ababesiyathenga amabele njengoba indlala yayikhona
laselizweni leKhenani.
6 Ngalesosikhathi uJosefa wayengumbusi welizwe, enguye othengisela abantu
bonke amabele. Ngakho abafowabo bakaJosefa bathi befika khona bamkhothamela,

bathi mbo ngobuso phansi. 7 UJosefa wonela ukubabona abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa
wazitshaya owezizweni, wabakhulumisa ngokubakhahlameza. Wababuza wathi,
“Livela ngaphi?”
Baphendula bathi, “Sivela elizweni laseKhenani ukuzathenga ukudla.”
8 Lanxa uJosefa wabazi abafowabo, bona kabamazanga. 9 Ngakho wasekhumbula
amaphupho akhe ngabo wasesithi kubo, “Lizinhloli! Lilande ukuzabona lapho ilizwe
lethu elingavikelekanga khona.”
10 Baphendula bathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yethu. Izinceku zakho zize ukuzothenga
ukudla. 11 Singamadodana endoda yinye sonke. Izinceku zakho zingabantu abaqotho,
kazisizo zinhloli.”
12 Wathi kubo, “Hatshi! Lize ukuzabona lapho ilizwe lethu elingavikelekanga
khona.”
13 Kodwa baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zaziyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili,
engamadodana endoda yinye, ehlala elizweni laseKhenani. Icinathunjana lisele
lobaba, ikanti eyodwa kayisekho.”
14 UJosefa wathi kubo, “Kunjengoba ngilitshelile: Lizinhloli! 15 Manje-ke lizahlolwa
kanje: Ngifunga uFaro, kaliyikusuka lapha ngaphandle kokuthi umfowenu om-
ncinyane afike lapha. 16 Thumani omunye wenu amlande umfowenu; lonke abanye
lizagcinwa entolongweni, ukuze amazwi enu ahlolisiswe ukuthi lingabe likhuluma
iqiniso yini. Nxa kungenjalo, ngifunga uFaro, lizinhloli!” 17 Wasebafaka entolongweni
bonke okwensuku ezintathu.
18 Ngosuku lwesithathu uJosefa wathi kubo, “Yenzani lokhu ukuze lisile, ngoba
mina ngesaba uNkulunkulu: 19 Nxa lingabantu abaqotho, omunye wenu kahlale
lapha entolongweni, kuthi lina abanye libuyele lihambisele izimuli zenu amabele
esezibulawa yindlala. 20 Kodwa limlethe lapha kimi umnawenu omncane ukuze
amazwi enu aqiniseke, njalo ukuze lingafi.” Bakwenza lokho.
21 Basebekhulumisana bathi, “Ngempela sijeziselwa umfowethu. Sambona ukuthi
wayekhathazeke kangakanani esincenga, ezincengela impilo yakhe, kodwa kasaze
samlalela; kungakho sisehlelwa luhlupho lolu.”
22 URubheni waphendula wathi, “Kodwa kangilitshelanga yini ukuthi lingenzi
isono emfaneni lina laqinisa amakhanda? Nanku-ke sesimele sifakaze ngegazi
lakhe.” 23 Babengakunanzeleli ukuthi uJosefa wayeluzwa ulimi lwabo njengoba
wayelomtolikelayo.
24 Wabafulathela wachiphiza izinyembezi, kodwa waphenduka wakhuluma labo.
Wathi kuthathwe uSimiyoni kubo owahle wabotshwa phambi kwabo.
25 UJosefa waselaya ukuthi kugcwaliswe amabele emasakeni abo, kubuyiselwe
imali yalowo lalowo ifakwe phakathi kwesaka lakhe njalo baphiwe umphako
wendlela. Sebekwenzelwe konke lokho, 26 betshata amasaka abo kubobabhemi
bahamba.
27 Endaweni lapho abema khona ngalobubusuku omunye wabo wavula isaka lakhe
ukuthathela ubabhemi wakhe ukudla, wasebona imali yakhe yesiliva emlonyeni
wesaka. 28 Wathi kubafowabo, “Isiliva sami sibuyiselwe. Nansi lapha phakathi
kwesaka lami.”
Zatshona inhliziyo zabo bakhangelana bethuthumela bathi, “Kuyini kambe lokhu
uNkulunkulu asekwenzile kithi?”
29 Bathi sebefike kuyise uJakhobe elizweni laseKhenani bamtshela konke lokho ok-
wakwenzakele kubo. Bathi, 30 “Indoda eyinkosi yelizwe isikhulumise ngokusihalada,
yasiphatha kwangathi sizinhloli elizweni. 31 Kodwa sathi kuyo, ‘Singamadoda aqotho;
kasisizonhloli thina. 32 Sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana endoda yinye.
Omunye sowedlula, kuthi icinathunjana lisele lobaba eKhenani.’

33 Ngakho umuntu oyinkosi yalelolizwe wasesithi kithi, ‘Nanku okuzangenza ngazi
ukuthi lingabantu abaqotho: Tshiyani omunye umfowenu lapha kimi, lithathe
ukudla kwezimuli zenu ezilambayo lihambe. 34 Kodwa umnawenu limlethe kimi
khona ngizakwazi ukuthi kalisizinhloli, kodwa lingabantu abaqotho. Lapho-ke
ngizambuyisela kini umfowenu, lani selingazithengisela phakathi kwelizwe.’ ”
35 Bathi sebethulula amasaka abo, babona umxhaka wesiliva waleyo laleyo ndoda
esakeni layo! Kwathi bona ngokwabo kanye loyise bebona imixhaka yemali
besaba. 36 Uyise uJakhobe wathi kubo, “Selingephuce abantwabami. UJosefa
kasekho, loSimiyoni kasekho; manje selifuna ukuthatha uBhenjamini. Yonke into
iyangihlamukela!”
37 URubheni wasesithi kuyise, “Ungawabulala womabili amadodana ami nxa
ngingangambuyisi kuwe. Mnikele ezandleni zami, mina ngizambuyisa.”
38 Kodwa uJakhobe wathi, “Indodana yami kayiyikuhamba lani khonale; um-
newabo sewafa, usenguye yedwa oseleyo. Nxa evelelwa ngokubi kuloluhambo lwenu
lizakwenza ukuthi ikhanda lami eliyimpunga liye engcwabeni lidabukile.”

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Uhambo Lwesibili Lokuya EGibhithe

1 Indlala yayilokhu inkulu kakhulu elizweni. 2 Ngakho kwathi sebekuqedile konke
ukudla ababekuthenge eGibhithe, uyise wathi kubo, “Buyelani liyesithengela njalo
okunye ukudla okunenganyana.”
3 Kodwa uJuda wathi kuye, “Indoda leyo yasiqonqosela yathi, ‘Ngeke liphinde
libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuba lilomnawenu.’ 4 Nxa uzamvumela
umnawethu ukuthi sihambe laye, sizahamba siyekuthengela ukudla. 5 Kodwa nxa
ungezukuvuma, ngeke sibuyele, ngoba phela indoda leyo yathi kithi, ‘Ngeke liphinde
libubone ubuso bami nxa umnawenu lingelaye.’ ”
6 U-Israyeli wabuza wathi, “Likwenzeleni lina ukungehlisela uhlupho lolu ngokuy-
itshela indoda leyo ukuthi lilomnawenu na?”
7 Baphendula bathi, “Leyondoda isibuzisisile ngathi langendlu yangakithi yathi,
‘Uyihlo usaphila na? Lilaye na omunye umfowenu?’ Thina besiphendula imibuzo
yayo kuphela. Sasingazi kanjani ukuthi yayizakuthi, ‘Mletheni umnawenu lapha’?”
8 UJuda wasesithi ku-Israyeli uyise, “Wothi umfana ahambe lami, sizahle sisuke
nje masinyane, ukwenzela ukuthi thina lawe kanye labantwabethu siphile, singafi.
9 Mina ngokwami ngizazinikela ngokuphepha kwakhe; umlandu wonke ngaye
awubekwe phezu kwami. Nxa ngingambuyisi kuwe ngimbeke phambi kwakho,
ngizakuba lecala kuwe impilo yami yonke. 10 Njengoba kunje nje, aluba asizilin-
gananga ngabe sesihambe saphenduka kwaze kwaba kabili.”
11 Ngakho uyise u-Israyeli wasesithi kubo, “Nxa kumele kube njalo, yenzani
lokhu: Fakani emasakeni enu ezinye izinto ezinhle kakhulu eziphuma kulelilizwe
lihambe lazo kulowomuntu zibe yisipho, amagcobo okuthambisa loluju, iziyoliso
ezithile lemure, izilimo ezicacadwayo zephistakhiyo le-alimondi. 12 Thathani isiliva
esiphindwe kabili, ngoba kufanele libuyisele lesosiliva esasibuyiselwe emasakeni
enu. Mhlawumbe kwaba yisiphosiso. 13 Mthatheni umnawenu laye libuyele ku-
leyondoda ngokuphangisa. 14 Sengathi uNkulunkulu uSomandla angalenzela umusa
kuleyondoda ukuze ivumele omunye umfowenu kanye loBhenjamini baphenduke
lani. Mina ngokwami ngithi, kambe okungayisikufa yikuphi!”
15 Ngakho amadoda athatha izipho lesiliva esiphindwe kabili kanye loBhenjamini.
Batshitsha baya eGibhithe bayazibika kuJosefa. 16 Kwathi uJosefa ebona uBhenjamini
ekanye labo, wathi encekwini yendlu yakhe, “Hamba lamadoda la endlini yami,
uwahlabele isifuyo ulungise ukudla; bazakudla lami emini.”

17 Indoda yenza njengokutshelwa kwayo nguJosefa, yawathatha amadoda ya-
hamba lawo endlini kaJosefa. 18 Amadoda ethuka ebona elethwa endlini kaJosefa.
Bacabanga ukuthi, “Silethwe lapha ngenxa yesiliva esabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu
ekufikeni kwethu kwakuqala. Ufuna ukusihlasela asehlule, abesesithumba sibe
yizigqili athathe obabhemi bethu.”
19 Ngakho baya encekwini kaJosefa bayakhuluma laye entubeni eya endlini.
20 Bathi, “Ake usizwe, nkosi yethu: Safika lapha kuqala sizothenga ukudla. 21 Kodwa
lapho esaphumula khona ebusuku savula amasaka ethu, kwaba ngulowo wethu
wafumana isiliva sakhe, siphelele ubunzima baso, sisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe.
Ngakho size laso. 22 Size lesinye isiliva phezu kwaleso ukuthi sithenge ukudla.
Kasikwazi ukuthi ngubani owabuyisela isiliva emasakeni ethu.”
23 Wathi, “Kulungile. Lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo, uliphile
inotho emasakeni enu; mina ngasiphiwa isiliva senu.” Emva kwalokho waseletha
uSimiyoni kubo.
24 Inceku yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawapha amanzi okugeza
inyawo zawo, yaletha lotshani babobabhemi bawo. 25 Balungisa izipho zabo balindela
ukufika kukaJosefa emini ngoba basebezwile ukuthi babezakudla khonapho.
26 UJosefa esefikile bethula izipho ababengene lazo endlini, njalo bakhothama kuye
phansi. 27 Wababuza ukuphila, wasesithi, “Linjani ixhegu elinguyihlo elangitshela
ngalo? Lilokhu lisaphila na?”
28 Baphendula bathi, “Inceku yakho, ubaba, ulokhu esaphila njalo usaqinile.”
Bakhothama njalo betshengisa inhlonipho.
29 Wathi elokhu ebakhangela wabona umnawakhe uBhenjamini, umntakanina
sibili, wabuza wathi, “Nguye lo umnawenu olicinathunjana na, lowo elangitshela
ngaye?” Wasesithi kuye, “UNkulunkulu kabe lomusa kuwe, ndodana yami.”
30 Wathinteka kakhulu ngokubona umnawakhe, uJosefa waphangisa waphuma
wayafuna indawo yokukhala. Waya ekamelweni lakhe wayakhalela khona.
31 Wathi esegezile amehlo waphuma, wazibamba, wasesithi, “Phakululani ukudla.”
32 Yena bamupha yedwa, abafowabo labo bodwa, kwathi lamaGibhithe ayesidla
laye lawo aba wodwa, ngoba amaGibhithe ayengeke adla lamaHebheru, ngoba lokho
kwakunengeka kumaGibhithe. 33 Amadoda la ayehlezi ngobudala bawo kuqala
ngezibulo kusiyacina ngecinathunjana; bakhangelana bemangele. 34 Kwakusithi
nxa bephakelwa kusuka etafuleni likaJosefa, isabelo sikaBhenjamini sasisedluliswa
kahlanu kwesabanye. Ngakho bazitika banatha laye bekhululekile.

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Inkomitsho Yesiliva Esakeni

1 UJosefa waselaya inceku yendlu yakhe wathi: “Gcwalisa silikici amasaka amadoda
la ngokudla konke abangakuthwala, ubusubuyisela isiliva salowo lalowo emlonyeni
wesaka lakhe. 2 Ubusufaka inkomitsho yami, leyana eyesiliva, emlonyeni wesaka
lalowo omncinyane wabo ndawonye lesiliva sakhe samabele.” Yenza njengalokho
uJosefa ayekutshilo.
3 Kwathi emadabukakusa bawavalelisa amadoda asuka kanye labobabhemi bawo.
4 Ayengakahambi okuya ngaphi ukusuka edolobheni lapho uJosefa athi encekwini
yakhe, “Axhume ngokuphangisa amadoda lawana, ungawafica uthi kuwo, ‘Lenzeleni
ukuphindisela okuhle ngokubi na? 5 Le kakusinkomitsho enatha ngenkosi yami njalo
ehlahlula ngayo na? Le yinto embi kakhulu eseliyenzile!’ ”
6 Wathi esebaficile wawatsho amazwi la kubo. 7 Kodwa bathi kuye, “Kungani
inkosi yethu isitsho izinto ezinjalo? Kakube kude lezinceku zakho ukwenza ulutho
olunjalo! 8 Phela siyibuyisile kuwe isiliva sisuka laso elizweni laseKhenani, lesiyana

esasifumana phakathi emilonyeni yamasaka ethu. Pho besingakwenza njani ukweba
isiliva loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakho na? 9 Nxa omunye wezinceku zakho
efunyanwa elayo, uzabulawa; kuthi thina abanye sibe yizigqili zenkosi yethu."
10 Wathi, "Kulungile, kakube njengokutsho kwenu. Lowo ozafunyanwa elayo
uzakuba yisigqili sami, lina abanye lonke kalizukuba lecala."
11 Ngulowo lalowo wabo wethula isaka lakhe walivula. 12 Inceku yasihamba
ihlola, yaqala ngomdala yayacina ngomcinyane. Inkomitsho yayafunyanwa esakeni
likaBhenjamini. 13 Bekubona lokhu badabula izigqoko zabo. Emva kwalokho bonke
betshatisa obabhemi babo amasaka baphindela edolobheni.
14 UJosefa wayelokhu esendlini lapho uJuda labafowabo abafika khona bazilahla
phansi phambi kwakhe. 15 UJosefa wathi kubo, "Kuyini lokhu elikwenzileyo? Kalazi
na ukuthi umuntu onjengami ubona izinto ngokuhlahlula?"
16 UJuda waphendula wathi, "Kambe singabe sisathini? Singakuveza kanjani ukuba
msulwa kwethu? UNkulunkulu usembule icala lezinceku zakho. Manje sesiyizichaka
zenkosi yami, thina ngokwethu lalowo ofunyenwe elayo inkomitsho."
17 Kodwa uJosefa wathi. "Kakube kude lami ukwenza into enjalo! Yileyo indoda
kuphela efunyanwe ilayo inkomitsho ezakuba yisichaka sami. Abanye lonke buyelani
kuyihlo ngokuthula."
18 UJuda wasesondela kuye wathi, "Oh, nkosi yami, akuvumele inceku yakho
itsho ilizwi enkosini yami. Ungayizondeli inceku yakho, loba wena ulingana
loFaro ngokwakhe. 19 Inkosi yami yabuza izinceku zayo yathi, 'Lilaye na uyihlo
kumbe umfowenu?' 20 Thina saphendula sathi, 'Silaye ubaba oseluphele, njalo
ikhona indodana ayizala eseluphele. Umnewabo wafa, njalo yiyo yodwa eseleyo
emadodaneni kanina, ngakho uyise uyayithanda.'
21 Wena wasusithi ezincekwini zakho, 'Mletheni kimi ukuze ngimbone mina
ngokwami.' 22 Thina sathi enkosini yami, 'Umfana ngeke asuka kuyise; nxa esuka
kuye, uyise uzakufa.' 23 Kodwa izinceku zakho wazitshela wathi, 'Ngaphandle kokuba
umnawenu omncane lize laye, ngeke liphinde libubone njalo ubuso bami.' 24 Sathi
ukubuyela encekwini yakho ubaba, samtshela lokho okwakutshiwo yinkosi yami.
25 Ubaba wasesithi, 'Buyelani liyethenga okunye njalo ukudla.' 26 Kodwa thina
sathi, 'Ngeke siye khona. Kuphela nxa umnawethu omncane elathi, singahamba.
Ngeke sibubone ubuso bendoda leyo ngaphandle kokuba umnawethu omncane
silaye.'
27 Inceku yakho ubaba yathi kithi, 'Liyakwazi ukuthi umkami wangizalela
amadodana amabili. 28 Omunye wabo wasuka kimi, ngathi, "Ngempela udlithiziwe
waba yizicucu." Ngakho kangisaphindanga ngambona kusukela khonapho. 29 Manje
lingangithathela lalo futhi abesesehlelwa ngokubi, lizakwehlisela ikhanda lami
eliyimpunga engcwabeni ngidabukile kakhulu.'
30 Ngakho-ke, nxa umfana singelaye lapho sengibuyela encekwini yakho ubaba,
yena ompilo yakhe isondelelene kakhulu leyomfana lo, 31 uzakuthi angabona umfana
engekho, ahle afe. Thina zinceku zakho sizakusa ikhanda likababa eliyimpunga
engcwabeni lihlulukelwe. 32 Inceku yakho yanikela ukuphila kwayo ngokuphepha
komfana kubaba. Ngathi, 'Nxa ngingambuyisi kuwe, ngizawuthwala lowomlandu
kuwe, baba, impilo yami yonke!'
33 Ngakho-ke ngiyacela ukuthi uvumele inceku yakho isale lapha njengesichaka
senkosi yami esikhundleni somfana, yena umfana akhululwe ahambe labanewabo.
34 Ngingabuyela ngithini kubaba umfana ngingelaye? Hatshi! Ungangenzi ngibone
usizi olungamehlela ubaba."

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UJosefa Uyaziveza

1 UJosefa wehluleka ukuzibamba phambi kwazo zonke izinceku zakhe, wase-
memeza wathi, “Sukani lonke lapha kimi!” Ngakho kakho owayekhona loJosefa lapho
eziveza kubafowabo. 2 Wakhala kakhulu ephumisela amaGibhithe amuzwa, labendlu
kaFaro bezwa ngalokho.
3 UJosefa wathi kubafowabo, “Mina nginguJosefa! Kambe ubaba usaphila na?”
Kodwa abafowabo behluleka ukumphendula ngoba besaba kakhulu bephambi
kwakhe.
4 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo, “Sondelani kimi.” Bathi sebekwenzile lokho
wathi, “Ngingumfowenu uJosefa, yena lowo elamthengisela eGibhithe! 5 Kodwa
manje lingakhathazeki njalo lingaze lazisola ngenxa yokungithengisa lapha, ngoba
kwakuyikusiza imiphefumulo ukuba uNkulunkulu angithume phambi kwenu.
6 Sekube yiminyaka emibili manje indlala ikhona elizweni, njalo okweminyaka
emihlanu ezayo kakuyikulinywa loba ukuvuna. 7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wangithuma
phambi kwenu ukuba alilondolozele insalela emhlabeni njalo aphephise impilo zenu
ngokukhulula okukhulu.
8 Ngakho-ke, kwakungayisini elangithuma lapha, kodwa nguNkulunkulu. Wan-
genza ngaba ngubaba kuFaro, lenkosi yomuzi wakhe wonke kanye lombusi weG-
ibhithe lonke. 9 Manje, phangisani liye kubaba lithi kuye, ‘Nanku indodana yakho
uJosefa akutshoyo: UNkulunkulu usengenze ngaba yinkosi yalo lonke elaseGibhithe.
Yehla uze kimi; ungaphuzi. 10 Uzahlala esigodini saseGosheni ube seduze lami,
wena labantwabakho, labazukulu bakho; lemihlambi yakho yezimvu leyenkomo
lakho konke olakho. 11 Ngizakunakekela ukhonapho ngoba kuseza eminye iminyaka
emihlanu yendlala. Kungenjalo wena lomuzi wakho, labo bonke abangabakho
lizahawukelwa.’
12 Liyazibonela ngokwenu, njengoba lomnawami uBhenjamini ebona, ukuthi yimi
mina ngeqiniso engikhuluma lani. 13 Limtshele ubaba ngalo lonke udumo en-
giluphiwayo eGibhithe langakho konke elikubonileyo. Ubaba limlethe ngokuphangisa
lapha.”
14 Wasegona umnawakhe uBhenjamini, wakhala, loBhenjamini wamanga ekhala.
15 Njalo wabanga bonke abafowabo ekhala kulowo lalowo. Ngemva kwalokho
abafowabo baxoxa laye.
16 Kwathi ukuba izindaba zifike esigodlweni sikaFaro ukuthi abafowabo bakaJosefa
babefikile, uFaro lezikhulu zakhe bathokoza. 17 UFaro wathi, kuJosefa, “Tshela
abafowenu uthi, ‘Yenzani lokhu: Thwalisani izinyamazana zenu libuyele elizweni
laseKhenani, 18 beselibuya loyihlo kanye lemizi yenu kimi. Ngizalipha umhlaba
omuhle kakhulu lapha eGibhithe, likholise amanono elizwe.’
19 Uyalaywa njalo ukuthi ubatshele uthi, ‘Yenzani lokhu: Thathani izinqola
ezithile lapha eGibhithe lisenzela abantwabenu, labomkenu, lithathe uyihlo lize
laye. 20 Lingazihluphi ngempahla zenu ngoba okuhle konke kwaseGibhithe kuzakuba
ngokwenu.’ ”
21 Ngakho amadodana ka-Israyeli akwenza lokhu. UJosefa wabapha izinqola,
njengokulaya kukaFaro, wabuye wabapha umphako wendlela. 22 Ngulowo lalowo
wamupha izigqoko ezintsha, kodwa uBhenjamini wamupha amashekeli esiliva
angamakhulu amathathu kanye lezigqoko ezinhlanu. 23 Njalo nanku akuphathisela
uyise: obabhemi abalitshumi bethwele konke okuhle kwaseGibhithe, labobabhemi
abasikazi abalitshumi bebhensiswa ngamabele lesinkwa lokunye okomphako wakhe
wendlela. 24 Wasevalelisa abafowabo, bathi sebesuka wathi kubo, “Lingaxabani
endleleni!”

25 Ngakho basuka baphuma eGibhithe bayafika kuyise uJakhobe elizweni laseKhenani. 26 Bamtshela bathi, “UJosefa ulokhu ephila! Isibili ungumbusi walo lonke elaseGibhithe.” UJakhobe waphela amandla; kazange abakholwe. 27 Kodwa kwathi lapho sebemtshelile konke uJosefa ayekutshilo kubo, njalo esebone izinqola uJosefa ayethe zizomthwala zimlethe, umoya kayise, uJakhobe wavuseleleka. 28 U-Israyeli wathi, “Sengisuthisekile! Indodana yami uJosefa isaphila. Ngizahamba ngiyeyibona ngingakafi.”

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UJakhobe Uya EGibhithe

1 Ngakho u-Israyeli wasesuka kanye lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wathi ngokufika eBherishebha wenza umhlatshelo kuNkulunkulu kayise u-Isaka.

2 UNkulunkulu wakhuluma ku-Israyeli ngombono ebusuku wathi, “Jakhobe! Jakhobe!”

Waphendula wathi, “Ngilapha.”

3 Wathi, “NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo. Ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe, ngoba ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu khonale. 4 Mina ngizahamba lawe khonale eGibhithe, njalo ngiqinisile, ngizaphinde ngikubuyise. Isandla sikaJosefa ngokwaso sizakugoqa.”

5 UJakhobe wasesuka eBherishebha, kwathi amadodana ka-Israyeli amthatha uyise uJakhobe, labantwababo kanye labomkabo babafaka ezinqoleni uFaro ayezithumele ukubathwala ngazo. 6 Bathatha njalo lezifuyo zabo kanye layo yonke impahla yabo ababeyiqoqile eKhenani, uJakhobe losendo lwakhe lonke baya eGibhithe. 7 Wathatha amadodana akhe, labazukulu bakhe, lamadodakazi akhe lamadodakazi awo, sonke isizukulwane sakhe, waya eGibhithe.

8 La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli (uJakhobe labazukulu bakhe) aba-hambayo eGibhithe:

uRubheni izibulo likaJakhobe.
9 Amadodana kaRubheni ayeyila:
uHanokhi, uPhalu, uHezironi, kanye loKhami.
10 Amadodana kaSimiyoni ayeyila:
uJemuyeli, uJamini, u-Ohadi, uJakhini, uZohari kanye loShawuli indodana yomfazi ongumKhenani.
11 Amadodana kaLevi ayeyila:
uGeshoni, uKhohathi kanye loMerari.
12 Amadodana kaJuda ayeyila:
u-Eri, u-Onani, uShela, uPherezi kanye loZera (kodwa u-Eri lo-Onani babefele elizweni laseKhenani).
Amadodana kaPherezi ayeyila:
uHezironi loHamuli.
13 Amadodana ka-Isakhari ayeyila:
uThola, uPhuwa, uJashubi kanye loShimroni.
14 Amadodana kaZebhuluni ayeyila:
uSeredi, u-Eloni kanye loJahileli.

15 La ayengamadodana uLeya awazalela uJakhobe ePhadani Aramu, ngaphandle kwendodakazi yakhe uDina. Amadodana la lamadodakazi akhe babengamatshumi amathathu sebebonke.

16 Amadodana kaGadi ayeyila:
uZifiyoni, uHagi, uShuni, u-Ezibhoni, u-Eri, u-Arodi kanye lo-Areli.
17 Amadodana ka-Asheri ayeyila:
u-Imna, u-Ishiva, u-Ishivi loBheriya. Udadewabo wayenguSera.
Amadodana kaBheriya ayeyila:
uHebheri loMalikhiyeli.
18 Laba ngabantwana abazalelwa uJakhobe nguZilipha, uLabhani ayemuphe indodakazi yakhe uLeya, belitshumi lesithupha sebebonke.

19 Amadodana omkaJakhobe uRasheli ayeyila:
uJosefa loBhenjamini.
20 EGibhithe uJosefa wazala uManase lo-Efrayimi ku-Asenathi indodakazi kaPhothifera, umphristi ka-Oni.
21 Amadodana kaBhenjamini ayeyila:
uBhela, uBhekheri, u-Ashibheli, uGera, uNamani, u-Ehi, uRoshi, uMuphimu, uHuphimu kanye lo-Adi.
22 La ayengamadodana kaRasheli awazalela uJakhobe, elitshumi lane esewonke.

23 Indodana kaDani:
yayinguHushimu.
24 Amadodana kaNafithali ayeyila:
uJaziyeli, uGuni, uJezeri kanye loShilemu.
25 La ayengamadodana kaJakhobe awazala loBhiliha, uLabhani ayemuphe indodakazi yakhe uRasheli, beyisikhombisa bebonke.

26 Bonke labo abaya eGibhithe loJakhobe, ababeyinzalo yegazi lakhe, kungabalwa omalukazana bakhe, kwakungabantu abangamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha. 27 Sekubalwa lamadodana amabili azalwa nguJosefa eGibhithe, abendlu kaJakhobe abaya eGibhithe babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa sebebonke.

28 UJakhobe wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa ukuba amlayele indlela eya eGosheni. Bathi sebefikile emangweni waseGosheni, 29 uJosefa walungiselwa inqola yakhe waqonda eGosheni ukuyahlangana loyise u-Israyeli. UJosefa wonela ukumbona nje, wamgona uyise, wakhala okwesikhathi eside.
30 U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa, “Manje sengikulungele ukufa, ngoba sengizibonele mina ngokwami ukuthi usaphila.”
31 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo lakubo bonke abomuzi kayise, “Ngizahamba ngiyekhuluma loFaro ngithi kuye, ‘Abafowethu kanye labendlu kababa ababehlala elizweni laseKhenani sebebuyile kimi. 32 Amadoda la angabelusi; belusa izifuyo, ngakho beze lemihlambi yabo yezimvu leyenkomo lakho konke abalakho.’ 33 Nxa uFaro angalibiza alibuze athi, ‘Umsebenzi wenu ngowani?’ 34 libophendula lithi, ‘Izinceku zakho zingabelusi bezifuyo kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube khathesi, njengabokhokho bethu.’ Lapho-ke lizavunyelwa ukwakha emangweni waseGosheni, ngoba bonke abelusi bayeyiseka kumaGibhithe.”

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1 UJosefa wahamba wayatshela uFaro wathi, “Ubaba labafowethu, kanye lemihlambi yabo yezimvu lenkomo, kanye lakho konke abalakho sebefikile bevela

elizweni laseKhenani, okwamanje sebeseGosheni.” 2 Wakhetha abafowabo abahlanu
wabethula kuFaro.
3 UFaro wababuza abafowabo laba wathi, “Umsebenzi wenu ngowani na?”
Baphendula uFaro bathi, “Izinceku zakho zingabelusi, njengalokho ababeyikho
okhokho bethu.” 4 Babuya bathi kuye, “Size ukuzohlala lapha okwesikhathi
esithile, ngoba indlala inkulu kakhulu eKhenani, njalo lemihlambi yezinceku zakho
kayilamadlelo. Manje-ke sicela ukuthi uvumele izinceku zakho zakhe eGosheni.”
5 UFaro wathi kuJosefa, “Uyihlo labafowenu beze kuwe, 6 lelizwe laseGibhithe
uyalibona; hlalisa uyihlo labafowenu endaweni enhle kakhulu yelizwe. Wothi
bahlale eGosheni. Njalo nxa bekhona abanye babo abalolwazi oluqakathekileyo,
kabakhangele imihlambi yami.”
7 Ngakho uJosefa waseletha uyise uJakhobe wamethula kuFaro. UJakhobe
esembusisile uFaro, 8 uFaro wambuza wathi, “Usumdala kangakanani na?”
9 UJakhobe wathi kuFaro, “Iminyaka yokuhamba kwami ilikhulu lamatshumi
amathathu. Iminyaka yami ibimilutshwana njalo ibinzima, njalo kayifiki iminyaka
yokuhamba kwabokhokho bami.” 10 UJakhobe wasembusisa uFaro, uFaro wasesuka
kuye.
11 Ngakho uJosefa wasehlalisa uyise labafowabo eGibhithe, wabapha indawo enhle
kulazo zonke elizweni, esiqintini saseRamesesi, njengokulaya kukaFaro. 12 UJosefa
waphinda wapha uyise labafowabo kanye lendlu yonke kayise ukudla, kusiya
ngobunengi babantwababo.

UJosefa Ukhangelana Lendlala

13 Kwakungelakudla elizweni lonke ngoba indlala yayibhahile; iGibhithe leKhenani
womabili amazwe esevuthuzekile ngenxa yendlala. 14 UJosefa wayiqoqa yonke
imali eyayitholakala eGibhithe laseKhenani eyayingeyokuthenga amabele, wayiletha
esigodlweni sikaFaro. 15 Kwathi imali yabantu baseGibhithe labaseKhenani isiphelile,
abaseGibhithe bonke beza kuJosefa bathi, “Siphe ukudla. Singafelani kambe phambi
kwamehlo akho? Imali yethu isiphelile.”
16 UJosefa wathi, “Lethani izifuyo zenu. Ngizalithengisela ukudla libhadale
ngezifuyo zenu, njengoba imali yenu isiphelile.” 17 Ngakho basebeletha izifuyo
zabo kuJosefa, wabapha ukudla bebhadala ngamabhiza abo, lezimvu kanye lembuzi
zabo, lenkomo kanye labobabhemi babo. Wabaphutshisa lowomnyaka ngokudla
bekubhadala ngezifuyo zabo.
18 Lowomnyaka usuphelile, beza kuye ngomnyaka olandelayo bathi, “Ngeke
sayifihlela inkosi yethu ukuthi njengoba imali yethu isiphelile, ikanti lezifuyo zethu
ngezakho, kakusekho okusayisalele inkosi yethu ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu
leziqinti zethu kuphela. 19 Kambe sesingaze sife nje usikhangele, thina kanye lelizwe
lethu lalo? Sithenge kanye lelizwe lethu usiphe ukudla, kuzakuthi thina kanye lelizwe
lethu sibe sebugqilini kuFaro. Siphe inhlanyelo ukuze siphile, singafi, njalo ukuze
ilizwe lingabi yinkangala.”
20 Ngakho-ke uJosefa waselithengela uFaro lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. AmaGibhithe
wonke athengisa amasimu awo ngoba indlala yayisiwabhahele okubi. Ilizwe
laselisiba ngelikaFaro, 21 uJosefa wasebagqilaza abantu, kusukela ngapha kwelizwe
laseGibhithe kusiya ngale kwalo. 22 Kodwa kayithenganga indawo yabaphristi, ngoba
babephiwa isabelo nguFaro, yikho babelakho ukudla okwaneleyo kusuka kuFaro.
Yikho bengawuthengisanga owabo umhlaba.
23 UJosefa wathi ebantwini, “Njengoba sengilithengile lina lomhlaba wenu lamuhla
ukuba libe ngabakaFaro, nansi inhlanyelo ukuze lihlanyele emhlabathini. 24 Kodwa
nxa amabele eseqoqwa phanini okobuhlanu bawo kuFaro. Ezinye izingxenye ezine

kwezinhlanu lizigcinele inhlanyelo yamasimu njalo kube yikudla kwenu, lemizi yenu kanye labantwabenu.”
25 Bathi, “Uzisindisile impilo zethu. Sengathi singathola umusa enkosini yethu; sizakuba yizigqili kuFaro.”
26 Kunjalo uJosefa wakumisa kwaba ngumthetho eGibhithe mayelana lomhlaba, okulokhu kulandelwa lalamuhla, ukuthi ingxenye eyodwa kokuhlanu ngekaFaro. Kwakungumhlaba wabaphristi kuphela ongazange ube ngokaFaro.
27 Ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bazinza eGibhithe esigodini saseGosheni. Bazuza izifuyo ezinengi khona njalo bazalana kakhulu banda ngobunengi.
28 UJakhobe wahlala eGibhithe okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, iminyaka yokuphila kwakhe yaba likhulu lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. 29 Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele ukuba u-Israyeli afe, wabiza indodana yakhe uJosefa wathi kuyo, “Uba ngifumene umusa kuwe, beka isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami uthembise ukuthi uzangenzela umusa lokuthembeka. Ungangingcwabi eGibhithe, 30 kodwa nxa sengiphumule labokhokho bami, ungithwale ngisuke eGibhithe uyongimbela lapho abalele khona.”
Wathi, “Ngizakwenza njengoba usitsho.”
31 Wathi, “Funga kimi.” Ngakho uJosefa wafunga kuye, u-Israyeli wasekhothamela emakhanda ombheda wakhe.

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UManase Lo-Efrayimi

1 Emva kwesikhatshana uJosefa wabikelwa ukuthi, “Uyihlo uyagula.” Ngakho wathatha amadodana akhe womabili, uManase lo-Efrayimi wahamba lawo.
2 UJakhobe esetsheliwe kwathiwa, “Indodana yakho uJosefa isifikile kuwe,” u-Israyeli wazibamba ngamandla wavuka embhedeni.
3 UJakhobe wathi kuJosefa, “UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni laseKhenani, khonapho wangibusisa. 4 Wathi kimi, ‘Ngizakwenza ube lenzalo enengi kakhulu. Ngizalenza libe yisizwe sabantu, njalo ngizakupha izizukulwane zakho lelilizwe libe yilifa lazo elingapheliyo ngemva kwakho.’
5 Zwana-ke, amadodana akho amabili owawazalela eGibhithe ngingakabuyi lapha kuwe azathathwa njengawami; u-Efrayimi loManase bazakuba ngabami, kanjengoba uRubheni loSimiyoni bengabami. 6 Labobantwana abazelwe ngemva kwabo bazakuba ngabakho; kulesosigodi esizakuba yilifa labo bazabhaliswa ngaphansi kwamabizo abanewabo. 7 Ngathi ngibuya ngivela ePhadani, ngehlelwa lusizi ngafelwa nguRasheli elizweni laseKhenani silokhu sisendleleni, bucwadlana kwe-Efrathi. Ngamngcwaba khonapho eceleni kwendlela eya e-Efrathi” (kutsho eBhethilehema).
8 U-Israyeli wathi ngokubona amadodana kaJosefa wabuza wathi, “Ngobani laba?”
9 UJosefa wathi kuyise, “Ngamadodana uNkulunkulu anginike wona lapha.”
U-Israyeli wasesithi, “Balethe kimi ukuze ngibabusise.”
10 Ngalesosikhathi amehlo ka-Israyeli ayesefiphala ngenxa yokuluphala, engasaboni isisi. Ngakho uJosefa wasondeza amadodana akhe kuye, uyise wawanga wawagona.
11 U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa, “Ngangingathembi ukuthi ngizaphinda ngibubone ubuso bakho njalo, ikanti manje uNkulunkulu usengivumele ukubona labantwabakho labo.”
12 UJosefa wasebasusa emadolweni ka-Israyeli wakhothamela phansi ngobuso. 13 UJosefa wasebathatha bobabili, u-Efrayimi kwesokunene sakhe eqondane lesokhohlo sika-Israyeli, kwathi uManase waba ngakwesokhohlo waqondana lesokunene sika-Israyeli, wabasondeza kuye. 14 Kodwa u-Israyeli welula isandla

sakhe sokunene wasibeka ekhanda lika-Efrayimi, loba nje yena wayengomncinyane,
wasenqumisa izingalo zakhe zaphambana, wabeka isandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda
likaManase, loba nje uManase wayelizibulo.
15 Ngakho wasebusisa uJosefa wathi,
“Sengathi uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bami,
u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka, abahamba phambi kwakhe,
uNkulunkulu obengumelusi wami
ukuphila kwami konke kuze kube namuhla,
16 iNgilosi engihlengileyo kuzozonke izingozi,
sengathi angabusisa abafana laba.
Sengathi bangabizwa ngebizo lami
langamabizo abobabamkhulu u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka,
njalo sengathi banganda kakhulu emhlabeni.”
17 Kwathi uJosefa ebona uyise ebeka isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda lika-Efrayimi
akwaze kwamthokozisa; ngakho wasibamba isandla sikayise wasisusa ekhanda lika-
Efrayimi ukuthi asibeke kwelikaManase. 18 UJosefa wathi kuye, “Hatshi, baba, lo
nguye izibulo; beka isandla sakho sokunene kwelakhe ikhanda.”
19 Kodwa uyise wala, wathi, “Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi. Laye njalo uzakuba
ngabantu abanengi, njalo laye uzakuba mkhulu. Loba kunjalo, umnawakhe uzakuba
mkhulu kulaye lezizukulwane zakhe zizakuba ngamaxuku ezizwe.” 20 Wababusisa
ngalolusuku wathi,
“Ngebizo lakho u-Israyeli uzakutsho lesisibusiso:
‘Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakwenza
ube njengo-Efrayimi loManase.’ ”
Ngakho wabeka u-Efrayimi phambi kukaManase.
21 U-Israyeli wasesithi kuJosefa, “Sengizakufa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lani,
alibuyisele elizweni labokhokho benu. 22 Wena, njengomuntu olawula abanewenu,
ngikunika umqolo welizwe engawemuka ama-Amori ngenkemba yami lomtshoko
wami.”

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UJakhobe Ubusisa Amadodana Akhe

1 UJakhobe wabiza amadodana akhe wathi: “Sondelani eduze ngilitshele lokho
okuzakwenzakala kini ensukwini ezizayo.
2 Buthanani lilalele, madodana kaJakhobe,
lalelani kuyihlo u-Israyeli.

3 URubheni, ulizibulo lami,
amandla ami, isibonakaliso sokuqala samandla ami,
ukuphelela ngodumo, ukuphelela ngamandla.
4 Uhlokoma njengamanzi, kawusayikuba liciko,
ngoba wakhwela embhedeni kayihlo,
waya phezu kwesihlalo sami wasingcolisa.

5 USimiyoni loLevi bayizelamani
inkemba zabo yizikhali zodlakela.
6 Mangingangeni enkundleni yabo,
mangingangeni emhlanganweni wabo,
ngoba bababulala abantu ngokuthukuthela kwabo
njalo inkabi baziquma imisipha santando.

7 Luqalekisiwe ulaka lwabo, lwesabeka kubi,
lentukuthelo yabo, ilesihluku esibi!
Ngizakubachithiza kuJakhobe,
njalo ngibahlakaze ko-Israyeli.

8 Juda, abafowenu bazakudumisa;
isandla sakho sizakuba sentanyeni yezitha zakho;
amadodana kayihlo azakukhothamela.
9 Ungumdlwane wesilwane, Oh Juda;
uvela ekuzingeleni, ndodana yami.
Njengesilwane uyacathama alale phansi,
njengesilwanekazi, ngubani olesibindi sokumhlokoza?
10 Intonga yobukhosi kayiyikusuka kuJuda,
loba umqwayi wombusi phakathi kwezinyawo zakhe,
aze ayofika kumnini wayo
lokulalela kwezizwe kukuye.
11 Uzabophela ubabhemi wakhe evinini,
inkonyane kababhemi wakhe ogatsheni oluhle;
uzagezisa izembatho zakhe ngewayini,
izigqoko zakhe egazini lamagrebisi.
12 Amehlo akhe azathuba okudlula iwayini,
amazinyo akhe abe mhlophe kulochago.

13 UZebhuluni uzahlala okhunjini lolwandle
abe litheku lemikhumbi;
umngcele wakhe uzaqhelela eSidoni.

14 U-Isakhari ulithambo likababhemi elilohlonzi
olele ephahlwe ngamasaka amabili emithwalo.
15 Uthi nxa ebona ubuhle bendawo yakhe yokuphumula
lokubukeka kwelizwe lakhe,
uzakwehlisa ihlombe lakhe ukuthwala umthwalo
azimisele emsebenzini wesigqili.

16 UDani uzakwahlulela kahle abantu bakibo
njengesinye sezizwe zako-Israyeli.
17 UDani uzakuba yinyoka esemgwaqweni,
inhlangwana elele endleleni,
eluma izithende zebhiza
ukuze umgadi walo atshelele aye emuva.

18 Ngilindele ukuhlenga kwakho, Oh THIXO.

19 UGadi uzahlaselwa liqula lamanxusa,
kodwa uzabahlasela bamuphe izithende zabo.

20 Ukudla kuka-Asheri kuzakuba ngokunonileyo,
uzakupha okumnandi okufanele inkosi.

21 UNafithali yimpalakazi ekhululiweyo
ezala amazinyane amahle.

22 UJosefa ulivini elithela kakhulu,
ivini elithela kakhulu eduze komthombo,
elimagatsha alo akhwela emdulini.
23 Abahlaseli bemitshoko bamhlasela ngolaka;
bamciba ngenzondo embi.
24 Kodwa kawalazelanga ngedandili lakhe,
ingalo zakhe eziqinileyo zala zilokhu ziqinile
ngenxa yesandla soMninimandla kaJakhobe,
ngenxa kaMalusi, iDwala lika-Israyeli,
25 ngenxa kaNkulunkulu kayihlo, okusizayo,
ngenxa kaSomandla okubusisayo
ngezibusiso zasezulwini ngaphezulu,
izibusiso zolwandle olungaphansi,
izibusiso zebele lenzalo.
26 Izibusiso zikayihlo zinkulu
kulezibusiso zezintaba zekadeni,
kulezithelo zamaqaqa adabuka endulo.
Zonke lezi kazehlele ekhanda likaJosefa,
ebunzini lenkosana phakathi kwabafowabo.

27 UBhenjamini yimpisi ephangayo;
ekuseni uyakudlithiza akujimbileyo,
ntambama akwabe.”
28 Zonke lezi yizizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli, njalo yikho lokho uyise akutsho kubo lapho wayebabusisa, esipha ilowo lalowo isibusiso esimfaneleyo.

Ukufa KukaJakhobe

29 Emva kwalokho wasebanika imilayo le: “Sekusondele ukuba ngimbelwe ebantwini bakithi. Lingimbele labokhokho ebhalwini ensimini ka-Efroni umHithi,
30 ubhalu olusensimini kaMakhaphela, eduze leMamure eKhenani, eyathengwa ngu-Abhrahama kanye lensimu leyo ku-Efroni umHithi, ukuba yindawo yokungcwaba.
31 Khonapho kwangcwatshwa u-Abhrahama lomkakhe uSara, kwembelwa u-Isaka lomkakhe uRabheka, njalo khonapho ngambela uLeya. 32 Insimu kanye lobhalu oluphakathi kwathengwa kumaHithi.”
33 Kwathi uJakhobe eseqedile ukunika imilayezo emadodaneni akhe, wakhweza inyawo zakhe embhedeni, waphefumula okokucina, wasiwa kwabakibo.

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1 UJosefa waziphosela phezu kukayise wamkhalela, wasemanga. 2 UJosefa waselaya izinyanga ezazingaphansi kwakhe ukuqhola umzimba kayise u-Israyeli. Ngakho izinyanga zamqhola, 3 zathatha insuku ezingamatshumi amane ezigcweleyo, ngoba kwakuthatha isikhathi esingako ukuqhola. AmaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.
4 Insuku zokulila sezedlule, uJosefa wathi kuziphathamandla zikaFaro, “Nxa ngifumane umusa kini, ngikhulumelani kuFaro. Mtsheleni lithi, 5 ‘Ubaba wangifungisa isifungo wathi, “Sengizakufa; lingimbele ethuneni engazigebhela lona mina ngokwami elizweni laseKhenani.” Manje-ke ake ungivumele ngihambe ngiyongcwaba ubaba; besengiphenduka.’ ”
6 UFaro wathi, “Hamba uyongcwaba uyihlo, njengoba wakufungisa ukuthi uzakwenza.”

7 Ngakho uJosefa wahamba wayangcwaba uyise. Zonke izikhulu zikaFaro
zamphelekezela, izikhulu zakhe zomphakathi kanye lazozonke izikhulu zaseGibhithe,
8 ngaphandle kwabo bonke abendlu kaJosefa labafowabo lalabo ababe ngabendlu
kayise. EGosheni kwasala kuphela abantwana lemihlambi yabo yezimvu leyenkomo.
9 Wahamba elezinqola zempi labakhweli bamabhiza. Kwakulixuku elikhulu.
10 Bathi ngokufika esizeni sika-Athadi eduze kweJodani basiqhinqa isililo esikhulu
esibuhlungu; kwathi khonapho uJosefa wazilela uyise okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
11 Kwathi amaKhenani ayehlala eduzane ebona ukulila lokho esizeni sika-Athadi athi,
"AmaGibhithe alenkonzo yawo yokulila." Yikho-nje leyondawo eseduze kweJodani
ithiwa yi-Abheli-Mizirayimi.
12 Ngalokho amadodana kaJakhobe enza lokho uyise abalaya khona:
13 Bamthwalela elizweni laseKhenani bayamngcwaba ebhalwini olwalusensimini
kaMakhaphela, eduze leMamure, u-Abhrahama aluthenga kanye lensimu ku-Efroni
umHithi ukuthi kube yindawo yokungcwaba. 14 Esemngcwabile uyise uJosefa
wabuyela eGibhithe kanye labafowabo labo bonke ababehambe laye ukuyangcwaba
uyise.

UJosefa Ubeka Abafowabo Isibindi

15 Abafowabo bakaJosefa sebebonile ukuthi uyise sefile, bathi, "Kambe uJosefa kasi-
bekelanga isikhwili yini abesefuna ukuphindisela ngakho konke esamona ngakho?"
16 Ngakho bathumela ilizwi kuJosefa besithi, "Uyihlo watshiya imilayo le engakafi:
17 'Nanku elimele likutsho kuJosefa: Ngiyakucela ukuthi uxolele abafowenu izono
leziphambeko abazenzayo ngokukuphatha kubi kangaka.' Manje siyacela ukuthi
uthethelele izono zezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo." Kwathi ilizwi labo selifikile
kuye uJosefa wakhala.
18 Abafowabo beza bafika bazilahla phansi phambi kwakhe. Bathi, "Siyizigqili
zakho."
19 Kodwa uJosefa wathi kubo, "Lingesabi. Mina ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu
na? 20 Lalihlose ukungenza okubi, kodwa uNkulunkulu wayehlose ubuhle ngakho
ukuze kugcwaliseke lokhu okwenzakalayo khathesi, ukuphephisa impilo ezinengi.
21 Ngakho-ke, lingesabi. Ngizalinakekela lina labantwabenu." Wababeka isibindi
wabakhulumisa ngomusa.

Ukufa KukaJosefa

22 UJosefa wahlala eGibhithe kanye labo bonke abendlu kayise. Waphila
okweminyaka elikhulu letshumi, 23 wabona isizukulwane sesithathu sabantwana
baka-Efrayimi. Njalo labantwana bakaMakhiri indodana kaManase bathi bezalwa
babekwa emadolweni kaJosefa.
24 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo, "Sengiseduze lokufa. Kodwa ngempela uNku-
lunkulu uzalisiza alikhuphe kulelilizwe alise elizweni alithembisa ngesifungo ku-
Abhrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe." 25 UJosefa wasefungisa amadodana ka-Israyeli
isifungo wathi, "UNkulunkulu uzalisiza, yikho kumele lithwale amathambo ami
lisuke lawo kule indawo."
26 UJosefa wasesifa eseleminyaka yobudala elikhulu letshumi. Bathi sebemqholile,
isidumbu sakhe basibeka ebhokisini eGibhithe.

U-Eksodasi

Ukuncindezelwa Kwabako-Israyeli

1 La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli aya eGibhithe loJakhobe, munye
ngamunye lemuli yakhe:

2 uRubheni, uSimiyoni, uLevi loJuda;
3 u-Isakhari, uZebhuluni loBhenjamini,
4 uDani loNafithali;
uGadi lo-Asheri.

5 Inzalo yonke kaJakhobe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. UJosefa
wayevele eseseGibhithe.

6 Kwathi uJosefa labo bonke abafowabo kanye lasosonke lesosizukulwane sebefile,
7 abako-Israyeli bazalana banda kakhulu, okokuthi ilizwe lonke lagcwala ngabo.
8 Kwasekusiba lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho ngoJosefa, yaba ngumbusi eGibhithe.
9 Yathi ebantwini bayo, “Khangelani, abantu bako-Israyeli sebebanengi kakhulu
kulathi. 10 Asiboneni amacebo esingawenza ngabo funa bande kakhulu kuthi lapho
kuqhamuka impi, babambane lezitha zethu, balwe lathi, besebesuka elizweni.”
11 Ngakho babeka izinduna zezigqili ukuthi zibasebenzise kanzima, bakha
iPhithomi leRamesesi aba ngamadolobho eziphala zikaFaro. 12 Kodwa kwathi
ngokuhlutshwa kwabo ngamandla, labo banda kakhulu basabalala; okwenza amaG-
ibhithe abesaba abako-Israyeli 13 asebasebenzisa ngochuku. 14 Enza impilo yabo yaba
nzima kakhulu betshaya izitina lokuvoxa udaka besenza leminye yonke imisebenzi
yemasimini. Kuyo yonke imisebenzi enzima amaGibhithe abasebenzisa ngochuku.
15 Inkosi yaseGibhithe yathi kubabelethisi bamaHebheru okwakuthiwa nguShifira
loPhuwa, 16 “Nxa libelethisa abafazi bamaHebheru, lingabona kuzelwe umfana
kufanele limbulale; kodwa nxa kuyinkazana, liyiyekele iphile.” 17 Kodwa ababelethisi
babemesaba uNkulunkulu, ngakho abakwenzanga lokho ababekutshelwe yinkosi
yaseGibhithe. 18 Sekube njalo, inkosi yaseGibhithe yababiza ababelethisi yathi kubo,
“Kungani lenze lokhu? Kungani liyekele abafana baphila?”
19 Ababelethisi bamphendula uFaro bathi, “Abafazi bamaHebheru abafani labafazi
bamaGibhithe; balamandla baphanga babelethe ababelethisi bengakafiki.”
20 Ngakho uNkulunkulu waba lomusa kubo ababelethisi, abantu banda baba
banengi kakhulu. 21 Njalo njengoba ababelethisi bamesaba uNkulunkulu, wabapha
ezabo izimuli.
22 UFaro wasesipha abantu bakhe bonke umlayo othi: “Wonke umfana womHeb-
heru ozalwayo kufanele aphoselwe emfuleni uNayili, kodwa wonke amankazana
liwayekele aphile.”

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Ukuzalwa KukaMosi

1 Kwasekusithi eyinye indoda esizweni sakoLevi yathatha owesifazane ongumLevi,
2 wazithwala wabeletha indodana. Wabona ukuthi umntwana wayemuhle kakhulu,
wasemfihla okwezinyanga ezintathu. 3 Kodwa kwathi lapho sekusehlula ukuthi
amfihle, wenza isitsha semizi, wasibhada ngodaka lengcino. Wafaka umntwana

phakathi kwaso wayasibeka okhunjini lomfula uNayili phakathi kwemihlanga.
4 Udadewabo wema bucwala ukuba abone okwenzakala kuye.
5 Indodakazi kaFaro yehlela emfuleni ukuyageza, amantombazana ayikhangelayo
ayehamba okhunjini lomfula. Yasisibona isitsha phakathi kwemihlanga yathuma
incekukazi yayo ukuyasithatha. 6 Yasivula yambona umntwana. Wayekhala,
yasimzwela usizi yathi, “Lo ngomunye wabantwana bamaHebheru.”
7 Udadewabo wasesithi endodakazini kaFaro, “Ngingayakudingela omunye wabesi-
fazane bamaHebheru ukuthi akondlele umntwana na?”
8 Yasisithi, “Yebo, hamba.” Intombazana yasuka yayabiza unina womntwana.
9 Indodakazi kaFaro yathi kuye, “Mthathe lumntwana ungondlele yena, ngizakupha
isondlo.” Ngakho owesifazane wamthatha umntwana wamondla. 10 Esekhulile umnt-
wana, wamthatha wamusa endodakazini kaFaro wasesiba ngumntanayo. Yasimutha
ibizo yathi nguMosi ngoba yathi, “Ngamkhupha emanzini.”

UMosi Ubalekela EMidiyani

11 Ngelinye ilanga, uMosi esekhulile, waya lapho okwakusebenzela khona abantu
bakibo, wabona ukuthi babethwele nzima kanjani. Wabona umGibhithe etshaya
umHebheru, omunye wabantu bakibo. 12 Wathi thala ngapha langapha wabona
kungelamuntu, wasebulala umGibhithe wamfihla etshebetshebeni. 13 Ngelanga
elilandelayo waphuma njalo wabona amaHebheru amabili esilwa. Wasebuza lo
owayephambanisile wathi, “Kungani utshaya owakini ongumHebheru na?”
14 Indoda leyo yathi, “Ngubani okwenze waba ngumbusi lomahluleli wethu?
Usucabanga ukungibulala na njengoba ubulele umGibhithe?” Ngalokho uMosi
wesaba wacabanga ukuthi, “Engxenye engikwenzileyo sekusazakala.”
15 Kwathi uFaro ekuzwa lokho, wazama ukubulala uMosi, kodwa uMosi wabalekela
eMidiyani, lapho afika khona wahlala phansi eduze komthombo. 16 Umphristi
waseMidiyani wayelamadodakazi ayisikhombisa, afika ezokukha amanzi lokukhelela
imikolo ukuze anathise izimvu zikayise. 17 Kwafika abelusi abathile bawaxotsha,
kodwa uMosi wasukuma wawalamulela wanathisa izimvu zawo.
18 Kwathi izintombi sezibuyele kuyise eRuweli wazibuza esithi, “Kungani lamhla
liphangisile ukuphenduka?”
19 Zaphendula zathi, “KulomGibhithe osilamulele kubelusi. Uze wasikhelela amanzi
wanathisa lezimvu zethu.”
20 Wawabuza amadodakazi akhe wathi, “Ungaphi? Limtshiyeleni? Mbizeni ukuze
azothola okokudla.”
21 UMosi wavuma ukuzehlala lale indoda, eyamnika indodakazi yayo uZiphora
ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. 22 UZiphora wazala indodana, uMosi wayitha ibizo wathi
nguGeshomu ngoba esithi, “Sengibe ngumuntu wezizweni endaweni yabezizweni.”
23 Emva kwesikhathi eside, inkosi yaseGibhithe yafa. Abako-Israyeli bakhala
babubula ebugqilini babo, kwasekusithi ukukhala kwabo becela usizo ngenxa
yobugqili ababekubo kwafinyelela kuNkulunkulu. 24 UNkulunkulu wakuzwa
ukububula kwabo wasekhumbula isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka
loJakhobe. 25 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wakhangela abako-Israyeli, wakhathazeka ngabo.

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UMosi Lesixuku Esivutha Umlilo

1 Kwathi uMosi eselusa izimvu zikayisezala uJethro, umphristi waseMidiyani, wase-
qhuba izimvu zaya kude ohlangothini lwenkangala wasefika eHorebhi, intaba kaNku-
lunkulu. 2 Lapho-ke ingilosi kaTHIXO yabonakala kuye iphakathi kwamalangabi
omlilo esixukwini. UMosi wabona ukuthi loba isixuku sasibhebha kasizange sitshe.

3 Ngakho uMosi wacabanga esithi, “Ngizasondela ngiyebona isimanga lesi ukuba
kungani isixuku singatshi silothe.”
4 Kwathi UTHIXO ebona ukuthi usesondele ukuba ayekhangela, uNkulunkulu
wasememeza ngelizwi elaliphuma kulesosixuku wathi, “Mosi! Mosi!”
UMosi wathi, “Ngilapha.”
5 UNkulunkulu wathi, “Ungasondeli. Khupha amanyathela akho, ngoba indawo
omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele.” 6 Wasesithi njalo, “NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.” Nga-
lokhu, uMosi wafihla ubuso bakhe ngoba wayesesaba ukukhangela uNkulunkulu.
7 UTHIXO wasesithi, “Impela ngilubonile usizi lwabantu bami eGibhithe. Ngibazwile
bekhala ngenxa yezinduna zezigqili ezibancindezelayo, njalo ngiyakhathazeka
ngokuhlupheka kwabo. 8 Ngakho ngehlile ukuzabakhulula ezandleni zamaGibhithe
ngibakhuphe kulelolizwe ngibase elizweni elilendawo enengi, ilizwe eligeleza
uchago loluju, endaweni yamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaHivi
lamaJebusi. 9 Ukukhala kwabako-Israyeli sekufikile kimi, njalo sengibonile lendlela
amaGibhithe ababahlukuluza ngayo. 10 Ngakho suka uhambe. Ngikuthuma kuFaro
ukuthi uyekhupha abantu bami abako-Israyeli elizweni laseGibhithe.”
11 Kodwa uMosi wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Kambe ngingubani ukuba ngiye kuFaro
ukuyakhupha abako-Israyeli elizweni laseGibhithe na?”
12 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Ngizakuba lawe. Lesi sizakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi
yimi engikuthumileyo: Nxa usubakhuphile abantu eGibhithe, lizakhonza uNku-
lunkulu kuyonale intaba.”
13 UMosi wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Aluba ngifika kwabako-Israyeli ngithi kubo,
‘UNkulunkulu waboyihlo ungithumile kini,’ besebengibuza bathi, ‘Ungubani ibizo
lakhe?’ Ngizakuthini kubo?”
14 UNkulunkulu wathi kuMosi, “NGINGUYE ONGUYE. Lokhu yikho ozakutsho
kwabako-Israyeli ukuthi, ‘UNGUYE ungithumile kini.’ ”
15 UNkulunkulu wabuye wathi kuMosi, “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi, ‘UTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNku-
lunkulu kaJakhobe ungithumile kini.’
Leli libizo lami laphakade,
ibizo engizakhunjulwa ngalo kusukela
kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye isizukulwane.
16 Hamba uyebuthanisa abadala bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, ka-Isaka loJakhobe, ubonakele kimi wathi:
Bengilikhangele njalo ngikubonile okwenziwe kini eGibhithe. 17 Futhi ngithembisile
ukulikhupha osizini lwenu elikulo eGibhithe ngilise elizweni lamaKhenani, amaHithi,
ama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.’
18 Abadala bako-Israyeli bazakulalela. Kuzakuthi wena kanye labadala liye
enkosini yaseGibhithe lithi kuyo, ‘UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru uhlangane
lathi. Sivumele sithathe uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu siye enkangala ukuyanikela
imihlatshelo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.’ 19 Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuthi inkosi
yaseGibhithe ayiyikulivumela ukuthi lihambe ngaphandle kokuba incindezelwe
yisandla esilamandla. 20 Ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngiwatshaye amaG-
ibhithe ngazozonke izimanga engizazenza phakathi kwawo. Ngemva kwalokho,
izalivumela lihambe.
21 Njalo ngizakwenza amaGibhithe abe lomusa kulababantu, ukuze kuthi mhla
lisuka lingahambi lingaphethe lutho. 22 Wonke owesifazane kacele kumakhelwane
wakhe lakuye wonke owesifazane ohlala endlini yakhe izinto eziligugu ezenziwe

ngesiliva legolide kanye lezigqoko ezizagqokwa ngamadodana lamadodakazi enu. Ngaleyondlela lizawemuka impahla amaGibhithe.”

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Izibonakaliso ZikaMosi

1 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Pho bangayekela ukungikholwa loba ukulalela
engikutshoyo bathi, ‘UTHIXO kazange abonakale kuwe’?”
2 UTHIXO wathi kuye, “Kuyini lokho okusesandleni sakho?”
Waphendula wathi, “Yintonga.”
3 UTHIXO wathi, “Iphosele phansi emhlabathini.”
UMosi wayiphosa phansi yasiphenduka yaba yinyoka, wayibalekela. 4 UTHIXO
wasesithi kuye, “Yelula isandla sakho uyibambe ngomsila.” UMosi welula isandla
wayibamba inyoka yasiphenduka yaba yintonga esandleni sakhe. 5 UTHIXO wathi,
“Lokhu yikwenzela ukuthi bakholwe ukuthi UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu waboyise, uNku-
lunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe ubonakele
kuwe.”
6 UTHIXO wabuye wathi, “Faka isandla sakho phakathi kwejazi lakho.” UMosi
wasefaka isandla sakhe ejazini lakhe, kwathi lapho esesikhupha, sasesimhlophe
njengongqwaqwane sesilobulephero.
7 Wathi njalo, “Sibuyisele isandla sakho ejazini lakho.” UMosi wasifaka isandla
sakhe ejazini lakhe, wathi esesikhupha sasesibuyele esimeni saso, sesifanana lejwabu
lakhe.
8 UTHIXO wasesithi, “Nxa bengayikukholwa loba bengananzi izibonakaliso
zokuqala, mhlawumbe bazakholwa ezesibili. 9 Kodwa nxa bengakholwa izi-
bonakaliso lezi ezimbili loba bengakulaleli, uzathatha amanzi emfuleni uNayili
uwathele emhlabathini owomileyo. Amanzi ozawathatha emfuleni azaphenduka abe
ligazi emhlabathini owomileyo.”
10 UMosi wasesithi kUTHIXO, “Oh THIXO, ngixolele, angizange ngibe yisikhulumi
kusukela emuva kuze kube lakhathesi ukhuluma lenceku yakho. Ngiyagagasa njalo
ngilamalimi.”
11 UTHIXO wathi kuye, “Ngubani owapha umuntu umlomo? Ngubani omenza
abe yisacuthe loba abe yisimungulu? Ngubani omenza abone loba abe yisiphofu?
Akusimi UTHIXO na? 12 Ngakho hamba, ngizakusiza ukuthi ukhulume njalo
ngikufundise lokuthi uthini.”
13 Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Oh Thixo, ngicela uthume omunye ukuthi ayekwenza
lokhu.”
14 UTHIXO wathukuthela, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha kuMosi, wathi, “Umfowenu
u-Aroni, ongumLevi ke? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyenelisa ukukhuluma kuhle. Uvele
usendleleni ukuzahlangana lawe, njalo inhliziyo yakhe izathokoza ukukubona.
15 Uzakhuluma laye ufake amazwi emlonyeni wakhe. Ngizaliphathisa lobabili
ukuthi likhulume njalo ngizalifundisa ukuthi lenzeni. 16 Yena uzakukhulumela
ebantwini, njalo kuzakuba sengani nguye ongumlomo wakho njalo kube angani wena
unguNkulunkulu kuye. 17 Kodwa phatha intonga le esandleni sakho ukuze wenze
izimangaliso ngayo.”

UMosi Ubuyela EGibhithe

18 UMosi wasebuyela kuyisezala uJethro wathi kuye, “Bengicela ukubuyela
ebantwini bakithi eGibhithe ukuthi ngiyebona kumbe balokhu besaphilile.”
UJethro wathi kuye, “Hamba kuhle.”
19 UTHIXO wayethe kuMosi eMidiyani, “Buyela eGibhithe, ngoba bonke abantu
ababefuna ukukubulala sebafa.” 20 Ngakho uMosi wathatha umkakhe kanye

lamadodana akhe, wabakhweza kubabhemi waqala uhambo lokubuyela eGibhithe. Wathatha intonga kaNkulunkulu wayiphatha ngesandla.

21 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Ekubuyeleni kwakho eGibhithe, bona ukuthi uyazenza
zonke izimangaliso engikuphe amandla okuba uzenze phambi kukaFaro. Kodwa
ngizakwenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni ukuba angabavumeli abantu ukuthi
basuke. 22 Uzakuthi kuFaro, ‘UTHIXO uthi u-Israyeli yindodana yami elizibulo,
23 njalo ngakutshela ngathi, “Vumela indodana yami ihambe, ukuze iyengikhonza.”
Kodwa wena wala ukuyivumela ukuba ihambe; ngakho ngizabulala indodana yakho
elizibulo.’ ”
24 Kwathi besesendleleni, endlini yezihambi, UTHIXO wahlangana loMosi wafuna
ukumbulala. 25 Kodwa uZiphora wayisoka indodana yakhe, wathatha isikhumba
sakhona wasethinta inyawo zikaMosi ngaso. Wathi, “Impela wena ungumyeni
wegazi.” 26 Ngakho UTHIXO wamyekela. (Ngalesosikhathi uZiphora wathi “umyeni
wegazi,” esitsho ukusoka.)
27 UTHIXO wathi ku-Aroni, “Hamba uye enkangala uhlangabezane loMosi.” Ngakho
wasuka wayahlangana loMosi entabeni KATHIXO wamanga. 28 UMosi wamtshela u-
Aroni konke UTHIXO ayemthume ukuthi akutsho, njalo langazo zonke izibonakaliso
ezimangalisayo ayemlaye ukuba azenze.
29 UMosi lo-Aroni bahamba bafika baqoqa bonke abadala bako-Israyeli, 30 u-
Aroni wasebatshela konke UTHIXO ayekutshele uMosi. Wenza lezibonakaliso phambi
kwabantu, 31 bakholwa. Kwathi besizwa ukuthi UTHIXO uyabakhathalela, njalo
wayelubonile usizi lwabo, bakhothama phansi bamkhonza.

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Izitina Kungelatshani

1 Emva kwalokho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro. Bathi kuye, “Sikulethele ilizwi
elivela KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabantu bako-Israyeli. Uthi, ‘Vumela abantu bami
bahambe, ukuze bangenzele umkhosi enkangala.’ ”
2 UFaro wathi, “Ungubani UTHIXO okufanele ngimlalele ngivumele abako-Israyeli
ukuba bahambe na? Mina kangimazi UTHIXO, njalo kangiyikubavumela abako-
Israyeli ukuba bahambe.”
3 Ngakho-ke bona bathi, “UNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ubonakele kithi. Kumele
sithathe uhambo lwamalanga amathathu siye enkangala ukuze siyenikela iminikelo
KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, funa asibulale ngemikhuhlane loba ngenkemba.”
4 Kodwa inkosi yaseGibhithe yathi, “Mosi lo-Aroni, kungani lisusa abantu emseben-
zini wabo? Buyelani emisebenzini yenu.” 5 UFaro wasesithi, “Khangelani abantu
sebebanengi elizweni, kodwa lina liyabamisa ukusebenza.”
6 Ngalelolanga uFaro wathumela lelilizwi ezinduneni zezigqili ezazisebenzisa
abantu wathi: 7 “Lingabe lisabapha abantu utshani bokwenza izitina. Yeke-
lani bayezidingela utshani babo kodwa lingehlisi inani lezitina okumele bazenze.
8 Kumele ukuthi batshaye inani abebelitshaya. Bangamavila, yikho besuka bakhale
besithi, ‘Kasihambeni siyenikela kuNkulunkulu wethu.’ 9 Yenzani umsebenzi uben-
zima kwabesilisa ukuze baqhubekele phambili ngomsebenzi batshiyane lokulalela
amanga.”
10 Izinduna zezigqili kanye labaphathi baphuma bayatshela abantu bathi, “Nanku
esikulaywe nguFaro, uthi, ‘Kangisoze ngilinike utshani futhi. 11 Hambani liyesika
utshani lapho elingabuthola khona. Kodwa umsebenzi wenu kawusoze uphungulwe
lakancinyane.’ ” 12 Ngakho abantu bahlakazeka kulolonke elaseGibhithe, besika im-
ihlanga ukuze bayisebenzise esikhundleni sotshani. 13 Izinduna zezigqili zaqhubeka
zibakhahlameza zisithi, “Qedani imisebenzi yansuku zonke njengalokho elalikwenza

lisazuza utshani.” 14 Abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-Israyeli ababekhethwe yizinduna
zezigqili zikaFaro batshaywa bebuzwa ukuthi, “Kungani inani lezolo lelanamuhla
lingenelanga njengakuqala?”
15 Ngakho abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-Israyeli baya kuFaro bamncenga besithi,
“Kungani uphatha izisebenzi zakho ngale indlela? 16 Izisebenzi zakho kazinikwa
utshani, kodwa sitshelwa ukuthi, ‘Tshayani izitina!’ Izisebenzi zakho ziyatshaywa,
kodwa umlandu ngowabantu bakho.”
17 UFaro wathi, “Mavila, yikho eliyikho, mavila! Yikho lihlala lisithi, ‘Siyekele
siyenikela kuTHIXO.’ 18 Buyelani emsebenzini. Akulatshani elizabuphiwa. Kodwa
kumele lenze izitina ezifika inani ebelivele lilenza.”
19 Abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-Israyeli bananzelela ukuthi babesebunzimeni
obukhulu baze batshelwe ukuthi, “Kakumelanga lehlise inani lezitina okumele
lilenze nsuku zonke.” 20 Sebesukile kuFaro, bafica uMosi lo-Aroni bebalindele.
21 Basebesithi, “uTHIXO kalikhangele alahlulele. Selenze ukuthi senyanyeke kuFaro
lakuziphathamandla zakhe, lafaka inkemba ezandleni zabo ukuba basibulale.”

UNkulunkulu Uthembisa Ukukhululwa Kwabako-Israyeli

22 UMosi wabuyela kuTHIXO wathi kuye, “THIXO, kungani ulethe uhlupho ebantwini
laba? Yiso yini isizatho sokungithuma. 23 Selokhu ngaya kuFaro ukuyakhuluma
ngebizo lakho, uselethe uhlupho ebantwini laba, njalo kawubahlenganga abantu
bakho lakancane.”

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1 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Uzabona esengizakwenza kuFaro khathesi. Ngenxa
yamandla esandla sami uzabavumela bahambe, ngenxa yamandla esandla sami
uzabaxotsha elizweni lakhe.”
2 UNkulunkulu waphinda wathi kuMosi, “NGINGUTHIXO. 3 Ngazibonakalisa ku-
Abhrahama, ku-Isaka lakuJakhobe njengoNkulunkulu uSomandla, kodwa ngegama
lami elithi THIXO kangizange ngizibonakalise kubo. 4 Ngaphinda ngenza isivumel-
wano labo ukuze ngibanike ilizwe leKhenani lapho ababehlala khona njengabez-
izweni. 5 Phezu kwalokho, sengikuzwile ukububula kwabantu bako-Israyeli bese-
bugqilini ngaphansi kwamaGibhithe, njalo sengikhumbule isivumelwano sami.
6 Ngakho tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO, njalo ngizalikhulula em-
busweni wamaGibhithe onzima, ngizalikhulula ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo, njalo
ngizalikhulula ngesandla eseluliweyo langezimangaliso. 7 Ngizalemukela njenga-
bantu bami njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi
NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha embusweni olukhuni wamaGibhithe.
Ngizalikhulula ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo. 8 Njalo ngizaliletha elizweni engafunga
ngesandla sami esiphakemeyo ukulinika u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe. Ngiza-
linika lona ukuze libe ngelenu. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.”
9 UMosi wabika lokhu kwabako-Israyeli, kodwa kabazange bamlalele ngenxa
yokudangala kwabo ebugqilini obulochuku.
10 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, 11 “Hamba uyetshela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe ukuthi
avumele abako-Israyeli baphume elizweni lakhe.”
12 Kodwa uMosi wathi kuTHIXO, “Nxa abako-Israyeli bengangilaleli, kuyini okun-
genza ukuthi uFaro angilalele, njengoba ngikhuluma ngigagasa?”

Umbhalo Wendlu Yakwabo KaMosi Lo-Aroni

13 UTHIXO wakhuluma loMosi lo-Aroni mayelana labako-Israyeli loFaro inkosi
yaseGibhithe wabalaya ukuthi bavumele abantu bako-Israyeli ukuthi baphume
eGibhithe.

14 Laba babezinhloko zezindlu zaboyise:

Amadodana kaRubheni, izibulo lika-Israyeli ayeyila:
uHanokhi, uPhalu, uHezironi, loKhami.
Laba babengabosendo lukaRubheni.

15 Amadodana kaSimiyoni ayeyila:
uJemuyeli, uJamini, u-Ohadi, uJakhini, uZohari, loShawuli olonina oweyengumKhenani.
Laba babengabosendo lukaSimiyoni.

16 La ngamabizo amadodana kaLevi ngokwemibhalo yabo:
uGeshoni, uKhohathi loMerari.
ULevi waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa (137).
17 Amadodana kaGeshoni ngezizukulwana zawo ayeyila:
uLibhini, uShimeyi, lemuli zabo.
18 Amadodana kaKhohathi ayeyila:
u-Amramu, u-Izihari, uHebhroni lo-Uziyeli.
UKhohathi waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu lantathu (133).
19 Amadodana kaMerari ayeyila:
uMahili loMushi.
Laba babengabosendo lukaLevi, ngokwemibhalo yabo.

20 U-Amramu wathatha uJokhebhedi owayengudadewabo kayise. Wamzalela u-Aroni loMosi.
U-Amramu waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa (137).
21 Amadodana ka-Izihari ayeyila;
uKhora, uNefegi loZikhiri.
22 Amadodana ka-Uziyeli ayeyila:
uMishayeli, u-Elizafani loSithiri.
23 U-Aroni wathatha u-Elishebha indodakazi ka-Aminadabi. U-Elishebha wayengudadewabo kaNahashoni. Wamzalela uNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari.

24 Amadodana kaKhora ayeyila;
u-Asiri, u-Elikhana lo-Abhiyasafi.
Laba babengabosendo lukaKhora.

25 U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wathatha omunye wamadodakazi kaPhuthiyeli. Wamzalela uFinehasi.

Laba-ke yibo ababengabakhokheli bezimuli zakoLevi, ngendlu yinye ngayinye.

26 Yibo labo o-Aroni loMosi uTHIXO athi kubo, “Khokhelani abantu bami bako-Israyeli libakhuphe elizweni laseGibhithe ngamakhulu abo.” 27 Yibo laba abaya kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe mayelana lokukhupha abantu bako-Israyeli eGibhithe. Kwakuyibo oMosi lo-Aroni.

U-Aroni Ukhulumela UMosi

28 Ngesikhathi UTHIXO ekhuluma loMosi eGibhithe, 29 wathi kuye, “NGINGUTHIXO.
Tshela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe yonke into engikutshela yona.”
30 Kodwa uMosi wathi KUTHIXO, “Njengoba ngikhuluma ngigagasa, kambe kuyini
okungenza ukuthi uFaro azihluphe ngokungilalela?”

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1 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Khangela, sengikwenze wafana loNkulunkulu kuFaro,
njalo umfowenu u-Aroni uzakuba ngumphrofethi wakho. 2 Uzakhuluma konke
engizakulaya khona njalo umfowenu u-Aroni uzatshela uFaro ukuthi avumele abako-
Israyeli ukuba basuke elizweni lakhe. 3 Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo kaFaro
ibe lukhuni, njalo lanxa ngizakwandisa izimangaliso zami elizweni laseGibhithe,
4 kasoze alilalele. Sekunjalo ngizakwelula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, njalo
ngezenzo zami zokwahlulela ezilamandla, ngizakwahlukanisa abantu. 5 Njalo abantu
baseGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi ngempela mina NGINGUTHIXO lapho sengiselula
isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, besengikhupha abako-Israyeli kulelolizwe.”
6 UMosi lo-Aroni benza njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO. 7 UMosi wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ubudala, u-Aroni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lantathu ngesikhathi bekhuluma loFaro.

Intonga Ka-Aroni Iba Yinyoka

8 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 9 “Nxa uFaro angathi kini limenzele isimangaliso,
wena uzakuthi ku-Aroni, ‘Thatha intonga yakho uyiphose phambi kukaFaro,’
izaphenduka ibe yinyoka.”
10 Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro. Bafika benza njengokulaywa kwabo
NGUTHIXO. U-Aroni waphosa intonga yakhe phansi phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu zakhe,
yaphenduka yaba yinyoka. 11 UFaro wasebiza izanuse lezinyanga zaseGibhithe.
Lazo zenza izimanga ngendlela efanayo. 12 Bonke baphosela intonga zabo phansi
zaphenduka zaba zinyoka. Kodwa inyoka ka-Aroni yaziginya zonke izinyoka.
13 Kodwa-ke, lanxa kwabanjalo, inhliziyo kaFaro yala ilokhu ilukhuni; njengoba
UTHIXO wayetshilo.

Uhlupho Lwegazi

14 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Inhliziyo kaFaro ilukhuni; uyala ukuthi abantu
bahambe. 15 Yana kuFaro ekuseni, ngesikhathi esehlela emfuleni. Ubokuma
okhunjini lomfula uNayili, umhlangabeze uphethe intonga eyaphenduka yaba
yinyoka. 16 Ubokuthi kuye, ‘UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ungithumile njalo
kuwe ukuba ngizekutshela ukuthi: Vumela abantu bami ukuthi bahambe, ukuze
bayengikhonza enkangala. Kodwa kuze kube khathesi kawukalaleli. 17 UTHIXO uthi,
Ngalokhu uzakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO: Ngentonga esesandleni sami ngizatshaya
amanzi kaNayili njalo azaphenduka abe ligazi. 18 Inhlanzi kuNayili zizakufa,
amanzi omfula azanuka athi phu, ngakho abantu baseGibhithe abangeke babe
besawanatha.’ ”
19 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Tshela u-Aroni uthi ‘thatha intonga yakho welulele
isandla sakho phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe, lakuyo yonke imifula yakhona lemisele
yamanzi, amaxhaphozi, lamachibi, wonke amanzi alapho azaphenduka abe ligazi.’
Igazi lizagcwala eGibhithe lasezinkonxeni zezigodo lasezitsheni zamatshe.”
20 UMosi lo-Aroni benza njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO. Waphakamisa intonga
yakhe phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu zakhe watshaya amanzi kaNayili aphenduka aba
ligazi. 21 Inhlanzi zikaNayili zafa. Umfula wanuka kubi okokuthi abaseGibhithe
babengeke bawanathe amanzi akhona. Igazi laseligcwele indawo yonke.

22 Kodwa izanuse zaseGibhithe lazo ngemilingo yazo zenza izimanga ezifananayo.
Ngalokho inhliziyo kaFaro yala ilokhu ilukhuni. Kabalalelanga oMosi lo-Aroni
njengoba UTHIXO wayevele etshilo. 23 UFaro wabuyela esigodlweni sakhe engakunaki
lokho. 24 Sekunjalo abaseGibhithe bemba imithombo okhunjini lomfula uNayili
ukuba bathole amanzi okunatha, ngoba babengeke babe besawanatha awomfula.

Uhlupho Lwamaxoxo

25 Kwedlula insuku eziyisikhombisa ngemva kokuba UTHIXO enze amanzi kaNayili
aba ligazi.

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1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, "Buyela njalo kuFaro uthi kuye, 'UTHIXO uthi, Vumela
abantu bami bahambe bayengikhonza. 2 Ungala ngizathumela uhlupho lwamaxoxo
elizweni lakho. 3 Umfula uNayili uzagcwala amaxoxo. Azangena esigodlweni sakho
lasendlini yakho yokulala, lasembhedeni wakho; angene lezindlini zezikhulu zakho
lezabantu bakho. Azagcwala ezindaweni zenu zokuphekela, lasemiganwini yenu
yokuvubela izinkwa. 4 Amaxoxo la azakuba phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho
kanye lezikhulu zakho.' "
5 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, "Tshela u-Aroni akhombele intonga emifuleni, lasezi-
fudlaneni lasezizibeni zonke zaseGibhithe ukuze kube lamaxoxo ezindaweni zonke
zelizwe."
6 U-Aroni welulela isandla sakhe emanzini eGibhithe, amaxoxo agcwala ilizwe
lonke. 7 Kodwa-ke izanuse lazo zenzanjalo ngemilingo yazo yensitha, zenza kwaba
lamaxoxo elizweni lonke leGibhithe.
8 UFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi kubo, "Ncengani UTHIXO asuse amaxoxo
kimi lebantwini bami, lami ngizavumela abantu bakhe ukuba bahambe bayenikela
imihlatshelo kUTHIXO."
9 UMosi wathi, kuFaro "Ngikutshiya kuwe ukuba ubeke isikhathi sokuthi
ngikukhulekele wena lezikhulu zakho labantu bakho ukuze lina lezindlu zenu
lilanyulelwe emaxoxweni, ngaphandle kwalawo azasala kuNayili."
10 UFaro wathi, "Kwenze kusasa."
UMosi wasesithi, "Kuzakuba njengokutsho kwakho ukuze ukwazi ukuthi kakho
omunye ONJENGOTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. 11 Amaxoxo azasuka kini lezindlini zenu
lezezikhulu labantu benu abesesala emfuleni uNayili kuphela."
12 UMosi lo-Aroni basuka kuFaro. UMosi wakhala kUTHIXO ukuba asuse amaxoxo
ayewathumele kuFaro. 13 UTHIXO wenza lokho uMosi ayekucelile. Amaxoxo afa
ezindlini lemagumeni lemasimini. 14 Bawabuthelela aba zinqwabanqwaba; ilizwe
lonke lanuka phu ngamaxoxo. 15 Kodwa uFaro ebona ukuthi udubo soluphungukile
womisa inhliziyo yakhe wala ukulalela uMosi lo-Aroni njengokwakuvele kukhulun-
ywe NGUTHIXO.

Uhlupho Lwentwala

16 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, "Tshela u-Aroni uthi, 'Phakamisa intonga yakho
utshaye uthuli lomhlabathi,' uthuli luzaphenduka lube zintwala elizweni lonke
laseGibhithe." 17 Benza njengokulaywa kwabo, kwathi u-Aroni eselule isandla sakhe
ephethe intonga watshaya uthuli, intwala zahlasela abantu lezifuyo zabo. Uthuli
lonke eGibhithe lwaphenduka lwaba zintwala. 18 Izanuse lazo zazama ukwenza
intwala ngemilingo yazo, kodwa zehluleka.
Njengoba intwala zazisebantwini lezinyamazaneni, 19 izanuse zathi kuFaro, "Lokhu
kungumunwe kaNkulunkulu." Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yayilukhuni, kabalalelanga
njengoba UTHIXO wayevele etshilo.

Uhlupho Lwempukane

20 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Kusasa ubovuka ekuseni kakhulu uhlangabeze
uFaro lapho esiya emanzini. Ubokuthi kuye, ‘Vumela abantu bami bahambe
bayengikhonza. 21 Ungala, ngizathumela umtshitshi wempukane kuwe, ebantwini
bakho lezindlini zenu. Izindlu zabantu baseGibhithe zizagcwala impukane lomhla-
bathi ugcwale zona.
22 Kodwa ngalolosuku akuyikuba njalo eGosheni lapho okuhlala khona abantu
bami. Akuyikuba lemitshitshi yempukane khona. Ngakho uzakwazi ukuthi mina
NGINGUTHIXO womhlaba wonke. 23 Ngizakwenza kube lomahluko phakathi kwabantu
bami labantu bakho. Lesisimangaliso sizakwenzakala kusasa.’ ”
24 UTHIXO wenza njengoba wayetshilo. Umtshitshi wempukane ezinengi ok-
wesabeka kakhulukazi zagcwala esigodlweni sikaFaro lasezindlini zezikhulu zakhe,
lakulo lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe; zalitshabalalisa.
25 UFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni. Wathi kubo, “Hambani liyehlabela uNkulunkulu
wenu likhonapha kulelilizwe.”
26 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Lokho akulunganga. Imihlatshelo yethu esinikela
ngayo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu iyanengeka ebantwini beGibhithe. Singanikela
ngeminikelo abayizondayo kambe kabayikusitshaya ngamatshe na? 27 Kumele
sithathe uhambo lwezizinsuku ezintathu siye enkangala siyemhlabela khonale
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu njengokusilaya kwakhe.”
28 UFaro wathi, “Ngizalivumela lihambe liyenikela imihlatshelo KUTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu enkangala, kodwa lingayi khatshana. Khathesi ngikhulekelani.”
29 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Ngizakuthi ngisanda kusuka ngikhuleke KUTHIXO,
njalo kusasa umtshitshi wempukane uzasuka kuFaro, ezikhulwini zakhe lebantwini
bakhe. Kodwa uFaro kangasikhohlisi futhi asuke angasavumeli abantu ukuba
bahambe bayenikela imihlatshelo KUTHIXO.”
30 Emva kwalokho uMosi wasuka kuFaro wasekhuleka KUTHIXO. 31 UTHIXO wenza
lokho okwakucelwe nguMosi, umtshitshi wempukane wanyamalala kuFaro lezikhulu
zakhe labantu bakhe, akwaze kwasala leyodwa. 32 Kodwa langalesosikhathi uFaro
wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba lukhuni kazabavumela abako-Israyeli ukuba bahambe.

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Uhlupho Ezifuyweni

1 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Yana kuFaro uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ukuthi, “Yekela abantu bami bahambe, ukuze
bayengikhonza.” 2 Ungabalela ukuthi bahambe ube ulokhu ubabambile 3 UTHIXO
uzakwehlisela isifo esibi ezifuyweni zakho emadlelweni, amabhiza enu, obabhemi,
amakamela, inkomo, izimvu lembuzi. 4 Kodwa UTHIXO uzakwenza umahluko
phakathi kwezifuyo zabako-Israyeli lezamaGibhithe ukuze kungafi lasinye isifuyo
sabako-Israyeli.’ ”
5 UTHIXO wamisa isikhathi esithile wathi, “UTHIXO uzakwenza lokhu kusasa
elizweni leli.” 6 Lakanye ngelanga elilandelayo UTHIXO wakwenza, zonke izifuyo
zamaGibhithe zafa, kodwa akufanga ngitsho lasinye isifuyo sabako-Israyeli. 7 UFaro
wathuma amadoda ukuyahlola umonakalo afumana ukuthi kwakungafanga sifuyo
lasinye sabako-Israyeli. Kodwa inhliziyo yakhe yala ilokhu ilukhuni, wabalela abantu
ukuthi bahambe.

Uhlupho Lwamathumba

8 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi lo-Aroni, “Thathani umlotha omlutshwana eziko lifike
kuFaro uMosi awuhazele emoyeni phambi kwakhe. 9 Uzakuba luthuli phezu
kwelizwe lonke laseGibhithe, lapho-ke kuzaphihlika amathumba amabi ebantwini
lasezinyamazaneni kulolonke ilizwe.”

10 Ngakho bathatha umlotha eziko baya kuFaro. UMosi wawuhazela emoyeni,
abantu bonke lezinyamazana zonke kwamilwa ngamathumba aphihlikayo.
11 Izangoma zehluleka ukumisana loMosi ngenxa yamathumba ayezibulala kanye
lamaGibhithe wonke. 12 Kodwa UTHIXO wenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro wala
ukulalela uMosi lo-Aroni njengoba UTHIXO wayevele etshilo kuMosi.

Uhlupho Lwesiqhotho

13 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Vuka ekuseni kakhulu uye kuFaro, uthi kuye,
‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, uthi, yekela abantu
bami bahambe ukuze bayengikhonza. 14 Kungenjalo kulesisikhathi ngizakwehlisa
ubunzima bezinhlupho zami obulesihluku phezu kwakho, phezu kwezinceku zakho
labantu bakho ukuze lazi ukuthi kakho omunye onjengami emhlabeni wonke.
15 Kunje nje ngabe sengiselulile isandla sami ngakutshaya kanye labantu bakho
ngesifo ebesizakucitsha emhlabeni. 16 Kodwa ngikuphephisile ngayonale injongo
yokuthi ngikubonise amandla ami, lokuthi ibizo lami lifakazwe kuwo wonke
umhlaba. 17 Ulokhu utshingela abantu bami ubalela ukuthi bahambe. 18 Ngalokho-ke
ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizakwehlisa isiqhotho esingakaze sehlele eGibhithe lilokhu
lababala laba khona ilizwe leli. 19 Wohle nje uthumezele ilizwi lokuthi izifuyo zakho
lakho konke olakho emadlelweni kubuyiswe kuvalelwe esibayeni esivikelweyo ngoba
isiqhotho leso sizatshaya umuntu wonke lesifuyo sonke esingabuthwanga nxa silokhu
sisegangeni, konke kuzakufa.’ ”
20 Lezozikhulu zikaFaro ezalesabayo ilizwi LIKATHIXO zaphanga zangenisa izigqili
zazo lezifuyo ngaphakathi. 21 Labo abangalinanzanga ilizwi LIKATHIXO izigqili zabo
lezifuyo zabo bakuyekela kusegangeni.
22 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelula isandla sakho siye phezulu ukuze kune
isiqhotho kulolonke iGibhithe, phezu kwabantu lezinyamazana laphezu kwakho
konke okukhulayo emasimini aseGibhithe.” 23 UMosi wonela ukukhomba ngentonga
yakhe phezulu, UTHIXO wehlisa umdumo lesiqhotho, umbane wabaneka phansi
emhlabathini. Ngakho UTHIXO wanisa isiqhotho elizweni laseGibhithe. 24 Isiqhotho
satshaya umbane wabaneka yonke indawo. Sasingakaze sibe khona isiphepho
esinjalo sekulokhu isizwe saseGibhithe saba khona. 25 Isiqhotho satshaya saqothula
yonke into egangeni, abantu lezinyamazana; sabhuqa konke okukhulayo emasi-
mini, saphundla izihlahla zonke eGibhithe. 26 Indawo eyasilayo yiGosheni lapho
okwakulabako-Israyeli khona.
27 UFaro wasebiza uMosi lo-Aroni. Wathi kubo, “Okwamanje ngenze isono.
UTHIXO ulungile, kukanti mina labantu bami siyizoni. 28 Khulekani KUTHIXO, ngoba
ukukhwaza kwezulu lesiqhotho sekwanele. Ngizaliyekela lihambe; akusadingeki
ukuthi lihlale.”
29 UMosi waphendula wathi. “Nxa sengiphumile edolobheni ngizavula izandla zami
ngikhuleke KUTHIXO. Ukuduma kuzakhawula kungabe kusaba lesiqhotho, ukuze wazi
ukuthi umhlaba NGOKATHIXO. 30 Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi wena lezikhulu zakho lilokhu
lingamesabi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu.”
31 (Amabele lebhali kwabhuqwa nya ngoba amabele ayeselezikhwebu lophoko
selumumethe. 32 Ingqoloyi lenyawuthi khona kakuthintwanga ngoba kuvuthwa
muva.)
33 UMosi wasesuka kuFaro waphuma edolobheni. Welulela izandla zakhe
KUTHIXO; ukuduma kwezulu lesiqhotho kwakhawula, izulu alabe lisana emhlabeni.
34 Kwathi uFaro ebona ukuthi izulu lesiqhotho lokukhwaza kwezulu kwasekukhawule
waphinda wenza isono: Yena lezikhulu zakhe benza inhliziyo zabo zaba lukhuni.
35 Ngakho inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni akaze avumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi
bahambe njengoba UTHIXO wayetshilo ngoMosi.

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Uhlupho Lwentethe

1 Ngakho uTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Hamba kuFaro, ngoba sengiyenze yaba
lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe lezinhliziyo zezikhulu zakhe ukuze ngenze izimanga zami
kubo 2 ukuze lilandisele abantwabenu labazukulu benu ukuthi ngabahlukuluza
njani abeGibhithe lokuthi ngabenzela izimanga, khona lizakwazi ukuthi mina
NGINGUTHIXO.”
3 Ngakho oMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro bathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru: ‘Uzakwala kuze kube nini ukuzithoba phambi kwami?
Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bayengikhonza. 4 Nxa usala ukuthi bahambe
ngizaletha intethe elizweni lakho kusasa. 5 Zizakwembesa wonke umhlabathi
usale ungasabonakali. Zizakudla ziphundle du lalokho okuncinyane okwatshiywa
yisiqhotho kanye lezihlahla zonke ezikhula egangeni. 6 Zizagcwala ezindlini zakho
lezezikhulu zakho zonke lezamaGibhithe, into oyihlo labokhokho bakho abangazange
bayibone selokhu bahlala kulelilizwe kuze kube manje.’ ” Khonapho uMosi wabe
efulathela esuka kuFaro.
7 Izikhulu zikaFaro zathi kuye, “Koze kube nini na indoda le ilokhu iyisifu kithi?
Yekela abantu bahambe bayekhonza uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo. Ulokhu ungaboni
yini ukuthi ilizwe leGibhithe selichithekile?”
8 UMosi lo-Aroni basebebuyiswa kuFaro. Wathi, “Hambani liyokhonza uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu. Kanti konje ngobani abahambayo?”
9 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Sizahamba labatsha labadala bethu; lamadodana
lamadodakazi ethu, lemihlambi yethu ngoba kumele senzele uTHIXO umkhosi.”
10 UFaro wathi, “uTHIXO kabe lani, kumbe likhumbula ukuthi ngizaliyekela lihambe
labesifazane labantwana! Kusobala ukuthi liqonde ukwenza okubi. 11 Hatshi!
Akuhambe amadoda kuphela; amkhonze uTHIXO ngoba phela yikho ebelivele
likukhalela.” Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni basebexotshwa phambi kukaFaro.
12 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelula isandla sakho phezu kweGibhithe ukuze
kwehle isikhongwane, izintethe, kulolonke ilizwe zidle zigugude konke okukhulayo
emangweni, konke lokho okwatshiywa yisiqhotho.”
13 UMosi wayiphakamisa intonga yakhe phezu kweGibhithe, uTHIXO wasequbula
umoya wempumalanga wavunguza elizweni lonke ngalelolanga lobusuku bakhona.
Ekuseni umoya waletha izintethe. 14 Zalihlasela lonke elaseGibhithe zagcwala silikici
kuzozonke izindawo zelizwe ngobunengi bazo. Kwakungakaze kube lesikhongwane
esingako njalo singeyikufa saba khona njalo lanini. 15 Intethe lezo zavala umhlabathi
waba mnyama bhuqe. Zatshaya zabhuqa konke okwakusele ngesikhathi sesiqhotho,
konke okwakukhula emangweni kanye lezithelo zezihlahla. Akusalanga lutho
oluluhlaza ezihlahleni loba isilimo bani kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe.
16 UFaro waphanga wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, “Ngonile kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu lakini. 17 Manje-ke ngixolelani njalo libuye likhuleke kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu ukuthi asuse loluhlupho olubhubhisayo.”
18 UMosi wasesuka kuFaro wayakhuleka kuTHIXO. 19 UTHIXO wasewuguqula umoya
waphephetha uvelela entshonalanga ulamandla. Wazidudula izintethe wazitshovela
oLwandle Olubomvu. Akusalanga ntethe layinye loba ngaphi eGibhithe. 20 Kodwa
uTHIXO wayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kaze abavumela abako-Israyeli
ukuthi bahambe.

Uhlupho Lomnyama

21 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelulela isandla sakho emkhathini ukwenzela ukuthi
umnyama wembese iGibhithe lonke, umnyama obambekayo.” 22 Ngakho uMosi

waseselulela isandla sakhe phezulu, kwathi gubu umnyama okhasa phansi, walembesa lonke elaseGibhithe okwensuku ezintathu. 23 Kakho owayesabona omunye njalo kakho owayengasuka endaweni yakhe okwalezonsuku ezintathu. Kodwa ama-Israyeli ayelakho ukukhanya ezindaweni ayehlala kuzo.

24 UFaro wasebiza uMosi wathi, “Hambani liyekhonza UTHIXO. Ngitsho labesifazane benu labantwana hambani labo; litshiye kuphela imihlambi yezifuyo zenu.”

25 Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Kumele usivumele ukuthi siyokwenza imihlatshelo leminikelo yokutshiswa KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. 26 Izifuyo zethu lazo zimele zihambe lathi kungasali lasinye. Kumele siyosebenzisa ezinye zazo ekukhonzeni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. Phela kasisoze sazi ukuthi sizasebenzisa siphi isifuyo ukukhonza UTHIXO size sifike khonale.”

27 Kodwa UTHIXO wayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kaze afuna ukubayekela bahambe. 28 UFaro wathi kuMosi, “Suka phambi kwami! Phinde ngikubone futhi. Mhla wangibona futhi ufile wena.”

29 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Akube njengokuba usitsho. Phinde ungibone njalo lapha.”

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Uhlupho Lokubulawa Kwamazibulo

1 Ngalesosikhathi UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Sekusele ukuthi ngehlise uhlupho olulodwa kuFaro laphezu kweGibhithe. Ngemva kwalokho uzaliyekela lisuke lapha, njalo liphume eselixotsha lonke. 2 Tshela abantu ukuthi amadoda labafazi ngokufananayo bacele kubomakhelwane babo izinto zesiliva legolide.” 3 (UTHIXO wenza amaGibhithe aba lomusa ebantwini, loMosi uqobo wahlonitshwa kakhulu yizikhulu zikaFaro langabantu.)

4 Ngakho uMosi wasesithi, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: ‘Phakathi kobusuku ngizahambahamba kulolonke elaseGibhithe. 5 Wonke owesilisa olizibulo eGibhithe uzakufa, kusukela ezibulweni likaFaro ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi kuthathe kanye lezibulo lesigqili sentombazana esisebenza ukuchola, kanye lamazibulo enkomo uqobo. 6 Kuzakuba lesililo esikhulu eGibhithe lonke, isililo esingakaze sibe khona njalo esingayikuba khona lanini. 7 Kodwa kwabako-Israyeli akuyikuba lanja ezakhonkotha umuntu loba inyamazana.’ Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uyawehlukanisa amaGibhithe kwabako-Israyeli. 8 Zonke izikhulu zakho lezi zizakuza kimi zikhothamisele ubuso phansi phambi kwami zisithi, ‘Hambani, wena labo bonke abakulandelayo!’ Ngemva kwalokho ngizasuka.” UMosi wasesuka kuFaro elokhu ezonde evutha umlilo.

9 UTHIXO wayesetshilo kuMosi wathi, “UFaro uzaqinisa intamo, ukuze zande izimangaliso zami eGibhithe.” 10 UMosi lo-Aroni bazenza zonke izimangaliso lezi emehlweni kaFaro, kodwa UTHIXO wayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro kaze abavumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi baphume elizweni lakhe.

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Umdabuko WePhasika LoMkhosi WeSinkwa EsingelaMvubelo

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni beseGibhithe, 2 “Inyanga le kayibe yinyanga yakuqala kini, inyanga yokuqala emnyakeni wenu. 3 Tshelani bonke abomndeni ka-Israyeli ukuthi ngelanga letshumi lale inyanga indoda ngayinye kayithathele abomuzi wayo izinyane libe linye indlu ngendlu. 4 Nxa abendlu bebalutshwana kakhulu ukuthi abangeke baliqede lelozinyane kababelane labomakhelwane abaseduze kwabo kusiya ngenani labo ukuthi bangaki. Kumele uphawule ukuthi kungadingeka izinyane elingakanani kusiya ngokuthi umuntu emunye angadla inyama engakanani.

5 Kumele ukhethe amazinyane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa angelasici, njalo
ungakhetha ezimvini loba embuzini. 6 Agcine amazinyane lawo kuze kube lusuku
lwetshumi lane lwenyanga, lapho isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli esizawahlaba khona
nxa kuhwalala. 7 Lapho-ke kuzamele bathathe igazi baligcobe emaceleni laphezulu
kwemigubazi yalezozindlu abazadlela khona amazinyane. 8 Ngalobobusuku kumele
badle inyama eyoswe emlilweni, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayo.
9 Lingayidli inyama iluhlaza loba iphekwe ngamanzi, kodwa yoseni emlilweni
konke lenhloko yakhona lamangqina kanye lezangaphakathi. 10 Lingatshiyi lutho
lwayo kuze kube sekuseni; kuthi nxa kukhona okuseleyo kwayo ekuseni kumele
likutshise. 11 Liboyidla inkalo zenu zibotshiwe, amanyathela egqokiwe lentonga zenu
zisezandleni. Lidle ngokuphangisa; kuliPhasika LIKATHIXO.

12 Ngalobobusuku ngizadabula phakathi kweGibhithe ngibulala wonke amazibulo
abantu lawezinyamazana njalo ngizakwahlulela bonke onkulunkulu bamaGibhithe.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO. 13 Igazi lizakuba yisibonakaliso sezindlu lapho elikhona lina;
kuzakuthi ngingabona igazi ngedlule kini. Akulasijeziso esibhidlizayo esizalithinta
lina nxa sengichitha iGibhithe.

14 Leli akube lilanga lesikhumbuzo, kuthi zonke izizukulwane ezizayo ziligcine
ngomkhosi omkhulu KUTHIXO, kube yisimiso sanini lanini. 15 Okwensuku eziy-
isikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo. Ngelanga lakuqala khuphani
imvubelo ezindlini zenu, kuthi lowo odla loba yini elemvubelo ngelanga lakuqala
kusiya kwelesikhombisa kumele akhutshwe ko-Israyeli. 16 Ngosuku lwakuqala
lenze umbuthano ongcwele, liphinde omunye ngosuku lwesikhombisa. Lingenzi
msebenzi ngamalanga lawa ngaphandle kokulungisa ukudla kwabantu, yikho kodwa
elingakwenza.

17 Gcinani uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo ngoba kwakulilanga engehlukanisa
ngalo amaviyo enu eGibhithe. Gcinani lelilanga njengesimiso sanini lanini kuz-
izukulwane ezizayo. 18 Ngenyanga yakuqala kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo,
kusukela kusihlwa ngelanga letshumi lane kuze kube kusihlwa ngelanga lamatshumi
amabili lanye. 19 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa akumelanga kutholakale imvubelo
ezindlini zenu. Akuthi lowo odla loba yini elemvubelo asuswe phakathi kwabantu
bako-Israyeli, loba engowezizweni kumbe owosendo lwenu. 20 Lingadli lutho olu-
fakwe imvubelo. Loba kungaphi elihlala khona libokudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo.”

21 Ngakho uMosi wasebiza bonke abadala bako-Israyeli wathi kubo, “Hambani
khona manje liyokhetha amazinyane ezindlu zenu lihlabe izinyane lePhasika.
22 Lithathe ilixha lehisophi liyigxamuze emganwini olegazi beselithatha elinye
igazi liligcobe phezulu lakunxa zonke zomgubazi. Akungabikhona lamunye wenu
ozaphuma emnyango wendlu yakhe kuze kuse. 23 Lapho UTHIXO edabula phakathi
kwelizwe ebulala amaGibhithe uzalibona igazi phezulu lemaceleni omgubazi, aceze
awedlule lowomnyango angamvumeli umbhubhisi ukungena endlini alibulale.

24 Lalelani imilayo le njengezimiso zaphakade kini lasezizukulwaneni zenu. 25 Nxa
lingangena elizweni UTHIXO azalinika lona njengokuthembisa kwakhe, liwugcine
umkhosi lo. 26 Nxa abantwabenu belibuza besithi, ‘Umkhosi lo ngowani?’ 27 libatshele
lithi, ‘UliPhasika lomhlatshelo KATHIXO owadlula eceza izindlu zabako-Israyeli
eGibhithe, waphephisa imizi yethu mhla egadla amaGibhithe.’ ” Khonapho abantu
bakhothama bakhonza. 28 Abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokho UTHIXO akuyala uMosi lo-
Aroni.

29 Phakathi kobusuku UTHIXO wawagongoda wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, kusukela
ezibulweni likaFaro owayesesihlalweni sobukhosi kusiya ezibulweni lesibotshwa
esasisentolongweni, kanye lamazibulo ezifuyo. 30 UFaro lezikhulu zakhe zonke lawo

wonke amaGibhithe bavuka ebusuku basiqhinqa isililo esikhulu eGibhithe ngoba kungekho ndlu layinye lapho okwakungafiwanga khona.

Ukuphuma EGibhithe

31 Ebusuku uFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, “Hambani! Sukani ebantwini bami,
lina labako-Israyeli. Hambani liyekhonza UTHIXO njengokucela kwenu. 32 Thathani
imihlambi yenu, njengokutsho kwenu lihambe. Njalo lingibusise.”
33 AmaGibhithe akhuthaza ukuthi baphangise baphume elizweni. Bathi, “Engxenye
singafa sonke!” 34 Ngakho abantu bathatha inhlama yabo yesinkwa ingakafakwa
mvubelo bayithwala emahlombe ngemiganu yokuvubela igoqelwe ngamalembu.
35 Abako-Israyeli benza lokho uMosi abayala khona, bacela kumaGibhithe izinto
ezenziwe ngesiliva langegolide kanye lezigqoko. 36 UTHIXO wenza amaGibhithe
aba lomusa abapha konke abakucelayo. Ngakho bawemuka impahla ezinengi
amaGibhithe.
37 Uhambo lwabako-Israyeli lwasukela eRamesesi baqonda eSukhothi. Kwakula-
madoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ehamba ngenyawo ngaphandle
kwabesifazane labantwana. 38 Abanye abantu abanengi bahamba labo kanye lemih-
lambi eminengi yezifuyo, izimvu lenkomo. 39 Inhlama abaphuma layo eGibhithe
bapheka ngayo isinkwa esingelamvubelo. Inhlama leyo yayingelamvubelo ngoba
basuka eGibhithe sebexotshwa abazabe besaba lesikhathi sokuzilungisela umphako.
40 Abako-Israyeli babehlale eGibhithe okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamat-
shumi amathathu (430). 41 Ekupheleni kwaleyominyaka engamakhulu amane
lamatshumi amathathu (430) kungeqanga suku wonke amaviyo KATHIXO asuka
eGibhithe. 42 Kwathi ngoba UTHIXO walinda ngalobobusuku esakhupha abako-
Israyeli eGibhithe, yikho-ke labo abako-Israyeli bonke kumele bawugcine umlindo
lo behlonipha UTHIXO kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo.

Izibopho ZePhasika

43 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, “Nansi imilayo yePhasika:
Akungabi lamuntu wezizweni olidlayo. 44 Isigqili esithengwe ngemali singalidla nxa
sesisokile, 45 kodwa isihambi sezizweni lesisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo kabavunyelwa
ukulidla.
46 Kalidlelwe endlini eyodwa, kungabi lanyama ephumela phandle kwendlu.
Akungabi lathambo elephulwayo. 47 Isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli kumele siwugcine
lumkhosi.
48 Owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu nxa efuna ukulidla iPhasika LIKATHIXO
kasoke bonke abesilisa abahlala endlini yakhe. Lapho-ke usengahlanganyela adle
njengomunye wenzalo yalelolizwe. Owesilisa ongasokwanga kangalidli. 49 Umthetho
lo ugoqela bonke abantu, abayinzalo yakini labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu.”
50 Bonke abako-Israyeli benza khona lokhu UTHIXO ayekulaye uMosi lo-Aroni.
51 Njalo ngalelolanga UTHIXO wakhupha abako-Israyeli eGibhithe ngamaviyo abo.

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Amazibulo Ahlukaniselwa UTHIXO

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Ngahlukanisela wonke amazibulo esilisa. Konke
okuzalwa kuqala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kungokwami, kungaba ngumuntu loba
isifuyo.”
3 Ngakho uMosi wasesithi ebantwini, “Lugcineni lube lusuku lwesikhum-
buzo lolu, ilanga elaphuma ngalo eGibhithe, liphuma elizweni lobugqili, ngoba
UTHIXO walikhupha khona ngamandla amakhulu. Lingadli lutho olulemvubelo.
4 Lamuhla ngenyanga ka-Abhibhi, liyasuka. 5 Kuzakuthi UTHIXO angalifikisa

elizweni lamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaHivi lamaJebusi, ilizwe afunga kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, kufanele liwugcine lumkhosi ngayonale inyanga. 6 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa lithakazelele umkhosi kaTHIXO; 7 kungabonwa lutho olulemvubelo phakathi kwenu, kuvele kungabonwa mvubelo elizweni lenu lonke. 8 Ngalelolanga ngulowo lalowo atshele indodana yakhe athi, 'Lokhu ngikwenza ngenxa yalokho uTHIXO angenzela khona ekuphumeni kwami eGibhithe.' 9 Lesisikhumbuzo kuwe sizakuba luphawu esandleni sakho lesikhumbuzo ebunzini lakho ukuthi umlayo kaTHIXO ube sezindebeni zakho. Ngoba uTHIXO wakukhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla amakhulu. 10 Kalibosigcina lesisimiso ngesikhathi esimisiweyo minyaka yonke.

11 Nxa uTHIXO eselingenisile elizweni lamaKhenani walinika lona njengokuthembisa kwakhe kini lakubokhokho benu, 12 kumele lahlukanisele uTHIXO konke okuzalwa kuqala yizo zonke izibeletho. Wonke amazibulo esilisa ezifuyo zenu ngakaTHIXO. 13 Lizahlenga izibulo likababhemi ngezinyane, kodwa nxa lingalihlenganga lephuleni intamo. Lihlenge njalo wonke amadodana enu angamazibulo.

14 Nxa indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo isithi, 'Kutshoni lokhu?' ubokuthi kuyo, 'uTHIXO wasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla amakhulu, wasikhupha elizweni lobugqili. 15 Kwathi uFaro eqholoza esala ukuthi sihambe, uTHIXO wabulala wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, awabantu lawezinyamazana. Yikho-nje nginikela kuTHIXO izibulo lesilisa lenzalo yonke ngiphinde ngihlenge wonke amadodana ami angamazibulo.' 16 Lokhu kuzakuba njengophawu esandleni sakho lesibonelo ebunzini lakho ukuthi uTHIXO wakukhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla amakhulu."

Ukuchatshwa KoLwandle Olubomvu

17 UFaro esebavumele abantu ukuthi bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela edabula elizweni lamaFilistiya loba yona yayiquma. Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi, "Nxa behlangana lempi mhlawumbe bangethuka babuyele eGibhithe." 18 Yikho uNkulunkulu wabahola ngendlela yenkangala eya oLwandle Olubomvu. Abako-Israyeli baphuma eGibhithe behlomele impi.

19 *UMosi wawathwala amathambo kaJosefa ngoba uJosefa wayenze isifungo lamadodana ka-Israyeli wathi, "Ngempela uNkulunkulu uzalikhulula. Lapho-ke libowathwala amathambo ami lisuke lawo kule indawo."

20 Sebesukile eSukhothi bayamisa e-Ethamu indawo egudlene lenkangala. 21 Emini uTHIXO wahamba phambi kwabo ngensika yeyezi ebahola endleleni yabo, kwathi ebusuku wabahola ngensika yomlilo ukubakhanyisela ukuze bahambe emini lebusuku. 22 Insika yeyezi emini loba insika yomlilo ebusuku kakuzange kusuke endaweni yakho phambi kwabantu.

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1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi babuyele emuva bayomisa ePhi-Hahirothi phakathi laphakathi kweMigidoli lolwandle. Kabamise eceleni kolwandle malungana leBhali-Zefoni. 3 UFaro uzacabanga ukuthi abako-Israyeli bayantula nje elizweni besangene ngoba sebesithwe yinkangala. 4 Njalo ngizayenza ibe lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro abeselandela exotshana labo. Kodwa ngizazizuzela udumo ngoFaro kanye lempi yakhe yonke, lamaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi mina nginguTHIXO." Ngakho abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokhu.

5 Kwathi inkosi yaseGibhithe isitsheliwe ukuthi abantu sebebalekile, uFaro lezikhulu zakhe baguqula ingqondo zabo ngabako-Israyeli bathi, "Sesenzeni manje?

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Sesiyekele abako-Israyeli bahamba salahlekelwa yikusetshenzelwa yibo!” 6 UFaro
waselungisa inqola yakhe yamabhiza waphuma lempi yakhe. 7 Wathatha izinqola
ezikhethekileyo ezingamakhulu ayisithupha zahamba kanye lezinye izinqola zaseG-
ibhithe, yinye ngayinye ilenduna yayo. 8 UTHIXO wayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo
kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, ngakho waxotshana labako-Israyeli ababehamba nge-
sibindi. 9 AmaGibhithe kugoqela wonke amabhiza kaFaro lezinqola, abagadi
bamabhiza lamabutho, abaxhuma abako-Israyeli abedlula bemise ngasolwandle
eduzane lePhi-Hahirothi malungana leBhali-Zefoni.

10 Kwathi uFaro esondela abako-Israyeli bathi bevusa amehlo babona nanko am-
aGibhithe asebanxwanele. Besaba bathuthumela bakhala kUTHIXO. 11 Bathi kuMosi,
“Kambe yikuthi kwakungelamangcwaba yini eGibhithe uze usilethe lapha enkangala
ukuba sizofela khona? Manje wenzeni ngokusikhupha eGibhithe? 12 Asitshongo
kuwe yini siseGibhithe ukuthi siyekele? Satsho sathi siyekele sikhonze amaGibhithe.
Kwakuzaba ngcono kithi ukukhonza amaGibhithe kulokufela enkangala!”

13 UMosi wabaphendula abantu wathi, “Lingesabi. Manini isibindi, lizabona ukuthi
UTHIXO uzalihlenga njani lamuhla. AmaGibhithe eliwabonayo lamuhla kalisoze
liphinde liwabone futhi. 14 UTHIXO uzalilwela; lina manini lithule.”

15 Ngakho UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Kanti ukhalelani kimi na? Tshela abako-
Israyeli baphume bahambe. 16 Phakamisa intonga yakho welulele isandla sakho
phezu kolwandle amanzi adabuke phakathi ukuze abako-Israyeli bahambe phakathi
kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo. 17 Ngizazenza zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zamaGib-
hithe ukuze angene abaxhume. Njalo ngizazuza udumo ngoFaro lempi yakhe yonke,
langezinqola zakhe labagadi bakhe bamabhiza. 18 AmaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi
mina yimi UTHIXO nxa sengizuza udumo ngoFaro, langezinqola zakhe labagadi bakhe
bamabhiza.”

19 Kwathi khonapho ingilosi kaNkulunkulu eyayikade ihamba phambili kwempi
yabako-Israyeli yasuka yabhoda ngemva kwabo. Insika yeyezi layo yasuka phambili
yayakuma ngemva kwabo, 20 yehlukanisa impi yamaGibhithe leyabako-Israyeli.
Ubusuku bonke iyezi laletha ubumnyama kwelinye icele labuye laletha ukukhanya
ngakwelinye icele; ngakho kabakho abasondela kwabanye ubusuku bonke.

21 Ngakho uMosi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, ngalobobusuku
UTHIXO wafuqela ulwandle emuva ngomoya wempumalanga olamandla kwasala
umhlabathi owomileyo. Amanzi adabukana phakathi, 22 abako-Israyeli bazihambela
phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo amanzi ezindonga ngapha langapha
kwabo.

23 AmaGibhithe abalandela, amabhiza wonke kaFaro, izinqola labagadi bamabhiza
bonke babalandela phakathi kolwandle. 24 Kwathi ngomlindo wokucina wobusuku
UTHIXO wakhangela phansi esensikeni yomlilo leyezi, wakhangela phansi empini
yamaGibhithe wayidunga yasanganiseka. 25 Wenza ukuthi amavili ezinqola zawo
akhumuke okwenza kwaba nzima ukuthi aqhubeke lula. AmaGibhithe asesithi,
“Kasehlukaneni labako-Israyeli! UTHIXO uyabalwela ukuba behlule amaGibhithe.”

26 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Phakamisa isandla sakho phezu kolwandle ukuze
amanzi abuyele ambokothe amaGibhithe lezinqola zawo labagadi bamabhiza.”
27 UMosi waseselula isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, kwathi emadabukakusa
amanzi abuyela endaweni yawo. AmaGibhithe ayebaleka eqonda emanzini, UTHIXO
wawagubuzela ngamanzi olwandle. 28 Amanzi aqubuka abuyela emuva ambokotha
izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, layo yonke impi kaFaro eyalandela abako-Israyeli
olwandle. Akusilanga loyedwa kubo.

29 Kodwa abako-Israyeli badabula olwandle emhlabathini owomileyo kulezindonga
zamanzi esandleni sokudla lakwesokhohlo. 30 Ngalolosuku uTHIXO wasindisa u-
Israyeli ezandleni zamaGibhithe, njalo abako-Israyeli bawabona amaGibhithe ethe
dandalazi okhunjini lolwandle esefile. 31 Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona amandla
amakhulu uTHIXO awatshengisa kumaGibhithe, abantu bamesaba uTHIXO babeka
ithemba labo kuye lakuMosi inceku yakhe.

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Ingoma KaMosi LoMiriyemu

1 Ngakho uMosi labako-Israyeli basebehlabelela lelihubo kuTHIXO:
“Ngizamhlabelela uTHIXO
ngoba uphakeme kakhulu.
Ibhiza lomgadi walo
ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle.

2 UTHIXO ungamandla ami lehubo lami;
useyikusindiswa kwami.
UnguNkulunkulu wami, ngizamdumisa;
uNkulunkulu kababa ngizamphakamisa.
3 UTHIXO ulibutho;
NGUTHIXO ibizo lakhe.
4 Izinqola zikaFaro lempi yakhe
ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle.
Izikhulu zikaFaro ezithenjiweyo,
zigalule oLwandle oluBomvu.
5 Inziki zamanzi zibagubuzele;
batshona ekujuleni njengelitshe.
6 Isandla sakho sokunene, Oh THIXO,
saba lamandla obukhosi.
Isandla sakho sokunene, Oh THIXO,
sasihlikiza isitha.

7 Ebukhulwini bobukhosi bakho
wabasakazela phansi abakuphikisayo.
Wavulela ulaka lwakho oluvuthayo,
lwabatshisa njengencwathi.
8 Ngokuphefumula kwamakhala akho
amanzi aqoqana aba yinqwaba.
Amanzi ageleza ngenhlokomo ema enza udonga;
amanzi azikileyo ajiya enzikini yolwandle.
9 Isitha sakloloda sathi,
‘Ngizabaxhuma, ngibedlule.
Ngizakwaba impango;
ngizazitika ngokungokwabo.
Ngizakhokha inkemba yami,
isandla sami sibabhubhise.’
10 Kodwa wena wavuthela ngomoya wokuphefumula kwakho,
ulwandle lwabasibekela.
Batshona njengomnuso
emanzini esabekayo.
11 Ngubani kubonkulunkulu bonke

onjengawe, THIXO?
Ngubani onjengawe,
olobukhosi ebungcweleni bakhe,
owesabekayo ngenkazimulo,
owenza izimangaliso?

12 Welula isandla sakho sokunene
umhlabathi uziginye izitha zakho.
13 Ngothando lwakho olungapheliyo uzabahola
abantu obahlengileyo.
Ngamandla akho uzabaholela
endaweni yakho engcwele.
14 Izizwe zizakuzwa zithuthumele;
umhedehede ubahlukuluze abantu baseFilistiya.
15 Izinduna zase-Edomi zizatshaywa luvalo,
abakhokheli baseMowabi bafikelwe yikwesaba,
abantu baseKhenani banyamalale nya!
16 Ukwesaba lokuthuthumela kuzabehlela.
Ngamandla engalo yakho,
bazathula njengelitshe,
abantu bakho baze bedlule, Oh THIXO,
abantu owabadalayo baze bedlule.
17 Uzabangenisa ubahlanyele
entabeni yelifa lakho,
indawo, Oh THIXO,
owayenzela ukuthi uhlale kuyo,
indawo engcwele, Oh THIXO,
eyamiswa ngezandla zakho.

18 UTHIXO uzabusa
kuze kube nini lanini."
19 Kwathi lapho amabhiza kaFaro, izinqola kanye labagadi bamabhiza sebengenile olwandle, UTHIXO wawabuyisa amanzi alo phezu kwabo, kodwa abako-Israyeli bona bazihambela badabula ulwandle phezu komhlabathi owomileyo. 20 Khonapho uMiriyemu umphrofethikazi, udadewabo ka-Aroni, wathatha isigubhu sakhe nge-sandla, bamlandela bonke abesifazane bephethe izigubhu begida. 21 UMiriyemu wabahlabelela wathi:
"Mhlabeleleni UTHIXO
ngoba uphakeme kakhulu.
Ibhiza lomgadi walo
ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle."

Amanzi EMara Le-Elimi

22 UMosi wasebahola abako-Israyeli basuka oLwandle Olubomvu baya enkangala yeShuri bengatholi manzi. 23 Kwathi befika eMara behluleka ukunatha amanzi akhona ngoba ayebaba. (Yikho indawo leyo kuthiwa yiMara.) 24 Abantu base-bekhonona kuMosi besithi, "Sinatheni-ke manje?"
25 UMosi wasekhala KUTHIXO, UTHIXO wasemtshengisa isigojwana. Wasiphosela emanzini, amanzi aphenduka aba mnandi.

Khonapho UTHIXO wabenzela isimiso lomthetho, njalo khonapho wabalinga.
26 Wathi, “Nxa lilalela kakuhle ilizwi LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lenze okulungileyo kuye, lilandele imilayo yakhe njalo ligcine lezimiso zakhe, kangisoze ngilehlisele iziga lezo engazehlisela amaGibhithe; ngoba NGINGUTHIXO olisilisayo.”

27 Basebefika e-Elimi lapho okwakulemithombo yamanzi elitshumi lambili khona, lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Basebemisa khona lapho eduze kwamanzi.

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Imana Lezagwaca

1 Uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli wasuka e-Elimi, wafika enkangala yeSini ephakathi laphakathi kwe-Elimi leSinayi ngelanga letshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesibili besuke eGibhithe. 2 Enkangala uzulu wakhonona kuMosi lo-Aroni. 3 Abako-Israyeli bathi kubo, “Ngabe sazifela ngesandla SIKATHIXO eGibhithe, lapho esasihlala sigombolozele imbiza zenyama lakho konke ukudla esasikufumana, kodwa lina selisilethe lapha enkangala ukuze ixuku lonke leli liyathe ngendlala.”

4 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Ngizalehlisela isinkwa sivela ezulwini. Abantu kumele baphume nsuku zonke bayebutha okwanela lelolanga. Ngale indlela ngizabalinga ukuze ngibone ukuthi bayayilandela yini imilayo yami. 5 Ngelanga lesithupha kumele balungise lokho abayabe bekulethile, okumele kube ngokuphindwe kabili kulokho abakubutha kwezinye insuku.”

6 Yikho-ke uMosi lo-Aroni bathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, “Kusihlwa lizakwazi ukuthi NGUTHIXO olikhuphe kweleGibhithe, 7 njalo ekuseni lizabona inkazimulo KATHIXO ngoba ukuzwile ukukhonona kwenu. Singobani thina ukuba lisisole?” 8 UMosi wathi, “Lizakwazi ukuthi BEKUNGUTHIXO nxa eselipha inyama yokudla kusihlwa lesinkwa sonke elisifunayo ekuseni ngenxa yokuthi usekuzwile ukukhonona kwenu kuye. Singobani? Kalikhononi kithi kodwa KUTHIXO.”

9 Ngakho uMosi watshela u-Aroni wathi, “Khuluma lozulu wonke wako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Wozani KUTHIXO ngoba usekuzwile ukukhonona kwenu.’ ”

10 Ngesikhathi u-Aroni ekhuluma lozulu wonke wako-Israyeli, bakhangela enkangala basebebona inkazimulo KATHIXO ibonakala eyezini.

11 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 12 “Sengizwile ukukhonona kwabako-Israyeli. Batshele ukuthi, ‘Kusihlwa lizakudla inyama njalo ekuseni lizasuthiswa ngesinkwa. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.’ ”

13 Ngalokhokuhlwa kweza izagwaca zagcwala indawo yonke ababehlala kuyo, njalo ekuseni kwaba lamazolo ngaphandle kwezihonqo. 14 Kwathi amazolo esenyamalele kwabonakala izicecedwana ezifana longqwaqwane phezu kwenkangala. 15 Kwathi abako-Israyeli bekubona lokhu bakhulumisana besithi, “Kuyini lokhu?” Ngoba babengakwazi ukuthi kwakuyini.

UMosi wathi kubo, “Yisinkwa elisiphiwe NGUTHIXO ukuthi lidle. 16 Lokhu yikho okulaywe NGUTHIXO ukuthi: ‘Umuntu emunye uzathatha okwaneleyo akuswelayo. Thathela umuntu ngamunye osethenteni lakho isilinganiso se-omeri.’ ”

17 Abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaywa kwabo. Abanye babutha okunengi abanye okulutshwana. 18 Bathi sebekulinganisa nge-omeri babona ukuthi lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu. Umuntu wonke wabutha okwakumenela.

19 Ngakho-ke uMosi wathi kubo, “Akumelanga kubekhona ozagcina okunye kwalokho kuze kube sekuseni.”

20 Lanxa kunjalo abanye kabazange bamlalele uMosi: bagcina eyinye ingxenye
kwaze kwaba sekuseni. Kodwa kwakugcwele impethu njalo kwasekulephunga elibi.
UMosi wabathukuthelela.
21 Nsuku zonke ekuseni umuntu emunye wabutha isilinganiso ayesifuna, njalo
ilanga lathi selitshisa kwancibilika. 22 Ngelanga lesithupha babutha isilinganiso
esiphindwe kabili ama-omeri amabili umuntu emunye, njalo abakhokheli babantu
beza ukuzobika kuMosi. 23 Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho okwalaywa NGUTHIXO: ‘Kusasa
lilanga lokuphumula iSabatha elingcwele KUTHIXO. Ngakho bhekhani konke elifuna
ukukubhekha, libilise konke elifuna ukukubilisa. Gcinani konke okuseleyo kuze kube
sekuseni.’ ”
24 Ngakho bakugcina kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMosi njalo
kakuzange kube lephunga kumbe impethu. 25 UMosi wathi, “Kudleni namuhla, ngoba
namuhla liSabatha LIKATHIXO, kalisoze lithole lutho phandle namuhla. 26 Okwensuku
eziyisithupha lizakubutha, kodwa ngelanga lesikhombisa eleSabatha akusoze kube
lalutho.”
27 Lanxa kunjalo abanye abantu ngelanga lesikhombisa bahamba ukuba bayobutha
kodwa bafica kungelalutho. 28 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Kuzaze kube nini lisala
ukulandela imithetho lemilayo yami na? 29 Kufakeni ezingqondweni zenu ukuthi
UTHIXO ulinikile iSabatha, yikho ngelanga lesithupha elinika isinkwa esenela insuku
ezimbili. Wonke umuntu kumele ahlale lapho ayabe ekhona ngelanga lesikhombisa.
Akulamuntu okumele aphume phandle.” 30 Yikho-ke abantu baphumula ngelanga
lesikhombisa.
31 Abantu bako-Israyeli babiza isinkwa leso bathi yimana. Sasimhlophe njengen-
tanga zekhoriyanda, sihlabusa njengamakhekhe enziwe ngoluju. 32 UMosi wathi,
“Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO ukuthi: ‘Thathani imana eyisilinganiso se-omeri
ligcinele izizukulwane ezizayo ukuze zibone isinkwa engalinika sona ukuba lisidle
enkangala ekulikhupheni kwami eGibhithe.’ ”
33 UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni, “Thatha inkonxa ufake phakathi imana eyisilinganiso
se-omeri. Ibeke phambi KUKATHIXO ukuze igcinelwe izizukulwane ezizayo.”
34 Njengoba UTHIXO walaya uMosi, u-Aroni wabeka imana lezibhebhedu zobufakazi
ukuze igcinakale. 35 Abako-Israyeli badla imana okweminyaka engamatshumi amane
baze bafika endaweni eyayihlala abantu, badla imana baze bafika emngceleni
weKhenani.
36 (I-omere iyisilinganiso sokulitshumi sehefa.)

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Amanzi Ampompoza Edwaleni

1 Uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli wasuka enkangala yeSini, wahamba njengokulaya
KUKATHIXO. Bake bahlala okwesikhathi esifitshane eRefidimu kodwa kwakungela-
manzi okuthi abantu banathe. 2 Ngakho baxabana loMosi basebesithi, “Sinike amanzi
okunatha.”
UMosi waphendula wathi “Kungani lixabana lami? Kungani lilinga UTHIXO?”
3 Kodwa abantu basebomele amanzi kuleyondawo, ngakho bakhonona kuMosi.
Bathi kuye, “Wasikhupha eGibhithe ukwenzela ukuthi thina labantwabethu kanye
lezifuyo sibulawe yikoma na?”
4 Ngakho uMosi wakhala KUTHIXO, wathi, “Kambe ngithini ngalababantu? Sebez-
imisele ukuthi bangikhande ngamatshe.”
5 UTHIXO waphendula uMosi wathi “Khokhela abantu. Thatha abanye abadala
bako-Israyeli ubusuthatha njalo intonga leyana owake watshaya ngayo amanzi
emfuleni uNayili lihambe. 6 Ngizakuma lapho phambi kwenu eduzane ledwala
eHorebhi. Utshaye idwala; kuzaphuma amanzi kulo ukuba abantu banathe.” Ngakho

uMosi wenza lokho abadala bako-Israyeli bekhangele. 7 Wabiza indawo leyo ngegama elithi Masa leMeribha ngenxa yokuthi abantu bako-Israyeli baxabana njalo balinga uTHIXO besithi “Kambe uTHIXO ulathi yini kumbe hatshi?”

Ukunqotshwa Kwama-Amaleki

8 Ama-Amaleki eza ukuzohlasela abako-Israyeli eRefidimu. 9 UMosi wathi ku-Joshuwa, “Khetha amanye amadoda phakathi kwethu uphume liyekulwa lama-Amaleki. Kusasa ngizakuma phezu koqaqa ngiphethe intonga kaNkulunkulu ezandleni zami.”
10 Ngakho uJoshuwa walwa lama-Amaleki njengokulaya kukaMosi, njalo uMosi, u-Aroni loHuri bakhwela phezu koqaqa. 11 Kwakusithi nxa uMosi ephakamise izandla zakhe abako-Israyeli babenqoba, kodwa wayesithi angehlisa izandla zakhe ama-Amaleki yiwo ayenqoba. 12 Kwathi izandla zikaMosi sezidiniwe bathatha ilitshe balifaka ngaphansi kwakhe wasehlala phezu kwalo. U-Aroni loHuri baphakamisa izandla zakhe, omunye ekuleli icele omunye kwelinye ukuze izandla zakhe zale ziphakeme laze latshona ilanga. 13 Ngakho uJoshuwa wehlula ibutho lama-Amaleki ngenkemba.
14 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Bhala lokhu ogwalweni njengento okumele ikhunjulwe njalo ubone ukuthi uJoshuwa uyakuzwa lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngizatshabalalisa umkhumbulo wonke omayelana lama-Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu.”
15 UMosi wakha i-alithari walibiza ngokuthi uTHIXO uLuphawu Lwami. 16 Wathi, “Ngoba izandla zaphakanyiselwa esihlalweni sikaTHIXO. UTHIXO uzakulwa impi lezizukulwane zama-Amaleki.”

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UJethro Wethekelela UMosi

1 UJethro, umphristi waseMidiyani owayenguyisezala kaMosi, wezwa konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzele uMosi labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli, lokuthi uTHIXO wayebakhuphe njani eGibhithe abako-Israyeli.
2 Ngemva kokuba uMosi esethumele umkakhe uZiphora kibo, uyisezala uJethro wamemukela, 3 lamadodana akhe amabili. Eyinye indodana kwakuthiwa nguGeshomu, ngoba uMosi wathi, “Sengibe ngumuntu wezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lami.” 4 Eyinye kwakuthiwa ngu-Eliyezari ngoba wathi, “UNkulunkulu kababa wayengumsizi wami: wangisindisa enkembeni kaFaro.”
5 UJethro, uyisezala kaMosi kanye lamadodana lenkosikazi kaMosi beza kuye enkangala lapho ayehlala khona eduzane lentaba kaNkulunkulu. 6 UJethro wayethumele ilizwi kuye wathi, “Mina uyihlozala uJethro ngiyeza kuwe lenkosikazi yakho lamadodana ayo amabili.”
7 Ngakho uMosi waphuma wayahlangabeza uyisezala wasemkhothamela, wamanga. Babingelelana basebengena ethenteni. 8 UMosi watshela uyisezala ngakho konke uTHIXO ayekwenze kuFaro labantu baseGibhithe ngenxa yabantu bako-Israyeli langezinhlupho zonke ezabehlela endleleni lokuthi uTHIXO wayebasindise njani.
9 UJethro wathokoza ukuzwa ngezinto zonke ezinhle uTHIXO ayezenzele u-Israyeli ekubasindiseni esandleni samaGibhithe. 10 Wathi, “Kadunyiswe uTHIXO owalisindisa esandleni samaGibhithe loFaro, njalo owasindisa abantu esandleni samaGibhithe. 11 Khathesi sengikwazi ukuthi uTHIXO ulamandla ukwedlula abanye onkulunkulu ngenxa yokuthi wenza lokhu kubo bonke abaphatha u-Israyeli ngobuqholo.” 12 Lapho-ke uJethro, uyisezala kaMosi, waletha umnikelo wokutshiswa leminye imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu, njalo u-Aroni weza labadala bako-Israyeli ukuze bazokudla isinkwa loyisezala kaMosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

13 Ngelanga elilandelayo uMosi wathatha isihlalo sakhe sokuba ngumthonisi
wabantu, njalo bema bemgombolozele kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba ntambama.
14 Kwathi uyisezala esebone konke uMosi ayekwenzela abantu wathi, “Kuyini lokhu
okwenzela abantu? Kungani uhlala unguwe wedwa ukuba ngumahluli, abantu bonke
bemi bekuhanqile kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa?”
15 UMosi wamphendula wathi, “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu beza kimi ukuzodinga
intando kaNkulunkulu. 16 Lapho kusiba lengxabano, ilethwa kimi, njalo ngiyahlulela
emaceleni womabili besengibatshela ngemithetho lemilayo kaNkulunkulu.”
17 Uyisezala kaMosi waphendula wathi, “Konke okwenzayo kakulunganga. 18 Wena
labantu laba abeza kuwe lizazidinisa. Umsebenzi lo unzima kuwe: ungeke wawenza
wedwa. 19 Ngilalela ngikucebise, njalo uNkulunkulu makabe lawe. Kumele ube
ngummeli wabantu kuNkulunkulu, ulethe ingxabano zabo kuye. 20 Bafundise izimiso
lemithetho yakhe, ubatshengise indlela yokuphila lokuthi baziphathe njani. 21 Kodwa
khetha amadoda alamandla phakathi kwabantu bonke, amadoda amesabayo uNku-
lunkulu, azonda inzuzo eza ngobuqili, ubusubabeka babe zinduna zezinkulungwane,
zamakhulu, zamatshumi amahlanu, lezamatshumi. 22 Benze babe ngabahluleli
babantu ngezikhathi zonke, kodwa kabalethe wonke amacala anzima kuwe bona
baqume amacala alula. Lokho kuzakwenza ukuthi umthwalo wakho ube lula ngoba
bazabe besabelana lawe. 23 Nxa ungakwenza lokhu njengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu,
uzakwenelisa ukuphumuza ingqondo njalo abantu bonke laba bazabuyela emakhaya
besuthisekile.”
24 UMosi wamlalela uyisezala wenza konke ayekutshilo. 25 Wakhetha amadoda
alamandla phakathi kwabako-Israyeli wonke wawenza abakhokheli babantu, izin-
duna zezinkulungwane, ezamakhulu, ezamatshumi amahlanu lezamatshumi. 26 Baba
ngabahluleli babantu ngazozonke izikhathi. Amacala anzima bawaletha kuMosi,
kodwa alula bawathonisa bona ngokwabo.
27 UMosi wavalelisana loyisezala, uJethro wasebuyela elizweni lakhe.

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Entabeni YeSinayi

1 Ngosuku olufanayo, emva kwezinyanga ezintathu abantu bako-Israyeli besuke
eGibhithe bafika enkangala yeSinayi. 2 Sebesukile eRefidimu bangena enkangala
yeSinayi bamisa amathente abo phansi kwentaba.
3 Lapho-ke uMosi wakhuphukela kuNkulunkulu entabeni, uTHIXO esentabeni
wabiza uMosi wathi kuye, “Tshela abantu bendlu kaJakhobe labantu bako-
Israyeli, uthi 4 ‘Lina ngokwenu lizibonele engikwenze eGibhithe lokuthi ngilithwele
ngamaphiko okhozi ngaliletha lapha kimi. 5 Ngakho-ke lingangilalela ligcine
isivumelwano sami lani lizakuba ligugu kimi phakathi kwezizwe zonke. Lanxa
umhlaba wonke ungowami, 6 lina kimi lizakuba ngumbuso wabaphristi lesizwe
esingcwele.’ Yiwo amazwi okumele uwakhulume kwabako-Israyeli.”
7 UMosi wabuyela ebantwini, wafika wabuthanisa abakhokheli babantu wabatshela
okwakutshiwo NGUTHIXO. 8 Bonke bavuma ngalizwi linye bathi, “Sizakwenza konke
UTHIXO athe sikwenze.” UMosi wambikela UTHIXO okwakukhulunywe ngabantu.
9 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Ngizakuza kini nginjengeyezi elimnyama ukuze
abantu bangizwe ngikhuluma lawe. Ngakho ngezikhathi zonke bazakholwa kuwe.”
UMosi watshela UTHIXO okwakutshiwo ngabantu.
10 Ngakho UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Buyela ebantwini ubangcwelise lamhla lakusasa.
Batshele bagezise izigqoko zabo 11 kuthi ngelanga lesithathu libe selilungiselele
ngoba ngalelolanga UTHIXO uzakwehlela entabeni yeSinayi abantu bonke bekhangele.

12 Yenzela abantu imingcele malungana lentaba, ubatshele uthi, ‘Limukani! Lingakhweli entabeni, kumbe ukufika phansi kwayo. Lowo ozasondela entabeni uzabulawa.’ 13 Ngempela uzatshaywa ngamatshe kumbe acitshwe ngemitshoko kodwa angathintwa ngesandla. Akukhathalekile ukuthi ngumuntu loba yinyamazana akusoze kuvunyelwe ukuphila. Bazakhwela entabeni kuphela nxa uphondo lwenqama selukhale isikhathi eside.”

14 Ngemva kokuba uMosi esehlile entabeni waya ebantwini wabangcwelisa base-
begezisa lezigqoko zabo. 15 Wathi ebantwini, “Lungiselelani ilanga lesithathu. Zilani omkenu.”

16 Ekuseni ngelanga lesithathu kwaba lomdumo lombane othuthumelisayo, leyezi elikhulukazi lehlela phezu kwentaba, kwezwakala lomsindo omkhulu wecilongo. Abantu bonke ezihonqweni besaba, baqhaqhazela. 17 UMosi wasebakhokhela ebasusa emathenteni ebasa kuNkulunkulu. Bafika bema ngaphansi kwentaba. 18 Intaba yonke iSinayi yembeswa yintuthu ngoba UTHIXO wehlela phezu kwayo ngesimo somlilo. Intuthu yathunqa ngamandla isiya phezulu kungathi iphuma emphongolweni. 19 Njalo umsindo wecilongo waya ulokhu ukhula. UMosi wakhuluma, kwathi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lamphendula.

20 UTHIXO wehlela phezu kwentaba iSinayi, wabizela uMosi khona. Ngakho uMosi wakhwela, 21 UTHIXO wasesithi kuye, “Buyela phansi uyexwayisa abantu ukuba bangaqali ukweqa imingcele ukuba babone UTHIXO ngoba bangafa ngobunengi. 22 Labaphristi abaya KUTHIXO kumele bazenze babengcwele, funa UTHIXO ababhubhise.”

23 UMosi wathi KUTHIXO, “Akulamuntu ongakhwela entabeni yeSinayi ngoba wena ngokwakho wathi bangakwenzi lokho. Uthe ngenze imingcele egombolozela intaba ngitshele abantu bangasondeli kuyo ngoba ingcwele.”

24 Kodwa UTHIXO wathi, “Yehla uyebuya lo-Aroni. Kodwa abaphristi labantu akumelanga ukuba beqe imingcele besiza lapho ngoba ngingabaphendukela.”

25 Ngakho uMosi wehla waya ebantwini wabatshela.

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ImiThetho EliTshumi

1 UNkulunkulu wakhuluma amazwi wonke la wathi:

2 “NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili.

3 Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami.

4 Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini esezulwini phezulu loba phansi emhlabeni kumbe ngaphansi kwamanzi. 5 Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba mina THIXO uNkulunkulu wakho nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ojezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono zabazali babo kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine salabo abangizondayo, 6 kodwa ngitshengisela uthando kuzizukulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo abangithandayo njalo begcina imilayo yami.

7 Ungadlali ngebizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ngoba UTHIXO kayikumyekela olecala lokudlala ngebizo lakhe.

8 Khumbula usuku lweSabatha ngokulwenza lubengcwele. 9 Okwensuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza wenze yonke imisebenzi yakho, 10 kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa luyiSabatha KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngalo awuyikwenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi, wena, loba indodana yakho, loba indodakazi yakho, loba inceku kumbe incekukazi yakho, loba izifuyo zakho loba isihambi

esikwethekeleleyo emzini wakho. 11 Ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha uTHIXO
wenza amazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lakho konke okukukho, kodwa waphumula
ngosuku lwesikhombisa. Ngakho-ke walubusisa usuku lweSabatha walwenza
lwaba ngcwele.
12 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko ukuze impilo yakho ibende elizweni akunika lona
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho.
13 Ungabulali.
14 Ungafebi.
15 Ungantshontshi.
16 Ungafakazi amanga ngomakhelwane wakho.
17 Ungahawukeli indlu kamakhelwane wakho. Ungahawukeli umfazi kamakhel-
wane wakho, loba inceku kumbe incekukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe loba ubabhemi
wakhe loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho.”

18 Kwathi abantu besizwa umdumo bebona lombane, besizwa icilongo njalo bebona
intaba ithunqa intuthu, bathuthumela ngokwesaba. Bema khatshana, 19 bathi
kuMosi, “Khuluma kithi wena sizakulalela. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kangakhulumi kithi
yena ngokwakhe ngoba singafa.”
20 UMosi wathi, “Lingesabi, uNkulunkulu uzelihlola ukuze limesabe lokuze lingoni.”
21 Abantu basala belokhu bemi bucwadlanyana, uMosi wangena phakathi kom-
nyama waya lapho okwakuloNkulunkulu khona.

Izithombe Lama-alithare

22 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Tshela abantu bako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Lizibonele lina
ngokwenu ukuthi ngikhulume lani ngisezulwini. 23 Lingenzi onkulunkulu ukuba
babekhona kanye lami; lingazenzeli onkulunkulu besiliva kumbe onkulunkulu
begolide.
24 Ngakhelani i-alithari ngomhlabathi lenzele kulo umhlatshelo womnikelo wokut-
shiswa, leminikelo yobudlelwano, izimvu lembuzi kanye lenkomo zenu. Loba
kungaphi lapho engizakwenza ibizo lami lihlonitshwe khona, ngizakuza kini ngilibu-
sise. 25 Nxa lingakhela i-alithari ngamatshe, lingaze lawabaza lawomatshe ngoba
lizalingcolisa nxa lingasebenzisa okokubaza kulo. 26 Lingaze laya e-alithareni lami
ngezikhwelo funa ubunqunu benu bembulwe khona lapho.’ ”

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Imithetho Etshiyeneyo

1 “Nansi imithetho ozayethula phambi kwabo.”

Izinceku EzingamaHebheru

2 “Nxa ungathenga isisebenzi esingumHebheru kumele sikusebenzele ok-
weminyaka eyisithupha. Kodwa emnyakeni wesikhombisa kuzamele usikhulule
kungelanhlawulo. 3 Nxa sifike sodwa, kumele sikhululwe sihambe sodwa kodwa nxa
silomfazi ekufikeni kwasokumele sihambe laye. 4 Nxa umqhatshi waso angasipha
umfazi asizalele amadodana lamadodakazi, owesifazane labantwabakhe bazakuba
ngabomqhatshi, njalo indoda izazihambela yodwa ikhululekile.
5 Kodwa nxa isisebenzi singathi, ‘Ngiyayithanda inkosi yami lomkami labant-
wabami, njalo kangifuni kukhululwa,’ 6 ngakho inkosi yaso kumele isihambise
kubahluleli. Izasisa emnyango kumbe emgubazini abesesibhoboza indlebe yaso
ngosungulo. Ngakho-ke sizakuba yisisebenzi sayo okwempilo yaso yonke.
7 Nxa indoda ingathengisa indodakazi yayo njengesigqili, indodakazi kayingakhu-
luleki njengalokho okwenza ezinye inceku. 8 Nxa singathokozisi umnini waso

oyabe esikhethile ukuze sibe ngesakhe kumele asiyekele sihlengwe. Akalamvumo
yokusithengisa kwabezizwe, ngoba esikhohlisile. 9 Angasikhethela indodana yakhe
kumele asinike amalungelo alingana lawendodakazi yakhe. 10 Angathatha omunye
umfazi akumelanga asincitshe ukudla, izigqoko lamalungelo okwenda. 11 Angayekela
ukusipha izinto lezi ezintathu sikhululekile ukuthi sizihambele kungahlawulwanga
mali.”

Imithetho Ngabalimazanayo

12 “Wonke umuntu otshaya omunye ambulale laye kumele abulawe. 13 Kodwa
nxa engakwenzanga ngabomo, uNkulunkulu evumele ukuba kwenzakale, kumele
abalekele endaweni engizayiphawula. 14 Kodwa umuntu angaceba ukubulala
omunye ngabomo, msuseni e-alithareni lami liyembulala.
15 Wonke umuntu ohlasela uyise kumbe unina kumele abulawe.
16 Wonke umuntu othumba omunye abesemthengisa kumbe aficwe elaye kumele
abulawe.
17 Wonke umuntu othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele abulawe.
18 Nxa amadoda angaxabana omunye abesetshaya omunye ngelitshe kumbe
ngenqindi, angafi kodwa agule alale phansi, 19 lowo ophose inqindi kasoze
anikwe umlandu nxa omunye angavuka abesehambahamba ephethe intonga yakhe;
lanxa kunjalo kumele ahlawule indoda elimeleyo ngokulahlekelwa yisikhathi njalo
ayelaphise.
20 Nxa umuntu angatshaya isigqili sakhe sesilisa kumbe esesifazane ngomqwayi,
isigqili besesisifa ngenxa yalesisenzo, kumele ajeziswe, 21 kodwa kasoze ajeziswe nxa
isigqili singasila ngemva kwelanga elilodwa kumbe insuku ezimbili, ngoba isigqili
siyimpahla yakhe.
22 Nxa amadoda alwayo angatshaya umfazi ozithweleyo abesebeletha isikhathi
sakhe singakafiki, kodwa engalimalanga kakubi, owonileyo kumele ahlawuliswe
lokho okuyabe kubizelwe yindoda yomfazi kwasekuvunywa ngumthethwandaba.
23 Kodwa kungangabi lokulimala okubi, kumele impilo ibhadalwe ngempilo, 24 ilihlo
ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo. 25 Ukutshiswa
ngokutshiswa, isilonda ngesilonda, ukulimala ngokulimala.
26 Nxa umuntu angatshaya isigqili sakhe sesilisa kumbe esesifazane elihlweni
alipatshaze, kumele asiyekele isisebenzi sizihambele kube yinhlawulo yelihlo.
27 Angatshaya akhumule izinyo lesigqili sesilisa kumbe esesifazane, kumele asiyekele
isisebenzi sizihambele kube yinhlawulo yezinyo.
28 Nxa inkunzi ingahlaba indoda kumbe umfazi afe, leyonkunzi kumele itshaywe
ngamatshe ize ife njalo inyama yayo kayingadliwa. Kodwa umnikazi wenkunzi
akumelanga etheswe umlandu. 29 Kodwa nxa inkunzi ivele ilomkhuba wokuhlaba
abantu, njalo umnikazi eseke wakhuzwa kodwa wekela ukuyivalela ibisibulala
indoda kumbe umfazi, inkunzi kumele ibulawe ngamatshe lomnikazi abulawe.
30 Kodwa kungathiwa kahlawule, angahlenga impilo yakhe ngokuhlawula lokho
okuyabe kubiziwe. 31 Umthetho lo uyasebenza njalo nxa inkunzi ingahlaba indodana
kumbe indodakazi. 32 Nxa inkunzi ingahlaba isigqili sesilisa kumbe esesifazane,
umnikazi kumele ahlawule amashekeli angamatshumi amathathu esiliva kumnini
wesigqili, njalo inkunzi kumele ibulawe ngamatshe.
33 Nxa umuntu etshiya umgodi ukhamisile, loba esimba umgodi angawusibekeli
kuwele kuwo inkabi ingabe ubabhemi, 34 umninimgodi kahlawule; kahlawule
umnikazi, isifuyo esifileyo besesisiba ngesakhe.
35 Nxa inkunzi yomuntu ingalimaza eyomunye kuzamele ukuthi bathengise leyo
ephilayo, babelane imali lesidumbu saleyo efileyo ngokulinganayo. 36 Kodwa nxa
kusaziwa ukuthi inkunzi ivele ilomkhuba wokuhlaba ezinye, kodwa umnikazi

engayivaleli esibayeni, umnikazi kumele ahlawule isifuyo ngesinye isifuyo, njalo isifuyo esifileyo sizakuba ngesakhe.”

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Ukuvikelwa Kwempahla

1 “Nxa umuntu angantshontsha inkabi kumbe imvu abeseyibulala kumbe
ayithengise, kumele ahlawule ngenkomo ezinhlanu zokuhlawula inkabi, lezimvu
ezine zokuhlawula imvu.
2 Nxa isela lingafunyanwa ligqekeza ebusuku beselitshaywa life, lowo ozivikelayo
kalacala lokuchitha igazi, 3 kodwa kungenzeka ilanga selikhwelile uyabe elomlandu
wokuchitha igazi.
Isela kumele lihlawule sibili, kodwa nxa lingelalutho, kumele lithengiswe uk-
wenzela ukuthi lokhu kube yinhlawulo yokuntshontsha kwalo. 4 Nxa isifuyo
esintshontshiweyo singatholakala siphila ezandleni zesela, kungaba yinkabi kumbe
ubabhemi loba imvu, kumele lihlawule okuphindwe kabili.
5 Nxa umuntu angayadlisa izifuyo zakhe ensimini kumbe esivinini abeseziyekela
zizihambela besezisiya kudla ensimini yeyinye indoda, kumele ahlawule ngezithelo
ezinhle zensimu yakhe loba isivini sakhe.
6 Nxa kuthungelwa umlilo ulumatha emeveni kuze kutshe lamahlanga amabele
loba amabele angakavunwa loba insimu, othungele umlilo kumele ahlawule konke.
7 Nxa umuntu anganika umakhelwane wakhe isiliva kumbe impahla ukuba
amgcinele izinto lezi besezintshontshwa endlini kamakhelwane, isela lingabanjwa
kumele lihlawule okuphindwe kabili. 8 Kodwa nxa isela lingabanjwanga, umnikazi
wendlu kumele ame phambi kwabahluleli ukuze kubonakale ingabe uke wabeka
izandla empahleni zalowo omgcinisileyo na. 9 Kuzozonke izehlakalo eziqondene
lokugcina ngaphandle komthetho inkabi, ubabhemi, imvu, isigqoko kumbe yonke
impahla elahlekileyo omunye umuntu angathi ngayo, ‘Lokhu ngokwami,’ wonke
amacele womabili kumele alethe izindaba zawo phambi kwabahluleli. Lowo
abahluleli abazakuthi ulecala kumele ahlawule okuphindwe kabili kumakhelwane
wakhe.
10 Nxa umuntu angasisela umakhelwane wakhe ubabhemi, inkabi, imvu kumbe
esinye isifuyo ukuze kugcinakale besekusifa kumbe kulimale kumbe kuthathwe
kungelamuntu okhangeleyo, 11 udaba lwabantu laba luzaqedwa ngokufunga phambi
kukaThixo ukuthi umakhelwane konanga impahla yomunye umuntu. Umnikazi
kumele akwemukele lokhu njalo akulanhlawulo edingakalayo. 12 Kodwa nxa isifuyo
santshontshwa sikumasiselwa kumele ahlawule umnikazi. 13 Nxa isifuyo sidatshudat-
shulwe yinyamazana yeganga saba yiziqa, uzaletha izicucu eziseleyo njengobufakazi
njalo akusoze kudingakale ukuthi ahlawulele isifuyo esidatshudatshuliweyo.
14 Nxa umuntu angaboleka isifuyo kumakhelwane wakhe, besesilimala kumbe
sife ngesikhathi umniniso engekho, kumele ahlawule. 15 Kodwa nxa umnikazi
ekhona, lowo owasebolekayo akumelanga ahlawule. Nxa isifuyo siqhatshiwe, imali
ehlawulwe ukusiqhatsha igoqela inhlawulo yokulahlekelwa.”

Imithetho Yokuhlalisana

16 “Nxa indoda ingaqila intombi egcweleyo engakathenjiswa ilale layo, kumele
ikhuphe amalobolo, leyontombi ibe ngumkayo. 17 Nxa uyise esala kokuphela ukuthi
ayendisele, kumele akhuphe inhlawulo ekhutshelwa amantombazana agcweleyo.
18 Lingavumeli umthakathi ukuthi aphile.
19 Wonke umuntu olala lenyamazana kumele abulawe.
20 Loba ngubani onikela kwabanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo kumele
abhujiswe.

21 Lingahlukuluzi owezizweni ngoba lani lalingabezizweni eGibhithe.
22 Lingaqilibezeli umfelokazi kumbe intandane, 23 ngoba lingakwenza, besebekhala
kimi ngizakuzwa ukukhala kwabo; 24 ulaka lwami luzavutha, ngibulale ngenkemba;
abafazi benu babe ngabafelokazi labantwabenu babe zintandane.
25 Nxa lingebolekisa imali omunye wabantu bami ohluphekayo phakathi kwenu,
akumelanga lenze njengebhizimisi yokweboleka abanye imali, lingamhlawulisi
inzuzo. 26 Nxa ungathatha ijazi likamakhelwane wakho ulenze isibambiso, kumele
ulibuyisele ilanga lingakatshoni, 27 ngoba ijazi lelo yilo lodwa embesa ngalo
ubunqunu bakhe. Kambe kuyini okunye abangalala kukho? Nxa bengakhala kimi,
ngizabezwa ngoba ngilozwelo.
28 Lingahlambazi uNkulunkulu kumbe lithuke umbusi wabantu bakini.
29 Lingagodli iminikelo eziphaleni zenu loba ezimbizeni zewayini lenu.
Kumele lilethe kimi amadodana enu angamazibulo. 30 Yenzani njalo ngenkomo
lezimvu zenu. Yekelani zihlale labonina okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kodwa linginike
zona ngosuku lwesificaminwembili.
31 Lizakuba ngabantu bami abangcwele. Ngakho lingaze ladla inyama yenya-
mazana eyabe idatshudatshulwe yizilo zeganga; iphoseleni izinja.”

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Imithetho Yokulunga Lomusa

1 “Ungahambi ukhuluma izindaba zamanga. Ungahlanganyeli lomuntu omubi
ngoba ngufakazi olomona.
2 Ungenzi okubi ulandela inengi labantu. Nxa ufakaza emthethwandaba, un-
gaphenduleli iqiniso ngokuvumelana labanengi, 3 njalo ungazweli umuntu ecaleni
ngoba engumyanga.
4 Ungahlangana lenkomo kumbe ubabhemi wesitha sakho elahlekile, mnqande
umbuyisele kumnikazi. 5 Nxa ufica ubabhemi womuntu okuzondayo ewiswe
ngumthwalo, ungamtshiyi, umncedise umvuse.
6 Ahlulela kuhle abayanga bakini emacaleni. 7 Ungabungeni ubufakazi bamanga,
njalo ungabulali muntu ongelacala loba oqotho ngoba kangiyi kumyekela olecala.
8 Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza ababonayo besebe-
guqula amazwi omuntu omsulwa.
9 Ungancindezeli owezizweni, lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi kunjani ukuba
ngabezizweni, njengoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe.”

Imithetho YeSabatha

10 “Okweminyaka eyisithupha lizalima amasimu enu livune amabele, 11 kodwa
kuzakuthi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa liyekele amasimu enu alaluke engalinywanga.
Ngakho abangabayanga phakathi kwenu bazazuza ukudla kuwo, kuthi lezinya-
mazana zeganga zidle okuseleyo. Lizakwenza njalo okufananayo ngezivini zenu
kanye lezihlahla zenu zama-oliva.
12 Uzakwenza imisebenzi yakho okwensuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwe-
sikhombisa ungasebenzi, ukuze inkabi yakho lobabhemi wakho kuphumule, kuthi
isigqili esazalelwa endlini yakho kanye lowezizweni baphumule.
13 Qaphelisisani lenze konke engilitshela khona. Lingamemezi amabizo abanye
onkulunkulu; kawangezwakali ephuma ezindebeni zenu.”

Imikhosi Emithathu Yomnyaka

14 “Kathathu ngomnyaka kufanele lingithakazelele umkhosi.
15 Lizathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku eziyisikhom-
bisa dlanini isinkwa esingelamvubelo, njengokulilaya kwami. Kwenzeni lokhu

ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga ka-Avivi, ngoba ngaleyonyanga yikho elaphuma khona eGibhithe.
Kakungabi lamuntu ozakuma phambi kwami engaphathanga lutho.
16 Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuVuna lokolibo kwenu ezilimweni zenu zemasimini.
Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuButhelela nxa selibutha izilimo zenu emasimini.
17 Kathathu ngomnyaka amadoda wonke kufanele ayebonakala phambi kuka THIXO
Wobukhosi.
18 Linganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo.
Amahwahwa eminikelo yemikhosi yami akumelanga agcinwe kuze kuse.
19 Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle kakhulu endlini ka THIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina.”

Ingilosi KaNkulunkulu Izalungisa Indlela

20 “Khangelani, sengithumela ingilosi phambi kwenu ukuze ilivikele endleleni
yenu njalo ize ilifikise endaweni engililungisele yona. 21 Liyinanzelele ingilosi
yami njalo lilalele ekutshoyo. Lingayihlamukeli ngoba kayizukulithethelela nxa
lingayihlamukela, njengoba iBizo lami likuyo. 22 Nxa lingalalelisisa ekutshoyo njalo
lenze konke engikutshoyo, ngizakuba yisitha sezitha zenu njalo ngizamelana lalabo
abamisana lani. 23 Ingilosi yami izahamba phambi kwenu ize ilingenise elizweni
lama-Amori, lamaHithi, lamaPherizi, lamaKhenani lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi
njalo ngizababhubhisa. 24 Lingabakhothameli onkulunkulu babo, lingabakhonzi
njalo lingalandeli imikhuba yabo. Kufanele libhidlize onkulunkulu babo njalo
lidilize amatshe abo abawakhonzayo. 25 Mkhonzeni uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
kuzakuthi isibusiso sakhe sibe phezu kokudla laphezu kwamanzi enu. Ngizasusa
imikhuhlane phakathi kwenu, 26 njalo kakho ozaswela loba abe yinyumba ezweni
lenu. Ngizaphelelisa insuku zenu.
27 Ngizathumela uchuku lwami phambi kwenu njalo ngisanganise zonke iz-
izwe elizahlangana lazo. Ngizakwenza zonke izitha zenu zifulathele zilibalekele.
28 Ngizathumela olonyovu phambi kwenu ukuze basuse amaHivi, amaKhenani kanye
lamaHithi endleleni yenu. 29 Kodwa angiyikubasusa ngomnyaka munye, ngoba
ilizwe lingasala lingasela muntu besekusithi izinyamazana zeganga zande zilikhulele.
30 Ngizabasusa kancanekancane phambi kwenu, lani lize lande lenelise ukuthatha
ilizwe.
31 Ngizabeka imingcele kusukela oLwandle oluBomvu kusiya oLwandle lwa-
maFilistiya, njalo kusuka enkangala kusiya emfuleni uYufrathe. Ngakho abantu
abahlala kulelolizwe ngizabanikela ezandleni zenu ukuze libadudule. 32 Lingenzi
isivumelwano labo loba labonkulunkulu babo. 33 Kabangahlali lani ezweni lenu, funa
balenze lingonele, ngoba ukukhonza kwabo onkulunkulu babo kuzakuba yisifu kini.”

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Ukumiswa Kwesivumelwano

1 Ngakho uTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Woza kuTHIXO, wena lo-Aroni, uNadabi lo-
Abhihu, kanye labadala bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Lizakhonza
libucwala, 2 kodwa uMosi yedwa zwi uzasondela kuTHIXO; abanye kabafanelanga
ukusondela eduze. Kanti-ke abantu kabafanelanga ukuza laye.”
3 Kwathi uMosi esebuyele ebantwini wabatshela wonke amazwi kanye lemilayo
kaTHIXO, abantu bakwamukela, bavungama ngalizwi linye bathi, “Konke okutshiwo
nguTHIXO sizakwenza.” 4 UMosi waseloba konke uTHIXO ayekutshilo.
Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wavuka kusesele wakha i-alithari ewatheni lwentaba
wamisa khona izinsika zamatshe alitshumi lambili emele izizwe ezilitshumi lambili

zako-Israyeli. 5 Wasethuma amajaha ako-Israyeli ahamba ayanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa njalo benza imihlatshelo ngenkunzi ezincane njengomnikelo wobudlelwano kuTHIXO. 6 UMosi wasethatha ingxenye yegazi walithela emiganwini eyayizingubhe, elinye wachela ngalo phezu kwe-alithari. 7 Ngakho wathatha iNcwadi yeSivumelwano wayifundela abantu. Bona bavuma besithi, “Sizakwenza konke okutshiwo nguTHIXO; sizamlalela.”

8 Ngemva kwalokho uMosi wathatha igazi wachela ngalo abantu esithi kubo, “Leli ligazi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO asenze lani ngokuqondene lawo wonke lamazwi.”

9 UMosi lo-Aroni, uNadabi lo-Abhihu kanye labadala bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa bakhwela 10 bayabona uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe kwakungani ngumgwaqo owenziwe ngesafaya, kukhanya njengokukhanya komkhathi uqobo. 11 Kodwa uNkulunkulu kazange abanine ngesandla sakhe laba bakhokheli bako-Israyeli; sebembonile uNkulunkulu badla banatha.

12 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Khwela uze kimi entabeni njalo uhlale lapha, ngizakunika izibhebhedu zamatshe, engilobe kuzo imithetho lemilayo eyiziqondiso zabo.”

13 Ngakho uMosi wasuka loJoshuwa umsizi wakhe, uMosi wasekhwela entabeni kaNkulunkulu. 14 Wathi ebadaleni, “Silindelani khonapha size siphenduke. U-Aroni loHuri bazasala lani, kuzakuthi abaxabanayo babonane labo.”

15 Kwathi uMosi esekhwele intaba, yasibekelwa liyezi, 16 inkazimulo kaTHIXO yagcwala entabeni yaseSinayi. Iyezi lembesa intaba okwensuku eziyisithupha kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa uTHIXO wabiza uMosi eseyezini. 17 Ebantwini bako-Israyeli inkazimulo kaTHIXO yabonakala injengomlilo otshisa uqothule phezu kwentaba. 18 Ngakho uMosi wangena eyezini ekhwela intaba. Wahlala khonale entabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

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Iminikelo YeThabanikeli

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela abako-Israyeli bangilethele umnikelo. Uzakwamukela umnikelo emuntwini munye ngamunye ofuqwa yinhliziyo yakhe ukuthi anikele.

3 Le yiyo iminikelo ozayamukela nxa sebenikela:

igolide, isiliva kanye lethusi,
4 okwelukiweyo lamalembu aluhlaza, ayibubende kanye labomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo,
loboya bembuzi,
5 izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kanye lezikhumba zezinyamazana eziqinileyo,
lezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya,
6 amafutha e-oliva awokukhanyisa isibane,
amakha azasetshenziswa lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo lephunga lempepha elimnandi,
7 amatshe e-onikisi, lamanye amatshe aligugu azathungelwa esembathweni semahlombe lesesifubeni.

8 Bangakhele indlu engcwele, ngalokho ngizahlala phakathi kwabo. 9 Yenza ithabanikeli leli kanye leziceciso zalo ngendlela engizakutshengisa yona.”

Umtshokotsho Wesivumelwano

10 “Kabenze umtshokotsho ngezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya, ubude bawo kube
zingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye, ububanzi kube yingalo elengxenye njalo ukuyaphezulu
kwawo kube yingalo elengxenye. 11 Lilihuqe ngegolide elicolekileyo, ngaphakathi
langaphandle, ubuye ulizingelezele ngomqolo wegolide. 12 Libumbele amasongo
amane egolide liwanamathisele ezinyaweni zalo zozine, amabili kwelinye icele kuthi
amabili kwelinye njalo. 13 Beselisenza imijabo ngesihlahla som’akhakhiya liyihuqe
ngegolide. 14 Hlomani imijabo kulawo masongo asemaceleni omtshokotsho kube
yizibambo. 15 Izigodo lezi zizahlala emasongweni alumtshokotsho, zingakhitshwa.
16 Beselifaka ubufakazi emtshokotshweni engizakunika bona.

17 Yenzani isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ubude baso bube zingalo ezimbili
ezilengxenye lengxenye eyodwa ububanzi. 18 Lizakwenza amakherubhi amabili
ngegolide elikhandiweyo, liwenze ekucineni kwesisibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa
emaceleni womabili. 19 Yenzani ikherubhi elilodwa nganxanye kuthi ngakwelinye
icele lenze elinye, uzawenza amakherubhi abe yinto yinye lesisibekelo emaceleni
womabili. 20 Amakherubhi kumele elulele amaphiko awo phezulu embese isisibekelo
ngawo. Kuzamele amakherubhi akhangelane, ubuso bawo bukhangele isisibekelo.
21 Bekani isisibekelo phezu komtshokotsho, ubusufaka ubufakazi engizakunika
bona ebhokisini lesivumelwano. 22 Kulapho engizahlangana lawe khona ngikunika
imithetho ka-Israyeli ngisesihlalweni somusa, phakathi laphakathi kwamakherubhi
aphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi.”

Itafula Yezinkwa

23 “Bazani itafula ngezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya, ubude bayo bube zingalo
ezimbili, ububanzi bayo bube yingalo eyodwa, kuthi ukudepha kwayo kube yingalo
elengxenye. 24 Liyihuqe ngegolide elicolekileyo, beseliyizingelezela ngomthando
wegolide. 25 Lenze kuyo ibhanti eliyizingelezileyo, elilingana lobubanzi besandla, be-
selibumbela kuyo umthando wegolide phezu kwebhanti. 26 Lenze amasongo amane
egolide liwafake emagumbini womane enyaweni zetafula. 27 Amasongo kumele
asondelelane lebhanti ukuze abambe imijabo ezasetshenziswa ukuthwala itafula.
28 Lungisani imijabo ngesihlahla som’akhakhiya, liyihuqe ngegolide ukuze lithwale
itafula ngayo. 29 Njalo yenzani imiganu lezinditshi zayo ngegolide elicolekileyo kanye
lenkezo, imiganu eyingubhe lezitsha zokuthululela iminikelo. 30 Libeke etafuleni
isinkwa esiNgcwele ukuze sibe phambi kwami ngezikhathi zonke.”

Uluthi Lwesibane

31 “Lizakwenza uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicolekileyo. Likhande isidindi salo
lomqwayi walo, imbizana zalo lamahlumela alo lamaluba alo likwenze kube yinto
yinye. 32 Ingatsha eziyisithupha zixhunywe emaceleni oluthi, ezintathu nganxanye
kuthi ezintathu kwelinye icele. 33 Inkezo ezintathu ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-
alimondi, amahlumela lamaluba kumele abe sogatsheni lunye, ezintathu egatsheni
olulandelayo, kube njalo kuzozonke ingatsha ezixhunywe emqwayini woluthi
lwesibane. 34 Kuzakuthi oluthini lwesibane kube lezimbizana ezine ezibunjwe
okwamaluba e-alimondi, zilamahlumela lamaluba. 35 Kumele kube lehlumela
ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezixhunywe oluthini lwesibane, ihlumela lesibili
ngaphansi kwezinye ezimbili, kuthi ihlumela lesithathu lalo libe ngaphansi kwezinye
njalo ezimbili, zonke ingatsha zibe yisithupha. 36 Amahlumela lezingatsha kuzakuba
yinto yinye loluthi lwesibane, kukhandwe ngegolide elicolekileyo.

37 Ngakho lizalwenzela izibane eziyisikhombisa lizimise phezu kwalo ukuze
zikhanyise phambi kwalo. 38 Incijana zentambo lembizana zalo zibe ngezegolide
elicolekileyo. 39 Uluthi lwesibane kanye lakho konke okuphathelene laso kuzenziwa

ngegolide elicolekileyo eliyisisindo sethalenta elilodwa. 40 Qaphela ukuba wenze konke njengalokhu owakutshengiswa entabeni.”

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IThabanikeli

1 “Lenze ithabanikeli ngamakhetheni alitshumi elembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, aceciswe ngamakherubhi elukelwe kuhle ngumuntu oleminwe. 2 Amakhetheni wonke kumele ukuthi alingane, abezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili ubude njalo ububanzi abezingalo ezine. 3 Lizahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu ndawonye, liphinde lenzenjalo lakwamanye amahlanu. 4 Lenze izihitshela ngelembu eliluhlaza emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni kwamakhetheni amahlanu elixheni lakuqala, lenze okufanayo elixheni lesibili. 5 Lizakwenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini elilodwa liphinde lenze ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina elixheni lesibili, izihitshela zikhangelene. 6 Emva kwalokho lizakwenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lizisebenzise ukuhlanganisa amakhetheni ukuze ithabanikeli libe yintonye.

7 Yenzani amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi abe ngawethente lokubekwa phezu kwethabanikeli, abelitshumi lanye esewonke. 8 Amakhetheni wonke alitshumi lanye alingane, abezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi abezingalo ezine. 9 Hlanganisani amakhetheni amahlanu abelilixha elilodwa kuthi ayisithupha abe kwelinye ilixha. Ligoqe ikhetheni lesithupha liphindwe kabili phambi kwethente. 10 Yenzani izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu zilandele umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, lenzenjalo lakwelinye ilixha. 11 Beselilungisa ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu lizifake ezihitsheleni ukuze zibophe ithente kube yinto yinye. 12 Kuzakuthi-ke isiqa esiseleyo sekhetheni lethente, ingxenye yekhetheni eseleyo, ilenge emuva kwethabanikeli. 13 Amakhetheni ethente azakwedlula ngengalo eyodwa inxa zonke, kuthi okuseleyo kulenge emaceleni ethabanikeli ukuze alembese. 14 Lenze isembeso sethente ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kuthi phezu kwalokho kube lesembeso sezikhumba eziqinileyo.

15 Yenzani amathala ethabanikeli amiswayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya. 16 Ithala linye kumele libe lide okuzingalo ezilitshumi, kuthi ububanzi bube yingalo elengxenye, 17 kube lemisuka emibili ephutshayo ilinganisene. Wonke amathala ethabanikeli enziwe ngale indlela. 18 Yenzani amathala ecele elisezansi kwethabanikeli angamatshumi amabili, 19 beselizenza izisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane ezizahamba ngaphansi kwawo, izisekelo ezimbili ethaleni linye, sibe sinye ngaphansi kwensika inye ngayinye. 20 Kulelicele elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, misani amathala angamatshumi amabili 21 kanye lezisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane, ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye. 22 Yenzani amathala ayisithupha ecele elisekucineni ngentshonalanga kwethabanikeli, 23 lenze amathala amabili amagumbi asekucineni. 24 Emagumbini womabili la kumele abe lohlonzi oluphindwe kabili kusukela phansi kusiya phezulu, abesehlanganiswa ngesongo elilodwa, wonke abe njalo. 25 Ngakho kuzakuba lamathala ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zesiliva ezilitshumi lesithupha, ezimbili ngaphansi kwethala linye.

26 Yenzani njalo imithando enqumayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya: emihlanu ibe ngeyamathala kwelinye icele lethabanikeli, 27 emihlanu ibe njalo kwelinye icele, kuthi eminye njalo emihlanu ibe ngeyamathala asentshonalanga, ekucineni kwethabanikeli. 28 Umthando waphakathi onqumayo uzakwedlula usuka kulelicele lokucina usiyacina kwelinye phakathi laphakathi kwamathala. 29 Huqani amathala

ngegolide lenze amasongo egolide abambe imithando enqumayo. Njalo lihuqe imithando enqumayo ngegolide.

30 Limise ithabanikeli njengokutshengiswa kwakho entabeni.

31 Yenzani ikhetheni ngelembu elicolekileyo, eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, abe lamakherubhi elukelwe kuwo ngumuntu oleminwe. 32 Liwalengise ngezingwegwana zegolide ensikeni ezine zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ezihuqwe ngegolide njalo zimiswe phezu kwezisekelo zesiliva. 33 Lengisani-ke ikhetheni ngezingwegwana beselibeka umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngemva kwekhetheni. Ikhetheni lizakwehlukanisa Indawo Engcwele kweNgcwelengcwele. 34 Bekani isisibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi osendaweni eNgcwelengcwele. 35 Bekani itafula ngaphandle kwekhetheni elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, beselifaka uluthi lwesibane lukhangelane layo eceleni eliseningizimu.

36 Yenzani ikhetheni lesango lethente ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu kube ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga. 37 Yenzelani ikhetheni ingwegwana zegolide kanye lezinsika ezinhlanu ezenziwe ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ezihuqwe ngegolide. Njalo beliwafakela izisekelo ezinhlanu ezibunjwe ngethusi."

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I-alithari Leminikelo Yokutshiswa

1 "Lakhe i-alithari ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya libe zingalo ezintathu ukudepha, kumele lilingane inxa zonke, ubude balo bube zingalo ezinhlanu lobubanzi balo bube zingalo ezinhlanu. 2 Egumbini linye ngalinye le-alithari uzakwenza uphondo, kuthi impondo le-alithari kube yinto yinye, ubusulihuqa ngethusi. 3 Izinto zonke ezizasetshenziswa kulo uzazenza ngethusi, imbiza zalo zokubutha umlotha, amafotsholo alo, imiganu yokuchela, amafologwe enyama kanye lezindengezi zokubasela umlilo. 4 Lenzele iminxibo yokosa ngethusi njalo wenze isongo lethusi emagumbini wonke womane. 5 Libeke ngaphansi komphetho wealithare okuyingxenye yokuya phezulu. 6 Libaze imijabo ye-alithare ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya liyihuqe ngethusi. 7 Lihlome imijabo le emasongweni asemaceleni womabili e-alithare ukuze ibe yizibambo nxa selithwalwa. 8 Beselithatha amapulanka lenze ngawo i-alithari libe ngumhome. Lenze njengalokhu owakutshengiswayo entabeni."

Iguma Lethabanikeli

9 "Lilungise iguma lethabanikeli. Ubude becele lezansi bube zingalo ezilikhulu njalo libe lamakhetheni elembu eliphethwe kuhle, 10 lensika ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo ezingamatshumi amabili konke kwenziwe ngethusi kanye lengwegwe zesiliva lamabhanti ensikeni. 11 Icele lenyakatho lalo lizakuba yizingalo ezilikhulu ubude njalo libe lamakhetheni, libe lensika ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo ezingamatshumi amabili ethusi futhi kube lengwegwana lezibopho zesiliva ensikeni.

12 Icele lentshonalanga yeguma lizakuba zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi, lilamakhetheni, lensika ezilitshumi kanye lezisekelo ezilitshumi. 13 Eceleni elisempumalanga, kusiya okuphuma khona ilanga, iguma lizakuba banzi okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 14 Amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude azakuba nganxanye kwesango, elezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu. 15 Ngakwelinye icele lakho kuzakuba lamakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude kanye lezinsika ezintathu lezisekelo ezintathu.

16 Esangweni leguma, lifake ikhetheni elizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude,
elelukwe laphethwa kuhle ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, kube
ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga, kube lezinsika ezine lezisekelo ezine. 17 Zonke
izinsika ezihonqolozele iguma zibe lamabhanti lengwegwe zesiliva kanye lezisekelo
zethusi. 18 Ubude beguma buzakuba zingalo ezilikhulu lobubanzi obuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu lamakhetheni elembu elelukwe kuhle libe lide okuzingalo
ezinhlanu, lezisekelo zethusi. 19 Zonke izinto ezizasetshenziswa emsebenzini
wethabanikeli loba kuyini okwenziwayo kuhlanganisa lazozonke izikhonkwane zalo
kanye lezeguma, kumele kube ngokwethusi.”

Amafutha Oluthi Lwesibane

20 “Laya abantu bako-Israyeli bakulethele amafutha acengekileyo, ahluzwe
ema-oliveni, abe ngawokukhanyisa ukuze izibane zihlale zikhanyisa kokuphela.
21 Ethenteni lokuhlangana, ngaphandle kwekhetheni eligudle umtshokotsho wobu-
fakazi, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazagcina izibane phambi KUKATHIXO zibhebha
kusukela ntambama kuze kuse. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso saphakade phakathi
kwabako-Israyeli lakuzizukulwane ezizayo.”

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Izembatho ZobuPhristi

1 “Akulethwe kuwe phakathi kwabako-Israyeli umfowenu u-Aroni kanye lamado-
dana akhe uNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, ubehlukanisele ukuba babe
ngabaphristi bami. 2 Wenzele u-Aroni umfowenu izembatho ezingcwele, ezizamenza
abe lesithunzi njalo ahlonipheke. 3 Atshele wonke amadoda azingcitshi lalenhlaka-
nipho ngokuphathelane lalumsebenzi wokuthi benzele u-Aroni izembatho zok-
wahlukanisela umsebenzi wami wokuba ngumphristi. 4 Yilezi izembatho abazazenza:
isembatho sesifubeni, isembatho semahlombe, isigqoko, ibhatshi elelukiweyo, iqhiye
kanye lebhanti. Kumele benzele umfowenu u-Aroni lamadodana akhe izembatho
lezi ezingcwele ukuze babe ngabaphristi bami. 5 Kabasebenzise intambo eziluhlaza,
eziyibubende, ezibomvu kanye lelembu elicolekileyo.”

Isembatho Semahlombe

6 “Uzakwenza isembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo
eziligolide, eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, kube ngumsebenzi womuntu
oleminwe. 7 Kumele sibe leziqa zemahlombe ezimbili zithungelwe emaceleni aso
womabili ukuze sibotshwe. 8 Kuzakuthi ibhanti laso lasekhalweni lelukwe ngobungc-
itshi lenziwe lifane laso, libe yinto yinye lesembatho semahlombe, lenziwe ngelembu
eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu.
9 Thatha amatshe amabili ohlobo lwe-onikisi udwebele kuwo amabizo amadodana
ka-Israyeli 10 ngokulandelana kwawo, ayisithupha kwelinye ilitshe kuthi aseleyo
uwadwebele kwelinye njalo. 11 Dwebela amabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli emat-
sheni womabili njengombazi wamatshe aligugu edwebela uphawu. Ubusuwazin-
gelezela ngeziceciso zegolide 12 ubusuwathungela eziqeni zemahlombe kube nga-
matshe esikhumbuzo samadodana ka-Israyeli. U-Aroni kumele athwale amabizo
emahlombe akhe kube yisikhumbuzo phambi KUKATHIXO. 13 Yenza iziceciso zegolide
14 kanye lamaketane enziwe ngegolide elicolekileyo alukelwe ndawonye njengegoda
uwabophele eziceciswen zegolide.”

Isembatho Sesifubeni

15 “Uzakwenza isembatho sesifuba sokwahlulela, senziwe ngumuntu oleminwe.
Usenze njengesembatho semahlombe: ngelembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo
eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu. 16 Kufanele silingane inxa zonke,

isandla ubude lesandla ububanzi, sigoqwe saphindwa kabili. 17 Ubusuthungela
kuso imizila emine yamatshe aligugu. Emzileni wakuqala kuzakuba lerubhi,
ithophazi kanye lebheriyeli, 18 emzileni wesibili kube yi-emeralidi, isafaya, ledayi-
mana, 19 emzileni wesithathu ijasinti, i-agathi kanye le-amethisi, 20 emzileni wesine
ikhrisolathi, i-onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungele ezicecisweni zegolide. 21 Kumele kube
lamatshe alitshumi lambili, lilinye limele ibizo lamadodana ka-Israyeli, linye ngalinye
lilotshwe njengokudweba kombazi wamatshe, kungani luphawu, kulotshwe kulelo
lalelo ibizo lezizwana zako-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili.

22 Isembatho sesifubeni selukelwe amaketane ngegolide elicolekileyo kube njenge-
goda. 23 Yenza amasongo amabili ngegolide ubusuwabophela emagumbini ama-
bili esembatho sesifubeni. 24 Bophela amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni
asemagumbini esembatho sesifubeni, 25 kuthi ngapha acina khona abotshelwe
ezicecisweni ezimbili, liwahlanganise eziqeni zemahlombe phambili kwesembatho
semahlombe. 26 Yenza amasongo amabili egolide uwabophele kwamanye am-
agumbi amabili esembatho sesifubeni ngaphakathi komphetho phansi kwesem-
batho semahlombe. 27 Yenza amanye amasongo egolide amabili ubusuwabophela
ngaphansi kweziqa zemahlombe phambi kwesembatho semahlombe, eduze
komphetho ngaphezudlwana kwebhanti lasekhalweni lwesembatho semahlombe.
28 Amasongo esembatho sesifubeni kumele abotshaniswe lamasongo esembatho
semahlombe ngentambo eluhlaza, kusihlanganisa lebhanti lasokhalweni, ukwenzela
ukuthi isembatho sesifubeni singatsheleli sehlukane lesembatho semahlombe.

29 Kuzakuthi lapho u-Aroni engena Endaweni Engcwele, agqize phezu kwenhliziyo
yakhe isembatho sesifubeni sokwahlulela esilamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli kube
yisikhumbuzo esiqhubekayo phambi KUKATHIXO. 30 Faka njalo i-Urimi kanye
leThumimi esambathweni sesifubeni, ukuze ziqondane laphezu kwenhliziyo ka-
Aroni loba kunini engena endaweni KATHIXO. Ngalokho u-Aroni uzabe ethwele
amandla okunquma izinqumo kwabako-Israyeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe phambi
KUKATHIXO.”

Ezinye Izembatho ZabaPhristi

31 “Yenza isigqoko sesembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliluhlaza kuphela, 32 kube
lesikhala sokungenisa ikhanda phakathi laphakathi. Kuzakuba lomphetho onjengeb-
heqe othungwe walandelisela isikhala lesi ukuze isembatho singadabuki. 33 Wenze
emphethweni wesembatho amaphomegranathi ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende
kanye lebomvu, uwugabanise lamabhera egolide. 34 Amabhera egolide kumele aga-
bane lamaphomegranathi emphethweni wesembatho. 35 U-Aroni kufanele asembathe
nxa esenza umsebenzi wokukhonza. Umsindo wamabhera uyabe uzwakala lapho
engena eNdaweni eNgcwele phambi KUKATHIXO lalapho ephuma, ukuze angafi.

36 Yenza icence legolide elicolekileyo udwebe, uloba kulo njengombazi wamatshe
udwebela uphawu oluthi:

Ubungcwele kabube KUTHIXO.

37 Ulibophele eqhiyeni ngentambo eluhlaza libe phambi kweqhiye. 38 Lizakuba
sebunzini lika-Aroni ukuze athwale amacala aqondene lezipho ezingcwele ezinikelwa
ngabako-Israyeli, kungakhathalekile ukuthi yisipho bani. Lizakuba sebunzini lika-
Aroni kokuphela ukuze abako-Israyeli bemukeleke KUTHIXO.

39 Thunga ibhatshi ngelembu elicolekileyo kanye leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo,
elihle. Ibhanti lokhalo kumele lenziwe ngumbalazi ngokuthunga. 40 Wenzele
amadodana ka-Aroni amabhatshi, lamabhanti kanye lamaqhiye ukuze abe lesithunzi,
ahlonipheke. 41 Emva kokugqokisa u-Aroni umfowenu kanye lamadodana akhe
lezizembatho, bagcobe ubahlukanisele ukuba ngabaphristi bami.

42 Thunga izembatho zangaphansi ngelembu, zisukele ekhalweni kusiya emathangazini, zibe yizembatho zomzimba. 43 U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bazazigqoka izikhathi zonke nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana lanxa besondela e-alithareni ukwenza umsebenzi wokukhonza eNdaweni eNgcwele, ukuze bangabi lecala bafe.

Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ku-Aroni lakuzizukulwane zakhe.”

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Ukugcotshwa KwabaPhristi

1 “Lokhu yikho ozakwenza nxa ubagcoba ukuze bangisebenzele njengabaphristi: Thatha inkunzi esesencane lenqama ezimbili ezingelasici. 2 Yenza izinkwa ezingelamvubelo ngefulawa ecolekileyo, izinkwa ezinkulu ezingelamvubelo, ezivutshwe ngamafutha e-oliva lezinkwa ezincane ezingelamvubelo, zigcotshwe ngamafutha e-oliva. 3 Uzifake esitsheni ubusuziletha ndawonye lenkunzi kanye lenqama ezimbili. 4 Emva kwalokho ulethe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ubagezise ngamanzi. 5 Thatha izembatho ugqokise u-Aroni ibhatshi, lesembatho samahlombe, isembatho samahlombe sona ngokwaso kanye lesigqoko sesifuba, umbophele isembatho samahlombe ngebhanti lokhalo elelukwe ngobungcwethi obukhulu. 6 Mthwalise iqhiye yokuthandela ekhanda lakhe, unamathisele umqhele wamakhosi ongcwele eqhiyeni. 7 Thatha amafutha okugcobela isikhundla umgcobe ngokuwathela phezu kwekhanda lakhe. 8 Letha amadodana akhe uwagqokise amabhatshi 9 ubabophe ngamabhanti emakhanda, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, ube usubathwalisa izingowane. Ubuphristi ngobabo ngesimiso esingapheliyo.

Ngale indlela uzagcoba u-Aroni lamadodana akhe.

10 Letha inkunzi phambi kwethente lokuhlangana, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo, 11 uyihlabe phambi KUKATHIXO esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 12 Uthathe igazi lenkunzi ulininde empondweni ze-alithare ngomunwe wakho, uthele igazi eliseleyo phansi e-alithareni. 13 Emva kwalokho uthathe lonke idanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, izinso zonke lamahwahwa akuzo, ukutshise konke lokhu e-alithareni. 14 Kodwa-ke inyama yenkunzi, isikhumba sayo lamathumbu ayo, ukutshisele ngaphandle kwesihonqo; kungumnikelo wesono.

15 Thatha enye yenqama, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo, 16 uyihlabe, uthathe igazi layo ulichele emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 17 Emva kwalokho uhlahlele inqama ibe yiziqa ugezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ukufake ndawonye lenhloko kanye lezinye iziqa, 18 ubususutshisa inqama yonke e-alithareni. Lokhu kungumnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO, iphunga elimnandi, umnikelo onikelwa KUTHIXO ngomlilo.

19 Thatha enye inqama, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. 20 Uyihlabe, uthathe igazi layo ulininde esiqwini sendlebe yakwesokunene sika-Aroni lakwezamadodana akhe, lasezithupheni zabo zezandla zabo zokunene, lasemazwaneni amakhulu ezinyawo zabo zesandla sokunene. Emva kwalokho uchele igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 21 Thatha igazi elise-alithareni lamafutha okugcoba uchele u-Aroni lezembatho zakhe kanye lamadodana akhe lezembatho zawo. Lapho-ke yena lamadodana akhe lezivunulo zabo kuzabe sekungcwelisiwe.

22 Thatha amahwahwa kule inqama, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo kanye lomlenze wesandla sokunene. (Le yinqama yokugcotshwa komphristi.) 23 Esitsheni esilesinkwa esingelamvubelo esiphambi KUKATHIXO, thatha isinkwa

esisodwa, isinkwa esisodwa esikhulu esixutshaniswe lamafutha e-oliva kanye
lesinkwanyana. 24 Konke lokhu kufake ezandleni zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe,
bakuzunguze phambi KUKATHIXO kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa. 25 Emva
kwalokho kuthathe ezandleni zabo ukutshise e-alithareni ndawonye lomnikelo
wokutshiswa ukuze kube liphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO, umhlatshelo wokudla
onikelwa KUTHIXO. 26 Emva kwalokho thatha isifuba senqama yokugcotshwa kuka-
Aroni uzunguze phambi KUKATHIXO njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njalo sizakuba
yisabelo sakho.
27 Zenze zibengcwele lezozitho zenqama yokugcotshwa komphristi ezingezika-
Aroni lamadodana akhe, isifuba esizunguziweyo lomlenze onikelweyo. 28 Lokhu
kuzaqhubeka kokuphela kuyisabelo sika-Aroni lamadodana akhe esivela kwabako-
Israyeli. Kungumnikelo abako-Israyeli abawenzayo KUTHIXO uvela eminikelweni
yabo yokuhlanganyela.
29 Izembatho zika-Aroni ezingcwele zizakuba ngezezizukulwana zakhe ukuze
bagcotshwe babekwe ubuphristi begqoke zona. 30 Indodana yakhe ezakuba
ngumphristi esikhundleni sakhe izazigqoka insuku eziyisikhombisa lapho isiza
ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuzakhonza eNdaweni eNgcwele.
31 Thatha inqama yokugcotshwa komphristi uyiphekele endaweni engcwele.
32 Ethenteni lokuhlangana, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla inyama yenqama
lesinkwa esisesitsheni. 33 Kumele badle leyomnikelo okwenziwa ngayo inhlawulo
yokubekwa lokugcotshwa kwabo. Kodwa omunye umuntu nje akayikukudla lokhu
ngoba kungcwele. 34 Njalo nxa eyinye yenyama yenqama yokugcotshwa komphristi
kumbe isinkwa kusele kuze kube sekuseni, kutshise ngomlilo. Akumelanga kudliwe
ngoba kungcwele.
35 Menzele-ke u-Aroni lamadodana akhe konke engikulaye khona, ukugcotshwa
kwabo kuthathe insuku eziyisikhombisa. 36 Nikela inkunzi eyodwa usuku ngosuku
njengomnikelo wesono wokwenza inhlawulo. Yenza i-alithari libengcwele ngoku-
lenzela inhlawulo, uligcobe ukuba ulingcwelise. 37 Yenza inhlawulelo ye-alithare
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ulingcwelise. Lapho-ke i-alithari lizakuba ngcwele
kakhulu kuthi konke okulithintayo kube ngcwele.
38 Lokhu yikho ozakunikela e-alithareni usuku lunye ngalunye: amazinyane ezimvu
amabili alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe. 39 Nikela elilodwa ekuseni, elinye unikele ngalo
njalo kusihlwa. 40 Kanye lezinyane lakuqala nikela okwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa
ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lokwesine kwehini yamafutha e-oliva ahluziweyo, lok-
wesine kwehini yewayini ukuba kube ngumnikelo onathwayo. 41 Elinye izinyane
linikele kusihlwa ngomnikelo ofanayo wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo
njengowekuseni ukuba kube liphunga elimnandi, umnikelo wokutshiswa onikelwa
KUTHIXO.
42 Kuzizukulwane ezizayo umnikelo wokutshiswa lo uzakwenziwa njalonjalo
esangweni lethente lokuhlangana phambi KUKATHIXO, lapho engizahlangana lawe
khona ngikhulume lawe. 43 Lapho futhi yikho engizahlangana khona labako-Israyeli,
indawo leyo ingcweliswe yinkazimulo yami.
44 Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza ithente lokuhlangana kanye le-alithari kube ngcwele
ukuba bangisebenzele bengabaphristi. 45 Lapho-ke ngizahlala phakathi kwabantu
bako-Israyeli ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. 46 Bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wabo, owabakhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo. Mina
NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo.”

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I-Alithari Lokutshisela Impepha

1 “Yenza i-alithari lokutshisela impepha ngesihlahla som’akhakhiya. 2 Amacele
womane kumele alingane, kube yingalo ubude lengalo ububanzi, kuthi ukudepha
kube zingalo ezimbili, impondo zalo zibe yinto yinye lalo. 3 Huqa phezulu
lamacele wonke, lempondo zalo ngegolide elicolekileyo ubumbele umqolo wegolide
inxa zonke. 4 Yenza amasongo egolide amabili e-alithare abe ngaphansi komqolo
emaceleni amabili ehlukeneyo ukuba abambe imijabo yokulithwala. 5 Imijabo yenze
ngesihlahla som’akhakhiya uyihuqe ngegolide. 6 Beka i-alithari phambi kwekhetheni
elisithe umtshokotsho wobufakazi, nganeno kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwezibheb-
hedu zesivumelwano somthetho lapho engizahlangana lawe khona.
7 U-Aroni kumele atshise impepha enuka mnandi e-alithareni nsuku zonke ekuseni
elungisa izibane. 8 Kumele impepha ayitshise futhi kusihlwa lapho eselumathisa iz-
ibane ukuze impepha itshe kokuphela phambi kuka THIXO kuze kube kuzizukulwane
ezizayo. 9 Linganikeli kuleli-alithare olunye uhlobo lwempepha kumbe umnikelo
wokutshiswa loba umnikelo wamabele, njalo lingatheli umnikelo wokunathwa phezu
kwalo. 10 Kanye ngomnyaka u-Aroni uzakwenza inhlawulelo empondweni zalo.
Inhlawulo yeminyaka yonke le kumele yenziwe ngegazi lomnikelo wokuhlawulela
izono zezizukulwane ezizayo. Ingcwele kakhulu kuTHIXO.”

Imali Yenhlawulo

11 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, 12 “Lapho usubala abantu bako-Israyeli omunye
lomunye kumele anike uTHIXO inhlawulo yokuphila kwakhe. Ngalokho akuyikuba
lesifo esizabehlela lapho ubabala. 13 Akuthi lowo lalowo odlulela ngakulabo
asebebaliwe anike ingxenye yeshekeli, ngokweshekeli lendawo engcwele, okuyi-
sisindo esingamagera angamatshumi amabili. Ingxenye yeshekeli le ingumnikelo
kuTHIXO. 14 Wonke umuntu obaliweyo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili kusiya phezulu, uzanikela umnikelo kuTHIXO. 15 Abanothileyo akumelanga
banikele ngokwedlula ingxenye yeshekeli, labayanga kabanganikeli ngokungaphansi
lapho selinikela kuTHIXO ukuba lenze inhlawulelo yokuphila kwenu. 16 Wamukele
imali yenhlawulo kwabako-Israyeli uyisebenzise enkonzweni yethente lokuhlangana.
Izakuba yisikhumbuzo kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaTHIXO ukwenzela inhlawulelo
yokuphila kwenu.”

Inkonxa Yokugezela

17 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, 18 “Yenza inkonxa yethusi ibe lensika yethusi,
izakuba ngeyokugezela. Uyibeke phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-
alithari, uthele amanzi phakathi kwayo. 19 U-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazageza
izandla lezinyawo zabo ngamanzi akuyo. 20 Nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana
bazageza ngamanzi ukuze bangafi. Phezu kwalokho, lapho besondela e-alithareni
ukuba bakhonze ngokwethula umnikelo wokutshiswa onikelwa kuTHIXO, 21 bazageza
izandla zabo lezinyawo ukuze bangafi. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ku-
Aroni lenzalo yakhe lakuzizukulwane ezizayo.”

Amafutha Okugcoba Abakhethiweyo

22 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, 23 “Thatha lezinhlobo zamakha amahle: Amashekeli
angamakhulu amahlanu (500) emure elingamanzi, isinamoni enuka mnandi ey-
ingxenye yalokho (okuyikuthi amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (250)
amashekeli), amashekeli angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (250) ekha-
lamu elilephunga elimnandi, 24 amashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu (500) ekhasiya,
konke kumayelana lamashekeli endawo engcwele, kanye lehini lamafutha ama-oliva.
25 Lokhu kwenze kube ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo alungiswe
ngumenzi wamakha, azakuba ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo.
26 Ngawo-ke uzagcoba ithente lokuhlangana, umtshokotsho wobufakazi, 27 itafula

kanye lezitsha zawo zonke, uluthi lwesibane lezitsha zawo, i-alithari lempepha, 28 i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zawo lomganu wokugezela kanye lezinyawo zawo. 29 Uzakungcwelisa konke ukuba kube ngcwele kakhulu, njalo loba yini ekuthintayo izakuba ngcwele.

30 Mgcobe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ubehlukanisele ukuba bangisebenzele bengabaphristi. 31 Batshele abako-Israyeli uthi, 'Lokhu kuzakuba ngamafutha ami angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo lakuzizukulwane zenu ezizayo. 32 Lingawatheli emizimbeni yabantu, njalo lingenzi amanye amafutha ngale indlela yokuwenza. Ingcwele, izakuba ngcwele lakini. 33 Lowo ozakwenza amakha afana lawo kumbe agcobe ngawo umuntu ongasuye mphristi, uzasuswa ebantwini bakibo.' "

Impepha

34 UTHIXO wabuye wathi kuMosi, "Thatha amakha anuka mnandi, isitakete, i-onika legalibhanumi kanye lenhlaka enhle, konke kungesilinganiso esifanayo, 35 wenze ingxube yempepha elephunga elimnandi njengomxubi wamakha, ifakwe itswayi ibenhle njalo ibe ngcwele. 36 Chola enye yayo ibe yimpuphu uyifake phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi phakathi kwethente lokuhlangana lapho engizahlangana lawe khona. Izakuba ngcwele kakhulu kini. 37 Lingazenzeli eyenu impepha ngale indlela, iboneni njengento engcwele KUTHIXO. 38 Lowo ozakwenza enye efana layo ukuba akholise ukunukelela kwayo kamnandi, kumele asuswe ebantwini bakibo."

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Ukukhethwa KukaBhezaleli Lo-Oholiyabhi

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Khangela, sengikhethe uBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri oyindodana kaHuri owesizwe sikaJuda 3 ngamgcwalisa ngomoya kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlakanipha, ukuqedisisa lolwazi ekwenzeni yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi 4 ukuze adwebe imisebenzi yobungcitshi ngesimo sezinto ezenziwa ngegolide, isiliva kanye lethusi, 5 abaze amatshe awabeke kuhle, abaze izigodo kanye lokwenza yonke imisebenzi yomuntu oleminwe lobungcwethi. 6 Phezu kwalokho, ngikhethe lo-Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi, owesizwe sikaDani ukuba amncedise.

Nginike ulwazi kuzozonke izingcitshi ukuba zenze konke engikulaye ukuba kwenziwe:

7 ithente lokuhlangana,
umtshokotsho wobufakazi, isihlalo somusa esikuwo,
lakho konke okunye okokuhlobisa ithente:
8 itafula lezitsha zalo,
uluthi lwesibane lwegolide elicolekileyo lezitsha zalo zonke,
i-alithari lempepha,
9 i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lezitsha zalo zonke,
lomkolo kanye lezinyawo zawo
10 lezembatho ezelukiweyo,
lezembatho ezingcwele zika-Aroni umphristi
kanye lezembatho zamadodana akhe ezomsebenzi wabo wobuphristi,
11 lamafutha okugcobela isikhundla, lempepha enuka mnandi eyeNdawo eNgcwele.

Kumele bakwenze njengoba ngikulayile."

ISabatha

12 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, 13 “Batshele abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Kumele ligcine
amaSabatha ami. Lokhu kuzakuba luphawu phakathi kwami lani kuzizukulwane
zenu ezizayo, ukuze lazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO olenza libengcwele.
14 Gcinani iSabatha ngoba lingcwele kini. Lowo olonayo kumele abulawe, lalowo
osebenzayo ngalolosuku uzasuswa ebantwini bakibo. 15 Umsebenzi kawenziwe
okwensuku eziyisithupha, kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa luliSabatha lokuphumula,
lungcwele KUTHIXO. Lowo osebenzayo ngosuku lweSabatha kumele abulawe.
16 Abako-Israyeli kumele bagcine iSabatha, baligcine kuzizukulwane zabo ezizayo
njengesivumelwano esingapheliyo. 17 Lizakuba luphawu phakathi kwami labako-
Israyeli nini lanini. Ngoba ngezinsuku eziyisithupha UTHIXO wenza amazulu
lomhlaba, kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa waphumula.’ ”
18 Kwathi lapho UTHIXO eseqedile ukukhuluma loMosi entabeni yaseSinayi
wamnika izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe obufakazi, izibhebhedu zamatshe alotshwe
ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu.

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Ithole Legolide

1 Kwathi lapho abantu bebona uMosi esephuzile ukwehla entabeni, babuthana ku-
Aroni bathi kuye, “Lalela, senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu, ngoba
umuntu lo, uMosi owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, asikwazi osekwenzakale
kuye.”
2 U-Aroni wabaphendula wathi, “Khuphani amacici egolide asendlebeni za-
makhosikazi enu, amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu, liwalethe kimi.” 3 Ngakho
abantu bonke bawakhupha amacici abo bawasa ku-Aroni. 4 Wathatha lokho abam-
nikeza khona wakwenza kwaba yisithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethole esebenzisa
insimbi yokukhanda. Basebesithi, “Laba yibo onkulunkulu benu, Oh Israyeli,
abalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe.”
5 Kwathi u-Aroni ebona lokhu wakha i-alithari phambi kwethole wamemezela
wathi, “Kusasa kuzakuba lomkhosi KATHIXO.” 6 Ngakho ngosuku olwalandelayo
abantu bavuka ekuseni kakhulu banikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, baletha lomnikelo
wobudlelwano. Emva kwalokho bahlala phansi badla, banatha; basukuma bagida.
7 Lapho-ke UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Yehla uye phansi ngoba abantu bakho
owabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe sebegcwele ububi. 8 Baphangisile badela konke
engabalaya khona bazenzela isithombe esibunjwe safana lethole. Basikhothamele
banikela iminikelo kiso bathi, ‘Laba yibo onkulunkulu benu, bako-Israyeli, aba-
likhupha eGibhithe.’ ”
9 UTHIXO wasebuya wathi kuMosi, “Sengibabonile abantu laba; ngabantu abantamo
zilukhuni. 10 Khathesi-ke ngiyekela ngingedwa ukuze ulaka lwami luvuthe phezu
kwabo, ngibatshabalalise. Besengizakwenza isizwe esikhulu.”
11 Kodwa uMosi wacela umusa KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe, wathi, “Awu THIXO,
kungani ulaka lwakho kumele luvuthele abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe nga-
mandla amakhulu langesandla esiqinileyo na? 12 Kungani amaGibhithe kumele athi,
‘Wabakhupha elizweni ngenxa yenhloso embi ukuba ababulalele ezintabeni, abab-
hubhise baphele ebusweni bomhlaba’? Phenduka olakeni lwakho olwesabekayo,
uthambise umoya wakho, ungaletheli abantu bakho ukubhujiswa. 13 Khumbula
izinceku zakho u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka lo-Israyeli owafunga kubo wena ngokwakho
wathi, ‘Ngizakwandisa inzalo yenu ibe ngangezinkanyezi zasemkhathini, ngiyinike
lonke ilizwe engalithembisa lona ukuba libe yilifa layo kuze kube nini lanini.’ ”
14 Lapho-ke UTHIXO waguquka ebubini ayesemise ukubehlisela ebantwini bakhe.

15 UMosi waphenduka wehla entabeni ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe
obufakazi ezandleni zakhe. Zazilotshwe inxa zombili, phambili langemuva.
16 Izibhebhedu zamatshe zazingumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu; umbhalo ungumbhalo
kaNkulunkulu owawulotshwe ezibhebhedwini zamatshe.
17 Kwathi lapho uJoshuwa esizwa umsindo wabantu beklabalala, wathi kuMosi,
“Kulokuhlokoma kwempi ezihonqweni.”
18 UMosi waphendula wathi:
“Akusiyo nhlokomo yokunqoba,
akusiyo nhlokomo yokunqotshwa;
yinhlokomo yokuhlabela mina engiyizwayo.”
19 Kwathi uMosi esebanga ezihonqweni ebona ithole kanye lokugida okwakusen-
ziwa, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha, walahla izibhebhedu ezazisezandleni zakhe, zahle-
phuka zaba yizicucu ewatheni lwentaba. 20 Wathatha ithole abebelenzile walitshisa
emlilweni; walichola laba yimpuphu, wayiphosela emanzini, wathi bawanathe
abako-Israyeli.
21 Wasesithi ku-Aroni, “Abantu laba benzeni kuwe uze ubakhokhelele esonweni
esikhulu kangaka na?”
22 U-Aroni waphendula wathi, “Ungathukutheli nkosi yami. Uyakwazi ukuthi
abantu laba bathanda ububi. 23 Bathe kimi, ‘Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba
phambi kwethu. Umuntu lo, uMosi owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, asikwazi
osokwenzakale kuye.’ 24 Ngakho mina ngathi kubo, ‘Loba ngubani olomceciso we-
golide kawukhuphe.’ Basebengipha-ke igolide ngaliphosa emlilweni, kwasekuphuma
ithole leli.”
25 UMosi wabona ukuthi abantu babengasabambeki kanye lokuthi u-Aroni wayese-
baxhwalisile baze baba yinhlekisa ezitheni zabo. 26 Ngakho wema esangweni
lezihonqo wathi, “Wonke ONGOKATHIXO, keze kimi.” Wonke amadodana kaLevi
ayabuthana kuye.
27 Wasesithi kuwo, “Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
ukuthi, ‘Indoda ngayinye kayibophele inkemba yayo ngebhanti eceleni kwayo,
lihambahambe phakathi kwezihonqo lisuka kwelinye icele lazo lisiya kwelinye, in-
doda ngayinye ibulale umfowabo, umzalwane lomakhelwane wayo.’ ” 28 Amadodana
kaLevi enza njengokulaywa kwawo nguMosi. Ngakho ngalolosuku kwafa abantu
ababengaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. 29 UMosi wasesithi kubo, “Lamuhla lina
selahlukaniselwe UTHIXO ngoba limelane lamadodana enu labafowenu, ngalokho
uselibusisile lamhla.”
30 Ngelanga elalandelayo uMosi wathi ebantwini, “Lenze isono esikhulu kakhulu.
Kodwa khathesi ngizaqansa ngiye phezulu KUTHIXO, mhlawumbe ngingenza
inhlawulelo yesono senu.”
31 Ngakho uMosi wabuyela KUTHIXO wathi kuye, “Awu, abantu laba sebenze isono
esikhulu kakhulu. Bazenzele onkulunkulu ngegolide. 32 Ake ubathethelele izono zabo
kodwa nxa kungenjalo, ngesula ogwalweni olulobileyo.”
33 UTHIXO wamphendula uMosi wathi, “Lowo owenze isono kimi ngizamesula
ogwalweni lwami. 34 Khathesi hamba, ukhokhelele abantu endaweni engakhuluma
ngayo kuwe. Ingilosi yami izahamba phambi kwakho. Kodwa-ke nxa isikhathi sami
sokujezisa sesifikile, ngizabajezisa ngenxa yesono sabo.”
35 UTHIXO wabajezisa abantu ngesifo ngenxa yalokho abakwenza ngethole elalen-
ziwe ngu-Aroni.

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1 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Suka kule indawo wena labantu owabakhupha
elizweni laseGibhithe, uye elizweni engalithembisa u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka loJakhobe

ngifunga ngisithi, ‘Ngizalinika inzalo yakho.’ 2 Ngizathuma ingilosi ihambe phambi
kwakho ixotshe amaKhenani, ama-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJe-
busi. 3 Yana elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju. Kodwa mina angiyikuhamba lani ngoba
lingabantu abantamo zilukhuni, hlezi ngilibhubhise endleleni.”
4 Kwathi lapho abantu sebezwe amazwi la adabukisayo baqalisa ukukhala, akwaze
kwaba loyedwa owagqiza izigqizo zakhe. 5 Phela UTHIXO wayethe kuMosi, “Tshela
abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Lina lingabantu abantamo zilukhuni. Nxa ngingahamba lani
loba okomzuzwana nje, ngingalibhubhisa. Khathesi khululani izigqizo zenu; ngiza-
kwenza isinqumo ukuthi ngenzeni ngani.’ ” 6 Ngakho-ke abako-Israyeli bazikhipha
izigqizo zabo entabeni yeHorebhi.

Ithente Lokuhlangana

7 UMosi wayejwayele ukuthatha ithente ayelimisa ngaphandle bucwadlana lez-
ihonqo. Walibiza ngokuthi “lithente lokuhlangana.” Ubani lobani owayedinga
UTHIXO wayesiya ethenteni lokuhlangana ngaphandle kwezihonqo. 8 Kwakusithi-ke
lapho uMosi ephuma esiya kulelothente abantu bonke babesukuma bame eminyango
yamathente abo bakhangele uMosi aze angene ethenteni. 9 Kwakusithi uMosi
esengena ethenteni insika yeyezi yehlele phansi ime emnyango wethente lapho
UTHIXO ekhuluma loMosi. 10 Kwakusithi abantu bangabona insika yeyezi isimi
emnyango wethente basukume bonke bakhonze; lowo lalowo emnyango wethente
lakhe. 11 UTHIXO wayekhuluma loMosi ubuso ngobuso njengomuntu ekhuluma
lomngane wakhe. Ngemva kwalokho uMosi wayebuyela ezihonqweni, kodwa
umncedisi wakhe owayesesemncane, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, wayengasuki
ethenteni.

UMosi Lenkazimulo KaTHIXO

12 UMosi wathi kUTHIXO, “Ubulokhu ungitshela usithi, ‘Khokhela abantu laba,’
kodwa kawungazisanga ukuthi ngubani ozamthuma ukuba ahambe lami. Utshilo
wathi, ‘Ngiyakwazi ngebizo, njalo ufumene umusa kimi.’ 13 Nxa uthokoza ngami,
ngifundisa izindlela zakho ukuze ngikwazi, ngiqhubeke ngithola umusa kuwe.
Khumbula futhi lokuthi isizwe lesi singabantu bakho.”
14 UTHIXO waphendula wathi, “NgoBukhona bami ngizahamba lawe ngikuphu-
muze.”
15 UMosi wathi kuye, “Nxa uBukhona bakho bungahambi lathi, ungasisusi lapha.
16 Umuntu angakwazi njani ukuthi mina labantu bakho sifumene umusa kuwe
ngaphandle kokuba uhamba lathi na? Kuyini okunye okungasiphawula, mina
labantu bakho, kwabanye abantu bonke emhlabeni na?”
17 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Ngizakwenza khona kanye lokhu okucelileyo ngoba
ngiyathokoza ngawe, njalo ngikwazi ngebizo.”
18 UMosi wasesithi, “Ngicela ukuba ungitshengise inkazimulo yakho.”
19 UTHIXO wasesithi, “Ngizakwenza ukulunga kwami kudlule phambi kwakho,
njalo ngizamemezela ibizo lami, UTHIXO, phambi kwakho. Ngizakuba lesihawu
kulowo engizakuba lesihawu kuye njalo ngibe lesisa kulowo engizakuba lesisa kuye.”
20 UTHIXO waqhubeka wathi, “Kodwa, ubuso bami awungeke ububone, ngoba kakho
ongangibona aphile.”
21 UTHIXO wabuya wathi, “Kulendawo phansi kwami lapho ongema khona phezu
kwedwala. 22 Kuzakuthi lapho inkazimulo yami isedlula eduze, ngizakufaka
emnkenkeni wedwala ngikusithe ngesandla sami ngize ngidlule. 23 Emva kwalokho
ngizasusa isandla sami ubone umhlane wami; kodwa ubuso bami akumelanga
ububone.”

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Izibhebhedu Zamatshe Ezintsha

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Baza ezinye izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zifanane leza-
kuqala. Ngizabhala kuzo amazwi ayesezibhebhedwini zakuqala owaziphahlazayo.
2 Ube usulungile ekuseni, ubuye phezulu entabeni iSinayi, uziveze kimi engqongweni
yentaba. 3 Akungabi lamuntu oza lawe kumbe oke abonakale loba kungaphi entabeni;
ngitsho lezimvu lenkomo kazingadli phambi kwaleyontaba.”
4 Ngakho uMosi wabaza izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zaba njengezakuqala,
wakhwela entabeni iSinayi ekuseni kakhulu njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO
ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezandleni zakhe. 5 UTHIXO wehla ngeyezi
wema khonapho laye wamemezela ibizo lakhe esithi, “UTHIXO.” 6 Wedlula phambi
kukaMosi ememezela esithi, “UTHIXO, UTHIXO; uNkulunkulu olesihawu lomusa,
ophuzayo ukuthukuthela, ogcwele uthando lobuqotho, 7 olothando olungaphe-
liyo kuzinkulungwane ethethelela ububi, iziphosiso lezono. Ikanti abalamacala
kabayekeli bengajeziswanga; wehlisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, laphezu
kwabantwana babantwana kusiya kusizukulwane sesithathu lesesine.”
8 UMosi waphanga wakhothamisela ikhanda lakhe phansi, wakhonza. 9 Wathi,
“Awu Thixo, nxa ngithole umusa kuwe, ngiyacela, UTHIXO kahambe lathi. Lanxa
abantu laba bentamo zilukhuni, sithethelele ububi bethu lezono zethu, usithathe
njengelifa lakho.”
10 UTHIXO wasesithi, “Sengisenza isivumelwano lawe. Phambi kwabantu bakho
bonke ngizakwenza izimangaliso ezingakaze zenziwe lanini lakusiphi isizwe emh-
labeni wonke. Abantu ohlala phakathi kwabo bazabona ukuthi umangalisa njani
umsebenzi, mina THIXO, engizakwenzela wona. 11 Lalela lokhu engikulaya khona
lamhla. Ngizawaxotsha phambi kwakho ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaHithi,
amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi. 12 Qaphela ukuba kungabi lesivumelwano osenza
lalabo abahlala elizweni oya kulo ngoba bangaba yisifu kini. 13 Adilizeni ama-alithare
abo, libhidlize lezithombe zabo, liqume lezinsika zika-Ashera wabo abamkhonzayo.
14 Lingakhonzi omunye unkulunkulu, ngoba UTHIXO, obizo lakhe linguBukhwele,
nguNkulunkulu olobukhwele.
15 Qaphelani lingenzi isivumelwano lalabo abahlala elizweni lelo ngoba nxa
bephinga labonkulunkulu babo benikela iminikelo kubo, bazalinxusa beselisidla
imihlatshelo yabo. 16 Njalo lapho likhetha amanye amadodakazi abo ukuba
abe ngabafazi bamadodana enu kuzakuthi lapho amadodakazi lawo esezibhixa
kubonkulunkulu bawo, ahugele amadodana enu ekwenzeni okunjalo.
17 Lingazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjiweyo.
18 Gcinani uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa
dlanini isinkwa esenziwe kungekho mvubelo, njengokulaya kwami. Lokho kwenzeni
ngesikhathi esimisiweyo enyangeni ka-Abhibhi, ngoba ngaleyonyanga laphuma
eGibhithe.
19 Inzalo yakuqala yonke ezelweyo ngeyami, kanye lamazibulo wonke amaduna
ezifuyo zenu, loba engawenkomo kumbe awezimvu. 20 Izibulo likababhemi
lihlengeni ngezinyane. Kodwa nxa lingangalihlengi lephuleni intamo yalo. Ahlengeni
wonke amadodana enu angamazibulo.
Kakho ozakuza phambi kwami engaphethe lutho.
21 Lizasebenza insuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizaphumula;
langesikhathi sokulima lesokuvuna kuzamele liphumule.
22 Thakazelelani uMkhosi wamaViki lokolibo kokuvuna kwenu ingqoloyi loMkhosi
wokuButhelela ekupheleni komnyaka. 23 Kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa
bakho kumele babonakale phambi KUKATHIXO Wobukhosi, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

24 Ngizaxotsha izizwe eziphambi kwenu njalo ngiqhelise ilizwe lenu, kakho oza-
hawukela ilizwe lenu ngesikhathi lisiyabonakala kathathu ngomnyaka phambi
kuKaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.
25 Linganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo, njalo
akungabi lomhlatshelo woMkhosi wePhasika ogcinwa kuze kuse.
26 Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle kakhulu endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.
Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina."
27 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Loba amazwi la, ngoba ngamazwi la sengenze
isivumelwano lawe kanye lo-Israyeli." 28 UMosi wayekhonale loThixo insuku
ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane engadli sinkwa kumbe
ukunatha amanzi. Amazwi esivumelwano ayimiThetho eliTshumi, wawaloba
ezibhebhedwini zamatshe.

Ubuso Obukhazimulayo BukaMosi

29 Kwathi lapho uMosi esehla entabeni yeSinayi ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili
zamatshe obufakazi, wayengazi ukuthi ubuso bakhe babukhazimula ngenxa yokuthi
wayekhulume loThixo. 30 Kwathi u-Aroni labo bonke abako-Israyeli bebona uMosi,
ubuso bakhe bukhazimula, besaba ukusondela kuye. 31 Kodwa uMosi wababiza;
ngakho u-Aroni lezinduna zonke zabantu beza kuye, wakhuluma labo. 32 Emva
kwalokho bonke abako-Israyeli basondela kuye wabanika yonke imilayo kaThixo
ayemuphe yona entabeni yeSinayi.
33 UMosi eseqedile ukukhuluma labo, wamboza ubuso bakhe ngeveli. 34 Kodwa
kwakusithi lapho esengena ukuba abe phambi kuKaThixo ukuze akhulume laye,
wayelisusa iveli aze aphume. Wayesithi angaphuma, njalo esebatshelile abako-
Israyeli lokho ayekulayiwe, 35 babebona ukuthi ubuso bakhe babukhazimula. Lapho-
ke uMosi wayebumboza njalo ubuso bakhe ngeveli aze angene esiyakhuluma
loThixo.

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Imithetho YeSabatha

1 UMosi wabuthanisa isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli wathi kuso, "Lokhu yikho uThixo
alilaye ukuba likwenze: 2 Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizaqhuba imisebenzi, kodwa
usuku lwesikhombisa luzakuba lusuku lwenu olungcwele, iSabatha lokuphumula
kuThixo. Loba ngubani ozakwenza umsebenzi ngalolosuku kuzamele abulawe.
3 Lingabasi umlilo loba kungaphi elihlala khona ngosuku lweSabatha."

Impahla ZeThabanikeli

4 Ekhuluma lesizwe sonke sako-Israyeli uMosi wathi, "Lokhu yikho uThixo athe
kwenziwe: 5 Kulokho elilakho khiphani umnikelo kaThixo. Wonke ozimiseleyo
ukuletha kuThixo umnikelo:

wegolide, isiliva kanye lethusi,
6 intambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu; lelembu elicolekileyo,
uboya bembuzi,
7 izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu kanye lezikhumba
zezinyamazana eziqinileyo;
lezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya;
8 amafutha e-oliva awokukhanyisa isibane,
amakha azasetshenziswa lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo lephunga lempepha
elimnandi,
9 amatshe e-onikisi lamanye amatshe aligugu azathungelwa esembathweni
semahlombe lesesifubeni.

10 Bonke abazingcitshi phakathi kwenu kumele beze bazokwenza konke lokho
uTHIXO alaye ukuthi kwenziwe:

11 ithabanikeli lethente lalo kanye lesisibekelo, ingwegwe, amathala, imithando
enqumayo, izinsika lezisekelo;
12 umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo kanye lesisibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa
lekhetheni lokulisitha;
13 itafula lemijabo yalo lezitsha zonke kanye lesinkwa esiNgcwele,
14 uluthi lwesibane sokukhanyisa kanye lezitsha zalo, izibane lamafutha okukhany-
isa,
15 i-alithari lempepha lemijabo yalo, amafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo kanye
lempepha elephunga elimnandi,
ikhetheni lomnyango esangweni lokuya ethabanikeleni,
16 i-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa leminxibo yokosa eyenziwe ngethusi, imijabo
kanye lezitsha zalo zonke,
inditshi yethusi kanye lesisekelo sayo,
17 amakhetheni eguma kanye lezinsika zalo lezisekelo, njalo lekhetheni lesango
leguma,
18 izikhonkwane zethente, ezethabanikeli kanye lezeguma, lamagoda azo,
19 izembatho ezelukiweyo ezisetshenziswa ekuphatheni umsebenzi endaweni
engcwele, zonke izembatho ezingcwele zika-Aroni umphristi kanye lezembatho
zamadodana akhe abazisebenzisayo emsebenzini wobuphristi.”

20 Ngemva kwalokho isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli sasuka phambi kukaMosi, 21 kwathi
wonke umuntu owayezimisele lowayefuqwa yinhliziyo waletha umnikelo kuTHIXO
ukuze usetshenziswe ethenteni lokuhlangana lakuzo zonke inkonzo zalo, kanye
lakuzembatho ezingcwele. 22 Bonke ababezimisele, abesilisa labesifazane ngok-
ufanayo, baletha izinto zokucecisa ezemihlobo ngemihlobo ezenziwe ngegolide:
izipenede, amacici, indandatho kanye lazozonke izinto zokucecisa. Bonke baletha
igolide labo kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kukaTHIXO. 23 Wonke
umuntu owayelentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende, ezibomvu kumbe ilembu elicolek-
ileyo, kumbe uboya bembuzi, izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo
obomvu loba izikhumba zenyamazana zolwandle wakuletha. 24 Labo ababelemi-
nikelo yesiliva kumbe eyethusi bayiletha njengomnikelo kuTHIXO, kanti laye wonke
umuntu owayelezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya ezazingasetshenziswa kuloba yi-
wuphi umsebenzi, waziletha. 25 Wonke owesifazane olobuciko bokweluka waletha
ayekweluke ngezandla zakhe, intambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu kumbe
ilembu elicolekileyo. 26 Kanjalo bonke abesifazane ababezimisele futhi belobuciko
beluka ngoboya bembuzi. 27 Abakhokheli baletha amatshe aligugu e-onikisi
kanye lamanye njalo amatshe aligugu ukuthi athungelwe emahlombe lasesifubeni
sesembatho. 28 Baletha njalo leziyoliso kanye lamafutha e-oliva awokukhanyisa
lawokugcoba abakhethiweyo kanye lempepha elephunga elimnandi. 29 Bonke abako-
Israyeli abesilisa labesifazane ababezimisele baletha iminikelo ngokukhululeka
kuTHIXO ukuze kwenziwe yonke imisebenzi uTHIXO ayelaye uMosi ukuthi bayenze.

Ukukhethwa KukaBhezaleli Lo-Oholiyabhi

30 Ngalokho uMosi wathi kwabako-Israyeli, “Khangelani, uTHIXO usekhethe uBheza-
leli indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, owesizwe sikaJuda, 31 njalo usemgcwalise ngo-
Moya kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlakanipha, ukuqedisisa kanye lolwazi ekwenzeni yonke
imisebenzi yobungcitshi 32 ukuba adwebe ngobungcitshi isimo sezinto ezizabazwa
ngegolide, isiliva kanye lethusi, 33 ukubaza amatshe lokuwamisa, ukubaza izigodo

njalo enze yonke imisebenzi yomuntu oleminwe lobungcitshi. 34 Njalo usenike
uBhezaleli kanye lo-Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi, owesizwe sikaDani ulwazi
ekufundiseni abanye. 35 UTHIXO usebagcwalise ngobuciko bokwenza yonke imihlobo
yemisebenzi njengezingcitshi, abadwebi kumbe ababumbi bezinto ezingathungwa
kumbe ezingabazwa, abathungi beziceciso zentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende
lezibomvu kanye lamalembu acolekileyo, labeluki, bonke bezingcitshi ezilolwazi
olukhulu lababumbi bezinto ezingathungwa kumbe ezingabazwa.

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1 Ngakho uBhezaleli, u-Oholiyabhi lomuntu wonke UTHIXO amuphe ubungcwethi
lamandla okwazi ukwenza wonke lumsebenzi wokwakha indlu engcwele, kumele
benze umsebenzi njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO."

2 UMosi wasebiza uBhezaleli, u-Oholiyabhi labo bonke abalobungcwethi, UTHIXO
ayebaphe amandla lowayezimisele ukuzokwenza lowomsebenzi. 3 Bemukela
abakuphiwa nguMosi okwakuyiminikelo yabako-Israyeli benikelela ukwakhiwa
kwendlu engcwele. Abantu baqhubeka beletha iminikelo ngokukhululeka kwabo
ukusa kwamalanga wonke. 4 Ngakho zonke izingcitshi ezazisenza umsebenzi wonke
wokwakha indlu engcwele zatshiya yonke imisebenzi yazo 5 zathi kuMosi, "Abantu
baletha okunengi kakhulu kulalokho UTHIXO alaya ukuba kwenziwe."

6 Ngakho uMosi wakhupha isiqondiso basebethumela ilizwi ezihonqweni elithi,
"Kakho owesilisa loba owesifazane okusamele enze olunye ulutho ukuthi lube
ngumnikelo wendlu engcwele." Ngalokho abantu bavinjelwa ukuletha okunye
futhi, 7 ngoba abasebelakho kwasekukunengi okwedlula lokho okwakuzaphetha
umsebenzi.

IThabanikeli

8 Wonke amadoda alobungcwethi phakathi kwabasebenzayo akha ithabanikeli
ngamakhetheni alitshumi enziwe ngelembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza,
eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, laceciswe ngamakherubhi elukelwa kuhle yingcitshi.
9 Wonke amakhetheni ayelingana ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili njalo ububanzi ezingalo ezine. 10 Babambanisa amakhetheni
amahlanu ndawonye, benza njalo lakwamanye amahlanu. 11 Basebesenza izihit-
shela ngelembu eliluhlaza belandela umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha
lakuqala, kwenziwa okufananayo elixheni lesibili. 12 Benza njalo ezinye izihit-
shela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini elilodwa, benza futhi ezinye izihit-
shela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina lelixha lesibili, izihitshela
zazikhangelene. 13 Basebesenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
bazisebenzisa ukuhlanganisa izixha zombili zamakhetheni ukuze ithabanikeli libe
yintonye.

14 Benza amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi aba ngawethente lokubekwa phezu
kwethabanikeli, wonke abalitshumi lanye. 15 Wonke amakhetheni alitshumi lanye
ayelingana, ezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi ezingalo ezine.
16 Bahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu aba lilixha layisithupha kwelinye ilixha.
17 Benza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu zilandela umphetho wekhetheni
elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, benza okufananayo ekhethenini lelixha lesibili.
18 Balungisa ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu ukuze babophe ngazo
ithente libe yinto yinye. 19 Benza isembeso sethente ngezikhumba zenqama
eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kwathi ngaphezu kwalokho benza isembeso
ngezikhumba eziqinileyo.

20 Benza amathala ethabanikeli okumiswa ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya.
21 Ithala linye lalilide okuzingalo ezilitshumi, kwathi ububanzi laba yingalo elengxenye, 22 kulemisuka emibili ephutsha ilinganisene. Wonke amathala ethabanikeli enziwa ngale indlela. 23 Benza amathala ecele elisezansi kwethabanikeli angamatshumi amabili, 24 benza izisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane ezazihamba ngaphansi kwawo, izisekelo ezimbili ethaleni linye, isisekelo sinye ngaphansi kwensika inye ngayinye. 25 Kuleli elinye icele, icele elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, bamisa amathala angamatshumi amabili 26 kanye lezisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane, ezimbili ngaphansi kwethala lilinye. 27 Benza amathala ayisithupha ecele elisekucineni ngentshonalanga kwethabanikeli, 28 benza amathala amabili emagumbini asekucineni. 29 Emagumbini womabili amathala ayelohlonzi oluphindwe kabili kusuka phansi kusiya phezulu, ehlanganiswe ngesongo elilodwa njalo womabili enziwa ngokufananayo. 30 Ngakho kwenziwa amathala ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zesiliva ezilitshumi lesithupha, zimbili ngaphansi kwethala linye.

31 Benza njalo imithando enqumayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya: emihlanu ingeyamathala akwelinye icele lethabanikeli, 32 emihlanu yayingeyakwelinye icele, kwathi njalo eminye emihlanu yaba ngeyamathala asentshonalanga ekucineni kwethabanikeli. 33 Umthando onquma phakathi bawenza wedlula usuka kwelinye icele usiya kwelinye phakathi laphakathi kwamathala. 34 Bahuqa amathala ngegolide benza amasongo ngegolide abamba imithando. Njalo bahuqa imithando ngegolide.

35 Benza ikhetheni ngelembu elicolekileyo, eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu, aba lamakherubhi elukelwe kuwo ngumuntu oleminwe.
36 Bawenzela izinsika ezine ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya bazihuqa ngegolide. Izinsika bazenzela ingwegwe zegolide njalo bawamisela lezisekelo ezine zesiliva. 37 Benza ikhetheni lesango lethente ngelembu elicolekileyo elilentambo eziphothiweyo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga; 38 njalo benza izinsika ezinhlanu zilengwegwe zazo. Bahuqa izihloko zensika kanye lamabhanti azo ngegolide njalo benza lezisekelo ezinhlanu ngethusi.

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Umtshokotsho Wesivumelwano

1 UBhezaleli wabaza umtshokotsho ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ubude bawo kuzingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye, ububanzi kuyingalo elengxenye njalo ukuyaphezulu kwawo kuyingalo elengxenye. 2 Walihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ngaphakathi langaphandle, wabuye walizingelezela ngomqolo wegolide.
3 Wawubumbela amasongo amane egolide wawanamathisela ezinyaweni zalo zozine, kwathi amasongo amabili kwelinye icele lamabili kwelinye njalo. 4 Wasebaza imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya wayihuqa ngegolide. 5 Wasehloma imijabo leyo emasongweni ayesemaceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano ukuze uthwalwe ngayo.

6 Wenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ubude baso buzingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye lengxenye, ububanzi saba yingalo elengxenye. 7 Njalo wenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo ekucineni kwesihlalo somusa emaceleni womabili. 8 Wenza ikherubhi elilodwa nganxanye kwathi kwelinye icele wenza elinye aba yinto yinye lesisibekelo. 9 Amakherubhi ayelulele amaphiko awo phezulu, embese isisibekelo ngawo. Amakherubhi ayekhangelene, ubuso bawo bukhangele isisibekelo.

Itafula

10 Babaza itafula ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya, ubude bayo babuzingalo
ezimbili, ububanzi buyingalo eyodwa, ukuphakama kwayo kuyingalo elengxenye.
11 Basebelihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo njalo balizingelezela ngomthando wegolide.
12 Babuya benza ibhanti eliyizingelezileyo, elalingangesandla somuntu ububanzi,
basebefaka umthando wegolide phezu kwebhanti. 13 Benza amasongo amane egolide
bawafaka emagumbini womane enyaweni zetafula. 14 Amasongo afakwa eduze
lebhanti ukuze abambe imijabo eyayisetshenziswa ukuthwala itafula. 15 Imijabo
yokuthwalisa itafula yayenziwe ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya njalo ihuqwe
ngegolide. 16 Njalo benza ngegolide elicolekileyo izitsha zetafula ezibalisa imiganu,
izinditshi, imiganu eyingubhe kanye lezitsha zokuthululela iminikelo enathwayo.

Uluthi Lwesibane

17 Benza uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicolekileyo, bakhanda isidindi salo lomqwayi
walo kwaba ngumsebenzi okhandiweyo, imbizana zalo, amahlumela alo kanye
lamaluba alo kwenziwa kwaba yinto yinye. 18 Ingatsha eziyisithupha zaxhunywa
emaceleni oluthi lwesibane, ingatsha ezintathu nganxanye kwathi ezintathu kwelinye
icele. 19 Inkezo ezintathu ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi, amahlumela lamaluba
kwakusogatsheni lunye, ezinye ezintathu ogatsheni olulandelayo, kwabanjalo kuwo
wonke ayisithupha exhunywe oluthini lwesibane. 20 Njalo oluthini lwesibane
kwakulembizana ezine ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi elamahlumela kanye
lamaluba. 21 Ihlumela elilodwa lalingaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili, ihlumela
lesibili lingaphansi kwezinye ezimbili lehlumela lesithathu lalingaphansi kwengatsha
ezimbili, ingatsha zonke zaziyisithupha. 22 Amahlumela lezingatsha kwakuyinto
yinye loluthi lwesibane, kukhandwe ngegolide elicolekileyo.
23 Balwenzela izibane eziyisikhombisa, incijana lembizana zalo ezenziwe ngegolide
elicolekileyo. 24 Uluthi lwesibane kanye lakho konke okuphathelene lalo kwenziwa
ngegolide elicolekileyo eliyisisindo sethalenta elilodwa.

I-Alithari Lempepha

25 Benza i-alithari lempepha ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya. Lenziwa
lalingana inxa zonke, ubude balo buyingalo eyodwa, lobubanzi buyingalo eyodwa,
kanti ukudepha kuzingalo ezimbili, impondo zalo zenziwa zaba yinto yinye kanye
lalo. 26 Balihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo phezulu, lemaceleni kanye lempondo zalo
ngegolide elicolekileyo njalo balibumbela umqolo wegolide inxa zonke. 27 Benza
amasongo amabili kuleli icele lamanye amabili kwelinye njalo ukubambanisa imijabo
yokuthwalisa i-alithari lempepha. 28 Benza imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya
bayihuqa ngegolide.
29 Benza njalo lamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo, lempepha elephunga
elimnandi, kungumsebenzi womenzi wamakha.

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I-Alithari Lomnikelo Wokutshiswa

1 Bakha i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya laba
zingalo ezintathu ukudepha, ubude balo laba zingalo ezinhlanu, ububanzi laba
zingalo ezinhlanu, lilingana inxa zonke. 2 Benza uphondo kumagumbi womane
e-alithare, kwathi impondo le-alithari kwaba yinto yinye, basebelihuqa ngethusi.
3 Benza zonke izinto ezisetshenziswa kulo ngethusi, imbiza zalo, amafotsholo, imi-
ganu yokuchela, amafologwe enyama kanye lezindengezi zokubasela umlilo. 4 Benza
iminxibo ye-alithare, bayenza ngethusi yaba ngaphansi kwesengamo se-alithare
okuyingxenye yokuya phezulu. 5 Benza amasongo ethusi okubambisa imijabo
yemagumbini womane yeminxibo yethusi. 6 Imijabo bayenza ngezigodo zesihlahla

som’akhakhiya bazihuqa ngethusi. 7 Basebehloma imijabo leyo emasongweni yaba
semaceleni kwe-alithari ukuze lithwalwe ngayo. Balenza ngamapulanka lafana
lomkolo.

Umkolo Wokugezela

8 Benza umkolo wethusi lensika yawo yethusi yenziwa ngezibuko zethusi ezazingez-
abesifazane ababesebenza esangweni lethente lokuhlangana.

Iguma Lethabanikeli

9 Ngemva kwalokho balungisa iguma lethabanikeli. Ubude becele lezansi babuzin-
galo ezilikhulu njalo lilamakhetheni elembu elelukwe kuhle, 10 lilensika ezinga-
matshumi amabili lezisekelo zethusi ezingamatshumi amabili, njalo lilezingwegwe
zesiliva kanye lamabhanti ensikeni. 11 Icele lenyakatho lalo lalizingalo ezilikhulu
ubude njalo lilensika ezingamatshumi amabili, lezisekelo zethusi ezingamatshumi
amabili, kanye lengwegwe zesiliva lamabhanti ensikeni.
12 Icele lentshonalanga yeguma lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi,
lilamakhetheni, lilensika ezilitshumi, ingwegwe zesiliva kanye lamabhanti ensikeni.
13 Eceleni lempumalanga kusiya okuphuma khona ilanga, lakhona iguma lalibanzi
okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 14 Amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi
lanhlanu ubude ayenganxanye kwesango, kulezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo
ezintathu, 15 ngakwelinye icele lakho kwakulamakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi
lanhlanu ubude, kulezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu. 16 Wonke
amakhetheni ayehonqolozele iguma lethabanikeli ayenziwe ngelembu eliphethwe
kuhle. 17 Izisekelo zensika zazingezethusi. Ingwegwe kanye lamabhanti ensikeni
kwakuyisiliva, njalo izihloko zazo zihuqwe ngesiliva, ngokunjalo zonke izinsika
zeguma zazilamabhanti esiliva, njalo izihloko zazo zihuqwe ngesiliva, ngakho zonke
izinsika zeguma zazilamabhanti esiliva.
18 Ikhetheni lesango leguma lalenziwe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo
eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga.
Ikhetheni lakhona lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, kanti njengekhetheni
leguma ukudepha kwalo kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, 19 lilensika ezine lezisekelo zethusi
ezine. Ingwegwe zalo kanye lamabhanti kuyisiliva, njalo izihloko zalo zihuqwe
ngesiliva. 20 Izikhonkwane zonke zethente lethabanikeli kanye lezizingelezele iguma
zazenziwe ngethusi.

Okwasetshenziswa Ekwakheni

21 Lokhu yikho ngobunengi bakho, okwasetshenziswa ukwakha ithabanikeli,
ithabanikeli lobufakazi, yikho okwalotshwa ngabaLevi ngokulawula kukaMosi
ngaphansi kwesiqondiso sika-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi. 22 (UBhezaleli
indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, owesizwe sakoJuda, wenza konke uMosi
ayekulaywe NGUTHIXO, 23 wayelo-Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi owesizwe
sikaDani owayeyingcitshi yomsebenzi njalo engumdwebi, njalo engumbalazi
ngokuthunga ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu elicoleki-
leyo.) 24 Isilinganiso segolide lonke lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa elasetshenziswa em-
sebenzini wonke wendawo engcwele lalingamathalenta ayisisindo esingamatshumi
amabili lasificamunwemunye (29) kanye lamashekeli angamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi amathathu (730) kusiya ngamashekeli endawo engcwele.
25 Isiliva esavela kulabo abahlala khona ababebaliwe ngesikhathi sokubalwa
kwabantu sasilesisindo esingamathalenta alikhulu (100) lamashekeli ayinkulung-
wane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu (1,775), kusiya
ngamashekeli endawo engcwele, 26 ibhekha linye ngomuntu, okuyikuthi, ingx-
enye yeshekeli ngesilinganiso seshekeli endaweni engcwele, kubo bonke labo

ababechaphele kwabasebebaliwe, abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili okuzalwa loba ukwedlula lapho, kwaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu (603,550) esehlangene wonke. 27 Isiliva esiyisisindo samathalenta alikhulu (100) sasetshenziswa ekwenzeni izisekelo zendawo engcwele kanye lekhetheni, izisekelo ezilikhulu (100) zenziwa ngesiliva esingamathalenta alikhulu (100), isilinganiso sethalenta linye ukwenza isisekelo esisodwa. 28 Basebenzisa isiliva esilesisindo esingamashekeli ayinkulungwane elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu (1,775) ukwenza ingwegwe zensika, ukuhuqa izihloko zensika, kanye lokwenza amabhanti ensika.
29 Isilinganiso sethusi lonke lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa sasingamathalenta angamatshumi ayisikhombisa (70) lamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili ezilamakhulu amane (2,400). 30 Balisebenzisa ukwenza izisekelo zesango lethente lokuhlangana, i-alithari lethusi, iminxibo yalo yethusi kanye lazozonke izitsha zalo, 31 izisekelo ezihonqolozele iguma lalezo ezisesangweni kanye lezikhonkwane zethabanikeli lazozonke ezihonqolozele iguma.

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Izembatho ZobuPhristi

1 Benza izembatho zokwenza umsebenzi endaweni engcwele ngokuzeluka ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu. Basebesenza isembatho sika-Aroni esingcwele, njengalokhu uTHIXO wayelaye uMosi.

Isembatho Semahlombe

2 Benza isembatho semahlombe ngegolide, kanye lentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu langelembu elicolekileyo. 3 Bakhanda izicecedu zegolide bazisika zaba zincingo bazeluka ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu elicolekileyo, kwaba ngumsebenzi womuntu oleminwe. 4 Benza iziqa zemahlombe esambathweni leso, ezathungelwa emaceleni womabili ukuze sibotshwe. 5 Ukhalo lwaso olwelukwa ngobuciko lwalufanana laso, luyinto yinye lesembatho semahlombe, lwenziwe ngentambo eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle, njengalokhu uTHIXO walaya uMosi.
6 Bathungela amatshe aligugu ohlobo lwe-onikisi ezicecisweni zegolide bawadwebela njengophawu elamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli. 7 Basebewathungela eziqeni zemahlombe esembatho semahlombe njengamatshe esikhumbuzo samadodana ka-Israyeli, njengalokhu uTHIXO walaya uMosi.

Isembatho Sesifubeni

8 Benza isembatho sesifubeni, kwaba ngumsebenzi wezingcwethi. Basenza njengesembatho semahlombe: ngegolide, ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle. 9 Sasilingana inxa zonke, singumunwe ubude lomunwe ububanzi, sigoqwe saphindwa kabili. 10 Basebethungela imizila emine yamatshe aligugu. Emzileni wakuqala kwakulerubhi, ithophazi kanye lebheriyeli; 11 emzileni wesibili kwakule-emeralidi, isafaya kanye ledayimana; 12 emzileni wesithathu kwakulejasinti, i-agathi kanye le-amethisi; 13 emzileni wesine kwakulekhrisolathi, i-onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungelwa esezicecisweni zegolide. 14 Kwakulamatshe alitshumi lambili, lilinye limele ibizo ngalinye lamadodana ka-Israyeli, linye ngalinye lilotshwe njengokudweba kombazi wamatshe, kungani luphawu, ngalinye lilotshwe ibizo lezizwana zako-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili.

15 Isembatho sesifubeni selukelwa amaketane ngegolide elicolekileyo kungani
ligoda. 16 Benza iziceciso zegolide ezimbili, kanye lamasongo amabili egolide, basebe-
bophela amasongo amabili emagumbini esembatho sesifubeni. 17 Babophela amake-
tane amabili egolide emasongweni amabili asemagumbini esembatho sesifubeni,
18 kwathi ngapha acina khona bawabophela eziceciswen ezimbili, bawahlangan-
isa eziqeni zemahlombe phambi kwesembatho semahlombe. 19 Benza ama-
songo amabili egolide bawabophela kwamanye amagumbi amabili esembatho
sesifubeni ngaphakathi komphetho phansi kwesembatho semahlombe. 20 Baphinda
benza njalo amanye amasongo egolide amabili bawabophela ngaphansi kweziqa
zemahlombe, eduze komphetho ngaphezudlwana kwebhanti lasokhalweni lwesem-
batho semahlombe 21 Babophela amasongo esembatho sesifubeni emasongweni
esembatho semahlombe ngentambo eziluhlaza, kuhlanganiselwa okhalweni ukuze
isembatho sesifubeni singazunguzeki sehlukane lesembatho semahlombe njenga-
lokhu UTHIXO walaya uMosi.

Ezinye Izembatho ZobuPhristi

22 Benza isigqoko sesembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliluhlaza kuphela kungum-
sebenzi womeluki, 23 kulesikhala phakathi laphakathi kwesigqoko njengokuvuleka
kwamabheqe; kulomphetho olandeliselwe isikhala lesi ukuze isembatho singad-
abuki. 24 Benza emphethweni wesigqoko amaphomegranathi ngentambo eluh-
laza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle. 25 Benza am-
abhera ngegolide elicolekileyo bawathungela emphethweni wesigqoko phakathi
laphakathi kwamaphomegranathi. 26 Amabhera kanye lamaphomegranathi athun-
gelwa agatshaniswa emphethweni wesembatho esasizagqokwa ekwenzeni um-
sebenzi wenkonzo, njengalokhu UTHIXO walaya uMosi.
27 U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bathungelwa amabhatshi ngelembu elicolekil-
leyo, kungumsebenzi womeluki uqobo lwakhe, 28 kanye lamaqhiye elembu elicolek-
ileyo, kanye lezembatho zangaphakathi zelembu elicolekileyo. 29 Ibhanti lekhalweni
lathungwa ngelembu elicolekileyo kanye lentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu,
kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga, njengalokhu UTHIXO walaya uMosi.
30 Benza icence lomqhele ongcwele ngegolide elicolekileyo bawudwebela khona
njengombhalo wophawu othi:

Ubungcwele kabube KUTHIXO.

31 Basebebophela intambo eluhlaza ukuze bakuhlanganise leqhiye, njengalokhu
UTHIXO walaya uMosi.

UMosi Uhlola IThabanikeli

32 Ngakho-ke wonke umsebenzi wethabanikeli lethente lokuhlangana
wapheleliswa. Abako-Israyeli benza konke njengalokhu UTHIXO walaya uMosi.
33 Basebeletha ithabanikeli kuMosi:

ithente kanye lazozonke impahla zalo, ingwegwe, amathala, imithando, izinsika
lezisekelo;
34 isembeso esenziwe ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo
obomvu, isembeso sezikhumba eziqinileyo kanye lekhetheni eliphothiweyo;
35 umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo eyizibambo zawo kanye lesihlalo
somusa;
36 itafula lezitsha zalo zonke kanye lesinkwa esiNgcwele;
37 uluthi lwesibane lwegolide elicolekileyo lodwendwe lwezibane lazozonke izinto
ezisetshenziswa kulo, kanye lamafutha e-oliva okukhanyisa;
38 i-alithari legolide, amafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo, impepha elephunga
elimnandi, kanye lekhetheni lesango lethente;

39 i-alithari lethusi leminxibo yalo yethusi, izigodo zalo eziyizibambo lezitsha zalo zonke;
umkolo lezinyawo zawo; amakhetheni eguma lezinsika zawo kanye lezisekelo,
40 lekhetheni lesango leguma;
amagoda lezikhonkwane zethente leguma;
zonke impahla zethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana;
41 izembatho ezelukiweyo zokusetshenziswa emsebenzini wokukhonza endaweni engcwele, kuhlanganisa izembatho ezingcwele zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe ababezazigqoka nxa besenza umsebenzi wobuphristi.

42 Abako-Israyeli basebenza wonke umsebenzi njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.
43 UMosi wawuhlola umsebenzi wabona ukuthi wawenziwe njengokulaya KUKATHIXO.
Ngakho uMosi wababusisa.

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Ukumiswa Kwethabanikeli

1 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi: 2 “Misa ithabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana, ngosuku
lokuqala lwenyanga yakuqala. 3 Beka umtshokotsho wesivumelwano kulo ube
ususitha umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngekhetheni. 4 Ngenisa itafula ube usufaka izinto
ezibekwa phezu kwayo. Letha-ke uluthi lwesibane ube usuxhuma izibane zalo.
5 Beka i-alithari lempepha elenziwe ngegolide phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi
njalo ufake ikhetheni esangweni lethabanikeli.
6 Beka i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kwesango lethabanikeli, ithente
lokuhlangana; 7 beka umkolo phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-
alithari ube usuthela amanzi kuwo. 8 Lungisa iguma eliwugombolozeleyo ubusufaka
ikhetheni esangweni leguma.
9 Thatha amafutha okugcoba abantu abakhethiweyo ezikhundleni, ugcobe ngawo
ithabanikeli lakho konke okukulo, ulibusise kanye lempahla zalo, ngalokho lizakuba
ngcwele. 10 Gcoba-ke i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lazozonke izitsha zalo;
ubusise i-alithari ukuze libe ngcwelengcwele. 11 Gcoba umkolo lenyawo zawo
ubusuwubusisa.
12 Letha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ethenteni lokuhlangana ubusubagezisa nga-
manzi. 13 Ubusugqokisa u-Aroni izembatho ezingcwele umgcobe ngamafutha
umbusise ukuze angenzele umsebenzi wobuphristi. 14 Letha amadodana akhe
uwagqokise amabhatshi. 15 Bagcobe labo njengokugcotshwa kukayise ukuze bangen-
zele umsebenzi wobuphristi. Ukugcotshwa kwabo kubapha umsebenzi wobuphristi
kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo.” 16 UMosi wenza konke njengokulaywa kwakhe
NGUTHIXO.
17 Lamiswa-ke ithabanikeli ngosuku lwakuqala ngenyanga yakuqala emnyakeni
wesibili. 18 Kwathi uMosi emisa ithabanikeli, wafaka izisekelo endaweni yazo,
wamisa amathala, wafaka imithando wasemisa izinsika. 19 Wasesendlala ithente
phezu kwethabanikeli wafaka isembeso phezu kwethente njengokulaywa kwakhe
NGUTHIXO.
20 Wathatha izibhebhedu zobufakazi wazibeka emtshokotshweni wesivumelwano,
wahloma imijabo kuwo wasefaka isihlalo somusa phezu kwawo. 21 Wasengenisa
umtshokotsho wobufakazi ethabanikeleni, waphanyeka ikhetheni lokusitha
wawugubuzela, njengalokho okwakulaywe NGUTHIXO.
22 UMosi wasebeka itafula ethenteni lokuhlangana eceleni langenyakatho letha-
banikeli ngaphandle kwekhetheni, 23 wasebeka isinkwa phezu kwalo phambi
KUKATHIXO njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO.

24 Wabeka uluthi lwesibane ethenteni lokuhlangana lukhangele itafula eningizimu
kwethabanikeli, 25 wasemisa izibane phambi KUKATHIXO, njengokulaywa kwakhe
NGUTHIXO.
26 UMosi wabeka i-alithari legolide ethenteni lokuhlangana phambi kwekhetheni,
27 wasetshisela impepha phezu kwalo njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO.
28 Waselengisa ikhetheni esangweni lethabanikeli. 29 Wamisa i-alithari lomnikelo
wokutshiswa phansi kwesango lethabanikeli lethente lokuhlangana, wanikela phezu
kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yezilimo njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO.
30 Wasebeka umkolo phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-alithari
wasethela amanzi okugeza phakathi kwawo, 31 ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni kanye lamado-
dana akhe bawusebenzisa ukugeza izandla zabo kanye lezinyawo. 32 Babegeza
ngasosonke isikhathi nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana loba nxa besiya e-
alithareni njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.
33 Ngakho uMosi walungisa iguma elihonqolozele ithabanikeli le-alithari wase-
lengisa ikhetheni esangweni leguma kwaba yikho ukuqeda kukaMosi umsebenzi.

Inkazimulo KATHIXO

34 Emva kwalokho iyezi lasibekela ithente lokuhlangana, kwathi inkazimulo
KATHIXO yagcwala ithabanikeli. 35 UMosi kenelisanga ukungena ethenteni lokuh-
langana ngenxa yeyezi elalimi phezu kwalo, inkazimulo KATHIXO yagcwala etha-
banikeleni.
36 Kulolonke uhambo lwabako-Israyeli, kwakusithi iyezi lingaphakama lisuka
phezu kwethabanikeli, labo baqhubeke; 37 kodwa kuthi nxa iyezi lingaphakamanga,
labo babengaqhubekeli phambili, kuze kube mhla liphakama. 38 Ngokunjalo iyezi
LIKATHIXO lalisiba phezu kwethabanikeli emini, kuthi ebusuku kube lomlilo eyezini,
bekubona bonke abako-Israyeli ekuhambeni kwabo konke.

ULevi

Iminikelo Yokutshiswa

1 UTHIXO wabiza uMosi, wakhuluma laye esethenteni lokuhlangana. Wathi
kuye, 2 “Khuluma labantu bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘Nxa omunye wenu eletha
umnikelo KUTHIXO, kalethe umnikelo wesifuyo esivela emhlambini wenkomo kumbe
owezimvu.
3 Nxa umnikelo ungowokutshiswa uvela emhlambini wenkomo, kumele anikele
ngesifuyo esiduna esingelasici. Kumele asilethe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana
ukwenzela ukuthi samukeleke KUTHIXO. 4 Kuzamele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda
lomnikelo wokutshiswa, ngalokho uzakwamukelwa esikhundleni sakhe, uphendle
indlela yokubuyisana. 5 Kuzamele ahlabe inkunzi encinyane phambi KUKATHIXO,
ngemva kwalokho, amadodana ka-Aroni, abangabaphristi, bazaletha igazi alichele
emaceleni wonke e-alithare esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 6 Kuzamele ahlinze
umnikelo wokutshiswa, abesewuhlahlela ube ngamaqatha. 7 Kumele amadodana ka-
Aroni umphristi abase umlilo e-alithareni, abesebeka inkuni emlilweni. 8 Amadodana
ka-Aroni abesehlanganisa inhloko lamahwahwa enkunini ezibhebha e-alithareni.
9 Kuzamele agezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ngamanzi, njalo umphristi kumele
akutshise konke e-alithareni. Lowo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa
ngomlilo, olephunga elimnandi KUTHIXO.
10 Nxa umnikelo ungowokutshiswa, uvela emhlambini wezimvu kumbe imbuzi,
kuzamele anikele ngesifuyo esiduna esingelasici. 11 Kuzamele asihlabele enyakatho
ye-alithare phambi KUKATHIXO, njalo amadodana ka-Aroni angabaphristi azachela
igazi laso emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 12 Kuzamele isifuyo asihlahlele sibe nga-
maqatha, kugoqela inhloko lamahwahwa, njalo umphristi uzawabeka kahle phezu
kwenkuni eziyabe zibhebha e-alithareni. 13 Kuzamele agezise ezangaphakathi
lemilenze ngamanzi, njalo umphristi uzaletha inyama yonke, abeseyitshisela e-
alithareni. Lowo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga
elimnandi KUTHIXO.
14 Nxa umnikelo KATHIXO ungumnikelo wokutshiswa, ungowenyoni, kumele anikele
ngejuba kumbe iphuphu lenkwilimba. 15 Umphristi uzakuletha e-alithareni, akutshile
intamo, abesekutshisela e-alithareni, igazi lakho livuzele eceleni. 16 Kuzamele
akhuphe isidlelo lalokho okuphakathi kwaso, asilahlele empumalanga ye-alithare,
lapho okulomlotha khona. 17 Kayidabule ivuleke ngempiko zayo kodwa an-
gayehlukanisi, emva kwalokho, umphristi uzayitshisela enkunini ezisemlilweni ose-
alithareni. Ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga
elimnandi KUTHIXO.’ ”

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Umnikelo Wamabele

1 “ ‘Nxa umuntu angaletha umnikelo wamabele KUTHIXO; umnikelo wakhe uzakuba
ngowefulawa ecolekileyo. Uzayithela amafutha ayihlanganise lempepha 2 abeseyisa
emadodaneni ka-Aroni, abaphristi. Umphristi uzacupha ifulawa ecolekileyo egcwala
isandla, ayihlanganise lamafutha lempepha ndawonye, abesekutshisa njengesikhum-
buzo e-alithareni, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga elimnandi KUTHIXO.
3 Okuseleyo emnikelweni wamabele ngokuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe, yingxenye
engcwele kakhulu yomhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa KUTHIXO.

4 Nxa ungaletha umnikelo wamabele obhekhwe eziko, kumele wenziwe ngefulawa
ecolekileyo: amakhekhe abhekhwe kungela mvubelo, ahlanganiswa lamafutha,
kumbe amakhekhe ayizicecedu enziwe kungela mvubelo, asegcotshwa ngamafutha.
5 Nxa umnikelo wakho wamabele uhlanganiselwe emganwini wensimbi, kumele
ulungiswe ngefulawa ecolekileyo, ehlanganiswe lamafutha njalo ingela mvubelo.
6 Uvuthuze ubusuthela amafutha kuwo; ngumnikelo wamabele. 7 Nxa umnikelo
wakho wamabele ubhekhelwe epaneni, kuzamele wenziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo
lamafutha. 8 Letha umnikelo wamabele olungiswe ngezinto lezi kuThixo: uziqhubele
umphristi ozazisa e-alithareni. 9 Uzakhupha ingxenye eyisikhumbuzo emnikelweni
wamabele, abeseyitshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatshelo wokudla, olephunga elim-
nandi kuThixo. 10 Okuseleyo emnikelweni wamabele ngokuka-Aroni lamadodana
akhe, yingxenye engcwele kakhulu yomhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuThixo.
11 Wonke umnikelo wamabele owuletha kuThixo kumele ulungiswe unge-
lamvubelo, ngoba kakumelanga utshise imvubelo kumbe uluju emhlatshelweni
wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. 12 Ungakuletha kuThixo njengomnikelo wokuchinsa
izithelo zakuqala, kodwa kakumelanga ukuthi zinikelwe e-alithareni njengephunga
elimnandi. 13 Tswayani yonke iminikelo yenu yamabele. Lingakhohlwa itswayi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wenu eminikelweni yenu yamabele: fakani itswayi
eminikelweni yenu yonke.
14 Nxa lingaletha umnikelo wamabele ezithelo zakuqala kuThixo, nikelani
ngezikhwebu zamabele amatsha agigwe ekhanzingwe emlilweni. 15 Thelani ama-
futha lihlanganise lempepha: ngumnikelo wamabele. 16 Umphristi uzatshisa ingx-
enye eyisikhumbuzo emabeleni agigiweyo, kanye lamafutha ndawonye lempepha
yonke njengomhlatshelo wokudla owenzelwa onikelwa kuThixo.' "

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Umnikelo Wobudlelwano

1 " 'Nxa umnikelo womuntu ungumnikelo wobudlelwano, enikela ngesifuyo
esiduna kumbe esisikazi, esisuka emhlambini, kumele alethe kuThixo isifuyo
esingalasici. 2 Kumele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lesifuyo somnikelo, abesesih-
labela esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. Ngemva kwalokho, amadodana ka-Aroni
angabaphristi, azachela igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 3 Emnikelweni wobudlel-
wano uzaletha umhlatshelo onikelwa kuThixo ngomlilo: idanga lonke elembese
ezangaphakathi, 4 izinso zombili lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa
aphezu kwesibindi, okufanele kukhutshwe lezinso. 5 Ngakho amadodana ka-
Aroni azakutshisela e-alithareni, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa ophezu kwenkuni
ezibhebhayo njengomnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi kuThixo.
6 Nxa anganikela ngesifuyo esisuka emhlambini wezimvu njengomnikelo wobudlel-
wano kuThixo, kuzamele anikele ngesiduna kumbe esisikazi esingelasici. 7 Nxa
anganikela ngezinyane, kumele alilethe phambi kukaThixo. 8 Kumele abeke isandla
sakhe phezu kwekhanda lomnikelo wakhe, asihlabe lesosifuyo phambi kwesango
lethente lokuhlangana. Amadodana ka-Aroni azachela igazi laso emaceleni wonke
e-alithare. 9 Emnikelweni wobudlelwano kuzamele alethe umhlatshelo owenziwa
kuThixo ngomlilo; amahwahwa awo, lomsila ononileyo aqunywe eduzane lom-
gogodla, idanga lonke, lawo wonke amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, 10 izinso
zombili lamahwahwa aseduzane lesinqe lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, okuza-
khutshwa ndawonye lezinso. 11 Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlat-
shelo wokudla, onikelwa kuThixo.
12 Nxa umnikelo wakhe kuyimbuzi, uzayethula phambi kukaThixo. 13 Uzabeka
isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlabela phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana.

Amadodana ka-Aroni azachela igazi layo emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 14 Kulokho
akunikelayo, kuzamele anikele umhlatshelo wokudla kuTHIXO, idanga lonke lawo
wonke amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, 15 izinso zombili, lamahwahwa ase-
duzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi okuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso.
16 Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga elim-
nandi. Wonke amahwahwa ngakaTHIXO.
17 Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ezizukulwaneni zenu zonke, kuzozonke
izindawo elihlala kuzo. Akumelanga lidle yiloba ngumhlobo bani wamahwahwa
kumbe igazi.' "

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Umnikelo Wesono

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Tshela abantu bako-Israyeli ukuthi: 'Nxa umuntu esona
kodwa engoni ngabomo, njalo esenza konke okwalelwa yimilayo kaTHIXO,
3 Nxa umphristi ogcotshiweyo angona, besekuletha icala ebantwini, kumele alethe
kuTHIXO ijongosi elingelasici njengomnikelo wesono ngenxa yesono ayabe esenzile.
4 Kalethe inkunzi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, phambi kukaTHIXO. Uzabeka
isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlaba phambi kukaTHIXO. 5 Umphristi ogcot-
shiweyo uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi alise ethenteni lokuhlangana. 6 Kagxamuze
umunwe wakhe egazini, abesechela elinye lakhona kasikhombisa phambi kukaTHIXO,
phambi kwekhetheni lendlu engcwele. 7 Umphristi uzafaka elinye igazi em-
pondweni ze-alithare lempepha elephunga elimnandi eliphambi kukaTHIXO ethenteni
lokuhlangana. Igazi lenkunzi eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo
wokutshiswa, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 8 Kumele akhuphe wonke amah-
wahwa enkunzi yomnikelo wesono, idanga lonke lawo wonke amahwahwa embese
ezangaphakathi. 9 Izinso zombili, lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa
aphezu kwesibindi kuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso, 10 njengalokho okwenziwa nxa
ihwahwa likhutshwa enkabini eyabe ingumnikelo wobudlelwano. Umphristi uza-
kutshisela e-alithareni lomnikelo wokutshiswa. 11 Kodwa isikhumba senkunzi kanye
lenyama yayo yonke, inhloko, amangqina, ezangaphakathi lamathumbu, 12 okutsho
ingxenye yonke yenkunzi, kumele akukhuphele phandle kwezihonqo endaweni
ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba, lapho okuchithelwa khona umlotha, abesekutshisela
emlilweni wenkuni oyabe usenqumbini yomlotha.
13 Nxa uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli angona, engoni ngabomo, abesesenza konke
okwalelwa yimilayo kaTHIXO, lanxa uzulu lowo engazilutho ngodaba lolu, ulecala.
14 Nxa bangavele bazi ngesono abasenzileyo, ibandla kumele lilethe inkunzi eliguqa
njengomnikelo wesono, liyethule phambi kwethente lokuhlangana. 15 Abadala
bakuleyondawo bazabeka izandla zabo ekhanda lenkunzi phambi kukaTHIXO, njalo
inkunzi izahlatshelwa phambi kukaTHIXO. 16 Umphristi ogcotshiweyo uzathatha
elinye igazi lenkunzi angene lalo ethenteni lokuhlangana. 17 Uzacwilisa umunwe
wakhe egazini, abeselichela phambi kukaTHIXO kasikhombisa phambi kwekhetheni.
18 Kaninde elinye igazi empondweni ze-alithare eliphambi kukaTHIXO ethenteni
lokuhlangana. Igazi eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa,
esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 19 Kakhuphe wonke amahwahwa abesewatshisela
e-alithareni, 20 abesesenza enkunzini le lokho akwenza enkunzini yomnikelo wesono.
Ngalokho umphristi uzabenzela indlela yokubuyisana phakathi kwabo, njalo baza-
thethelelwa. 21 Kakhuphele inkunzi phandle kwezihonqo, abeseyitshisa njengalokho
akwenza inkunzi yakuqala. Lo ngumnikelo wesono okazulu wonke.
22 Nxa umkhokheli angona engakunxwanelanga enze okwaliwa yimilayo kaTHIXO
uNkulunkulu, ulecala. 23 Nxa angatshelwa ngesono asenzileyo kumele alethe

umnikelo wempongo engelasici. 24 Kabeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lembuzi abeseyihlabela lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kukaThixo. Kungumnikelo wesono. 25 Umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono abeselininda empondweni ze-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa abesethela elinye lonke igazi phansi kwe-alithari. 26 Uzatshisela wonke amahwahwa e-alithareni njengalokhu akwenza amahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano. Ngale indlela umphristi uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana ngesono somuntu abesethethelelwa.

27 Nxa omunye umuntu phakathi kwendawo angona engakunxwanelanga ukona, enze okwaliwa yimilayo kaThixo, uyabe elecala. 28 Nxa angatshelwa ngesono ayabe esenzile, kumele alethe umnikelo wesono sakhe, umnikelo wembuzi ensikazi engelasici. 29 Kabeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lomnikelo wesono, abesewuhlabela endaweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa. 30 Umphristi kumele athathe elinye igazi ngomunwe wakhe, abeselininda empondweni ze-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa, abesethela elinye eliseleyo phansi kwe-alithari. 31 Uzakhupha amahwahwa wonke njengalokhu okwenziwa emnikelweni wobudlelwano, njalo umphristi uzawutshisela e-alithareni njengoqhatshi olulephunga elimnandi kuThixo. Ngaleyondlela, umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana, abesethethelelwa.

32 Nxa angaletha imvu njengomnikelo wesono, kumele alethe ensikazi engelasici. 33 Kumele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlaba njengomnikelo wesono endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa. 34 Emva kwalokho, umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe, alininde empondweni ze-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa, abesethela elinye igazi eliseleyo ngaphansi kwe-alithari. 35 Bazakhupha wonke amahwahwa, njengalokhu okwenziwa emvini yomnikelo wobudlelwano, njalo umphristi uzayitshisela e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuThixo. Ngalokho umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesono asenzileyo abesethethelelwa.’ ”

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Eminye Iminikelo Yokuzisola

1 “ ‘Nxa umuntu angona ngenxa yokuthi kakhulumanga ebika udaba oluthile emphakathini ngayabe ekubonile kumbe ekuzwile, uyabe elomlandu.

2 Loba nxa umuntu angathinta ulutho olungabe lungcolile ngokomkhuba (kungaba yizidumbu zezinyamazana zeganga ezingcolileyo kumbe ezezifuyo ezingcolileyo kumbe ezezidalwa ezingcolileyo ezihamba emhlabathini) lanxa engananzelele ngalokho, uyabe esengcolile njalo eselecala. 3 Loba engathinta ukungcola komuntu (konke okungenza ukuthi abe ngongcolileyo) lanxa engananzelele ngalokho nxa angavele akwazi uyabe eselecala, 4 kumbe umuntu angafunga enganakananga kuhle ukuthi ufuna ukwenza olunye ulutho, ingabe ngoluhle kumbe ngolubi (entweni yonke umuntu angafunga ngayo butshapha) lanxa engananzelele ngalokho, angavele akwazi uzakuba lecala, 5 nxa umuntu angazi ukuthi ulecala ngezinto lezi, kumele aveze ukuthi wone ngandlela bani. 6 Njengenhlawulo yesono ayabe esenzile, kumele alethe kuThixo imvana ensikazi kumbe imbuzi evela emhlambini njengomnikelo wesono, njalo umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngenxa yesono sakhe.

7 Nxa engenelisi ukuthola imvana uzaletha amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili kuThixo njengenhlawulo yesono sakhe, okunye kungumnikelo wesono, okunye kungumnikelo wokutshiswa. 8 Uzakuletha kumphristi, ozaqala ngokunikela okomnikelo wesono. Kumele akutshile intamo yakho kodwa angatshuphuni ikhanda, 9 njalo uzachela elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono eceleni kwe-alithari; igazi eliseleyo kumele likhanyelwe phansi kwe-alithari. Ngumnikelo wesono.

10 Umphristi usezanikela okunye njengomnikelo wokutshiswa ngendlela eyamiswayo,
umphristi aphinde amenzele indlela yokubuyisana ngesono sakhe, abesethethelelwa.
11 Kodwa nxa esehluleka ukuthola amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu
enkwilimba amabili, kalethe umnikelo wesono sakhe, alethe ingxenye yetshumi
yehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo ukwenzela umnikelo wesono. Akumelanga athele
amafutha kumbe afake impepha ngoba kungumnikelo wesono. 12 Kakulethe phambi
komphristi ozacupha isilinganiso esigcwala isandla njengengxenye yesikhumbuzo,
abeseyitshisela e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuTHIXO.
Kungumnikelo wesono. 13 Ngalokhu umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana
ngesono ingabe yisiphi ayabe esenzile, uzathethelelwa, okuseleyo kuzakuba ngokom-
phristi, njengalokho okwenziwa emnikelweni wamabele.’ ”

Umnikelo Wecala

14 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 15 “Nxa umuntu angephula umthetho abesesona, engoni
ngabomo ezintweni zonke zikaTHIXO ezingcwele, kalethe kuTHIXO njengenhlawulo
inqama esuka emhlambini, engelasici njalo ebiza isiliva esamukelekayo ngesilin-
ganiso seshekeli lasendlini engcwele. Ngumnikelo wecala. 16 Kumele ahlawule
ngesiphambeko sakhe kulokho ayabe ehluleke ukukwenza, okuphathelane lezinto
ezingcwele, abesesengezelela ingxenye yokuhlanu yentengo yakho akunike umphristi
konke, ozamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngenqama njengomnikelo wecala, abese-
thethelelwa.
17 Nxa umuntu angona ngokwenza lokho okungavunyelwayo emlayweni kaTHIXO,
lanxa engakwazi, uyabe elecala njalo uzakwetheswa umlandu. 18 Uzaletha
kumphristi njengomnikelo wecala inqama engelasici ezavela emhlambini,
njalo elesilinganiso esamukelekayo. Ngalokhu umphristi uzamenzela indlela
yokubuyisana ngesiphambeko sakhe angasenzanga ngabomo, njalo uzathethelelwa.
19 Kungumnikelo wecala: ulecala lokona phambi kukaTHIXO.”

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1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 2 “Nxa umuntu esona njalo engathembeki kuTHIXO
ngokukhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe ngalokho ayabe ekuphathisiwe loba ayabe
ekugcinisiwe loba okuyabe kuntshontshiwe, loba nxa edlelezela omunye, 3 loba nxa
ethola obekulahlekile kodwa aqambe amanga ngakho, loba nxa efunga ngokunga-
manga, loba nxa esenza loba yisiphi isono esingenziwa ngabantu, 4 nxa esona kanjalo
abe ngolecala, kumele abuyisele lokho ayabe ekuntshontshile loba ayabe ekuthethe
ngodlakela, loba ayabe abe ekuphathisiwe, loba obekulahlekile wasekuthola, 5 loba
yingabe yini ayabe efunge ngayo ngokwamanga kumele ahlawule ngokugcweleyo,
engeze ngokukodwa kokuhlanu kukho njalo akuphe umnikazi konke mhla evuma
icala lakhe. 6 Ukuhlawula icala kumele alethe kumphristi ozakusa kuTHIXO, umnikelo
wakhe wecala, inqama esuka emhlambini, ingelasici njalo elingeneyo ngemfanelo.
7 Ngalokho umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaTHIXO, njalo
uzathethelelwa ngalezi izinto azenzileyo ezimenze waba lecala.”

Iminikelo Yokutshiswa

8 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 9 “Phana u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe umlayo lo:
‘Le yimithetho yomnikelo wokutshiswa: Umnikelo wokutshiswa kufanele usale
eziko le-alithari ubusuku bonke kuze kuse, lomlilo kufanele uhlale ubhebha e-
alithareni. 10 Umphristi uzagqoka-ke izigqoko zakhe zelembu, lezangaphansi kube
ngezelembu, abesekhupha umlotha womnikelo wokutshiswa oyabe usutshiswe
ngumlilo e-alithareni, awufake eceleni kwe-alithari. 11 Abesekhulula izigqoko
lezi agqoke ezinye, athwale umlotha awukhuphele phandle kwezihonqo endaweni
ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba. 12 Umlilo ose-alithareni kufanele uhlale ubhebha;

akumelanga ucitshe. Insuku zonke ekuseni umphristi kumele engeze inkuni
akhwezele, alungise kuhle umnikelo wokutshiswa emlilweni e-alithareni, atshise
amahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano kulo i-alithari. 13 Umlilo kumele uhlale
ubhebha e-alithareni; akumelanga ucitshe.' "

Umnikelo Wamabele

14 " 'Le yimithetho ephathelene lomnikelo wamabele okufanele amadodana ka-
Aroni awulethe kuTHIXO, phambi kwe-alithari. 15 Umphristi kufanele acuphe
ifulawa elicolekileyo kanye lamafutha, lempepha yonke yomnikelo wamabele,
besekutshiswa ingxenye yesikhumbuzo e-alithareni, ibe liphunga elimnandi kuTHIXO.
16 U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bazakudla okuseleyo, kodwa kumele kudliwe
kungela mvubelo endaweni engcwele; bakudlele egumeni lethente lokuhlangana.
17 Akumelanga kubhekhwe kulemvubelo. Ngibanika khona njengesabelo sabo
seminikelo eyenziwa kimi ngomlilo. Kungcwele njengomnikelo wesono lomnikelo
wecala. 18 Bonke abesilisa enzalweni ka-Aroni bangakudla. Kuzoba yisabelo sabo
kokuphela esivela eminikelweni eyenziwe ngomlilo kuTHIXO ezizukulwaneni ezizayo.
Okubathintayo kuphela kuzakuba ngcwele.' "

19 UTHIXO wakhuluma njalo kuMosi wathi, 20 "Lo ngumnikelo ozanikelwa
kuTHIXO ngu-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe ngelanga azagcotshwa ngalo. Kuza-
kuba ngokwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wamabele
owansuku zonke, ingxenye yawo ibe sekuseni kuthi enye ingxenye ibe kusihlwa.
21 Kulungise ngamafutha emganwini wensimbi oyingubhe; kulethe kuhlanganiswe
kuhle, ubususethula umnikelo wamabele wenziwe incezwana ube liphunga elim-
nandi kuTHIXO. 22 Indodana egcotshelwe ukuthatha isikhundla sika-Aroni njengom-
phristi yiyo ezalungisa lokho. Kuyisabelo sikaTHIXO sansukuzonke, njalo kufanele
kutshiswe ngokupheleleyo. 23 Yonke iminikelo yamabele yomphristi izatshiswa
iphele; akumelanga idliwe."

Umnikelo Wesono

24 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 25 "Tshono lokhu ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe: 'Le yimi-
thetho yomnikelo wesono: Umnikelo wesono kufanele uhlatshwe phambi kukaTHIXO
endaweni lapho umnikelo wokutshiswa ohlatshelwa khona. Ungcwele kakhulu.
26 Umphristi owunikelayo uzawudla; kumele udlelwe endaweni engcwele egumeni
lethente lokuhlangana. 27 Konke okuthinta inyama leyo kuyakuba ngcwele. 28 Imbiza
yebumba okuphekwe ngayo inyama kumele ibulawe; kodwa nxa iphekwe ngembiza
yethusi, imbiza kufanele iphalwe ihlanjululwe ngamanzi. 29 Wonke owesilisa emulini
yomphristi uzawudla, ungcwele kakhulu. 30 Kodwa loba yiwuphi umnikelo wesono
okulethwa igazi lawo ethenteni lokuhlangana ukwenza ukubuyisana eNdaweni
eNgcwele kawungadliwa kumele utshiswe.' "

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Umnikelo Wecala

1 " 'Le yimithetho ephathelene lomnikelo wecala, oyiwo ongcwele kakhulu.
2 Umnikelo wecala kufanele uhlatshelwe endaweni lapho umnikelo wokutshiswa
ohlatshelwa khona, njalo igazi lawo kufanele lichelwe emaceleni wonke e-alithare.
3 Wonke amahwahwa awo azanikelwa: umsila ononileyo kanye ledanga elembesa
ezangaphakathi, 4 izinso zombili lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa
aphezu kwesibindi, okufanele kukhutshwe lezinso. 5 Umphristi uzakukutshisela
e-alithareni njengomhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuTHIXO. Kungumnikelo wecala.
6 Wonke owesilisa emulini yomphristi angakudla, kodwa kufanele kudlelwe en-
daweni engcwele; ngoba kungcwele kakhulu.

7 Umthetho munye uyasetshenziswa emnikelweni wesono kanye lemnikelweni
wecala. Ungowomphristi owenza kube lendlela yokubuyisana labo. 8 Umphristi
onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa kabani lobani angazigcinela isigogo. 9 Wonke
umnikelo wamabele ophekelwa eziko, loba ophekelwa embizeni, loba embizeni
yensimbi ungowomphristi owunikelayo, 10 njalo wonke umnikelo wamabele oyabe
uhlanganiswe lamafutha loba womile, wonke ungowamadodana ka-Aroni ngokulin-
ganayo.' "

Umnikelo Wobudlelwano

11 " 'Le yimithetho ephathelene lomnikelo wobudlelwano umuntu angawunikela
kuTHIXO:
12 Nxa unganikelwa njengendlela yokubonga, kumele lumnikelo wokubonga
unikelwe ndawonye lesinkwa esenziwe singelamvubelo sahlanganise lamafutha,
amakhekhe ayizicecedu enziwe engelamvubelo njalo egcotshwe ngamafutha,
kanye lamakhekhe efulawa ecolekileyo avutshwe kuhle ahlanganiswa lamafutha.
13 Umnikelo wakhe wobudlelwano ongowokubonga kumele unikelwe ndawonye
lomnikelo wezinkwa ezenziwe ngemvubelo. 14 Kufanele alethe okukodwa komhlobo
munye ngamunye njengomnikelo onikelwa kuTHIXO. Ungowomphristi ochela
igazi lomnikelo wobudlelwano. 15 Inyama yomnikelo wakhe wobudlelwano in-
geyokubonga, kumele idliwe ngalelolanga inikelwa. Akumelanga eyinye isalele
elakusasa.
16 Kodwa nxa umnikelo wakhe ungenxa yokugcwalisa isifungo loba ungumnikelo
wesihle, umhlatshelo lowo uzadliwa ngalelolanga lokuwunikela, kodwa okuyabe
kusele kungadliwa ngelanga elilandelayo. 17 Yonke inyama yomhlatshelo esalayo
kuze kwedlule insuku ezintathu kufanele itshiswe. 18 Nxa kulenyama yomnikelo
wobudlelwano engadliwa ngelanga lesithathu, lowo oyinikeleyo kasoze amukeleke.
Ayisoze ibalelwe kulowo oyinikeleyo, ngoba ingahlambulukanga. Umuntu odla enye
yayo uzakuba lomlandu ngayo.
19 Inyama ethinta loba yini engcolileyo ngokomkhuba akumelanga idliwe; kumele
itshiswe. Kodwa eyinye inyama ingadliwa yiloba ngubani ohlambulukileyo
ngokomkhuba. 20 Kodwa nxa kulomuntu ongcolileyo angadla inyama yomnikelo
wobudlelwano ENGEKATHIXO, lowomuntu kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. 21 Nxa
kulomuntu othinta okuthile okungcolileyo, akukhathalekile kumbe kuyikungcola
komuntu loba okwenyamazana loba okunye nje okungcolileyo, okwenyanyekayo,
abesesidla inyama yomnikelo wobudlelwano ENGEKATHIXO, lowomuntu kumele
axotshwe ebantwini bakibo.' "

Ukudla Amahwahwa Legazi Akuvunyelwa

22 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 23 "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Lingaze ladla amahwahwa
enkomo, awezimvu loba awembuzi. 24 Amahwahwa enyamazana ezifeleyo loba
edatshulwe yizilo zeganga angasetshenziswa kokunye, kodwa akumelanga liwadle.
25 Umuntu odla amahwahwa enyamazana okungenziwa ngayo umnikelo wokut-
shiswa kuTHIXO kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. 26 Njalo lingadli igazi lenyoni
loba inyamazana yiphi kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzo. 27 Nxa umuntu esidla igazi,
lowomuntu kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo.' "

Isabelo SabaPhristi

28 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 29 "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Umuntu oletha umnikelo
wobudlelwano kuTHIXO kumele alethe ingxenye yawo njengomhlatshelo wakhe
kuTHIXO. 30 Kumele anikele ngezandla zakhe umhlatshelo wokudla kuTHIXO. Kumele
alethe amahwahwa, ndawonye lesifuba, abesezunguza isifuba phambi KUKATHIXO
njengomnikelo wokuzunguza. 31 Umphristi uzatshisa amahwahwa e-alithareni,
kodwa isifuba ngesika-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe. 32 Kumele uphe umphristi

umlenze wesokunene eminikelweni yakho yobudlelwano ube ngumnikelo wakho.
33 Indodana ka-Aroni enikela igazi lamahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano izathola
umlenze wesokunene njengesabelo sayo. 34 Ngithethe isifuba esizunguzwayo kanye
lomlenze onikelwayo emnikelweni wobudlelwano wabako-Israyeli ngapha u-Aroni
umphristi kanye lamadodana akhe njengesabelo sabo sezikhathi zonke esivela
kwabako-Israyeli.' "
35 Le yingxenye yemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuTHIXO eyabelwa u-Aroni
kanye lamadodana akhe ngelanga abethulwa ngalo ukuba basebenzele uTHIXO
njengabaphristi. 36 Ngelanga abagcotshwa ngalo, uTHIXO walaya abako-Israyeli
ukuthi banikele lokho njengasabelo sabo sezikhathi zonke kuzizukulwane ezizayo.
37 Le-ke yiyo imithetho emayelana lomnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele,
umnikelo wesono, umnikelo wecala, umnikelo wokugcotshwa lomnikelo wobudlel-
wano, 38 uTHIXO awupha uMosi entabeni yeSinayi ngelanga alaya ngalo abako-Israyeli
ukuthi balethe iminikelo yabo kuTHIXO, enkangala yaseSinayi.

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Ukugcotshwa Kuka-Aroni Lamadodana Akhe

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Letha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, izembatho zabo, ama-
futha okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla, inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, inqama ezimbili
lesitsha sokuthwalela isinkwa esibhekhwe singelamvubelo, 3 ubusubuthanisa ibandla
lonke esangweni lethente lokuhlangana." 4 UMosi wenza njengokulaya kukaTHIXO,
ibandla lonke laselibuthana esangweni lethente lokuhlangana.
5 UMosi wakhuluma ebandleni wathi, "Lokhu yikho uTHIXO alaye ukuthi kwen-
ziwe." 6 UMosi waseletha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe phambili, wabagezisa nga-
manzi. 7 Wagqokisa u-Aroni ibhatshi, wasemgaxa ibhanti, wamgqokisa isem-
batho semahlombe, waphinda wabopha isembatho semahlombe ngozwezwe lwaso
olwelukwe ngobungcitshi; walibophela kuye. 8 Wamgqokisa isembatho sesifuba
wasebeka i-Urimi leThumimi esambathweni leso. 9 Wamthwalisa iqhiye ekhanda
lakhe, phambi kwayo wabeka icence legolide, umqhele ongcwele, njengalokhu
uTHIXO ayelaye uMosi ukuthi akwenze.
10 UMosi wathatha amafutha okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla wagcoba itha-
banikeli lakho konke okwakukulo, wakwahlukanisela uTHIXO. 11 Wachela
amanye amafutha e-alithareni kasikhombisa, wagcoba i-alithari lezitsha zalo
zonke, lomkolo walo, lalapho obekwa khona ukuze akwahlukanisele uTHIXO.
12 Wathela amanye amafutha ekhanda lika-Aroni wamgcoba ukuba amahlukanisele
uTHIXO. 13 Wasesondeza amadodana ka-Aroni phambili, wawagqokisa amabhatshi,
wawabopha ngamabhanti njalo wawabophela izingwane emakhanda awo njenga-
lokho uTHIXO akulaya uMosi.
14 Waseletha inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeka izandla
zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. 15 UMosi wahlaba inkunzi, wasethatha elinye igazi,
waselininda empondweni ze-alithare ngomunwe ukuze lihlambuluke. Wathululela
igazi elalisele phansi kwe-alithari walahlukanisela uTHIXO, ukwenza ukubuyisana
ngalo. 16 UMosi wasethatha idanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu
kwesibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, wasekutshisela e-alithareni. 17 Kodwa
inkunzi lesikhumba sayo, lenyama yayo, lamathumbu ayo wakutshisela phandle
kwezihonqo njengalokho uTHIXO amlaya khona.
18 Waseletha inqama ukuze ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, u-Aroni lamadodana
akhe babeka izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. 19 UMosi wayihlaba inqama,
wasechela igazi layo emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 20 Wahlahlela inqama yaba nga-
maqatha, wasetshisa inhloko, amaqatha lamahwahwa. 21 Wagezisa ezangaphakathi

lemilenze ngamanzi, wasetshisa isidumbu sonke senqama e-alithareni njengomnikelo wokutshiswa, iphunga elimnandi, umnikelo owenziwa kuTHIXO ngomlilo njengoba uTHIXO walaya uMosi.

22 Waseletha eyinye inqama, eyayizasetshenziswa begcotshelwa izikhundla, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. 23 UMosi wahlaba inqama, wathatha elinye igazi layo walininda esiqwini sendlebe yokunene ka-Aroni, esithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene lasozwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lwesokunene. 24 UMosi waletha amadodana ka-Aroni phambili, waseninda elinye igazi eziqwini zendlebe zawo zakwesokudla lasezithupheni zezandla zabo zakwesokudla. Emva kwalokho wasechela igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. 25 Wathatha amahwahwa, umsila ononileyo ledanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, izinso zombili lamahwahwa azo kanye lomlenze wakwesokudla. 26 Esitsheni sesinkwa esibhekhwa singelamvubelo, esasiphambi kuKATHIXO, wathatha isinkwa esikhulu, esasixutshaniswe lamafutha e-oliva kanye lesinkwa esincinyane, wasekufaka emahwahweni lasemlenzeni wesokunene. 27 Wabeka konke lokhu ezandleni zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe, bakuzunguza phambi kuKATHIXO, kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguza. 28 UMosi wakuthatha ezandleni zabo wasekutshisela e-alithareni phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, kwaba ngumnikelo wokugcotshwa olephunga elimnandi, umhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuTHIXO. 29 UMosi wasethatha isifuba, esesiyisabelo sakhe enqameni yokugcotshwa, wasizunguza phambi kuKATHIXO njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguTHIXO.

30 UMosi wasethatha amanye amafutha okugcobela isikhundla lelinye igazi elisuka e-alithareni, wasechela u-Aroni lezembatho zakhe kanye lamadodana akhe lezembatho zawo. Ngalokho wangcwelisa u-Aroni lezembatho zakhe, lamadodana akhe lezembatho zawo.

31 UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe, “Phekelani inyama esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, liyidlele khona lesinkwa esivela esitsheni seminikelo yokugcotshwa njengokulaywa kwami ukuthi ‘u-Aroni lamadodana akhe yibo abazakudla.’ 32 Beselitshisa yonke inyama lesinkwa okuzasala. 33 Lingasuki esangweni lethente lokuhlangana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kuze kuphele amalanga okugcotshwa kwenu, ngoba ukugcotshwa kwenu kuzathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa. 34 Lokho okwenziwa namuhla kwalaywa nguTHIXO ukwenzela ukuthi lilungiselwe indlela yokubuyisana. 35 Kumele lihlale esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ubusuku lemini, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lisenza lokho okuyabe kufunwa nguTHIXO ukuze lingafi, ngoba yikho engakulaywayo.”

36 Ngakho u-Aroni lamadodana akhe benza konke uTHIXO ayebalaye khona ngoMosi.

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AbaPhristi Baqala Umsebenzi Wabo

1 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uMosi wabiza u-Aroni lamadodana akhe kanye labadala bako-Israyeli. 2 Wathi ku-Aroni, “Thatha iguqa lenkunzi engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, ukwethule phambi kuKATHIXO. 3 Ubusutshela abako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Thathani impongo ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ithole lezinyane, konke kungokulomnyaka owodwa njalo kungelasici, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, 4 uthathe inkabi kanye lenqama kube ngumnikelo wobudlelwano oba ngumhlatshelo phambi kuKATHIXO, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ohlanganiswe lamafutha, ngoba uTHIXO uzabonakala kuwe lamhlanje.’ ”

5 Bathatha izinto lezo uMosi ayebalaye ngazo bazisa phambi kwethente lokuhlangana, ibandla lonke lasondela eduze lema phambi kuKATHIXO. 6 UMosi wasesithi,

“Lokhu yikho uTHIXO alaye ukuthi likwenze, ukuze inkazimulo kaTHIXO ibonakale kini.”
7 UMosi wathi ku-Aroni, “Woza e-alithareni uzonikela umhlatshelo wesono
sakho kanye lomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, wenzele wena kanye labantu indlela
yokubuyisana. Unikele umhlatshelo wabantu ubenzele uxolo njengalokhu okulaywe
nguTHIXO.”
8 Ngakho u-Aroni weza e-alithareni, wahlaba ithole laba ngumnikelo wakhe
wesono. 9 Amadodana akhe aletha igazi kuye, wasegxumuza umunwe wakhe
egazini waninda ngalo impondo ze-alithare. 10 E-alithareni watshisa amahwahwa,
izinso kanye lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi kungokomnikelo wesono, njengalokhu
uTHIXO ayekulaye uMosi. 11 Inyama kanye lesikhumba wakutshisela ngaphandle
kwezihonqo.
12 Wasehlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa. Amadodana akhe amnika igazi, walichela
inxa zonke ze-alithare. 13 Bamupha umnikelo wokutshiswa, isitho ngesitho kugoqela
inhloko, wakutshisela e-alithareni. 14 Wagezisa ezangaphakathi kanye lemilenze
wakutshisela phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa e-alithareni.
15 U-Aroni waseletha umnikelo owawungowabantu, wathatha imbuzi eyayingey-
omnikelo wesono wayihlaba, waseyinikela yaba ngumnikelo wesono njengalokhu
ayekwenze ngeyakuqala.
16 Waletha umnikelo wokutshiswa wawunikela ngendlela emisiweyo. 17 Waletha
njalo umnikelo wamabele, wacupha ngesandla, wasewutshisela e-alithareni phezu
kwalowo owokutshiswa ayewunikele ekuseni.
18 Wahlaba inkabi kanye lenqama kwaba ngumnikelo wobudlelwano ebantwini.
Amadodana akhe amnika igazi, walichela inxa zonke ze-alithare. 19 Kodwa amah-
wahwa enkabi lawenqama, lomsila ononileyo, idanga, izinso, lamahwahwa aphezu
kwesibindi 20 bakwendlala phezu kwesifuba, u-Aroni wasetshisela amahwahwa e-
alithareni. 21 U-Aroni wazunguza izifuba kanye lomlenze wokwesokunene phambi
kukaTHIXO njengomnikelo wokuzunguza, njengokulaya kukaMosi.
22 U-Aroni wasephakamisela izandla zakhe ebantwini wababusisa. Kwathi es-
enikele umnikelo wesono, umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lowobudlelwano, wahlala
phansi.
23 UMosi lo-Aroni basebesiyangena ethenteni lokuhlangana. Bathi bephuma,
babusisa abantu; inkazimulo kaTHIXO yabonakala kubo bonke abantu. 24 Kwavela
umlilo lapho uTHIXO wayekhona, kwatsha umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye
lamahwahwa e-alithareni. Abantu bonke bathi bebona lokho, bamemeza ngentokozo
bathi mbo ngobuso phansi.

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Ukufa KukaNadabi Lo-Abhihu

1 Amadodana ka-Aroni uNadabi lo-Abhihu bathatha izitsha zempepha, bafaka
umlilo kuzo, bafaka impepha; basebenikela ngomlilo phambi kukaTHIXO
ngokungekho emandleni abo, njalo kuphambene lomlayo wakhe. 2 Kwavela umlilo
lapho uTHIXO ayekhona, wabatshisa bafa phambi kukaTHIXO. 3 UMosi wasesithi
ku-Aroni, “Lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa nguTHIXO aze athi:
‘Kulabo abasondela kimi
Ubungcwele bami buzabonakala,
phambi kwabo bonke abantu
Ngizadunyiswa.’ ”
U-Aroni wala ethule.

4 UMosi wabiza uMishayeli lo-Elizafani amadodana kamalumakhe ka-Aroni u-
Uziyeli, wathi kubo, “Wozani lapha lizothwala abafowenu libakhuphele phandle
kwezihonqo, khatshana laphambi kwendlu engcwele.” 5 Ngakho beza babathwala
belokhu begqoke amabhatshi abo, babakhuphela ngaphandle kwezihonqo njengoku-
laya kukaMosi.
6 UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, “Lingayekeli
inwele zenu zingembozwanga njalo lingadabuli izigqoko zenu ngokuhlulukelwa, funa
life, LOTHIXO athukuthelele abantu bonke. Kodwa zonke izihlobo zenu lendlu yonke
ka-Israyeli bangabakhalela labo ababhujiswe NGUTHIXO ngomlilo. 7 Lingaze lasuka
esangweni lethente lokuhlangana funa life, ngoba amafutha KATHIXO okugcoba
ogcotshelwa isikhundla aphezu kwenu.” Ngakho benza njengokulaya kukaMosi.
8 UTHIXO wasesithi ku-Aroni, 9 “Wena lamadodana akho akumelanga linathe
iwayini loba okunye okunathwayo okubilileyo nxa lisiyangena ethenteni lokuh-
langana, funa life. Lo ngumlayo omi kuze kube nininini kuzizukulwane ez-
izayo. 10 Kumele lahlukanise okungcwele kokungangcwele, okuhlanzekileyo kokun-
gahlanzekanga, 11 njalo kumele lifundise abako-Israyeli zonke izimiso UTHIXO abaphe
zona ngoMosi.”
12 UMosi wathi ku-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe aseleyo, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari,
“Thathani umnikelo wamabele oseleyo emihlatshelweni yokudla enikelwe KUTHIXO,
liwudle ungelamvubelo eceleni kwe-alithari ngoba ungcwele kakhulu. 13 Udleleni
endaweni engcwele, ngoba uyisabelo senu kanye lamadodana enu, njengoba
ngilaywe ngokunjalo. 14 Kodwa wena lamadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi akho
lingadla isifuba esazunguzwayo kanye lomlenze onikelweyo. Kudleleni endaweni
ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba; kuphiwe wena kanye labantwabakho njengesabelo
somnikelo wobudlelwano kwabako-Israyeli. 15 Umlenze owanikelwayo kanye
lesifuba esazunguzwayo kumele kulethwe kanye lamahwahwa anikelwa ngomlilo,
azozunguzwa phambi KUKATHIXO njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa. Lokho kuzakuba
yisabelo sansukuzonke esakho kanye labantwabakho, njengokulaya KUKATHIXO.”
16 UMosi wathi ebuza ngembuzi yomnikelo wesono wathola ukuthi yayisitshisiwe,
wathukuthelela u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, amadodana ka-Aroni ayesesele, wawabuza
wathi, 17 “Kungani lingadlelanga umnikelo wesono endlini engcwele na? Ungcwele
kakhulu; lawuphiwa ukuze ususe icala labantu ngokwenza ukuthi babuyiswe phambi
KUKATHIXO. 18 Njengoba igazi lawo lingangeniswanga eNdaweni eNgcwele, bekumele
imbuzi liyidlele endlini engcwele njengokulaya kwami.”
19 U-Aroni waphendula uMosi wathi, “Lamuhla benze umhlatshelo womnikelo
wesono kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi KUKATHIXO, kodwa izinto ezinjengalezi
sezenzakele kimi. Nxa bengidle umnikelo wesono lamuhla, kambe UTHIXO uben-
gachelesa ngalokho na?” 20 UMosi wasuthiseka ekuzwa lokho.

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Ukudla Okuhlanzekileyo Lokungahlanzekanga

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 2 “Alibokuthi kwabako-Israyeli: ‘Kuzozonke
izinyamazana ezisemhlabeni, yilezi elingazidla; 3 lingadla zonke izinyamazana
ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo lezentshisayo.
4 Zikhona ezinye ezentshisayo kuphela, zibe khona ezinye ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo
kuphela kodwa lingabozidla. Ikamela loba lisentshisa kalilanklagu ezivulekileyo;
ngomkhuba kalihlanzekanga kini. 5 Imbila loba isentshisa kayilanklagu ezivulekileyo;
ingcolile kini. 6 Umvundla, loba usentshisa, kawulanklagu ezivulekileyo; ungcolile
kini. 7 Lengulube, loba ilenklagu ezivulekileyo ngokupheleleyo, ayentshisi; ingcolile

kini. 8 Akufanelanga lidle inyama yazo njalo akufanelanga lithinte loba izidumbu
zazo; ngoba zingcolile kini.
9 Kuzozonke izidalwa ezihlala emanzini asolwandle lasezifuleni, lingadla zonke
ezilempiko lamaxolo. 10 Kodwa zonke izidalwa ezisolwandle lasezifuleni ezin-
gelampiko lamaxolo, kungelani lokuthi ngezihamba ngamaxuku kumbe phakathi
kwazo zonke eziphila emanzini kumele lizenyanye. 11 Njalo njengoba lizazenyanya,
lingabokudla inyama yazo, njalo kumele lizenyanye lezidumbu zazo. 12 Yonke
inyamazana ehlala emanzini engalampiko lamaxolo kumele yenyanyeke kini.
13 Lezi yizinyoni okumele lizenyanye njalo lingazidli ngoba zingcolile: ukhozi,
ilinqe, 14 uhelwane olubomvu, loba wuphi umhlobo wohelwane, 15 imihlobo yonke
yamawabayi, 16 isikhova esilesicholo, isikhova esitshaya udweba, ingabuzane,
loba wuphi umhlobo wokhozi, 17 umandukulo, itshayamanzi, isikhova esikhulu,
18 isikhova esimhlophe, isikhova senkangala, ukhozi oludla inhlanzi, 19 ingabuzane,
lawuphi umhlobo welanda, imvenduna lomalulwane.
20 Zonke izibungu ezilamaphiko ezihamba ngenyawo zazo ezine kumele zibe ngez-
ingcolileyo kini. 21 Kodwa kulezinye izibungu ezilamaphiko, ezihamba ngezinyawo
zazo ezine, lingadla lezo ezilamangqondo, ezeqa ngawo emhlabathini. 22 Kuzo
lingadla intethe ngemihlobo yazo, lamadiye ngemihlobo yawo. 23 Kodwa zonke ezinye
izibungu ezilamaphiko lenyawo ezine lizenyanye.
24 Liyabe liyazingcolisa ngalezi; ngakho loba ngubani othinta izidumbu zazo
uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 25 Ozaphakamisa izidumbu zezinyamazana
lezi kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, kanti-ke yena uzaba ngongcolileyo kuze
kuhlwe.
26 Yonke inyamazana elengqina elingehlukananga ngokupheleleyo loba en-
gentshisiyo ingcolile kini, wonke othinta isidumbu sezinyamazana lezi uzabe esen-
gongcolile. 27 Kuzozonke izinyamazana ezihamba ngenyawo ezine, lezo ezihamba
ngezidladla zingcolile kini; kuzakuthi wonke othinta izidumbu zazo abe ngongco-
lileyo kuze kuhlwe. 28 Loba ngubani ozaphakamisa izidumbu zezinyamazana lezi
kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, njalo uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.
Zingcolile kini.
29 Ezinyamazaneni zonke ezihambahambayo emhlabathini, lezi zingcolile kini:
indlegu, igundwane, lemihlobo yonke yemibankwa emikhulu, 30 untulo, imbu-
lumakhasane, umbankwa, isiqhuza lonwabu. 31 Kuzozonke ezihuquzelayo emhla-
bathini, lezi zingcolile kini. Loba ngubani ozithinta sezifile uzatshona engongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. 32 Nxa kungafa eyinye yazo iwele phezu kolutho, lololutho, loba
lusetshenziswani luzabe selungolungcolileyo, loba lwenziwe ngesigodo, ngelembu,
ngesikhumba loba ngesaka. Lufakeni emanzini; luzabe lungcolile kuze kuhlwe,
lapho-ke luzabe seluhlambulukile. 33 Nxa esinye sazo singawela embizeni yomdaka,
konke okusembizeni kuyabe sekungcolile, sekumele ubulale imbiza. 34 Konke
ukudla obekungadliwa okuchaphakelwe ngamanzi aleyo mbiza kungcolile, njalo
lobekunganathwa kuvela kuleyo mbiza kungcolile. 35 Loba yini ewelwe yizidumbu
zezinanakazana lezi iba ngengcolileyo; iziko loba imbiza yokupheka sekumele
kubhidlizwe. Kuyabe sekungcolile, njalo kumele likuthathe njengokungcolileyo.
36 Kanti-ke, umthombo loba umgqomo wokukha amanzi uhlala uhlambulukile, kodwa
loba ngubani othinta izidumbu lezi ungcolile. 37 Nxa isidumbu sezinyamazana lezi
singawela loba kuyiphi inhlanyelo esilungele ukuhlanyelwa, izahlala ihlambulukile.
38 Kodwa nxa amanzi esethelwe enhlanyelweni, isidumbu sakhona besesiwela phezu
kwayo, isingcolile kini.
39 Nxa inyamazana elivunyelwe ukuyidla ingazifela, lowo othinta isidumbu
sayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 40 Loba ngubani ozakudla inyama

yalesisidumbu kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. Loba ngubani ozaphakamisa lesisidumbu, kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

41 Loba yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini siyenyanyeka, kasingadliwa. 42 Akufanelanga lidle izinanakazana zonke ezihambahambayo emhlabathini, loba ngezihuquzela ngezisu loba ngezihamba ngazozonke zone loba ngezilenyawo ezinengi; ziyenyanyeka. 43 Lingazingcolisi ngezinanakazana lezi, lingazingcolisi ngenxa yazo njalo lingayekeli zilingcolisa. 44 NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, zihlambululeni libengcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele. Lingazingcolisi ngezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini. 45 NGINGUTHIXO owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu; kungakho wobani ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele.

46 Le yiyo imithetho emayelana lezinyamazana, izinyoni, yonke into ephilayo entsheza emanzini lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini. 47 Kumele lehlukanise phakathi kwezingcolileyo lezihlambulukileyo, lehlukanise phakathi kwezidalwa eziphilayo ezingadliwa kanye lokungamelanga zidliwe.’ ”

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Ukuhlanjululwa Emva Kokubeletha Umntwana

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 2 “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘Umfazi ozithweleyo obelethe indodana uzakuba ngongcolileyo ngokomkhuba okwensuku eziyisikhombisa njengoba engcolile ngesikhathi esemfuleni. 3 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili indodana le kuzamele isokwe. 4 Owesifazane kufanele ame okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu lantathu ukuze ahlanjululwe ukopha kwakhe. Ngalesisikhathi, akumelanga abambe ulutho olungcwele njalo akumelanga aye endlini engcwele kuze kwedlule insuku zakhe zokuhlanjululwa. 5 Nxa angabeletha indodakazi, owesifazane uzaba ngongcolileyo okwamaviki amabili, njenganxa esemfuleni. Kufanele ahlale okwensuku ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lezinsuku eziyisithupha ukuze ahlanjululwe ukopha kwakhe.

6 Nxa insuku zokuhlanjululwa ngokwendodana loba indodakazi seziphelile, kumele owesifazane alethe izinyane lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukuze libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lephuphu lenkwilimba loba ijuba kube ngumnikelo wesono. 7 Umphristi nguye ozanikela umnikelo phambi KUKATHIXO ukumenzela ukubuyisana, ngalokho uzabe esehlambulukile ngokomkhuba ekopheni kwakhe.

Le yiyo imithetho elandelwa ngowesifazane ekubeletheni umfana loba inkazana. 8 Nxa engenelisi ukunikela ngezinyane lemvu, kumele alethe amajuba amabili loba inkwilimba ezisesencane ezimbili, okunye kungumnikelo wokutshiswa okunye kungumnikelo wesono. Ngalindlela umphristi uzamenzela ukubuyisana, owesifazane uzahlambuluka.’ ”

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Imithetho Emayelana Lesikhwekhwe

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 2 “Loba ngubani ozabe evuvukile, loba equbukile, loba elechatha elicazimulayo ejwabini lakhe okungasuka kube ngumkhuhlane wobulephero, kumele alethwe ku-Aroni umphristi loba komunye wamadodana akhe ongumphristi. 3 Umphristi kahlole lesisilonda esisejwabini lakhe, kuthi kungabonakala ukuthi uboya obusesilondeni sebumhlophe, lokuthi lesilonda laso sizikile enyameni, kuyabe kungumkhuhlane wobulephero. Nxa umphristi emhlola, uzamtshela ukuthi ungcolile ngokomlayo. 4 Kanti-ke lanxa ibala elisejwabini

limhlophe kodwa libonakala ukuthi alijulanga enyameni njalo loboya obukhonapho bungakabimhlophe, umphristi kamsuse ebantwini, ahlale yedwa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 5 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi kumele amhlole, kuthi-ke nxa ebona ukuthi isilonda lokhu sinjalo njalo kasiqhelanga ejwabini, kumele amehlukanise kwabanye okwezinye njalo insuku eziyisikhombisa. 6 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi uzamhlola njalo, kuthi-ke nxa isilonda sesifiphele singaqhelanga ejwabini, umphristi uzamtshela lowomuntu ukuthi usehlambulukile, bekukade kuyikuqubuka kodwa nje. Leyondoda izagezisa izigqoko zayo njalo iyabe isihlambulukile. 7 Kodwa ukuqubuka kungaqhela ejwabini lakhe ngemva kokuba eseke waziveza kumphristi ukuba kuthiwe usehlambulukile, kumele aziveze njalo kumphristi. 8 Umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi-ke nxa ukuqubuka kuqhelile ejwabini, umphristi kumele amtshele ukuthi kakahlambuluki; yibulephero.

9 Nxa kulomuntu olobulephero, kumele alethwe kumphristi. 10 Umphristi kamhlole, kuthi nxa kuleqhubu elimhlophe eseliphendule uboya babamhlophe njalo lilomlomo, 11 yibulephero, ngakho umphristi uzakuthi ungcolile. Kangamehlukanisi labanye, ngoba uvele esengongcolileyo.

12 Nxa ubulephero sobumemetheka umzimba wonke okubonwa ngumphristi ukuthi sobugcwele kusukela ekhanda kuze kube sezinyaweni, 13 umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi nxa bugcwele umzimba wonke, atsho athi lowomuntu uhlambulukile. Njengoba ijwabu seliphenduke labamhlophe lonke, uyabe ehlambulukile. 14 Kodwa nxa kubonakala sekupetuka inyama esilondeni uzabe engongcolileyo. 15 Umphristi nxa ebona inyama isipetuka uzakuthi ungcolile. Inyama epetukileyo ingcolile; ulobulephero. 16 Kodwa leyonyama epetukileyo ingaguquka ibemhlophe kufanele onjalo aye kumphristi. 17 Umphristi amhlole, kuthi nxa izilonda sezisuke zaba mhlophe, umphristi uzakuthi lowo olazo uhlambulukile; ngakho uzabe esehlambulukile.

18 Nxa kulomuntu olethumba ejwabini lakhe libe seliphola, 19 kuthi lapho obekulethumba khona kubonakale kumhlotshana kuvuvukile loba iqhubu elibomvana, kumele azilethe kumphristi. 20 Umphristi alihlole, kuthi nxa kubonakala lijulile loboya obuphezu kwalo sebumhlophe, umphristi uzakuthi ungcolile. Yibulephero obuvela lapho obekulethumba khona. 21 Kodwa nxa khona laphayana ekuhlolweni kwalo ngumphristi kungelaboya obumhlophe phezu kwalo, njalo lingajulanga selifiphele, kulapho umphristi azamehlukanisa khona labanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 22 Nxa liqhela ejwabini, umphristi uzakuthi ungcolile, lona liyisifo esithelelwanayo. 23 Kodwa nxa umbala walo ulokhu unjalo, njalo lingaqhelanga, kuyabe kulitshisa elatshiywa lithumba, ngakho umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile.

24 Nxa umuntu elethuthuva ejwabini lakhe besekuvela itshatha elibomvana loba elimhlophe enyameni epetukileyo yetshisa, 25 umphristi kalihlole, kuzakuthi nxa uboya obuphezu kwalo sebumhlophe, kubonakale kungani kujulile, yibulephero obuvela ngethuthuva. Umphristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile, yibulephero. 26 Kodwa umphristi angalihlola kubonakale kungelaboya obumhlophe, kungajulanga njalo sekufiphele, yikho lapho umphristi azamehlukanisa labanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 27 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi nxa liqhela ejwabini, umphristi athi ungcolile, yibulephero. 28 Kodwa nxa itshatha lilokhu linjalo futhi lingaqhelanga ejwabini kodwa selifiphele, kuyabe kulithuthuva elivuvukileyo, umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile, bekulitshisa nje kuphela.

29 Nxa owesilisa loba owesifazane elesilonda ekhanda loba esilevini, 30 umphristi kasihlole, kuthi nxa kubonakala sijulile enyameni, inwele phezu kwaso sezimpofana njalo zingakhuli, umphristi uzakuthi lowomuntu ungcolile, yibulephero bekhanda

loba obesilevu. 31 Kodwa nxa umphristi angasihlola isilonda leso abone singajulanga, kungelanwele ezimnyama kuso, umphristi uzamsusa lowomuntu ebantwini okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 32 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa, umphristi kumele asihlole leso silonda, kuthi nxa singaqhelanga ejwabini, njalo kungelaboya obulithanga phezu kwaso, khona kubonakala ukuthi asijulanga enyameni, 33 kufanele aphucwe kutshiywe indawo elesifo, umphristi aphinde amehlukanise kwabanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 34 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi kumele asihlole, kuthi nxa singaqhelanga njalo kukhanya singajulanga enyameni, umphristi kathi uhlambulukile. Kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, abesesiba ngohlambulukileyo. 35 Kodwa nxa isilonda siqhela ejwabini emva kokuba sekuthiwe usehlambulukile, 36 umphristi uzamhlola, kanti-ke nxa isilonda sisuke saqhela ejwabini, akudingakali ukuthi umphristi adinge ukubona uboya obulithanga; lowomuntu ungcolile. 37 Kodwa nxa ngokubona kwakhe isilonda leso silokhu singaguqukanga sekulenwele ezimnyama kuso, siyabe sesipholile. Uyabe esehlambulukile, umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile.

38 Nxa indoda loba owesifazane elamabala amhlotshana ejwabini, 39 umphristi kumele awahlole, kuthi nxa amabala lawo emhlotshana okungani kufiphele, kuyabe kuyikuqubuka okumveleleyo ejwabini; ngakho lowomuntu uhlambulukile.

40 Nxa indoda ingaselanwele isilempabanga, ihlambulukile. 41 Nxa ingaselanwele phezu kwebunzi, isilempabanga ihlambulukile. 42 Kodwa nxa ilesilonda esibomvana-okumhlotshana ekhanda elilempabanga loba ebunzini, yibulephero obuyabe buqalisa ekhanda loba ebunzini. 43 Umphristi kayihlole leyondoda, kuthi nxa isilonda esivuvukayo ekhanda layo loba ebunzini sibomvana-okumhlotshana njengobulephero, 44 leyondoda isilabo njalo isingcolile. Umphristi uzakuthi leyondoda ingcolile ngenxa yaleso silonda esisekhanda layo.

45 Umuntu olobulephero kumele agqoke izigqoko ezidabukileyo, ayekele inwele zakhe zingakanywanga, embese ingxenye yangaphansi kobuso bakhe amemeze athi: ‘Ngingcolile! Ngingcolile!’ 46 Kuzakuthi nxa elokhu elaleso sifo, ahlale engongcolileyo. Kumele ahlale yedwa, ahlale ngaphandle kwesihonqo.”

Imithetho Emayelana Lobulephero

47 “Nxa isigqoko sagqokwa ngumuntu olobulephero, isembatho sewulu loba eselembu, 48 eselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo kuyiwulu loba ilembu, isikhumba loba yini eyenziwe ngesikhumba, 49 nxa lokhu kungcola kusesembathweni selembu, isikhumba, loba yini eyelukiweyo, loba ephothiweyo loba kuyini okwesikhumba, kubonakala kuluhlazana loba kubomvana, yibulephero; kufanele kutshengiswe umphristi. 50 Umphristi kahlole ukungcola lokhu abesesehlukanisa leyonto esingcolile, ibekwe yodwa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 51 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuzamele akuhlole, kuthi nxa ukungcola sekuqhelile esembathweni, eselukiweyo loba esithungiweyo, loba isikhumba, loba sisetshenziswani, lokho kuyibulephero, isembatho leso singcolile. 52 Kumele asitshise isembatho leso, loba eselukiweyo lesithungiweyo, kuyiwulu loba ilembu, loba kuyinto yesikhumba elesifo sokungcola, njengoba kuyibulephero; leyonto kumele itshiswe.

53 Kodwa, nxa kuyikuthi ekuhlolweni kwaso ngumphristi, kubonakale ukuthi isifo asiqhelanga ezigqokweni, loba eselukiweyo loba esithungiweyo, loba esesikhumba, 54 uzalaya ukuthi lololutho olungcolileyo lugeziswe. Kulapho-ke azakwehlukanisa khona kwezinye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 55 Ngemva kokuba lesosembatho esingcolileyo sesigezisiwe, umphristi uzasihlola, kuthi nxa isifo sokungcola esisesigqokweni singaguqukanga umbala waso lanxa siyabe singaqhelanga, singcolile. Kasitshiswe ngomlilo, loba isifo sokungcola sihlasele nganxanye. 56 Nxa, lapho umphristi esihlola, kubonakale isilonda sesifiphele ngemva kokugeziswa kwesigqoko,

umphristi kadabule ingxenye ebilesifo esigqokweni loba yisikhumba loba ngeselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo. 57 Kodwa nxa isifo sibonakala futhi esigqokweni, ingabe eselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo, loba kungesesikhumba, siyabe siyaqhela, akuthi konke okulesifo kutshiswe ngomlilo. 58 Isigqoko siphi lasiphi, kungaba ngesokwelukwa, esokuphothwa loba esesikhumba esesike sageziswa sahlanzwa lesosifo kumele sigeziswe futhi, kube yikho ukuhlanzeka kwaso."

59 Le yiyo imilayo emayelana lokungcoliswa yibulephero ezigqokweni loba ngezewulu kumbe ezelembu, kungaba ngezelukiweyo loba eziphothiweyo, loba isikhumba; ukuze kuthiwe zihlambulukile loba zingcolile.

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Ukuhlanjululwa Emikhuhlaneni Ethelelwanayo

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Le yimithetho eqondana lalowo olobulephero ngesikhathi sokuhlanjululwa kwakhe ngokomkhuba, nxa elethwa phambi komphristi.
3 Umphristi kaphume ezihonqweni ayemhlola. Nxa umuntu lowo esesilile ebulepherweni, 4 umphristi uzalaya ukuthi kulethelwe inyoni ezimbili eziphilayo, ezihlambulukileyo, kanye lenkuni zesihlahla somsedari, intambo ebomvu lehisophi ukuze lowo muntu ahlanjululwe. 5 Lapho-ke umphristi uzalaya ukuthi eyinye yalezo nyoni ibulawelwe phezu kwamanzi acengekileyo, asembizeni yomdaka. 6 Usezathatha inyoni ephilayo ayigxamuze ndawonye lokhuni lomsedari, lentambo ebomvu lehisophi egazini laleyo nyoni ebulawelwe phezu kwamanzi ahlambulukileyo. 7 Uzachela lowo ohlanjululwa ubulephero ngalelogazi kasikhombisa, abesesithi usehlambulukile. Abesekhulula inyoni esaphila izihambele egangeni.
8 Umuntu okufanele ukuthi ahlanjululwe kumele agezise izigqoko zakhe, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, abesegeza umzimba ngamanzi, ngalokho uzabe esehlambulukile ngokomkhuba. Ngemva kwalokho usengangena ezihonqweni, kodwa kumele ahlale ngaphandle kwethente lakhe okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 9 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa kumele aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, intshiya zakhe kanye lazozonke inwele zakhe. Kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, ageze umzimba ngamanzi; ngalokho uzakuba ngohlambulukileyo.
10 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kumele alethe amazinyane amabili amaduna lelilodwa elisikazi, wonke elomnyaka owodwa, wonke engelasici, ndawonye lezilinganiso zehefa ezintathu etshumini zefulawa ecolekileyo, evutshwe ngamafutha, kungumnikelo wamabele, kanye lehetshezana lwamafutha. 11 Umphristi obikayo ukuthi usehlambulukile lowomuntu nguye omethulayo kanye leminikelo yakhe KUTHIXO esangweni lethente lokuhlangana.
12 Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi kathathe elinye izinyane eliduna anikele ngalo kube ngumnikelo wecala, kanye lehetshezana lwamafutha; uzakuzunguza phambi KUKATHIXO, kungumnikelo wokuzunguzwa. 13 Uzahlaba lelozinyane endaweni engcwele lapho okuhlatshelwa khona iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yokutshiswa. Umnikelo wecala ungowomphristi, njengomnikelo wesono; ungcwele kakhulu. 14 Umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wecala alininde oqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene sakhe.
15 Umphristi uzathatha amanye amafutha, awathele esandleni sakhe sokhohlo,
16 agxamuze umunwe wakhe wenkomba emafutheni lawo, abesewafafaza phambi KUKATHIXO kasikhombisa. 17 Umphristi kaninde amafutha aseleyo esandleni oqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene lasozwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lolwesokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala.
18 Amafutha lawo aseleyo esandleni somphristi kawagcobe ekhanda lalowo ohlanjululwayo, abesemenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi KUKATHIXO.

19 Ngemva kwalokho, kalethe umnikelo wesono ecelela ozahlanjululwa indlela
yokubuyisana kulokhu kungcola kwakhe. Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi uzenza
umnikelo wokutshiswa, 20 anikele ngawo e-alithareni, kanye lowamabele, amenzele
indlela yokubuyisana, ngalokho uzahlanjululwa.
21 Kodwa-ke, nxa engumyanga, engazenelisi lezizinto, kumele athathe izinyane
lemvu eliduna libe ngumnikelo wecala ozazunguzwa ukumenzela indlela yokubuy-
isana, lengxenye eyodwa etshumini yefulawa ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lamafutha,
kungumnikelo wamabele, lehetshezana lwamafutha, 22 lamajuba amabili kumbe
amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, lokho angakwanelisa, okunye kungumnikelo
wesono kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.
23 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kumele akulethe kumphristi ukuba ahlanjululwe
esangweni lethente lokuhlangana phambi kukaThixo. 24 Umphristi kathathe izinyane
lemvu libe ngumnikelo wecala, ndawonye lehetshezana lwamafutha, akuzunguze
phambi kukaThixo, kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa. 25 Uzahlaba izinyane lemvu
kube ngumnikelo wecala abesethatha elinye alininde oqwangeni lwendlebe yok-
wesokudla yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene kanye lasozwa-
neni olukhulu lonyawo lwesandla sokunene. 26 Umphristi uzachathekela amanye
amafutha esandleni sakhe senxele, 27 besekusithi ngomunwe wakhe wenkomba,
owesandla sokunene achele amanye amafutha kasikhombisa phambi kukaThixo.
28 Kuthi amanye amafutha asesandleni sakhe awaninde endaweni lezo aninde khona
igazi lomnikelo wecala, oqwangeni lwendlebe yokwesokudla yalowo ozahlanjululwa,
esithupheni sesandla sokunene kanye lasozwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwesandla
sokunene. 29 Umphristi uzagcoba ikhanda lalowo ohlanjululwayo ngamafutha ase-
leyo esandleni sakhe, emenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo. 30 Ngakho
uzanikela ngamajuba lawayana loba amaphuphu enkwilimba lezo, lokho ayabe
ekwenelisile, 31 okunye kungumnikelo wesono, kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele. Ngale indlela, umphristi uzakwenzela
ozahlanjululwa indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo.”
32 Le yiyo imithetho yokuphathwa kwalabo abalomkhuhlane wobulephero aban-
genelisi iminikelo yokuhlanjululwa ejayelekileyo.

Ukuhlanjululwa Kwabalesikhwekhwe

33 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 34 “Nxa lingena ezweni laseKhenani, lelo
engilinika lona ukuba libe yisabelo senu, besengifaka isikhwekhwe esithelel-
wanayo endlini kulelolizwe, 35 umnini waleyondlu kufanele ayetshela umphristi
athi ‘ngibona okufanana lesikhwekhwe endlini yami?’ 36 Umphristi engakayi
kuleyondlu ukuyahlola isikhwekhwe kumele akhiphe isiqondiso sokuthi kutshiswe
konke okukuleyondlu ukuze kungabi lalutho kuleyondlu oluzathiwa lungcolile.
Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi uzangena ahlole leyondlu. 37 Uzahlola isikhwekhwe
emidulini, kuthi nxa ebona ukuthi kulamabala aluhlaza loba abomvana emdulini
njalo ebonakala ejulile emdulini, 38 umphristi uzaphuma ngomnyango wendlu,
awuvale okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 39 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa, umphristi uz-
abuyela ayehlola leyondlu. Nxa isikhwekhwe sesigcwele emidulini, 40 uzakhupha
isiqondiso sokuthi amatshe alaleso sikhwekhwe adilizwe, ayephoselwa endaweni
engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho. 41 Kalaye ukuthi imiduli yonke eyangaphakathi
iphalwe, kuthi lokho okuphaliweyo kuyelahlelwa endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle
kwedolobho. 42 Besebefaka amatshe amatsha esikhundleni salawo, bagudule indlu
ngodaka olutsha.
43 Nxa isikhwekhwe sibonakala kutsha kuleyondlu ngemva kokudilizwa kwamat-
she lokuphalwa kwemiduli njalo isigudulwe, 44 umphristi kahambe ayeyihlola, nxa

efumana isikhwekhwe sesiqhelile kuleyondlu, kuyabe kuyisikhwekhwe esibulalayo; leyondlu ingcolile. 45 Kufanele idilizwe, amatshe ayo, izigodo, lodaka lwayo kumele kuyephoselwa endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho.

46 Loba ngubani ongena kuleyondlu ngesikhathi isavaliwe uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. 47 Loba ngubani ozalala loba adlele kuleyondlu kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe.

48 Kodwa umphristi angabuya ezoyihlola afumane ukuthi isikhwekhwe asiqhelanga ngemva kokugudulwa, uzakuthi indlu ihlambulukile, ngoba isikhwekhwe singasekho. 49 Ukuze indlu ibe ngehlanzekileyo, uzathatha inyoni ezimbili kanye lenkuni zesihlahla somsedari, lentambo ezelukiweyo ezibomvu lehisophi. 50 Uzahlaba enye yalezi zinyoni emanzini acengekileyo embizeni yomdaka. 51 Abesethatha inkuni zesihlahla somsedari, ihisophi, intambo ebomvu elukiweyo lenyoni ephilayo, akugxamuze egazini lenye ebuleweyo lamanzi acengekileyo, abesechela leyondlu kasikhombisa. 52 Uzayihlanza leyondlu ngegazi lenyoni, amanzi acengekileyo, inyoni ephilayo, inkuni zesihlahla somsedari, ihisophi lentambo ephothiweyo ebomvu. 53 Ngemva kwalokho kakhulule inyoni ephilayo emangweni ngaphandle kwedolobho. Ngalindlela uzabe esenze indlela yokubuyisana kuleyondlu, izabe singehlambulukileyo.”

54 Le yiyo imithetho eqondane lobulephero, ukuluma komzimba, 55 isikhwekhwe ezigqokweni kumbe endlini, 56 ukuvuvuka, ukuqubuka kumbe itshatha elikhanyayo, 57 ukuze kubonakale ukuthi ulutho luhlambulukile loba lungcolile.

Le yiyo imithetho yobulephero kanye lesikhwekhwe.

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Ubovu Obudala Ukungcola

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 2 “Khulumani labako-Israyeli lithi kubo: ‘Nxa indoda iphuma ubovu, ubovu obuphumayo bungcolile. 3 Lanxa buthonta emzimbeni wakhe loba buvalekile, bumenza abe ngongcolileyo. Lokhu yikho okwenza ubovu obuphuma emzimbeni wakhe bumenze abe ngongcolileyo:

4 Loba yiwuphi umbheda indoda le ephuma ubovu ezalala kuwo, uzakuba ngongcolileyo, njalo loba kuyini okuzahlala phezu kwawo, kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo. 5 Loba ngubani othinta umbheda wakhe kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, abesegeza ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. 6 Loba ngubani ozahlala loba kuphezu kwani lapho okuke kwahlala khona indoda ethonta ubovu, kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

7 Loba ngubani ozathinta lindoda kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, ngalokho uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

8 Nxa indoda ephuma ubovu ingakhafulela omunye ongelabo, lowomuntu kagezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, yena uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

9 Konke indoda le ehlala kukho igadile kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, 10 njalo loba ngubani ozathinta loba yini yezinto ebezingaphansi kwakhe uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa, loba ngubani ozadobha lezozinto, kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, abesegeza ngamanzi, njalo uzabe engongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

11 Loba ngubani ozathintwa yindoda le ephuma ubovu engagezanga izandla zakhe ngamanzi kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, kodwa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

12 Imbiza yomdaka ezathintwa yile indoda kufanele ibulawe, kuthi konke okwenziwe ngesigodo kumele kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi.

13 Nxa indoda isihlanjululwe ekuphumeni kwayo ubovu, kayibale insuku eziyisikhombisa kube yikuhlanjululwa kwayo ngokomkhuba; kufanele igezise izigqoko
zayo, ibisigeza ngamanzi amahle andubana ihlambuluke. 14 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kufanele ithathe amajuba amabili, loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili
ize phambi KUKATHIXO esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, iwaqhubele umphristi.
15 Umphristi uzanikela ngakho; okunye ngokomnikelo wesono, okunye ngokomnikelo
wokutshiswa. Ngalokho, uzakwenza ukubuyisana phambi KUKATHIXO kwaleyondoda
ngenxa yomkhuhlane wayo.

16 Nxa indoda ivuza ubudoda, kumele igeze umzimba wayo wonke ngamanzi, njalo
izakuba ngengcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. 17 Loba yisiphi isigqoko kumbe isikhumba
esilobudoda, kufanele sigeziswe ngamanzi, njalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kuze
kube kusihlwa. 18 Nxa indoda ingalala lowesifazane ichithe, kufanele ukuthi bobabili
bageze ngamanzi, ngakho bazakuba ngabangcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

19 Nxa owesifazane esemfuleni njengenjayelo, ukungcola kwakhe okubangelwa
yikuba semfuleni kwakhe, kuzathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa, ngakho wonke
omthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

20 Yonke into owesifazane lo azalala phezu kwayo ngesikhathi esemfuleni izakuba
ngengcolileyo, njalo loba kuyini azahlala phezu kwakho, sekungcolile. 21 Ozathinta
umbheda wakhe kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza umzimba ngamanzi,
njalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. 22 Loba ngubani ozathinta
loba kuyini owesifazane lo abehlezi phezu kwakho kufanele agezise izigqoko
zakhe, ageze umzimba ngamanzi, njalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.
23 Akukhathalekile ukuba kungaba ngumbheda loba enye into nje owesifazane lo
abehlezi kukho, umuntu loba engubani angakuthinta, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze
kube kusihlwa.

24 Nxa indoda ingalala lowesifazane osemfuleni ibe isithinta igazi lomopho wakhe,
indoda izakuba ngengcolileyo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, loba yiwuphi umbheda
ezalala kuwo, uzakuba ngongcolileyo.

25 Nxa owesifazane angopha okwensuku ezithile zilandelana kodwa engekho
emfuleni, loba esopha okwensuku ezedlula insuku zokopha nxa esemfuleni, uzakuba
ngongcolileyo nxa ukopha kungakemi, njengasezinsukwini zakhe esemfuleni. 26 Loba
yiwuphi umbheda azalala kuwo nxa umopho uqhubeka, uzakuba ngongcolileyo,
njengokungcola kombheda wakhe ngesikhathi esemfuleni, njalo konke ahlala phezu
kwakho kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, njengokungcola kwakhe nxa esemfuleni. 27 Loba
ngubani ozathinta lezizinto uzakuba ngongcolileyo; kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe
abesegeza ngamanzi, ngalokho uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa.

28 Nxa esehlanzekile ekopheni kwakhe, kufanele ahlale insuku eziyisikhombisa
andubana ahlambuluke ngokomkhuba. 29 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uzathatha
amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili akulethe kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 30 Umphristi uzanikela okunye kube ngumnikelo
wesono, kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngale indlela uzakwenza
ukubuyisana kwakhe phambi KUKATHIXO ngenxa yokungcola kwakhe esopha.

31 Kufanele wahlukanise abako-Israyeli ezintweni ezibangcolisayo, ukuze bangafeli
ekungcoleni kwabo, bangcolise indawo engihlala kuyo, ephakathi kwabo.' "

32 Le yiyo imithetho eqondene lendoda ephuma ubovu, loba ngubani ongcoliswe yikuphuma ubudoda, 33 lowesifazane nxa esemfuleni, lendoda loba owesifazane okuphuma kuye okungcolileyo, njalo lendoda elala lowesifazane ongcolileyo
ngokomkhuba.

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Usuku Lokubuyisana

1 UTHIXO wakhuluma loMosi ngemva kokufa kwamadodana ka-Aroni azama
ukuqondana LOTHIXO. 2 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Tshela umfowenu u-Aroni ukuthi
angamani abuye nje ngokuthanda kwakhe endaweni eNgcwelengcwele, ngemva
kwekhetheni, phambi kwesihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho funa afe, ngoba
ngiyabonakala ngiseyezini phezu kwesihlalo somusa.

3 U-Aroni kuzamele angene endaweni engcwele ngale indlela: Keze lejongosi, kube
ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi okomnikelo wokutshiswa, kube yinqama. 4 Uzagqoka ib-
hatshi elingcwele elenziwe ngelembu elicolekileyo, lezigqoko zelineni ezangaphansi;
kazibophe ngebhanti elenziwe ngelineni njalo athwale iqhiye yelineni. Lezi yizem-
batho ezingcwele; ngakho kufanele ageze umzimba ngamanzi andubana agqoke
izembatho lezi. 5 Kathathe imbuzi ezinduna ezimbili esizweni sako-Israyeli zibe
ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.

6 U-Aroni uzanikela ngenkunzi, ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe, ukwenzela ukubuy-
isana kwakhe lokwabendlu yakhe. 7 Abesethatha imbuzi zombili azilethe phambi
KUKATHIXO, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 8 Uzaphosa inkatho yokubona
ngembuzi zombili, eyinye izakuba NGEKATHIXO, enye ibe ngeyesesulelo. 9 U-Aroni
uzaletha imbuzi yenkatho KATHIXO ibe ngumnikelo wesono. 10 Kodwa imbuzi
edliwe yinkatho yesesulelo izalethwa KUTHIXO iphila ukuze isetshenziswe ukwenza
ukubuyisana ngokuyixotshela enkangala, njengembuzi yesesulelo.

11 U-Aroni uzaletha inkunzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe ukwenzela ukubuyisana
kwakhe lokwendlu yakhe, njalo uzayihlaba leyonkunzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono
sakhe. 12 Uzathatha isiphathelo sokutshisela impepha sigcwele amalahle avuthayo
ase-alithareni phambi KUKATHIXO kanye lempepha ecolekileyo enuka kamnandi
egcwala izandla ezimbili, ayelakho ngemva kwekhetheni. 13 Uzathela impepha
emlilweni phambi KUKATHIXO, kuthi intuthu yempepha isibekele isihlalo somusa
esiphezu kwezibhebhedu zobufakazi ukuze angafi. 14 Uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi,
achele ngalo phambi kwebhokisi lesihlalo somusa esebenzisa umunwe wakhe;
ngomunwe wakhe njalo achele kasikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo somusa.

15 Ngemva kwalokho, uzabulala imbuzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono sabantu,
abesethatha igazi layo aye ngemva kwekhetheni, ayekwenza njengalokhu akwenze
ngegazi lenkunzi: Uzachela phezu kwesihlalo somusa laphambili kwaso. 16 Ngalokho
uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana, endaweni eNgcwelengcwele ngenxa yokungcola
lokuhlamuka kwabako-Israyeli, kungakhathalekile ukuthi benze sono bani. Uzak-
wenza njalo into efanayo ethenteni lokuhlangana eliphakathi kwabo ngokungcola
okuphakathi kwabo. 17 Kakho ozangena ethenteni lokuhlangana, kusukela ekun-
geneni kuka-Aroni esiyakwenza indlela yokubuyisana endaweni eNgcwelengcwele
aze aphume, esezenzele indlela yokubuyisana, leyabendlu yakhe kanye lesizwe sonke
sako-Israyeli.

18 Ngakho uzakuza e-alithareni eliphambi KUKATHIXO, alenzele indlela yokubuy-
isana. Uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi lelinye elembuzi, aninde ngalo impondo zonke
ze-alithare. 19 Uzachela elinye igazi ngomunwe wakhe kasikhombisa ukulihlanza
lokulingcwelisa kulokhu kungcola kwabako-Israyeli.

20 Nxa u-Aroni eseqedile ukwenzela indlela yokubuyisana indawo eNgcwe-
lengcwele, ithente lokuhlangana kanye le-alithari, uzaletha imbuzi ephilayo.
21 Uzabeka izandla zakhe zombili ekhanda lembuzi ephilayo, avumele phezu kwayo
ukona lokuhlamuka kwabako-Israyeli, izono zabo zonke azifake ekhanda lembuzi.

Imbuzi le izaxotshelwa enkangala iqhutshwa yindoda ekhethelwe lowomsebenzi.
22 Imbuzi izathwala zonke izono zabo, ithubele lazo; indoda izayixotshela enkangala.
23 Ngakho u-Aroni uzangena ethenteni lokuhlangana, akhulule izigqoko zelineni abezigqoke engakangeni endaweni eNgcwelengcwele, azitshiye khonapho.
24 Uzageza umzimba ngamanzi endaweni engcwele, abesegqoka izigqoko zakhe. Ngemva kwalokho uzaphuma lapho ayezinikelela umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lokunikelela abantu umnikelo wokutshiswa, esenzela ukubuyisana kwakhe lokwabantu.
25 Njalo uzatshisa amahwahwa omnikelo wesono e-alithareni.
26 Indoda ezaxotshela imbuzi eyisesulelo kumele ihlambe izigqoko zayo lomzimba ngamanzi; ngemva kwalokho isingangena ezihonqweni.
27 Inkunzi kanye lembuzi yomnikelo wesono, okulegazi elilethwe endaweni eNgcwelengcwele ukwenzela ukubuyisana, kakukhitshelwe ngaphandle kwezihonqo; kutshiswe izikhumba zakho, inyama kanye lezangaphakathi.
28 Indoda ezatshisa lokhu kayigezise izigqoko zayo njalo igeze lomzimba wayo ngamanzi; ngemva kwalokho isingangena ezihonqweni.
29 Lokhu kakube yisimiso kini esingapheliyo: Ngosuku lwetshumi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, lizidele, lingabambi umsebenzi, loba lingabanikazi bendawo loba kungabezizwe phakathi kwenu,
30 ngenxa yokuthi ngalolusuku lizakwenzelwa ukubuyisana, ukulihlambulula. Ngakho, phambi kUKaTHIXO, lizabe selihlanzekile ezonweni zenu zonke.
31 KuliSabatha lokuphumula, ngakho kumele lizidele, kuyisimiso esingapheliyo.
32 Umphristi ogcotshiweyo, wabekwa ukuthatha isikhundla sikayise ukuba ngumphristi omkhulu uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana. Uzagqoka izigqoko ezingcwele zelineni,
33 enze ukubuyisana kwendawo eNgcwelengcwele, lokwethente lokuhlangana lokwe-alithari, lokwabaphristi kanye labantu bonke bakuleyondawo.
34 Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo kini: Ukubuyisana kakwenziwe kanye ngomnyaka, kusenzelwa zonke izono zabako-Israyeli.”

Lokhu kwenziwa, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

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Ukudla Igazi Akuvunyelwa

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, labo bonke abako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
3 Loba ngubani owako-Israyeli ozakwenza umhlatshelo ngenkabi, izinyane lemvu loba imbuzi ezihonqweni loba ngaphandle kwazo,
4 esikhundleni sokuyiletha esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, ukuyinikela ukuthi ibe ngumnikelo kUTHIXO phambi kwethabanikeli LIKaTHIXO, lowomuntu uzakuba lecala lokuchitha igazi; usechithe igazi ngakho kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo.
5 Lokhu kuzakwenza abako-Israyeli balethe kUTHIXO imihlatshelo le abayenzela egangeni. Kabayilethe kumphristi, lokhu kuyikuthi, kUTHIXO, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana njalo banikele njengeminikelo yobudlelwano.
6 Umphristi kachele i-alithari LIKaTHIXO ngegazi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, atshise amahwahwa njengephunga elimnandi kUTHIXO.
7 Bangabe besanikela loba yiwuphi umnikelo kubonkulunkulu babo bembuzi labo ababaxhwalisayo. Lesi kumele kube yisimiso sabo esingapheliyo lakuzizukulwane ezizayo.’

8 Wothi kubo: ‘Loba nguphi owako-Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlezi labo onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo,
9 kodwa engawulethi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukuba akuhlabele UTHIXO, lowomuntu kaxotshwe ebantwini bakibo.

10 Loba ngubani owako-Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwabo ozakudla loba yiliphi igazi, ngizamelana laye odla igazi, ngimxotshe phakathi kwabantu bakibo.
11 Ngoba impilo yesidalwa isegazini, njalo ngiliphile ukuthi lenze ukubuyisana kwenu e-alithareni ngalo; kuligazi elenze ukubuyisana empilweni yomuntu.

12 Ngakho ngithi kwabako-Israyeli, “Kakho phakathi kwenu ozakudla igazi, loba
owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu ozakudla igazi.”
13 Loba ngubani owako-Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu ozingela
loba yiphi inyamazana loba inyoni edliwayo, kavuzise igazi aligqibele ngenhla-
bathi, 14 ngoba impilo yesidalwa isegazini laso. Yikho ngithe kwabako-Israyeli,
“Lingabokudla igazi laloba yisiphi isidalwa, ngoba impilo yesidalwa sonke ligazi laso;
loba ngubani olidlayo kaxotshwe.”
15 Loba ngubani, kungaba ngumnikazi wendawo loba owezizwe, ozakudla
loba kuyini okufunyanwe kufile, loba okubulewe yizinyamazana zeganga,
kahlambe izigqoko zakhe kanye lomzimba wakhe ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo
ngokomkhuba kuze kuhlwe; uzakuba esehlambulukile. 16 Kodwa nxa engahlambi
izigqoko zakhe lokugeza umzimba wakhe, uzakuba lecala.’ ”

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Ukuhlangana Kowesilisa Lowesifazane Okungekho Emthethweni

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘NGINGUTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu. 3 Lingabokwenza lokhu okwenziwa eGibhithe, lapho elalikhona,
njalo lingabokwenza abakwenzayo ezweni laseKhenani, lapho engilisa khona.
Lingalandeli abakwenzayo. 4 Lalelani imithetho yami njalo linanzelele, lilandele
izimiso zami. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 5 Gcinani izimiso zami
lemithetho yami, ngoba umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.
6 Akungabi lamuntu osondela esihlotsheni sakhe esiseduze ukuthi alale laso. Mina
NGINGUTHIXO.
7 Ungatheleli uyihlo ihlazo ngokulala lonyoko. Ngunyoko; ungalali laye.
8 Ungalali lomfazi kayihlo; lokho kuthelela uyihlo ihlazo.
9 Ungalali lodadewenu, loba indodakazi kayihlo loba indodakazi kanyoko, kun-
gakhathalekile ukuthi wazalelwa ekhaya loba kwenye indawo.
10 Ungalali lendodakazi yendodana yakho loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakho;
lokhu kuzakuthelela ihlazo.
11 Ungalali lendodakazi yomfazi kayihlo, eyazalwa nguyihlo, ingudadewenu.
12 Ungalali lodadewabo kayihlo; uyisihlobo sikayihlo esiseduze kakhulu.
13 Ungalali lodadewabo kanyoko, uyisihlobo sikanyoko esiseduzane kakhulu.
14 Ungatheleli umfowabo kayihlo ihlazo ngokusondela kumkakhe ukuthi ulale laye,
ngoba ungunyoko.
15 Ungalali lomalokazana wakho, ngumfazi wendodana yakho; ungalali laye.
16 Ungalali lomfazi womfowenu; kuzathelela umfowenu ihlazo.
17 Ungalali lowesifazane kanye lendodakazi yakhe. Ungalali lendodakazi yendo-
dana yakhe loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe; bayizihlobo zakho eziseduzane.
Lokhu kuyikuxhwala.
18 Ungathathi udadewabo womkakho ukuthi ulale laye nxa umkakho esaphila.
19 Ungasondeli kowesifazane ukuthi ulale laye ngesikhathi esemfuleni ngoba
ungcolile.
20 Ungalali lomfazi kamakhelwane wakho ngoba uyazingcolisa ngaye.
21 Unganikeli loba nguphi wabantwabakho ukuthi abe ngumhlatshelo kunku-
lunkulu uMoleki, ngoba akufanelanga ukuthi ungcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO.
22 Ungalali lendoda njengendoda ilala lomfazi; lokhu kuyisinengiso.
23 Ungafebi lenyamazana, ngoba uyazingcolisa ngalokho. Owesifazane angafebi
lenyamazana, lokhu kuyisinengiso.

24 Lingazingcolisi noma kungayiphi yalezizindlela, ngoba yizo izindlela izizwe
engizazidudula phambi kwenu ezazingcolisa ngazo. 25 Kwaze kwangcola lelizwe;
kungakho ngalijezisa ngesono salo, ilizwe ababehlala kulo labakhafula. 26 Kodwa
kumele ligcine izimiso zami lemilayo yami. Lina banikazi belizwe labezizwe
abaphakathi kwenu, akufanelanga benze lezizinto ezenyanyekayo, 27 ngoba zonke
lezizinto zenziwa ngabantu ababehlala kulelilizwe lina lingakafiki, ngakho ilizwe
langcola. 28 Nxa lingenza amanyala kulelilizwe, lizalikhafula njengendlela elakhafula
ngayo izizwe ezalandulelayo.
29 Loba ngubani owenza lezizinto ezenyanyekayo, kumele axotshwe ebantwini
bakibo. 30 Gcinani iziqondiso zami, lingalandeli izindlela zamanyala lemikhuba eyay-
ilandelwa ngabantu abalandulelayo, njalo lingazingcolisi ngayo. Mina NGINGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu.' "

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Imithetho Yempilo Engcwele

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Tshela lonke ibandla lako-Israyeli uthi kulo: 'Wobani
ngcwele ngoba mina THIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngingcwele.
3 Ngulowo lalowo kini kahloniphe unina loyise, njalo kumele ligcine amaSabatha
ami. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
4 Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni loba lizibumbele onkulunkulu benu. NGINGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu.
5 Nxa lisenza umhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano KUTHIXO, wenzeni ngendlela
ezakwenza wamukeleke ukusiza lina. 6 Kumele udliwe ngalo ilanga lomhlatshelo loba
ngelanga lakusasa; lokho okuseleyo kuze kube lilanga lesithathu kumele kutshiswe.
7 Lokho okudliwa ngelanga lesithathu kuzabe sekungcolile, kungabe kusemukeleka.
8 Lowo okudlayo uzakuba lomlandu, ngoba uzabe esengcolise lokho okungcwele
KUTHIXO.
9 Lapho libutha isivuno samasimu enu, lingabuthi konke kuze kube semaphethel-
weni ensimu kumbe lize liqede konke. 10 Lingakhi izithelo ezivinini zenu kabili
kumbe lidobhe ezikhithikileyo. Zitshiyeleni abayanga lezihambi. Mina NGINGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu.
11 Lingebi.
Lingaqambi amanga.
Lingakhohlisani.
12 Lingafungi amanga ngebizo lami, beselingcolisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu wenu.
NGINGUTHIXO.
13 Lingaqilibezeli umakhelwane wenu, lingamkhuthuzi.
Umuntu oqhatshiweyo lingambambeli iholo lakhe kuze kube kusasa.
14 Lingathuki isacuthe loba liphosele isikhubekiso phambi kwesiphofu, kodwa
yesabani uNkulunkulu wenu. NGINGUTHIXO.
15 Lingawutshili umthetho; lingabandlululi umyanga kumbe litshengise ukukhetha
abakhulu, kodwa mahluleleni ngokulunga umakhelwane wenu.
16 Lingahambi linyeya kwabakini.
Ungenzi lutho olulimaza umakhelwane wakho. NGINGUTHIXO.
17 Lingamzondi umfowenu ngezinhliziyo zenu. Khuzani umakhelwane likhululek-
ile ukuze lingabi lomlandu njengaye.
18 Lingaphindiseli loba libambe isikhwili komunye wabantu bakini, kodwa than-
dani omakhelwane benu njengalokhu lizithanda lina. NGINGUTHIXO.
19 Gcinani izimemezelo zami.
Lingenzi izifuyo zenu zikhwele ezolunye uhlobo.
Lingahlanyeli insimu yinye ngemihlobo emibili yenhlanyelo etshiyeneyo.

Lingavunuli izigqoko ezenziwe ngemihlobo yamalembu amabili atshiyeneyo.
20 Nxa indoda ingalala lowesifazane oyisigqili osethembise enye indoda kodwa
ongakahlengwa loba waphiwa inkululeko, kayijeziswe leyondoda. Kodwa akume-
langa babulawe ngoba owesifazane lowo kakakhululwa. 21 Kodwa indoda kumele
ilethe inqama esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, ibe ngumnikelo wecala kuTHIXO.
22 Ngaleyonqama yomnikelo wecala, umphristi kamenzele indlela yokubuyisana
kuTHIXO ngenxa yesono esenzileyo. Isono sayo sizathethelelwa.
23 Nxa selingenile elizweni, lahlanyela zonke izihlahla ezidliwayo, lingadli izithelo
zazo ngoba kuyazila. Ziyazila okweminyaka emithathu; kazingadliwa. 24 Ngomnyaka
wesine, zonke izithelo zazo zizabangcwele, zibe ngumnikelo wokudumisa uTHIXO.
25 Kodwa ngomnyaka wesihlanu lidle izithelo zazo. Ngaleyondlela, isivuno senu
sizakwandiswa. Mina yimi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
26 Lingadli inyama elegazi.
Lingenzi izinto zokuvumisa loba ubungoma.
27 Lingagundi inwele emaceleni amakhanda enu njalo lingageli indevu zenu.
28 Lingazisiki imizimba yenu ngenxa yabafileyo kumbe lizicabe. Mina yimi uTHIXO.
29 Lingalulazisi amadodakazi enu ngokuwafebisa funa ilizwe lehlelwe yibubi
bokuphinga.
30 Gcinani amaSabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. Mina nginguTHIXO.
31 Lingayi kwabayizangoma loba lidinge izanuse ngoba zizalingcolisa. Mina yimi
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
32 Sukumelani asebeluphele, lihloniphe abantu abadala, limesabe uNkulunkulu
wenu. Mina yimi uTHIXO.
33 Nxa owezizweni ehlala lani elizweni lenu, lingamhlukuluzi. 34 Owezizweni
ohlala phakathi kwenu kumele laye aphathwe njengowakini. Limthande njengoba
lizithanda lina, ngoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. Mina yimi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu.
35 Lingasebenzisi izilinganiso zokuqilibezela nxa lilinganisa ubude, isisindo loba
umthamo. 36 Sebenzisani izilinganiso eziqotho, ihefa eliqondileyo lehini eliqotho.
Mina yimi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha eGibhithe.
37 Gcinani zonke izimemezelo zami, layo yonke imithetho yami, liyilandele. Mina
yimi uTHIXO.’ ”

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Izijeziso Zokona

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Loba ngubani kwabako-
Israyeli kumbe owezizweni ohlala kini onikela abantwana bakhe kunkulunkulu
uMoleki, kumele abulawe. Izakhamizi kazimkhande ngamatshe. 3 Mina ngizamdela
lowomuntu, ngimkhuphe ebantwini bakibo; ngoba nxa enikele ngabantwabakhe ku-
Moleki, usengcolise indlu yami engcwele, wahlambaza lebizo lami elingcwele. 4 Nxa
izakhamizi zendawo zingangamnanzi lowomuntu enikela umntanakhe kuMoleki
zingambulali, 5 mina ngizamhlamukela lowomuntu labomuzi wakhe, ngibakhuphe
ebantwini bakibo, yena kanye labo bonke abahlanganyela laye njengeziphingi
kuMoleki.
6 Ngizamhlamukela lowo oya ezangomeni lezanuseni njengesiphingi sazo, ngoku-
landelana lazo. Ngizamkhupha kwabakibo.
7 Zingcweliseni libengcwele ngoba mina nginguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
8 Gcinani izimiso zami lizilandele. Mina nginguTHIXO olenza libengcwele.
9 Lowo othuka uyise loba unina kabulawe. Usethuke uyise loba unina ngakho
usefanele ukufa.

10 Nxa indoda ifeba lomfazi womunye, umfazi kamakhelwane, kababulawe
bobabili isiphingi lesiphingikazi leso.
11 Nxa indoda ilala lomfazi kayise, isiyembule ubunqunu bukayise. Leyondoda
lonina lowo kababulawe. Bafanele ukufa.
12 Nxa indoda ilala lomalokazana wayo, kababulawe bobabili. Lokho asebekwen-
zile kulihlazo. Bafanele ukufa.
13 Nxa indoda ilala lenye indoda ingathi ilala lomfazi, bobabili benze amanyala.
Kababulawe. Bafanele ukufa.
14 Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, ithathe lonina, kubi lokho. Yona indoda labesifazane
labo kabatshiswe ngomlilo ukuze kungabi lokuxhwala phakathi kwenu.
15 Nxa indoda iphinga lesifuyo, kayibulawe, lesifuyo leso sibulawe.
16 Nxa owesifazane ehahabela isifuyo aphinge laso, mbulaleni owesifazane lowo
kanye lesifuyo leso sibulawe. Kumele kubulawe kokubili ngoba konke kulomlandu.
17 Nxa indoda ithatha udadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba ekanina balale bonke,
kulihlazo. Kabaxotshwe kwabakibo. Isinqunule udadewabo ngakho isibelomlandu.
18 Nxa indoda ilala lowesifazane esemfuleni, isinqunule umthombo walowomfula,
lowesifazane lowo usewembulile. Bobabili kabaxotshwe ebantwini bakibo.
19 Ungalali lodadewabo kanyoko loba okayihlo, ngoba kuyikunqunula isihlobo
segazi. Lobabili lizakuba lomlandu.
20 Nxa umuntu elala lomkamfowabo kayise, usenqunule umfowabo kayise. Balom-
landu. Bazakufa bengelamntwana.
21 Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi womfowabo, lokho kuyisenzo sokungcola; usembule
ubunqunu bomfowabo. Bazakufa bengelamntwana.
22 Gcinani zonke izimiso zami lemithetho yami, liyilandele ukuze lelolizwe
engililethe ukuba lihlale khona lingalikhafuli. 23 Lingabolandela amasiko ezizwe
engizazixotsha phambi kwenu. Ngoba bazenza zonke lezizinto ngabenyanya.
24 Kodwa ngathi kini, “Lizalithumba ilizwe labo; ngizalipha lona libe yilifa lenu,
ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.” Mina yimi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu olenze lehluka
kwabezizwe.
25 Ngakho-ke kumele lazi umahluko phakathi kwezinyamazana ezihlanzekileyo
lezingahlanzekanga; kanjalo lezinyoni. Lingazingcolisi ngezinyamazana loba
ngezinyoni loba ngani ehuquzela phansi, lezo engiziphawule ngathi zingcolile kini.
26 Kumele libengcwele kimi ngoba mina THIXO ngingcwele njalo ngilahlukanisile
kwabezizwe ukuthi libe ngabami.
27 Indoda loba umfazi ovumisayo loba oyisanuse phakathi kwenu, kabulawe.
Bakhandeni ngamatshe. Yindaba yabo.’ ”

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Imilayo YabaPhristi

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Khuluma labaphristi, amadodana ka-Aroni, ubatshele
ukuthi: ‘Umphristi kakumelanga azingcolise ngokomlayo, ngokungcwaba loba
ngubani wakibo ofileyo, 2 ngaphandle kwesihlobo esiseduze njengonina, uyise,
indodana loba indodakazi yakhe, umfowabo 3 loba udadewabo osegumeni ngoba
engelandoda, labo angabangcwaba. 4 Kangazingcolisi ngenxa yezihlobo zomkakhe,
azibhixe ngokungcwabana lazo.
5 Abaphristi kabangaphuci amakhanda abo, loba bagunde amacele endevu zabo,
loba bazicabe emzimbeni. 6 Kumele babengcwele kuNkulunkulu wabo, njalo
kakumelanga bangcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wabo. Kababe ngcwele ngoba yibo
abanikela imihlatshelo yokudla KUTHIXO, ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wabo, kumele
babengcwele.

7 Kabangathathi abafazi abangcolileyo ngenxa yobufebe, loba abehlukana
lamadoda abo ngoba abaphristi bangcwele kuNkulunkulu. 8 Bathatheni njengabantu
abangcwele ngoba banikela ngokudla kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Bathatheni njenga-
bantu abangcwele ngoba mina THIXO olingcwelisayo ngingcwele.
9 Nxa indodakazi yomphristi izingcolisa ngokuba yisifebe, iyangisa uyise; kayit-
shiswe ngomlilo.
10 Umphristi omkhulu kubafowabo, onguye othelwe amafutha okugcoba umphristi
ekhanda, abekiweyo ukuthi agqoke izivunulo zobuphristi, kakumelanga ekele inwele
zakhe zingakanywanga loba adabule izigqoko zakhe ngenxa yosizi. 11 Kakumelanga
angene lapho okulesidumbu khona. Kangazingcolisi ngaleyondlela loba kufe uyise
kumbe unina, 12 njalo kangasuki endlini kaNkulunkulu kumbe ayingcolise, ngoba
usekhethiwe ngokugcotshwa ngamafutha kaNkulunkulu wakhe. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.
13 Umfazi amthathayo kabe yintombi egcweleyo. 14 Kangathathi umfelokazi,
owehlukene lomkakhe loba umfazi ongcoliswe yibufebe, kodwa athathe kuphela in-
tombi egcweleyo ebantwini bakibo, 15 angangcolisi inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu
bakibo. Mina NGINGUTHIXO engimenza abengcwele.’ ”
16 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 17 “Tshela u-Aroni uthi: ‘kakho owenzalo yakhe kuzozonke
izizukulwane ezizayo nxa elesici esithile ongasondela anikele ukudla kukaNku-
lunkulu wakhe. 18 Akulamuntu olobulima obuthile ongasondela: umuntu oyisiphofu,
longumqhuge, logogekileyo loba olezitho ezingaphelelanga; 19 akulamuntu olobulima
enyaweni loba esandleni, 20 kumbe odundubele emahlombe, loba ongumuthwa,
kumbe elobulima bamehlo, loba olentembuzane, kumbe izilonda eziphihlikayo,
loba olimele emaphambilini. 21 Akungabikhona owenzalo ka-Aroni umphristi
othi nxa elobulima asondele ukuzanikela umnikelo wokudla KUTHIXO. 22 Angadla
ukudla okungcwelengcwele kukaNkulunkulu wakhe loba yikudla bani okungcwele;
23 kodwa ngenxa yobulima bakhe kakumelanga asondele eduze kwekhetheni, kumbe
aye e-alithareni, ngoba ngaleyondlela angangcolisa indlu yami engcwele. Mina
NGINGUTHIXO obenza babengcwele.’ ”
24 Konke lokhu uMosi wakutshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, labo bonke abako-
Israyeli.

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1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe bahloniphe iminikelo
abako-Israyeli abayinikela kimi ukuze bangadumazi ibizo lami elingcwele. Mina
NGINGUTHIXO.
3 Batshele ukuthi, ‘Kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo, nxa ekhona ozabe en-
gahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba kodwa ajinge asondele eminikelweni engcwele, abako-
Israyeli abayihlukanisela UTHIXO, lowomuntu kasuswe ebusweni bami. Mina
NGINGUTHIXO.
4 Nxa owenzalo ka-Aroni elobulephero kumbe ephihlika ubovu emzimbeni,
kangadli iminikelo engcwele aze aqale ahlambuluke. Uzabe esengcolile njalo
angabamba okungcoliswe yisidumbu loba athintane lomuntu ovuza ubudoda, 5 loba
athinte iloba yini enwabuzelayo emenza angcole, loba kungumuntu omenza angcole,
kungakhathalekile ukuthi yikungcola bani. 6 Lowo othinta loba yikuphi kwalezi
izinto uzabe esengcolile kuze kube kusihlwa. Kangadli loba yini eyeminikelo
engcwele, ngaphandle kokuba eseqale wageza ngamanzi. 7 Ilanga lingatshona
uzabe esehlanzekile, lapho-ke usengadla iminikelo engcwele ngoba iyikudla kwakhe.
8 Kangadli lutho oluzifeleyo, loba olubulewe ngezinye izinyamazana zeganga, ngoba
lokho kungamngcolisa. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.
9 Abaphristi kabagcine izimiso zami ukuze bangabi lecala bafe ngenxa yokuzeyisa.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO obenza babengcwele.

10 Akulamuntu ongasuwendlu yomphristi ovunyelwa ukudla umnikelo ongcwele,
loba isethekeli somphristi kumbe isisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo; bonke bangawudli.
11 Kodwa nxa umphristi ethenga isigqili ngemali, loba isigqili singesizelwe emzini
wakhe, lesosigqili singakudla ukudla kwakhe. 12 Nxa indodakazi yomphristi ithathwa
yindoda engasumphristi, kayingadli loba yisiphi isipho esingcwele. 13 Kodwa nxa
indodakazi yomphristi isiba ngumfelokazi loba ixotshwe ekwendeni ingelamntwana,
ibisibuya izohlala ngakibo njengasebutsheni bayo, ingakudla ukudla kukayise; kodwa
ongafanelanga kangakudli.
14 Nxa umuntu engadla umnikelo ongcwele ngokungazi kumele ahlawule
kumphristi, abuye engeze ingxenye yesihlanu yalokho kudla. 15 Umphristi kangang-
colisi iminikelo engcwele elethwa ngabako-Israyeli kuTHIXO 16 ngokubavumela ukuthi
bayidle iminikelo leyo, besebesiba lecala okumele balihlawule. Mina NGINGUTHIXO
obenza babengcwele.' "

Imihlatshelo Engemukelekiyo

17 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 18 "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe labo bonke
abako-Israyeli uthi loba ngubani kubo, owako-Israyeli loba owezizweni ohlala ko-
Israyeli, oletha isipho somhlatshelo kuTHIXO egcwalisa isifungo loba umnikelo
wokuzithandela, 19 kalethe isifuyo esiduna esingelasici, esingaba yinkomo, imvu
kumbe imbuzi ukuze yamukeleke ukumela. 20 Lingalethi lutho olulesici ngoba
kaluyikwamukelwa ukulimela. 21 Nxa omunye ekhetha emhlambini wakhe umnikelo
wobudlelwano ewuletha kuTHIXO ukugcwalisa isifungo esithile kumbe umnikelo
wokuzithandela, lesosifuyo asingabi lasici, loba indawo esolekayo kuso ukwenzela
ukuthi samukeleke. 22 Linganikeli ngezifuyo eziyiziphofu, ezilimeleyo, leziyizilima,
loba ezilensumpa kumbe izilonda eziphihlikayo. Lezi lingazibeki phezu kwe-alithari
ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuTHIXO. 23 Kodwa umnikelo wokuzithandela
ungaba yinkomo kumbe imvu eyisilima loba engakhulanga yaphelela, kodwa ingeke
yamukeleke ukugcwalisa isifungo. 24 Linganikeli kuTHIXO isifuyo esathenwa ngokux-
hokolwa, ngokugxotshwa loba ngokudatshulwa amaphambili. Lingakwenzi lokho
elizweni lakini, 25 njalo lingazemukeli izifuyo ezinjalo kwabezizweni, beselinikela
ngazo zibe yikudla kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Aziyi kwamukeleka ukulimela ngoba
zigogekile, zilezici."
26 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 27 "Ithole elizelweyo loba izinyane lemvu, kumbe elembuzi
kalihlale kunina insuku eziyisikhombisa. Kusukela osukwini lwesificaminwembili
selisamukeleka ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuTHIXO. 28 Inkomokazi loba
imvukazi ayingahlatshwa langa linye lomntanayo.
29 Nxa linikela umhlatshelo wokubonga kuTHIXO, wunikeleni ngendlela eya-
mukelekayo ukulimela. 30 Kayidliwe mhlalokho, lingatshiyi lutho lwayo kuze kuse
kusasa. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.
31 Gcinani imilayo yami liyilandele. Mina NGINGUTHIXO. 32 Lingangcolisi ibizo
lami elingcwele. Abako-Israyeli kabangazi ngokuthi ngingcwele. Mina NGINGUTHIXO
olenza libengcwele, 33 yena owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuba abe nguNkulunkulu wenu.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO."

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IMikhosi Emisiweyo

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Khuluma labako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Le yimikhosi yami
emisiweyo, imikhosi emisiweyo kaTHIXO okumele liyimemezele ukuba yimihlangano
engcwele.' "

ISabatha

3 “ ‘Kulensuku eziyisithupha elingasebenza ngazo, kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa liSabatha lokuphumula, usuku lomhlangano ongcwele. Lingenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi; kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzo, luliSabatha LIKATHIXO.’ ”

IPhasika Kanye LoMkhosi WeSinkwa EsingelaMvubelo

4 “ ‘Le yiyo imikhosi KATHIXO emisiweyo, imihlangano engcwele elizayimemezela ngezikhathi zayo ezimisiweyo: 5 IPhasika LIKATHIXO liqalisa kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala. 6 Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga kuqaliswa uMkhosi KATHIXO weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo. 7 Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke. 8 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO. Kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa libe lenkonzo engcwele, lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke.’ ”

Izithelo Zokuqala

9 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 10 “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nxa selingene elizweni engizalinika lona kalibokuthi lingavuna lilethe kumphristi ilixha lesivuno samabele akuqala. 11 Kumele azunguze ilixha lelo KUTHIXO ukuze lamukeleke. Umphristi kufanele alizunguze ngelanga elilandela iSabatha. 12 Ngelanga lokuzunguza ilixha kumele enze umhlatshelo ube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO, kube lizinyane lemvu eliduna eselilomnyaka, libe ngelingelasici, 13 awunikele ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele oyingxenye yehefa ngokubili etshumini, kube yifulawa ecolekileyo evutshwe ngamafutha. Lo ngumhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa KUTHIXO olephunga elimnandi. Kawenziwe njalo lomnikelo wokunatha oba yingxenye yehini eyodwa kokune kuliwayini. 14 Lingadli sinkwa loba inhlamvu zamabele ezikhanzingiweyo kumbe ezintsha kuze kube yilelolanga eliletha ngalo umnikelo lo kuNkulunkulu wenu. Lokhu kakube yisimiso esingapheliyo kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo kungelani lokuthi lihlala ngaphi.’ ”

UMkhosi WamaViki

15 “ ‘Kusukela ngelanga elilandela iSabatha, ilanga elaletha ngalo ilixha lomnikelo wokuzunguza, balani amaviki ayisikhombisa agcweleyo. 16 Balani insuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu kusiyafika ilanga elingemva kweSabatha lesikhombisa, beseliletha umnikelo wamabele amatsha KUTHIXO. 17 Kungelani lokuthi lihlala ngaphi, lethani izinkwa ezimbili ezenziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo, eyingxenye yehefa ngokubili etshumini, siphekwe ngemvubelo, kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa, owezithelo zakuqala KUTHIXO. 18 Lethani isinkwa lesi ndawonye lamawundlu amaduna ayisikhombisa, linye ngalinye lilomnyaka owodwa ubudala njalo lingelasici, ijongosi lenqama ezimbili. Kuzakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO kanye lomnikelo wamabele lowokunathwayo, umnikelo otshisiweyo ngomlilo oletha iphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO. 19 Beselinikela ngempongo umnikelo wesono, langamawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa abe ngumnikelo wobudlelwano. 20 Umphristi kumele azunguze amawundlu lawo womabili KUTHIXO njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa kanye lesinkwa sezithelo zakuqala. Zingumnikelo womphristi ongcwele KUTHIXO. 21 Ngosuku olufanayo kumele limemezele inkonzo engcwele, lingenzi msebenzi yansuku zonke. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ezizukulwaneni zenu ezizayo, lalapho elizabe lihlala khona.

22 Lapho livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, lingavuni lasemaphethelweni amasimu enu, futhi lingabuthi okukhithikayo lapho livuna. Lokhu kutshiyeleni abayanga lezihambi. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.’ ”

UMkhosi WamaCilongo

23 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 24 “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi, ‘Ilanga lakuqala lenyanga
yesikhombisa lusuku lwesabatha lokuphumula, umbuthano ongcwele wokukhonza
ngokutshaya icilongo. 25 Lingenzi msebenzi, kodwa nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa
kuTHIXO.’ ”

Usuku Lokubuyisana

26 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 27 “Usuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yesikhombisa lilanga
lokubuyisana. Wobani lenkonzo engcwele lizile ukudla, lilethe umnikelo wokut-
shiswa ngomlilo kuTHIXO. 28 Lingasebenzi ngalelolanga, ngoba lilanga lokuBuyisana,
lapho lihlawulelwa kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 29 Lowo ongaziliyo ngalelolanga
makasuswe ebantwini bakibo. 30 Lowo osebenzayo ngalelolanga ngizambhub-
hisa phakathi kwabakibo. 31 Lulisabatha lenu lokuphumula njalo kumele lizile.
32 Kusukela kusihlwa ngelanga lesificamunwemunye lwenyanga kuze kube kusihlwa
ngelanga elilandelayo ligcine isabatha lenu.”

UMkhosi WeziHonqo

33 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 34 “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi ngelanga letshumi
lanhlanu ngenyanga yesikhombisa uMkhosi kaTHIXO weziHonqo kawuqalise njalo
uqhubeke okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 35 Ilanga lokuqala ngelenkonzo engcwele;
lingenzi msebenzi wansuku zonke. 36 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lethani iminikelo
yokutshiswa kuTHIXO, kuthi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili libe lenkonzo engcwele
lilethe umnikelo wokutshiswa kuTHIXO. Yinkonzo yokuvala; lingenzi msebenzi
wansuku zonke.
37 (Le yimikhosi kaTHIXO emisiweyo elizayimemezela njengezinkonzo ezingcwele,
ezokuletha iminikelo yokutshiswa kuTHIXO, iminikelo yokutshiswa, leminikelo yam-
abele, imihlatshelo leminikelo enathwayo efunekayo insuku ngensuku. 38 Iminikelo
le ngengaphezu kwaleyo eyamaSabatha kaTHIXO njalo ngaphezu kwezipho zenu
lalokho eliyabe lifungele ukukupha langaphezulu kweminikelo yonke yokuzithandela
eliyinika uTHIXO.)
39 Ngakho-ke, kusukela ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesikhombisa,
ngemva kokuba selivunile amabele akulelolizwe, wobani lomkhosi wokuthokoza
kuTHIXO okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Elokuqala lilanga lokuphumula, kanye
lelesificaminwembili lalo lilanga lokuphumula. 40 Ngelanga lokuqala libokukha
izithelo ezinhle zezihlahla, ingatsha zamalala, ingatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu
amanengi, lemidubu, lijabule phambi kukaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lonke okwen-
suku eziyisikhombisa. 41 Thakazelelani umkhosi kaTHIXO lo minyaka yonke okwen-
suku eziyisikhombisa. Lesi kasibe yisimiso esingapheliyo ezizukulwaneni ezizayo;
umkhosi liwenze ngenyanga yesikhombisa. 42 Libohlala ezihonqweni okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa. 43 Bonke abako-Israyeli ngokuzalwa kumele bahlale ezihonqweni,
ukuze izizukulwane zenu zazi ukuthi ngahlalisa abako-Israyeli emadumbeni mhla
ngibakhipha eGibhithe. Mina nginguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.”
44 Ngakho uMosi wasebabikela abako-Israyeli ngemikhosi emisiweyo kaTHIXO.

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Amafutha Lesinkwa Kubekwa Phambi KUKATHIXO

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Laya abantu bako-Israyeli bakulethele amafutha
acengekileyo, ahluzwe ema-oliveni, abe ngawokukhanyisa ukuze izibane zihlale
zikhanyisa kokuphela. 3 Ngaphandle kwekhetheni eligudle umtshokotsho wobu-
fakazi, phakathi kwethente lokuhlangana u-Aroni kumele alinde izibane phambi
kukaTHIXO izikhathi zonke nxa kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni. Lokhu kuzakuba

yisimiso saphakade lakuzizukulwane ezizayo. 4 Izibane ezisoluthini lwegolide
elicolekileyo phambi KUKATHIXO kumele zilindwe izikhathi zonke.
5 Thatha ifulawa ecolekileyo wenze izinkwa ezilitshumi lambili usebenzisa okubili
kwetshumi kwehefa isinkwa ngasinye. 6 Zibeke emizileni emibili, ziyisithupha
emzileni munye, phezu kwetafula yegolide elicolekileyo phambi KUKATHIXO.
7 Emzileni ngamunye faka impepha enhle njengengxenye yesikhumbuzo esimela
isinkwa njalo kube ngumhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa KUTHIXO. 8 Isinkwa lesi kumele
sibekwe phambi KUKATHIXO izikhathi zonke, amaSabatha wonke, kusenzelwa abako-
Israyeli, kube yisivumelwano esingayikuphela. 9 Sizakuba ngesika-Aroni lamadodana
akhe, abazasidlela endaweni engcwele ngoba siyingxenye engcwele kakhulu yesabelo
sabo esifaneleyo somhlatshelo onikelwa KUTHIXO.”

Owathuka UNkulunkulu Utshaywa Ngamatshe

10 Kwasekusiba lendodana yomfazi wako-Israyeli, uyise wayengumGibhithe, ya-
suka yaya ebantwini bako-Israyeli, yasixabana lomuntu wako-Israyeli ezihonqweni.
11 Indodana yomfazi wako-Israyeli leyo yahlambaza ibizo LIKATHIXO ngesithuko.
Ngakho bayiletha kuMosi. (Ibizo likanina lalinguShelomithi, indodakazi kaDibhiri,
owesizwe sikaDani.) 12 Bayifaka entolongweni ukuba intando KATHIXO ize yazakale
kuhle kubo.
13 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, 14 “Umuntu lowo owathukayo mkhupheleni ngaphan-
dle kwezihonqo. Bonke labo abamuzwayo babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda
lakhe, ibandla lonke limgongode ngamatshe. 15 Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Loba
ngubani othuka uNkulunkulu wakhe, uzakuba lecala. 16 Loba ngubani othuka
ibizo LIKATHIXO uzabulawa. Ibandla lonke kumele limgongode ngamatshe. Loba
kungowezizweni kumbe oyinzalo yelizwe lakini angahlambaza ibizo LIKATHIXO
kumele abulawe.
17 Obulala umuntu kumele abulawe. 18 Obulala isifuyo somunye kumele ahlawule,
kube okuphilayo ngokuphilayo. 19 Olimaza umakhelwane wakhe, loba ngayiphi
indlela, kumele kwenziwe lakuye, 20 kube yikwephuka ngokwephuka, ilihlo ngelihlo,
izinyo ngezinyo. Njengoba elimaze omunye, ngokunjalo laye kumele alinyazwe.
21 Obulala inyamazana kumele ayihlawule, kodwa obulala umuntu kumele abulawe.
22 Lizakuba lomlayo munye kowezizweni lowakini. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu.’ ”
23 Emva kwalokho uMosi wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli, basebethatha umuntu lowo
owayehlambaze UTHIXO, bamusa ngaphandle kwezihonqo, bamgongoda ngamatshe.
Abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO.

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Umnyaka WeSabatha

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi entabeni iSinayi, 2 “Khuluma ebantwini bako-Israyeli uthi
kubo: ‘Lapho lingena elizweni engizalinika lona, ilizwe lona ngokwalo kumele
ligcinele UTHIXO iSabatha. 3 Hlanyelani amasimu enu okweminyaka eyisithupha,
kuthi kweminye iminyaka eyisithupha lithene amavini enu. 4 Kodwa ngomnyaka we-
sikhombisa ilizwe kalibe leSabatha lokuphumula, iSabatha LIKATHIXO. Lingahlanyeli
amasimu enu loba lithene izihlahla ezivinini zenu. 5 Lingavuni imkhukhuzela kumbe
likhe izithelo zamavini angalungiselwanga, ilizwe libe lomnyaka wokuphumula.
6 Lokho okuzathelwa yilizwe ngomnyaka wesabatha kuzakuba yikudla kwenu,
lokwezinceku lezincekukazi zenu, lokwezisebenzi eziqhatshiweyo kanye labemzini
abahlala lani, 7 kanye lokwezifuyo zenu lezinyamazana zeganga elizweni lenu. Konke
okuthelwa yilizwe kakudliwe.’ ”

Umnyaka WeJubhili

8 “ ‘Balani amasabatha ayisikhombisa eminyaka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa iphindwe
kasikhombisa ukuze amasabatha eminyaka eyisikhombisa abe yisibanga seminyaka
engamatshumi amane lesificamunwemunye. 9 Lapho-ke akutshaywe uphondo
ezindaweni zonke ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yesikhombisa; kuthi ngosuku
lokuBuyisana kutshaywe uphondo kulolonke ilizwe lenu. 10 Umnyaka wamatshumi
amahlanu wenzeni ube ngcwele, limemezele inkululeko elizweni lonke kubo bonke
abahlezi kulo. Uzakuba lijubhili kini. Lowo lalowo wenu kuzamele abuyele emzini
wakwabo, esizweni sakibo. 11 Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu uzakuba lijubhili
kini. Lingahlanyeli lutho, njalo lingavuni imikhukhuzela kumbe likhe izithelo
zamavini angalungiselwanga. 12 Ngoba uliJubhili, uzakuba ngcwele kini; dlanini
kuphela lokho elikuthethe emasimini.

13 Ngalo umnyaka weJubhili, umuntu wonke kuzamele abuyele emzini wakwabo.

14 Nxa uthengisela umuntu welizwe lakini isiqinti, kumbe usithenga kuye,
lingaqilibezelani. 15 Nxa uthenga emuntwini welizwe lakini kuzakuya ngokuthi
mingaki iminyaka eseyadlulayo emva kweJubhili. Yena uzakuthengisela ngokuthi
mingaki iminyaka eseleyo ukuthi kuvunwe amabele. 16 Nxa iminyaka iminengi
uzakhweza intengo, kuthi nxa iminyaka imilutshwana wehlise intengo, ngoba
okuyikho akuthengisela khona linani lezivuno zamabele. 17 Lingaqilibezelani; kodwa
mesabeni uNkulunkulu wenu. NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.

18 Gcinani izimiso zami, lilalele imithetho yami ngokunanzelela ukuze lihlale
livikelekile elizweni. 19 Ilizwe lizathela izithelo zalo, lina lidle lisuthe, lihlale kulo
livikelekile. 20 Lingabuza lithi, “Pho sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa nxa
singahlanyeli kumbe sivune amabele ethu na?” 21 Mina ngizalilethela isibusiso ngom-
nyaka wesithupha, ilizwe lithele izithelo zeminyaka emithathu. 22 Lapho selilima
ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili lizakube lisidla amabele amadala, liqhubeke lisidla
wona kuze kufike isivuno somnyaka wesificamunwemunye.

23 Ilizwe akumelanga lithengiswe kuze kube nininini, ngoba ilizwe ngelami njalo
lihlala elizweni lami njengabezizweni. 24 Kulolonke ilizwe elingelenu, lungiselani
ukuthi wonke umhlaba owathengwayo uhlengwe.

25 Nxa omunye wakini esebe ngumyanga eseze ethengisa okunye kwempahla
yakhe, isihlobo sakhe kasisize sihlenge lokho osekuthengiswe ngumuntu wakibo.
26 Kodwa-ke nxa umuntu engelaye ongamhlengela khona, abesebuya enotha yena
ngokwakhe azuze okwanele ukuthi azihlengele, 27 kabale imali elingana leminyaka
leyo kusukela impahla leyo ithengisiwe, abuyisele imali esalayo kulowomuntu
ayemthengisele, abesethatha impahla yakhe. 28 Kodwa-ke nxa engelamali eyaneleyo
yokuyibuyisa leyompahla ayithengisayo, kayihlale kulowo owayithengayo kuze
kufike umnyaka weJubhili. Izabuyiselwa kuye ngeJubhili, kulapho-ke azayithatha
khona impahla yakhe.

29 Nxa umuntu ethengisa indlu edolobheni elihonqolozelwe ngomthangala ulelun-
gelo lokuyihlenga emva komnyaka ithengisiwe. Phakathi kwalesosikhathi angayih-
lenga. 30 Nxa ingahlengwanga kuze kuphele umnyaka ogcweleyo, indlu esedolobheni
elihonqolozelwe ngomthangala izakuba ngeyalowo owayithengayo, ibe ngeyakhe
kokuphela lowo owayithengayo kanye lezizukulwane zakhe. Kayiyikubuyiselwa
kowayengumniniyo ngeJubhili. 31 Kodwa izindlu ezisemizini engahonqolozelwanga
zizabalwa njengeganga elingelalutho. Kazihlengwe, njalo kumele zibuyiselwe
kubanikazi ngeJubhili.

32 AmaLevi ahlezi elelungelo lokuhlenga izindlu zawo emadolobheni angawa-
maLevi. 33 Ngakho-ke, impahla yamaLevi iyahlengeka, lokhu kutsho indlu ethengiswe
loba kukuliphi idolobho elingelabo, kumele ibuyiselwe ngeJubhili, ngoba izindlu

ezisemadolobheni amaLevi zililifa lawo ebantwini labako-Israyeli. 34 Kodwa amadlelo angaphandle kwamadolobho awo akumelanga athengiswe ngoba ayilifa lawo kuze kube nininini.

35 Nxa omunye wabantu bakini esiba ngumyanga owehluleka ukuziphilisa phakathi kwenu, msizeni njengelingakwenza kowezizweni kumbe ohlezi lani okwesikhatshana, ukuze aqhubeke ehlala lani. 36 Akungabi lanzuzo eliyithatha kuye, kodwa mesabeni uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze umuntu wakini aqhubeke ehlala lani. 37 Lingameboleki imali ezalayo kumbe limthengisele ukudla kulenzuzo. 38 Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, ukuba ngilinike ilizwe laseKhenani, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.

39 Nxa omunye wakini ko-Israyeli esiba ngumyanga phakathi kwenu aze azithengise kuwe, ungamsebenzisi njengesigqili. 40 Kumele umphathe njengesisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo kumbe umuntu ohlezi okwesikhatshana phakathi kwenu. Kakusebenzele kuze kufike umnyaka weJubhili. 41 Lapho-ke yena labantwabakhe bazakhululwa, babuyele kwabosendo lwakibo lemfuyweni yabokhokho babo. 42 Ngenxa yokuthi abako-Israyeli bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, akumelanga bathengiswe njengezigqili. 43 Ungababusi ngochuku, kodwa mesabe uNkulunkulu wakho.

44 Iziqgili zenu zesilisa lezesifazane zizavela ezizweni ezilihonqolezeleyo; kuzo yikho lapho elingathenga khona izigqili. 45 Lingathenga lezakhamizi ezihlezi phakathi kwenu okwesikhatshana, labomndeni wazo abazalelwa elizweni lenu. 46 Lingabenza babe yilifa labantwabenu, libenze babe yizigqili zabo okwanininini, kodwa akumelanga libuse abako-Israyeli benu ngochuku.

47 Nxa owezizweni, kumbe umuntu ohlezi phakathi kwenu okwesikhatshana enotha, kuthi owakini abe ngumyanga azithengise kowezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu loba kolilunga lomndeni wezizweni, 48 ulokhu elalo ilungelo lokuhlengwa emva kokuzithengisa kwakhe. Omunye wezihlobo zakhe angamhlenga. 49 Umalumakhe kumbe umzawakhe, loba esinye isihlobo somdeni wakhe singamhlenga. Loba nxa enotha, angazihlenga yena ngokwakhe. 50 Yena lomthengi wakhe kababale isikhathi kusukela ngomnyaka azithengisa ngawo kusiyafika emnyakeni weJubhili. Intengo yokukhululwa kwakhe izakuhambelana lenani elinikwa umuntu oqhatshiweyo okwalesosikhathi seminyaka. 51 Nxa kusele iminyaka eminengi, kumele ahlawulele ukuhlengwa kwakhe ngentengo eyingxenye enengi yentengo ayethengwe ngawo. 52 Nxa sekusele iminyaka emilutshwana ukuba kufike umnyaka weJubhili, uzabala lokho, akhuphe intengo yokuhlengwa kwakhe okulingana leyominyaka. 53 Uzabalwa njengomuntu oqhatshiweyo kusukela komunye umnyaka kusiya komunye. Kumele libone ukuthi lowo owamthengayo kambusi ngochuku.

54 Nxa engahlengwanga ngenye yalezizindlela, yena labantwabakhe bazakhululwa ngomnyaka weJubhili, 55 ngoba abako-Israyeli ngabami, bazinceku zami. Bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.' "

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Umvuzo Wokulalela

1 " 'Lingazenzeli izithombe loba imifanekiso kumbe amatshe akhonzwayo, njalo lingafaki matshe elizweni lenu ukuba liwakhothamele. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.

2 Gcinani amaSabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.

3 Lingalalela izimiso zami, ligcine imilayo yami, 4 ngizalehlisela izulu ngesikhathi salo, umhlabathi uthele amabele, lezihlahla zeganga zithele izithelo zazo. 5 Ukubhula kwenu kuzaqhubeka kuze kufike isikhathi sokuvunwa kwamavini, kuthi ukuvunwa

kwamavini kuqhubeke kuze kufike isikhathi sokuhlanyela, njalo lizakudla konke ukudla elikufunayo lihlale ngokuvikeleka elizweni lenu.

6 Ngizaletha ukuthula elizweni lenu, kungekho muntu ozalethusa. Ngizasusa izinyamazana eziyingozi elizweni; inkemba ayiyikwedlula phakathi kwelizwe lenu. 7 Lizazixotsha izitha zenu, ziwe ngenkemba phambi kwenu. 8 Abahlanu benu bazaxotsha abalikhulu, kuthi abalikhulu benu baxotshe abayinkulungwane, njalo izitha zenu zizakuwa ngenkemba phambi kwenu.

9 Ngizakuba lomusa kini ngilinike inzalo lande; njalo ngizagcina isivumelwano sami lani. 10 Lizakudla okwesivuno sanyakenye lapho okuzamele lisisuse ukuze kube lendawo yesivuno esitsha. 11 Ngizabeka indawo yami yokuhlala phakathi kwenu, njalo kaliyikunginenga. 12 Ngizahamba phakathi kwenu, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu lina libe ngabantu bami. 13 Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe ukuze lingabi yizigqili zamaGibhithe futhi. Ngizaphule izikeyi zejogwe lenu njalo ngenza ukuba lenelise ukuhamba amakhanda enu ephakeme.’ ”

Isijeziso Ngenxa Yokungalaleli

14 “ ‘Kodwa nxa lingayikungilalela, lingayigcini lemilayo yonke le, 15 njalo nxa lizakwala izimiso zami, linengwe yimithetho yami, lingenzi okwemilayo yami yonke, ngalokho lephule isivumelwano sami, 16 ngizakwenza lokhu kini: Ngizalilethela ukwesaba okukhulu, izifo ezicikizayo, loqhuqho oluzafiphaza amehlo enu, lunciphise impilo yenu. Lizahlanyela inhlanyelo ingasizi ngalutho, ngoba izitha zenu zizayidla. 17 Ngizaliphendukela lehlulwe yizitha zenu, abalizondayo bazalibusa; lizabaleka lanxa kungekho olixotshayo.

18 Nxa emva kwakho konke lokhu lingayikungilalela, ngizalijezisa ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. 19 Ngizabudiliza ubuqholo bokuzazisa kwenu, ngenze umkhathi phezu kwenu ube njengensimbi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ube njengethusi. 20 Amandla enu azachithelwa ize, ngoba umhlabathi wenu awuyikulinika amabele, lezihlahla zelizwe aziyikuthela izithelo zazo.

21 Lingaqhubeka liyizitha kimi, lale ukungilalela, ngizalithumela inhlupheko zenu kasikhombisa njengokufanele izono zenu. 22 Ngizalithumela izilo zeganga, ezizalemuka abantwabenu, zibulale inkomo zenu, zilenze libe balutshwana, imigwaqo yenu ize isale ingaselamuntu.

23 Nxa phezu kwalezizinto lingemukeli iziqondiso zami, liqhubeke liyizitha kimi, 24 mina ngokwami ngizakuba yisitha kini, ngilitshaye okuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. 25 Njalo ngizaletha lenkemba phezu kwenu ukuba kuphindiselwe ukwephulwa kwesivumelwano. Lingahlehlela emadolobheni enu, ngizathumela isifo phakathi kwenu, linikelwe lezandleni zezitha. 26 Lapho sengimise ukulethwa kwezinkwa zenu, abesifazane abalitshumi bazapheka izinkwa zenu eziko elilodwa, babele izinkwa zenu ngobunzima bazo; lizakudla kodwa lingasuthi.

27 Nxa lingaqhubeka lingangilaleli, liqhubeka liyizitha kimi, 28 lami ngolaka lwami ngizakuba yisitha kini, njalo mina ngokwami ngizalijezisa okuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. 29 Lizakudla inyama yemizimba yamadodana enu, lidle lenyama yemizimba yamadodakazi enu. 30 Ngizabhidliza izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngidilize lama-alithare enu empepha, besengibuthelela izidumbu zenu phezu kwezithombe zenu ezingaphiliyo, nginengeke ngani. 31 Ngizakwenza amadolobho enu abe ngamanxiwa, ngidilize izindlu zenu ezingcwele, njalo angiyikuthokoziswa yikunuka mnandi kwephunga leminikelo yenu. 32 Ilizwe ngizalitshabalalisa kuze kumangale izitha zenu ezihlala kulo. 33 Ngizalihlakazela phakathi kwezizwe, ngikhokhe inkemba yami, ngilixotshe. Ilizwe lenu lizatshabalaliswa, amadolobho enu abe ngamanxiwa. 34 Lapho-ke ilizwe lizathokoziswa ngamasabatha alo ngesikhathi

sonke lichithekile, lina liselizweni lezitha zenu. Emva kwalokho, ilizwe lizaphumula lithokoze ngamasabatha alo. 35 Ngasosonke lesosikhathi ilizwe lichithekile lizakuba lokuphumula elingazange libe lakho ngamasabatha esikhathi lina lisahlala kulo.

36 Mayelana lalabo abasele bephila, ngizakwenza inhliziyo zabo zibe lokwesaba okukhulu bekhonale emazweni ezitha zabo baze babalekele lomsindo wehlamvu liphetshulwa ngumoya. Bazagijima angathi babalekela inkemba; bazakuwa lanxa kungekho muntu obaxotshayo. 37 Bazagwenxana angathi babalekela inkemba, lanxa kungekho muntu obaxotshayo. Ngakho aliyikuba lamandla okumelana lezitha zenu. 38 Lizabhubha phakathi kwezizwe, lidliwe yilizwe lezitha zenu. 39 Abenu labo abasalayo bazahlala behlulukelwe emazweni ezitha zabo ngenxa yezono zabo, njalo bazahlulukelwa ngenxa yezono zaboyise.

40 Kodwa bangavuma izono zabo lezono zaboyise, inkohliso abayenza kimi, lokumelana kwabo lami, 41 okwenza lami ngaba yisitha kubo ngaze ngabasa elizweni lezitha zabo, kuthi lapho inhliziyo zabo ezingasokwanga sezithobekile, behlawulela lezono zabo futhi, 42 ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano sami loJakhobe, lesivumelwano sami lo-Isaka, lesivumelwano sami lo-Abhrahama, besengilikhumbula ilizwe. 43 Ngoba ilizwe bazalitshiya lithokoze ngamasabatha alo lapho lichithekile, bengekho kulo. Bazahlawulela izono zabo ngoba imithetho yami bayala, benengeka ngezimiso zami. 44 Ikanti lanxa kunjalo, nxa sebeselizweni lezitha zabo angiyikubalahla loba nginengeke ngabo, besengibatshabalalisa ngephule lesivumelwano sami labo. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo. 45 Kodwa ngenxa yabo ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano sami labokhokho babo engabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, izizwe zikhangele ukuba ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "

46 Lezi yizimiso, imithetho lemilayo eyabekwa NGUTHIXO ngoMosi entabeni iSinayi phakathi kwakhe labako-Israyeli.

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Ukuhlenga OKUNGOKUKATHIXO

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Khuluma kwabako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Nxa umuntu esenza isithembiso esingavamanga, ukuba anikele umuntu KUTHIXO ngokuqamba intengo engalingana lomuntu, 3 owesilisa oleminyaka ephakathi kwamatshumi amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha kabe ngamashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu esiliva kulinganiswa ngeshekeli lendlu engcwele. 4 Nxa engowesifazane, kakube ngamashekeli angamatshumi amathathu. 5 Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa oleminyaka ephakathi kwemihlanu lengamatshumi amabili, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli angamatshumi amabili, kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli alitshumi. 6 Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa ophakathi kwenyanga eyodwa leminyaka emihlanu, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli esiliva amathathu. 7 Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha kumbe edlula lapho, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu, kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli alitshumi. 8 Nxa umuntu owenza isifungo engumyanga, esehluleka ukukhupha isilinganiso esitshiwoyo, uzakusa umuntu lowo kumphristi onguye ozamisa isilinganiso esinganeliswa ngulowomuntu owenza isifungo.

9 Nxa lokho akufungelayo kuyisifuyo esamukelekayo njengomnikelo KUTHIXO, isifuyo esinikelwe kanjalo KUTHIXO siba ngcwele. 10 Akumelanga asintshintshe kumbe enanisele esihle ngesibi, loba esibi ngesihle. 11 Nxa lokho akufungelayo kuyinyamazana engcolileyo, njalo ingamukeleki njengomnikelo KUTHIXO, kumele sinikwe umphristi, 12 abone ukuthi sihle kumbe sibi. Lokho okuzatshiwo ngumphristi

yikho okuzakwamukelwa. 13 Nxa umnikazi waso efuna ukuzihlenga, kuzamele
engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso saso.
14 Nxa umuntu enikela indlu yakhe kuThixo njengolutho olungcwele, umphristi
uzakwahlulela ukuthi inhle loba imbi. Loba yisiphi isilinganiso esizaqanjwa
ngumphristi, yiso esizakwamukeleka. 15 Nxa umuntu onikele indlu yakhe esey-
ihlenga, kuzamele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso sayo, indlu ibe
ngeyakhe futhi.
16 Nxa umuntu esahlukanisela uThixo ingxenye yensimu eyilifa lakhe, isilinganiso
sayo sizalingana lenhlanyelo engahlanyelwa kuyo, amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi
amahlanu kuhomeri lenhlanyelo yebhali. 17 Nxa enikela insimu yakhe ngomnyaka
weJubhili, isilinganiso esimisiweyo sizahlala sinjalo. 18 Kodwa nxa enikela insimu
yakhe emva kweJubhili, umphristi uzamisa isilinganiso sayo kusiya ngeminyaka
eseleyo kusiyafika umnyaka weJubhili olandelayo, njalo isilinganiso sayo esimisiweyo
sizakwehliswa. 19 Nxa umuntu onikela insimu yakhe efuna ukuhlenga, kumele
engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso sayo, insimu izakuba ngeyakhe futhi.
20 Kodwa-ke nxa insimu leyo engayihlengi, loba nxa eseyithengise komunye, ayingeke
ihlengwe futhi. 21 Lapho insimu iyekelwa ngeJubhili, iba ngcwele njengensimu
enikelwe kuThixo, izakuba yilifa lomphristi.
22 Nxa umuntu enikela kuThixo insimu ayithengayo, engasingxenye yensimu
yelifa lakwabo, 23 umphristi uzaqamba isilinganiso sayo kusiyafika emnyakeni
weJubhili, kuthi umuntu lowo akhuphe isilinganiso sayo mhlalokho njengolutho
olungcwele kuThixo. 24 Ngomnyaka weJubhili, insimu leyo izabuyela kulowomuntu
eyathengwa kuye, onguye owayengumnininiyo. 25 Izilinganiso zonke kumele zenziwe
ngokumayelana leshekeli lendlu engcwele, amagera angamatshumi amabili kushekeli
elilodwa.
26 Akekho umuntu ongehlukanisela iNkosi izibulo lenyamazana, ngoba izibulo
livele ngelikaThixo; loba lingelenkomo, loba imvu, ngelikaThixo. 27 Nxa ingenye
yezinyamazana ezingcolileyo, umuntu angaphinda ayithenge ngesilinganiso esimisi-
weyo, esengezelela okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso. Nxa engayihlengi, kuzamele
ithengiswe ngesilinganiso esimisiweyo.
28 Kodwa akulalutho umuntu alalo aselunikele kuThixo loba kungumuntu kumbe
isifuyo, loba insimu eyilifa lakwabo, olungathengiswa kumbe luhlengwe; konke
okunikelwe kanjalo kungcwele kakhulu kuThixo.
29 Akulamuntu onikelwe ekubhujisweni ongahlengwa; kumele abulawe.
30 Okwetshumi kwakho konke okwelizwe, ingabe ngamabele avela emhlabathini
kumbe izithelo ezivela ezihlahleni, ngokukaThixo; kungcwele kuThixo. 31 Nxa
umuntu ehlenga okunye kokwetshumi kwakhe, kumele engezelele kukho okwe-
sihlanu kwesilinganiso sakho. 32 Konke okwetshumi kwenkomo lezimvu, zonke
izifuyo zetshumi ezidlla ngaphansi kwentonga yomelusi zizakuba ngcwele kuThixo.
33 Akumelanga akhethe enhle kwembi kumbe ananisele ngenye. Nxa esenanisela
zombili, izifuyo ziba ngcwele; azingeke zihlengwe.’ ”
34 Le yimilayo uThixo ayinika uMosi entabeni yaseSinayi ukuba ayinike abako-
Israyeli.

AmaNani

Ukubalwa Kwabantu

1 UTHIXO wakhuluma kuMosi ethenteni lokuhlangana enkangala yaseSinayi
ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesibili emnyakeni wesibili ngemva kokuphuma
kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe. UTHIXO wathi, 2 "Balani abantu bonke bako-Israyeli
ngensendo langezindlu zabo, lenze uluhlu lwamabizo amadoda, inye ngayinye.
3 Wena lo-Aroni lizaqoqa ngezigaba wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli kusukela kwa-
baleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu abangaba libutho. 4 Kuzozonke
izizwe lithathe indoda eyodwa, eyinhloko yendlu yakibo, ukuze balincedise.

5 La yiwo amabizo amadoda azaliphathisa:

esizweni sikaRubheni, u-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri:
6 esizweni sikaSimiyoni, uShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi;
7 esizweni sikaJuda, uNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi;
8 esizweni sika-Isakhari, uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari;
9 esizweni sikaZebhuluni, u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni;
10 emadodaneni kaJosefa kwakuyila:
esizweni sika-Efrayimi, u-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi;
esizweni sikaManase, uGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri;
11 esizweni sikaBhenjamini, u-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni;
12 esizweni sikaDani, u-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi;
13 esizweni sika-Asheri, uPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani;
14 esizweni sikaGadi, u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli;
15 esizweni sikaNafithali; u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani."

16 La yiwo amadoda akhethwa ebantwini bakuleyondawo, bengabakhokheli
bezizwe zabokhokho babo. Babezinhloko zezizwana zako-Israyeli.

17 UMosi lo-Aroni bathatha amadoda la alamabizo ayeqanjiwe 18 basebebizela
ndawonye bonke abantu ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesibili. Baziveza umd-
abuko wabo ngensendo langezindlu zabo, ngakho kusukela emadodeni aleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye,
19 njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO. Ngakho wababala enkangala yaseSinayi:

20 Ezizukulwaneni zikaRubheni indodana ka-Israyeli elizibulo:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka efika kumatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 21 Inani labesizwana sikaRubheni lalizinku-
lungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha, lamakhulu amahlanu (46,500).

22 Ezizukulwaneni zikaSimiyoni:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka efika kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu
ayengaba libutho abalwa kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulan-
delwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 23 Inani labesizwana
sikaSimiyoni lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasificamunwemu-
nye, lamakhulu amathathu (59,300).

24 Ezizukulwaneni zikaGadi:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka efika kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu
ayengaba libutho kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali
yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 25 Inani labesizwana sikaGadi
lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amahlanu (45,650).

26 Ezizukulwaneni zikaJuda:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 27 Inani labesizwana sikaJuda lalizinkulung-
wane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu ayisithupha (74,600).

28 Ezizukulwaneni zika-Isakhari:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 29 Inani labesizwana sika-Isakhari lalizinku-
lungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane, lamakhulu amane (54,400).

30 Ezizukulwaneni zikaZebhuluni:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 31 Inani lesizwe sikaZebhuluni lalizinkulung-
wane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasikhombisa, lamakhulu amane (57,400).

32 Emadodaneni kaJosefa:
Ezizukulwaneni zika-Efrayimi:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 33 Inani labesizwe sika-Efrayimi lalizinkulung-
wane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu (40,500).
34 Ezizukulwaneni zikaManase:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 35 Inani labesizwe sikaManase lalizinkulung-
wane ezintathu lambili, lamakhulu amabili (32,200).

36 Ezizukulwaneni zikaBhenjamini:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 37 Inani labesizwe sikaBhenjamini lalizinku-
lungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane (35,400).

38 Ezizukulwaneni zikaDani:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 39 Inani labesizwe sikaDani lalizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa (62,700).

40 Ezizukulwaneni zika-Asheri:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka angamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba

libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 41 Inani labesizwe sika-Asheri lalizinkulung-
wane ezingamatshumi amane lanye, lamakhulu amahlanu (41,500).

42 EzizukulwaneniEzizukulwaneni zikaNafithali:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba
libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. 43 Inani labesizwe sikaNafithali lalizinkulung-
wane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane (53,400).

44 La yiwo amadoda abalwa nguMosi lo-Aroni kanye labakhokheli bako-
Israyeli abalitshumi lambili, munye ngamunye emele abendlu yakhe.
45 Wonke ama-Israyeli aleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amabili
kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abalwa ngezindlu zawo. 46 Inani
lawo esehlangene wonke lalizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha
lantathu, lamakhulu amahlanu, lamatshumi amahlanu (603,550).

47 Abendlu yesizwe sikaLevi, bona-ke, ababalwanga kanyekanye labanye. 48 UTHIXO
wayethe kuMosi: 49 “Ungabali abesizwe sikaLevi njalo ungabahlanganisi kulokhu
kubalwa kwabanye laba abako-Israyeli. 50 Kodwa, beka abaLevi ukuthi baphathe
ithabanikeli lobufakazi, impahla zalo zonke kanye lazozonke izinto ezisetshenziswa
kulo. Yibo abazathwala ithabanikeli lempahla zalo; bazalinakekela njalo bazalihon-
qolozela. 51 Ngezikhathi zonke nxa ithabanikeli lisuswa abaLevi yibo abazalethula,
kuthi-ke nxa selimiswa njalo, abaLevi yibo abazalimisa. Loba ngubani osondela
phansi kwalo uzabulawa. 52 Abako-Israyeli bazakwakha amathente abo ngezigaba
zabo, indoda ngayinye esihonqweni sayo ngaphansi kophawu lwayo. 53 Kodwa
abaLevi bazamisa amathente abo ehonqolozele ithabanikeli loBufakazi ukuze
isizwe sabako-Israyeli singayikwehlelwa lulaka. AbaLevi bazasebenza ukulinda
iThabanikeli loBufakazi.”
54 Abako-Israyeli benza konke njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

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Ukuhlelwa Kwezihonqo Ngezizwana

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: 2 “Abako-Israyeli bazahlala ezihonqweni begom-
bolozele ithente lokuhlangana bucwadlana lalo, indoda ngayinye ngaphansi kophawu
lwayo kanye lezibonakaliso zendlu yayo.”

3 Empumalanga,
isigaba sezihonqo zakoJuda sizakuba ngaphansi kophawu lwazo. Umkhokheli
wabantu bakoJuda nguNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi. 4 Iviyo lakhe
lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane, lamakhulu ayisithupha
(74,600).
5 Izihonqo zesizwana sika-Isakhari zibe seduze khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu
besizwana sika-Isakhari nguNethaneli indodana kaZuwari. 6 Iviyo lakhe lizinku-
lungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane, lamakhulu amane (54,400).
7 Kulandele isizwana sikaZebhuluni. Umkhokheli wabantu besizwana sikaZebhu-
luni ngu-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni. 8 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamat-
shumi amahlanu lasikhombisa, lamakhulu amane (57,400).
9 Wonke amadoda akhethelwe izihonqo zakoJuda, ngamaviyo awo,
azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha,
lamakhulu amane (186,400). Yibo abazaqala ukusuka.

10 Eningizimu kuzakuba
ngamaviyo ezihonqo zikaRubheni ngaphansi kophawu lwazo. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoRubheni ngu-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri. 11 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha, lamakhulu amahlanu (46,500).
12 Izihonqo zesizwana sikaSimiyoni zibe seduzane khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoSimiyoni nguShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi. 13 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasificamunwemunye, lamakhulu amathathu (59,300).
14 Kulandele isizwana sikaGadi. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoGadi ngu-Eliyasafi indodana kaRuweli. 15 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi amahlanu (45,650).
16 Wonke amadoda akhethelwe izihonqo zakoRubheni ngamaviyo awo azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lanye, lamakhulu amane alamatshumi amahlanu (151,450). Bazakuba ngabesibili ukusuka.

17 Emva kwalokho kuzasuka ithente lokuhlangana labezihonqo zabaLevi konke kube phakathi kwamaviyo ezihonqo. Bonke abantu bazalandelana ekuhambeni kwabo njengokuma kwezihonqo zabo kube yilowo lalowo endaweni yakhe ngaphansi kophawu lwakhe.

18 Entshonalanga kuzakuba:
ngamaviyo ezihonqo zika-Efrayimi ngaphansi kophawu lwawo. Umkhokheli wabantu bako-Efrayimi ngu-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi. 19 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu (40,500).
20 Isizwana sikaManase sibe seduzane khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu bako-Manase nguGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri. 21 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, lamakhulu amabili (32,200).
22 Kulandele isizwana sikaBhenjamini. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoBhenjamini ngu-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni. 23 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane (35,400).
24 Wonke amadoda ayekhethelwe izihonqo zako-Efrayimi, ngokwamaviyo awo, ayezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lasificaminwembili lekhulu (108,100). Bazakuba ngabesithathu ekusukeni.

25 Enyakatho kuzakuba
ngamaviyo ezihonqo zikaDani, ngaphansi kophawu lwawo. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoDani ngu-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi. 26 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa (62,700).
27 Izihonqo zesizwana sika-Asheri zibe seduzane khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu bako-Asheri nguPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani. 28 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanye, lamakhulu amahlanu (41,500).
29 Kulandele isizwana sikaNafithali. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoNafithali ngu-Ahira indodana ka-Enani. 30 Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane (53,400).
31 Wonke amadoda ezihonqo zakoDani azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa, lamakhulu ayisithupha (157,600). Bazasuka ekucineni, ngaphansi kophawu lwabo.

32 Laba yibo abako-Israyeli, ababalwa ngezindlu zabo. Bonke labo ababezihonqweni, ngamaviyo abo, inani labo kuzinkulungwane ezingamakhulu

ayisithupha lantathu, lamakhulu amahlanu alamatshumi amahlanu
(603,550). 33 AbaLevi bona kababalwanga ndawonye labanye bonke abako-
Israyeli njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

34 Ngakho abako-Israyeli benza konke UTHIXO ayelaye ngakho uMosi; kwaba yiyo
indlela abahlala ngayo ezihonqweni ngaphansi kwempawu zabo, njalo yiyo indlela
ababesuka ngayo nxa sekuhanjwa, munye ngamunye ngesizwana sakibo langendlu
yakhe.

3

AbaLevi

1 Lezi yizizukulwane zika-Aroni lezikaMosi ngesikhathi sokukhuluma KUKATHIXO
kuMosi entabeni yaseSinayi.

2 Amabizo amadodana ka-Aroni kwakunguNadabi izibulo lo-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari
kanye lo-Ithamari. 3 La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Aroni, agcotshwayo abekwa
ukuba ngabaphristi. 4 Kodwa, uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa phambi KUKATHIXO ngenxa
yokunikela ngomlilo ongemukelekiyo KUTHIXO enkangala yaseSinayi. Babengela-
madodana; kungakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari babangabaphristi ngesikhathi uyise u-
Aroni esaphila.
5 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 6 "Letha abesizwe sikaLevi ubethule ku-Aroni umphristi
ukuze bamncedise. 7 Bazamsebenzela yena kanye lesizwana sonke ethenteni
lokuhlangana beqhuba umsebenzi wethabanikeli. 8 Bazalondoloza yonke impahla
yethente lokuhlangana, benzele abako-Israyeli imisebenzi nxa besenza inkonzo
ethabanikeleni. 9 Yethula abaLevi ku-Aroni lakumadodana akhe; bangabako-Israyeli
okumele bethulwe ngokugcweleyo kuye. 10 Khetha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ukuthi
babe ngabaphristi; loba ngubani omunye ozasondela endaweni engcwele kumele
abulawe."
11 UTHIXO waphinda wathi kuMosi, 12 "AbaLevi sengibakhetha phakathi kwabako-
Israyeli esikhundleni samazibulo angabafana esizweni sonke sako-Israyeli. AbaLevi
ngabami, 13 njengoba wonke amazibulo engawami. Ekubulaleni kwami wonke
amazibulo aseGibhithe, ngazehlukanisela wonke amazibulo ako-Israyeli, awabantu
loba awezinyamazana. Kumele abe ngawami. Mina NGINGUTHIXO."
14 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi eNkangala yaseSinayi, 15 "Bala abaLevi ngezindlu zabo
langosendo lwabo. Bala bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe
kusiya phezulu." 16 Ngakho uMosi wababala, njengokulaywa kwakhe yilizwi
LIKATHIXO.

17 La ngamabizo amadodana kaLevi:
uGeshoni, uKhohathi kanye loMerari.
18 La ngamabizo abosendo lukaGeshoni:
uLibhini loShimeyi.
19 Abosendo lukaKhohathi babeyilaba:
u-Amramu, u-Izihari, uHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli.
20 Abosendo lukaMerari babeyilaba:
uMahili loMushi.

Laba kwakungabosendo lwabaLevi, kusiya ngezindlu zabo.

21 KuGeshoni kwavela usendo lwamaLibhini lolwamaShimeyi; laba yibo
abosendo lwamaGeshoni.

22 Inani lamadoda wonke kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu
ababalwayo babezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu (7,500).
23 Abosendo lwamaGeshoni babezahlala ezihonqweni zabo entshonalanga, nge-
muva kwethabanikeli.
24 Umkhokheli wabezindlu zabakoGeshoni kwakungu-Eliyasafi indodana kaLayeli.
25 Umsebenzi wamadodana kaGeshoni ethenteni lokuhlangana wawungowoku-
londoloza ithabanikeli, ithente, isembeso salo, ikhetheni lesango lethente
lokuhlangana, 26 amakhetheni eguma, ikhetheni lesango leguma elihonqolozele
ithabanikeli kanye le-alithari, lamagoda, lakho konke okuphathelane lalowo
msebenzi.

27 Abosendo lukaKhohathi kwakungama-Amramu, ama-Izihari, ama-
Hebhroni kanye lama-Uziyeli. Laba yibo abosendo lwamaKhohathi.
28 Inani lamadoda wonke kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu
babezinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha (8,600).
AmaKhohathi yiwo ayelomlandu wokugcina indawo engcwele.
29 Abosendo lwamaKhohathi bahlala ezihonqweni zabo eningizimu yethabanikeli.
30 Umkhokheli wabezindlu zabosendo lwamaKhohathi kwakungu-Elizafani indo-
dana ka-Uziyeli.
31 Babelomlandu wokugcina umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, itafula, uluthi lwez-
ibane, ama-alithare, impahla zendawo engcwele ezazisetshenziswa emsebenzini
wokukhonza.
32 U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, wayengumkhokheli omkhulu wa-
baLevi. Wabekwa phezu kwalabo ababelomlandu wokugcina indawo engcwele.

33 Abosendo lukaMerari kwakungamaMahili lamaMushi; laba babenga-
bosendo lwamaMerari.
34 Inani lamadoda asukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu
ababalwayo babezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu amabili (6,200).
35 Umkhokheli wezindlu zosendo lwamaMerari kwakunguZuriyeli indodana ka-
Abhihayili;
babezahlala ezihonqweni zabo enyakatho yethabanikeli.
36 Abosendo lwamaMerari babelomlandu wokugcina amathala ethabanikeli,
imithando, izinsika, izisekelo, izitsha zalo zonke lakho konke okuphathelane
lemisebenzi yakho, 37 kanye lezinsika lezisekelo zazo ezihonqolozele iguma,
izikhonkwane zethente kanye lamagoda.

38 UMosi kanye lo-Aroni lamadodana akhe babezahlala ezihonqweni zabo em-
pumalanga yethabanikeli, phambi kwethente lokuhlangana.
Babelomlandu wokugcinela abako-Israyeli indawo engcwele.
Loba ngubani omunye owayezasondela endaweni engcwele kwakumele abulawe.

39 Inani labaLevi bonke ababalwayo njengokulaywa kukaMosi lo-Aroni
NGUTHIXO kulandelwa insendo zawo, kusukela kwabesilisa ababelenyanga
eyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu, babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lambili (22,000).

40 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Bala wonke amazibulo esilisa ako-Israyeli kusukela
kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu wenze uluhlu lwamabizo abo.
41 Esikhundleni samabizo ako-Israyeli nginika abaLevi, njalo lezifuyo zabaLevi
esikhundleni samazibulo ezifuyo zabako-Israyeli. Mina NGINGUTHIXO.”

42 Ngalokho-ke uMosi wabala wonke amazibulo abako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa
kwakhe NGUTHIXO. 43 Inani lawo wonke amazibulo esilisa kusukela kwalenyanga
eyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu, ebhalwe ngoluhlu lwamabizo, ayezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lamakhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lantathu (22,273).
44 UTHIXO wabuya wathi kuMosi, 45 "Esikhundleni samazibulo ako-Israyeli
thatha abaLevi, lezifuyo zabaLevi esikhundleni sezifuyo zabo. AbaLevi kumele
babengabami. Mina NGINGUTHIXO. 46 Ukuhlenga amazibulo ako-Israyeli anga-
makhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu (273) abangaphezu kwenani
labaLevi, 47 thatha amashekeli amahlanu omunye ngamunye wabo, kusiya ngeshekeli
lendawo engcwele, elilesisindo samagera angamatshumi amabili. 48 Imali yokuhlenga
abako-Israyeli abangaphezu kwenani uyiphe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe."
49 Lakanye uMosi wayibutha imali yokuhlenga labo ababelinani eledlula
kwabahlengwa ngabaLevi. 50 Wamukela kuvela emazibulweni abako-Israyeli isiliva
esingamashekeli ayinkulungwane elamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha
lanhlanu (1,365) ngesilinganiso seshekeli lendawo engcwele. 51 UMosi waqhubela
u-Aroni lamadodana akhe imali yokuhlenga, njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO.

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AmaKhohathi

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: 2 "Balani ingxenye yabaLevi abangamaKho-
hathi libabale ngosendo langezindlu zabo. 3 Balani wonke amadoda kusukela
kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu yokuzalwa abeza bezosebenza emsebenzini wethente lokuhlangana.
4 Lo yiwo umsebenzi ozakwenziwa ngamaKhohathi ethenteni lokuhlangana,
ukulondoloza yonke into engcwelengcwele. 5 Nxa kuthuthwa kusukwa ezihonqweni,
u-Aroni lamadodana akhe kabangene bayekwethula ikhetheni elisithileyo basibekele
ibhokisi lobufakazi ngalo. 6 Lokhu bazakugubuzela ngezikhumba zezinyamazana,
bendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka phezu kwalokho besebefaka izibambo
endaweni yazo.
7 Phezu kwetafula yoBukhona BUKATHIXO kumele bendlale ilembu eliluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka bafake phezu kwalo imiganu, izinditshi lengubhe, lenkezo
zeminikelo enathwayo; kuthi lesosinkwa esihlala sikhonapho sisale phezu kwayo.
8 Phezu kwalokhu bazakwendlala ilembu elibomvu, bembese lokho ngezikhumba
zezinyamazana besebefaka izibambo ezindaweni zazo.
9 Kumele bathathe ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bembese ngalo uluthi
lwesibane sokukhanyisa, kanye lezibane zalo, izintambo zesibane kanye lezibambiso
zakhona, lemiganu, lezitsha zamafutha zokuthelisa kuso. 10 Besebelugoqela kanye
lezinto zalo zonke ngezikhumba zezinyamazana balufakele izibambo zokuthwala.
11 Phezu kwe-alithari legolide kabendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
bakugoqele ngezikhumba zezinyamazana besebefaka izibambo zokuthwalisa en-
daweni yazo.
12 Bazathatha zonke izinto zokusebenzisa endaweni engcwelengcwele, bazigoqele
ngelembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bembese lokho ngezikhumba zezinya-
mazana bafake phezu kwethala lokuthwalisa.
13 Kumele babuthe umlotha bawususe phezu kwe-alithari elilithusi besebesendlala
ilembu eliyibubende phezu kwalo. 14 Besebefaka phezu kwalo zonke izitsha eziset-
shenziswa emsebenzini we-alithari, kuhlanganisa lezindengezi zeziko, izitsha zokosa
inyama, amafotsholo lemiganu yokuchelisa. Phezu kwalo kumele bendlale isembeso
sezikhumba zezinyamazana babe sebefaka izibambo zokuthwalisa endaweni yazo.

15 Ngemva kokuba u-Aroni lamadodana akhe sebeqedile ukwembesa impahla
zonke ezendawo engcwele lazozonke izinto ezingcwele, kanye lokuthi sebelungele
ukusuka, amaKhohathi yiwo okumele eze azothwala. Kodwa akumelanga bathinte
izinto ezingcwele ngoba bazakufa. AmaKhohathi azathwala lezozinto ezisethenteni
lokuhlangana.
16 U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, uzakhangela amafutha esibane,
impepha, umnikelo ojayelekileyo wamabele lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo.
Uzagcina ithabanikeli ngonanzelelo layo yonke into ephakathi kwalo, kanye lempahla
ezingcwele lezitsha zalo."
17 UTHIXO watshela uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, 18 "Nanzelelani ukuthi izizwe zosendo
lwamaKhohathi azehlukaniswa labaLevi. 19 Lokhu kuyikuthi baphile bengafi nxa
bethe basondela phansi kwezinto ezingcwelengcwele, balungiseleni lokhu: U-Aroni
lamadodana akhe bazakuya endaweni engcwele bayekwabela indoda yinye ngayinye
umsebenzi wayo kanye lalokho okumele bakuthwale. 20 Kodwa amaKhohathi
akumelanga angene ukuthi ayebona izinto ezingcwele, loba okomzuzwana nje
kuphela, ngoba bazakufa."

AmaGeshoni

21 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 22 "Bala njalo amaGeshoni ngezindlu langosendo lwawo.
23 Bala wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya
kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa labo abezayo ukuzosebenza
ethenteni lokuHlangana.
24 Lo ngumsebenzi okumele wenziwe ngabosendo lwamaGeshoni ekusebenzeni
kwabo lekuthwaleni kwabo imithwalo: 25 Bazathwala amakhetheni ethabanikeli,
ithente lokuhlangana, isembeso salo kanye lesangaphandle esezikhumba zezinya-
mazana, amakhetheni entuba yethente lokuhlangana, 26 amakhetheni eguma eli-
honqolozele ithabanikeli le-alithari, ikhetheni lesango, izintambo lakho konke
okusetshenziswa kulo umsebenzi. AmaGeshoni azakwenza konke okumele kwenziwe
ngalezizinto. 27 Imisebenzi yabo yonke abayenzayo, kumbe yikuthwala kumbe ngum-
sebenzi othile, bazayenza ngokuqondisa kuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe. Uzabapha
kube ngumlandu wabo ukuthwala lokho ozabe uthe bakuthwale. 28 Lokhu kuzakuba
ngumsebenzi wabosendo lwamaGeshoni ethenteni lokuhlangana. Umsebenzi wabo
bazawenza ngokuqondisa kuka-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi."

AmaMerari

29 "Bala amaMerari ngosendo langezindlu zawo. 30 Bala wonke amadoda kusukela
kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu yokuzalwa abezayo ukusebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. 31 Lo yiwo
ozakuba ngumsebenzi wabo ethenteni lokuhlangana: ukuthwala amathala etha-
banikeli, imithando yalo, izinsika lezisekelo, 32 kanye lezinsika ezihonqolozele
iguma kanye lezisekelo zazo, izikhonkwane zethente, amagoda, izitsha zakhona
lakho konke okuhambelana lokusetshenziswa kwazo. Batshengise bonke munye
ngamunye lezozinto abafanele bazithwale. 33 Lo yiwo umsebenzi ozakwenziwa
ngabosendo lwamaMerari ekusebenzeni kwabo ethenteni lokuhlangana beqondiswa
ngu-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi."

Ukubalwa Kwabosendo LwamaLevi

34 UMosi, u-Aroni labakhokheli babantu babala amaKhohathi ngosendo langezindlu
zawo.
35 Wonke amadoda aleminyaka esukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu abezayo
ukusebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana, 36 bebalwa ngensendo, babazinkulung-
wane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amahlanu (2,750). 37 Leli

linani eligcweleyo lalabo abosendo lwamaKhohathi abasebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. UMosi lo-Aroni babala njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO etshela uMosi.

38 AmaGeshoni abalwa ngensendo langezindlu zawo.
39 Wonke amadoda aleminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu ababesebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana, 40 bebalwa ngensendo langezindlu zabo, babazinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi amathathu (2,630). 41 Leli linani eligcweleyo lwensendo zamaGeshoni abasebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. UMosi lo-Aroni babala njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO.

42 AmaMerari abalwa ngensendo langezindlu zawo.
43 Wonke amadoda ayeleminyaka yokuzalwa esukela kwabalamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu ababezosebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana, 44 sebebaliwe ngensendo zabo, babazinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu amabili (3,200). 45 Leli kwaba linani eligcweleyo kwabosendo lwamaMerari. UMosi lo-Aroni babala njengokulaya KUKATHIXO elaya uMosi.

46 Ngalokho uMosi, u-Aroni labakhokheli bako-Israyeli babala bonke abaLevi ngensendo langezindlu zabo. 47 Wonke amadoda asukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa abeza ukulungisa kanye lokuthwala ithente lokuhlangana 48 babezinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu amahlanu alamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (8,580). 49 Ngokulaya KUKATHIXO elaya uMosi, ngulowo lalowo wabelwa umsebenzi wakhe ayezawenza lokwakumele akuthwale.

Yiyo le indlela ababalwa ngayo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

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Ubungcwele Bezihonqo

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi basuse ezihonqweni wonke olobulephero loba ophuma ubovu loba bungobunjani, loba engongcolileyo ngokomkhuba ngenxa yesidumbu sofileyo. 3 Susani ngokufananayo loba ngowesilisa loba ngowesifazane; kumele limsuse ukuze angangcolisi isihonqo sakwabo; ngoba ngihlala khona phakathi kwabo.” 4 Abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokho; babakhuphela ngaphandle kwezihonqo. Bakwenza njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

Umlayo Omayelana Lokuhlawula Komuntu Olecala

5 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 6 “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Nxa indoda loba umfazi onele omunye loba ngayiphi indlela etshengisele ukungathembeki KUTHIXO, lowomuntu ulomlandu 7 njalo kumele avume isono sakhe. Kahlawule ngokugcweleyo icala lakhe, engezelele ingxenye yesihlanu ekuhlawuleni lowo amoneleyo. 8 Kodwa uba lowo engelasihlobo okungahlawulwa kuso icala, inhlawulo NGEKATHIXO, kodwa lizaphiwa umphristi, kanye lenqama azamenzela ngayo indlela yokubuyisana. 9 Izipho zonke ezingcwele ezilethwa ngabako-Israyeli kumphristi zizakuba ngezakhe. 10 Izipho zendoda inye ngayinye ezingcwele ngezayo, kodwa lokho indoda ezakupha umphristi ngokomphristi.’ ”

Ukuhlolwa Koyendileyo Ongathembekanga

11 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 12 “Khuluma labako-Israyeli ubatshele ukuthi: ‘Nxa umfazi
wendoda ephambuka engathembeki endodeni 13 ngokulala lamanye amadoda kodwa
lokhu kungesobala endodeni yakhe lehlazo lelo lingabonakali (njengoba kunge-
lamfakazi njalo engabanjwanga ekwenza), 14 kodwa indoda ikhulelwe yibukhwele
ibisimnakanela umfazi wayo ukuthi ungcolile, loba ilobukhwele imnakanela kodwa
yena engangcolanga, 15 kumele ithathe umfazi wayo iye laye kumphristi. Phezu
kwalokho kumele imphathele ifulawa yebhali eyingxenye yetshumi yehefa. Akume-
langa ithele amafutha e-oliva phezu kwayo loba afake impepha phezu kwayo ngoba
kungumnikelo wobukhwele wamabele, umnikelo wokubonisa ukuthi kulecala.

16 Umphristi uzamletha owesifazane amise phambi KUKATHIXO. 17 Abesethatha
amanzi angcwele ngembiza yomdaka athele emanzini uthuli olubuthwe phansi
ethabanikeleni. 18 Ngemva kokuba umphristi eseke wamisa owesifazane phambi
KUKATHIXO kumele atshombulule inwele zakhe abesefaka ezandleni zakhe umnikelo
wokukhumbuza, umnikelo wobukhwele wamabele, umphristi yena uzabe ephethe
amanzi ababayo aletha isithuko. 19 Ngalokho-ke umphristi uzafungisa owesifazane
athi kuye, “Nxa kungelandoda eke yalala lawe loba ungazange uphambuke ungcole
wena wendile, akuthi lamanzi ababayo aletha isithuko angakulimazi. 20 Kodwa nxa
uphambukile wena wendile wazingcolisa ngokulala lenye indoda engasumkakho,”
21 lapho umphristi kufanele afungise owesifazane ngesithuko lesi athi, “sengathi
UTHIXO angenza abakini bakuthuke, bakuhlamukele lapho ekwenza ukuba uswele
kuthi isisu sakho sikhukhumale. 22 Akuthi amanzi la aletha isithuko angene
emzimbeni wakho ukuze isisu sakho sikhukhumale kumbe uswele.”

Ngakho owesifazane uzakuthi, “Ameni. Akube njalo.”

23 Umphristi uzaloba lezi zithuko ogwalweni azigezisele emanzini ababayo.
24 Uzanathisa owesifazane amanzi ababayo aletha isithuko, wona amanzi azamzwisa
ubuhlungu nxa esewanathile. 25 Umphristi uzasusa ezandleni zowesifazane umnikelo
wamabele obukhwele, awuzunguze phambi KUKATHIXO abesewuletha e-alithareni.
26 Umphristi abesechupha-ke ngesandla umnikelo wamabele njengomnikelo we-
sikhumbuzo awutshisele e-alithareni; ngemva kwalokho kumele anathise owesi-
fazane amanzi la. 27 Nxa ezingcolisile ngokungathembeki kumkakhe, kuzakuthi lapho
enatha amanzi aletha isithuko, angene emzimbeni abangele ubuhlungu; isisu sakhe
sizakhukhumala njalo aswele, abe ngoqalekisiweyo ebantwini bakibo. 28 Kodwa-ke
nxa lo owesifazane engazingcolisanga, emsulwa, uzakhululwa kulelo cala abelakho
ukuthola inzalo.

29 Ngakho-ke, lo yiwo umlayo wobukhwele nxa owesifazane ephambukile waz-
ingcolisa yena endile, 30 loba nxa indoda ifikelwa yibukhwele ngoba ilesazela
ngomkayo. Umphristi uzamisa owesifazane phambi KUKATHIXO asebenzise lumlayo
ngokugcweleyo kowesifazane. 31 Indoda izabe imsulwa ekoneni konke, kodwa
owesifazane uzathwala izehlakalo zonke zesono sakhe.’ ”

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UmNaziri

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Khuluma labako-Israyeli ubatshele lokhu: ‘Nxa owesilisa
loba owesifazane efuna ukwenza isifungo esibalulekileyo, isifungo sokuzahlukanisela
KUTHIXO ukuba abe ngumNaziri, 3 kumele angabe esanatha iwayini loba yikuphi
okunathwayo okulemvubelo njalo akumelanga ukuthi anathe iviniga eyenziwe
ngewayini loba okunathwayo okulemvubelo. Kanganathi umhluzi wezithelo zevini,
njalo angadli izithelo zevini ezimanzi loba ezomileyo. 4 Nxa elokhu engumNaziri

kangadli lutho oluvela esivinini kungakhathalekile ukuthi zintanga loba ngamakhasi esithelo.
5 Ngasosonke isikhathi esemi esifungweni sokuzahlukanisela akumelanga kube
lempuco ekhanda lakhe. Kumele abengcwele size sedlule isikhathi sakhe
sokuzahlukanisela uTHIXO; kayekele inwele zakhe zikhule zibende.
6 Kusosonke isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela uTHIXO kangasondeli esidunjini.
7 Loba kungaze kube kufe uyise loba unina loba umfowabo loba udadewabo, akume-
langa azingcolise ngokomkhuba ngenxa yabo, ngoba uphawu lokuzahlukanisela
uNkulunkulu lusekhanda lakhe. 8 Ngasosonke isikhathi sokuzahlukanisela kwakhe
ungokhethiweyo kuTHIXO.
9 Nxa kungafa umuntu emehlweni akhe, ngakho besekungcolisa inwele zakhe
asezinikele, kumele aphuce ikhanda ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, usuku
lwesikhombisa. 10 Ngakho ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kalethe kumphristi esang-
weni lethente lokuhlangana amajuba amabili loba inkwilimba ezincane ezimbili.
11 Umphristi uzanikela umnikelo wesono ngenye inyoni kuthi enye ibe ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa ukumenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngoba enze isono ngoba lapho
okulesidumbu khona. Ngalo lolosuku kumele angcwelise ikhanda lakhe. 12 Kazinikele
kuTHIXO okwesikhathi leso azahlukanisele sona njalo alethe izinyane lemvu elilom-
nyaka owodwa eliduna libe njengomnikelo wecala. Insuku ezadlulayo kazibalwa,
ngoba ube ngongcolileyo ngesikhathi sokuzahlukanisela kwakhe.
13 Lo ngumlayo womNaziri nxa isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela sesiphelile.
Kumele alethwe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 14 Kethule lapho umnikelo
wakhe kuTHIXO: izinyane lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa eliduna elingelasici libe ngum-
nikelo wokutshiswa, izinyane lemvu elisikazi elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe
ngumnikelo wesono, inqama engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wobudlelwano, 15 ndawonye
leminikelo yamabele leyokunathwayo, kanye lesitsha sesinkwa esingelamvubelo,
amakhekhe enziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo ixutshwe ngamafutha, njalo lamaqebe-
lengwane agcotshwe ngamafutha.
16 Umphristi uzakwethula lokhu phambi kukaTHIXO enze umnikelo wesono
lowokutshiswa. 17 Umphristi uzakwethula isitsha esilesinkwa esingelamvubelo njalo
enze umhlatshelo ngenqama kube ngumnikelo wobudlelwano kuTHIXO, ndawonye
lomnikelo wakho wamabele lowokunathwayo.
18 Ngakho umNaziri uzaphucela inwele zakhe zokwahlukanisela esangweni
lethente lokuhlangana. Uzaphosela inwele lezo emlilweni ongaphansi komnikelo
wobudlelwano.
19 Nxa umNaziri esephuce inwele zokuzahlukanisela kwakhe, umphristi uzabeka
ezandleni zakhe umkhono wenqama ephekiweyo, kanye lekhekhe leqebelengwane
esitsheni, kokubili kungela mvubelo. 20 Umphristi uzakuzunguza phambi kukaTHIXO
njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa; kungcwele njalo kungokomphristi, kuhlanganisela
lesifuba esizunguziweyo kanye lomlenze owethuliweyo. Ngemva kwalokho, um-
Naziri usenganatha iwayini.
21 Lo ngumlayo womNaziri ofunga ngokunikela kuTHIXO kusiya
ngokuzahlukanisela, kuyikwengeza kulokho ayabe ekwenelisile. Kagcwalise isifungo
asenzileyo, ngokomlayo womNaziri.' "

Ukubusiswa Kwabantu NgabaPhristi

22 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 23 "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe uthi, 'Le yiyo indlela
elizabusisa ngayo abako-Israyeli. Khulumani lithi kubo:
24 "UTHIXO alibusise
njalo aligcine;
25 UTHIXO kakhazimulise ubuso bakhe phezu kwenu

njalo abe lomusa kini;
26 UTHIXO kakhangelise ubuso bakhe kini
njalo aliphe ukuthula.” ’
27 Ngokunjalo bazabiza ibizo lami phezu kwabako-Israyeli, mina ngizababusisa.”

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Iminikelo Ekubusisweni KweThabanikeli

1 Kwathi uMosi eseqedile ukumisa ithabanikeli, waligcoba njalo walibusisa
kanye lempahla yalo yonke. Wabuye wagcoba njalo wabusisa i-alithari kanye
lezitsha zalo zonke. 2 Kwasekusithi abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli
ezazingabakhokheli zensendo ziphethe labo ababebalwa, zanikela. 3 Zaletha izipho
zazo KUTHIXO, izinqola eziyisithupha ezembesiweyo lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili,
kuyikuthi umkhokheli munye anikele ngenkabi eyodwa kuthi ababili bahlanganyele
inqola eyodwa. Lokhu bakuletha ethabanikeleni.
4 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 5 “Yamukela izipho ezivela kubo ukuze zisetshenziswe
ethenteni lokuhlangana. Yabela abaLevi kusiya ngomsebenzi wendoda yinye
ngayinye.”
6 Ngakho uMosi wathatha izinqola kanye lenkabi wazinika abaLevi. 7 Wanika
abakoGeshoni izinqola ezimbili kanye lenkabi ezine, kusiya ngomsebenzi wabo,
8 abakoMerari bona wabapha izinqola ezine kanye lenkabi eziyisificaminwembili,
kusiya ngomsebenzi wabo. Bonke babelawulwa ngu-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni,
umphristi. 9 Kodwa uMosi kazange aphe lokukodwa kumaKhohathi, ngenxa yokuthi
kwakungumlandu wabo wokuthwala ngamahlombe abo zonke izinto ezingcwele.
10 Ekugcotshweni kwe-alithari, abakhokheli baletha phambi kwalo iminikelo yabo
yokulahlukanisela. 11 Ngoba UTHIXO wayethe kuMosi, “Umkhokheli oyedwa ngelanga
uzaletha umnikelo wakhe wokwahlukaniselwa kwe-alithari.”

12 Owaletha umnikelo wakhe ngosuku lwakuqala nguNahashoni indodana
ka-Aminadabi owesizwana sakoJuda.
13 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva isisindo sawo singamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi
amathathu, lomganu oyingubhe wokuchela wesiliva, isisindo sawo unga-
mashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili kulinganiswa ngeshekeli
lendlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo ixutshaniswe lama-
futha njengomnikelo wamabele;
14 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele im-
pepha;
15 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa lezinyane lemvu eliduna elilomnyaka
owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
16 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
17 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye
lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa, ukuze kube ngumhlatsh-
elo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwaba ngumnikelo kaNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi.

18 Ngosuku lwesibili uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari umkhokheli wabendlu
ka-Isakhari, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
19 Umnikelo awulethayo:
kwakungumganu wesiliva isisindo sawo ungamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi
amathathu, lomganu owodwa wesiliva oyingubhe owokuchela olesisindo
samashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili kulinganiswa ngeshekeli

lendlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo ixutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
20 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
21 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane lemvu eliduna elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
22 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
23 lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.

Lo kwaba ngumnikelo kaNethaneli indodana kaZuwari.

24 Ngosuku lwesithathu, u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni, umkhokheli wabantu bakaZebhuluni, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
25 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo, exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
26 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
27 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
28 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
29 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.

Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni.

30 Ngosuku lwesine u-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri, umkhokheli wabantu bakaRubheni, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
31 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
32 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
33 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
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35 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.

Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri.

36 Ngosuku lwesihlanu uShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi, umkhokheli wabantu bakaSimiyoni waletha umnikelo wakhe.
37 Umnikelo wakhe:

wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
38 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
39 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
40 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
41 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, lenqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo kaShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi.

42 Ngosuku lwesithupha u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli, umkhokheli wabantu bakaGadi, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
43 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
44 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
45 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
46 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
47 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli.

48 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa u-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi, umkhokheli wabantu baka-Efrayimi, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
49 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
50 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi igcwele impepha;
51 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
52 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
53 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa ukuba kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi.

54 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri,
umkhokheli wabantu bakaManase, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
55 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
56 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
57 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
58 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
59 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo kaGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri.

60 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye u-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni,
umkhokheli wabantu bakaBhenjamini, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
61 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
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64 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
65 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni.

66 Ngosuku lwetshumi u-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi, umkhokheli
wabantu bakaDani, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
67 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
68 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
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70 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
71 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye

lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi.

72 Ngosuku lwetshumi lanye uPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani, umkhokheli wabantu baka-Asheri, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
73 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
74 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
75 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
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77 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo kaPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani.

78 Ngosuku lwetshumi lambili u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani, umkhokheli wabantu bakaNafithali, waletha umnikelo wakhe.
79 Umnikelo wakhe:
wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele;
80 inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha;
81 inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa;
82 impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono;
83 kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano.
Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Ahira indodana ka-Enani.

84 Le yayiyiminikelo yabakhokheli bako-Israyeli yokwahlukaniselwa kwe-alithari mhla ligcotshwa:
imiganu elitshumi lambili yesiliva, imiganu yokuchela yesiliva eyingubhe elitshumi lambili kanye lenkezo zegolide ezilitshumi lambili. 85 Umganu munye wesiliva ulesisindo samashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, njalo umganu oyingubhe wokuchela ngamunye ulesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Sezihlangene, izitsha zesiliva zazilesisindo esingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amane, kulinganiswa ngesisindo seshekeli lendlu engcwele. 86 Izinditshi ezilitshumi lambili zegolide zigcwele impepha zilesisindo samashekeli alitshumi inye, kulinganiswa ngesisindo seshekeli lendlu engcwele. Sezindawonye, inkezo zegolide zilesisindo

samashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amabili.
87 Inani lezinyamazana zonke ezomnikelo wokutshiswa zazibalisa itshumi lambili
lenkunzi ezingamaguqa, itshumi lambili lenqama kanye letshumi lambili
lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, kanye lomnikelo wazo
wamabele. Impongo ezilitshumi lambili zaba ngezomnikelo wesono.
88 Sezihlangene zonke izinyamazana zomhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano
kwaba zinkabi ezingamatshumi amabili lane, inqama ezingamatshumi ay-
isithupha, impongo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha kanye lamazinyane amaduna
ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa angamatshumi ayisithupha.

Le kwakuyiminikelo yokwahlukaniselwa kwe-alithari emva kokugcotshwa
kwalo.

89 Kwathi uMosi engena ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuba ayekhuluma LOTHIXO,
wezwa ilizwi likhuluma laye liphuma sengathi liphahlwe ngamakherubhi amabili
ngaphezu kwesisibekelo sesihlalo somusa, phezu kwebhokisi lobuFakazi. Wasekhu-
luma laye.

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Ukumiswa Kwezibane

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshono ku-Aroni uthi, ‘Nxa usumisa izibane eziyisikhom-
bisa, kufanele zikhanyise indawo ephambi koluthi lwezibane.’ ”
3 U-Aroni wenza njalo; wamisa izibane oluthini zikhangele phambili, njengoku-
laywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO. 4 Uluthi lwesibane lwalwenziwe ngale indlela: Lwalwen-
ziwe ngegolide elikhandiweyo kusukela esidindini salo kusiya embaxeni zamaluba
alo. Uluthi lwesibane lwenziwa lwafana xathu lalokho UTHIXO ayekutshengise uMosi.

Ukwahlukaniswa KwabaLevi

5 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 6 “Yahlukanisa abaLevi kwabanye bonke abako-Israyeli
ubahlambulule ngokomkhuba. 7 Nanku ozakwenza nxa usubahlambulula: Bachele
ngamanzi okuhlambulula, uthi baphuce imizimba yabo yonke njalo bagezise izigqoko
zabo, bazihlambulule. 8 Kabathathe inkunzi eliguqa ndawonye lomnikelo wayo
wamabele ayifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; ubusuthatha inkunzi
yesibili ibe ngumnikelo wesono. 9 Letha abaLevi phambi kwethente lokuhlangana
ubusubuthanisa isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli. 10 Letha abaLevi phambi KUKATHIXO,
abako-Israyeli babeke izandla zabo phezu kwabaLevi. 11 U-Aroni kethule abaLevi
phambi KUKATHIXO njengomnikelo wabako-Israyeli wokuzunguzwa, ukuze balungele
ukwenza umsebenzi KATHIXO.
12 Nxa abaLevi sebebeke izandla zabo phezu kwamakhanda enkunzi, uzakwenza
umnikelo wesono KUTHIXO ngenye yazo kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa, ukwenzela
abaLevi indlela yokubuyisana. 13 Misa abaLevi phambi kuka-Aroni kanye lamado-
dana akhe ubethule njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi KUKATHIXO. 14 Ngalokhu
uzabe usubahlukanisile abaLevi kwabanye bonke abako-Israyeli, ngakho abaLevi
bazakuba ngabami.
15 Ngemva kokuba usuhlambulule wethula abaLevi njengomnikelo wokuzun-
guzwa, kabeze benze umsebenzi wabo ethenteni lokuhlangana. 16 Bangabako-
Israyeli abaphiwe mina ngokugcweleyo. Sengibathethe baba ngabami esikhundleni
samazibulo, wonke umntwana ongumfana wokuqala ozelwe ngowesifazane wako-
Israyeli. 17 Wonke amazibulo ako-Israyeli, awabantu kumbe awezinyamazana,
angawami. Ngazehlukanisela wona mhla ngibulala amazibulo wonke eGibhithe.

18 Ngakho-ke sengithethe abaLevi esikhundleni samazibulo wonke angabafana bako-
Israyeli. 19 Kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, senginike abaLevi ku-Aroni kanye lamadodana
akhe ukuba babe yizipho ukuze benzele abako-Israyeli umsebenzi kanye lendlela
yokubuyisana ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze abako-Israyeli bangahlaselwa yisifo nxa
besondela endlini engcwele."
20 UMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli benza njalo kubaLevi njenga-
lokhu UTHIXO walaya uMosi. 21 AbaLevi bazihlambulula njalo bagezisa izigqoko zabo.
Ngakho u-Aroni wabethula phambi KUKATHIXO njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njalo
wabenzela indlela yokubuyisana ebahlambulula. 22 Ngemva kwalokho, abaLevi beza
ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuzokwenza umsebenzi wabo ngaphansi kuka-Aroni kanye
lamadodana akhe. Benza njalo kubaLevi njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.
23 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 24 "Lokhu kuqondane labaLevi: Abesilisa abaleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kusiya phezulu bazakwenza umsebenzi ethenteni
lokuhlangana, 25 kodwa asebeleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu okuzalwa baza-
miswa ukuphatha imisebenzi yabo yensuku ngensuku bangabe besasebenza futhi.
26 Bangasiza nje abafowabo nxa besenza imisebenzi yabo ethenteni lokuhlangana,
kodwa bona ngokwabo bangasebenzi. Le yiyo-ke indlela ozakupha ngayo abaLevi
imisebenzi."

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IPhasika

1 Ngenyanga yakuqala ngomnyaka wesibili ngemva kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe
UTHIXO wakhuluma loMosi enkangala yaseSinayi, wathi, 2 "Yenza abako-Israyeli
bagcine iPhasika ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. 3 Gcinani umkhosi walo ngesikhathi
esimisiweyo, kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwayonale inyanga, ngokwezimiso
kanye lemithetho yawo."
4 Ngakho uMosi watshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bagcine iPhasika, 5 benza njalo
kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala enkangala yaseSinayi. Abako-
Israyeli benza konke njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.
6 Kodwa abanye babo abazange bagcine iPhasika ngalolosuku ngoba babengcolile
ngokomkhuba ngenxa yesidumbu. Ngakho beza kuMosi lo-Aroni ngalolosuku 7 bathi
kuMosi, "Sesingcolile ngenxa yesidumbu, kambe kungani sinqatshelwa ukwethula
umnikelo KATHIXO kanye labanye bako-Israyeli ngesikhathi esimisiweyo na?"
8 UMosi wabaphendula wathi, "Manini, ukuze ngizwe ukuthi UTHIXO uzakuthini
ngani."
9 Ngakho UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 10 "Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi: 'Nxa omunye
wenu loba ubani wakini kumbe izizukulwane zenu ezingcoliswe yisidumbu kumbe
ethethe uhambo, angagcina iPhasika LIKATHIXO. 11 Bangagcina lumkhosi kusihlwa
ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili. Kabadle iwundlu, kanye lesinkwa
esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayo. 12 Bangatshiyi lutho lwakho kuze kuse kumbe
ukwephula loba yiliphi lamathambo alo. Nxa begcina iPhasika, kabalandele yonke
imithetho yalo. 13 Kodwa nxa umuntu ehlambulukile ngokomkhuba njalo engekho
ohanjweni ehluleke ukugcina iPhasika, lowomuntu kasuswe ebantwini bakibo ngoba
engethulanga umnikelo KATHIXO ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. Lowomuntu uzathwala
umlandu wesono sakhe.
14 Owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu ofuna ukugcina iPhasika LIKATHIXO kak-
wenze ngokwezimiso kanye lemithetho yalo. Wobani lezimiso zinye kowezizweni
kanye lowakini.' "

Iyezi Phezu KweThabanikeli

15 Ngosuku okwamiswa ngalo ithabanikeli, ithente lobuFakazi lamiswa, iyezi
lalisibekela. Kusukela kusihlwa kwaze kwasa iyezi elaliphezu kwethabanikeli
lalinjengomlilo. 16 Laqhubeka linjalo; lembeswe liyezi, ebusuku lalinjengomlilo.
17 Kwakusithi iyezi lingaphakama lisuka phezu kwethente, abako-Israyeli labo
babesuka bahambe kuthi lapho elima khona, abako-Israyeli bamise izihonqo zabo
khona. 18 Abako-Israyeli babesuka bahambe ngokulaya KUKATHIXO, kuthi njalo
ngokulaya kwakhe bamise izihonqo zabo. Ngesikhathi sonke iyezi limi phezu
kwethabanikeli, abako-Israyeli bahlala ezihonqweni zabo. 19 Lapho iyezi lihlala
isikhathi eside phezu kwethabanikeli, abako-Israyeli bamlalela UTHIXO abaze ba-
hamba. 20 Kwesinye isikhathi iyezi lalisima phezu kwethabanikeli okwezinsukwana
nje kuphela; ngokulaya KUKATHIXO babehlala ezihonqweni khonapho, kuthi njalo
ngokulaya kwakhe basuke bahambe. 21 Kwesinye isikhathi iyezi lalisima kusukela
kusihlwa kuze kuse, kuthi nxa lisuka ekuseni, labo bahambe. Kungakhathalekile
ukuthi kusemini loba kusebusuku, sonke isikhathi lapho iyezi lisuka babesuka
bahambe. 22 Loba iyezi lalisima phezu kwethabanikeli okwensuku ezimbili, kumbe
okwenyanga eyodwa loba okomnyaka, abako-Israyeli babehlala khonapho ezihon-
qweni bangasuki; kodwa nxa lingasuka, labo babesuka. 23 Ngokulaya KUKATHIXO
babehlala ezihonqweni, langokulaya kwakhe njalo babesuka bahambe. Balalela
okwakutshiwo NGUTHIXO ngokulaya kwakhe ngoMosi.

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Amacilongo Esiliva

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: 2 “Yenza amacilongo amabili ngesiliva esikhandiweyo,
ukuze uwasebenzise nxa ubizela abako-Israyeli ndawonye lanxa izihonqo sezifanele
ukususwa ukuba kuhanjwe. 3 Kuzakuthi nxa amacilongo womabili angakhala
sikhathi sinye, isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli sibuthane phambi kwakho esangweni
lethente lokuHlangana. 4 Kungakhala elilodwa nje, abakhokheli, inhloko zezizwana
zako-Israyeli, kumele babuthane phambi kwakho. 5 Nxa icilongo lingakhala kakhulu,
izizwana ezihlala ezihonqweni ezisempumalanga zizasuka. 6 Lingakhala kakhulu
okwesibili izihonqo ezingeningizimu zizasuka. Ukukhala kakhulu kwecilongo kutsho
ukuthi kakusukwe. 7 Ekubuthanisweni kwabantu ndawonye, lizakhalisa amacilongo,
kodwa kube lomahluko ukukhala kwawo.

8 Amadodana ka-Aroni, abaphristi, yibo abazatshaya amacilongo. Lesi siyisimiso
esizakuma njalo kini lakuzizukulwane ezizayo. 9 Nxa lisilwa impi lesitha esilincin-
dezelayo elizweni lakini, lizakhalisa kakhulu amacilongo. Ngalokho UTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu uzalikhumbula njalo lisindiswe ezitheni zenu. 10 Njalo lasezikhathini
zenu zentokozo, emikhosini emisiweyo kanye lemadilini okuThwasa kwenyanga,
lizakhalisa amacilongo phezu kweminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yobudlel-
wano, ngakho izakuba yisikhumbuzo senu phambi kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Mina
NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.”

Abako-Israyeli Basuka ESinayi

11 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili ngenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesibili, iyezi la-
suka phezu kweThabanikeli lobuFakazi. 12 Ngalokho abako-Israyeli basuka enkangala
yaseSinayi bazula indawo ngendawo iyezi laze layakuma enkangala yasePharani.
13 Basuka, okwehlandla lakuqala ngokulaya KUKATHIXO ngoMosi.

14 Izigaba zezihonqo zakoJuda zasuka kuqala, ngophawu lwazo. Zazilawulwa
nguNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi. 15 UNethaneli indodana kaZuwari ekhokhele
izigaba zesizwana sika-Isakhari, 16 kuthi u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni ekhokhele

izigaba zesizwana sikaZebhuluni. 17 Ngakho basebechitha ithabanikeli, kwathi amaGeshoni lamaMerari ayelithwala, lawo asuka.
18 Kwalandela izigaba zezihonqo zikaRubheni, lazo zingaphansi kophawu lwazo. U-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri wayekhokhele. 19 UShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi ekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaSimiyoni, 20 kanti u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaGadi. 21 Kwasekusuka amaKhohathi, wona asuka ethwele izinto ezingcwele. Ithabanikeli kwakumele limiswe abako-Israyeli bengakafiki.
22 Izigaba zezihonqo zika-Efrayimi zalandela, ngaphansi kophawu lwazo. Owayekhokhele ngu-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi. 23 UGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaManase, 24 kanti u-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni wakhokhela isigaba sezihonqo zesizwana sikaBhenjamini.
25 Ekucineni, beliviyo elalivimbe emuva kwazo zonke izigaba, kwaba ngabezihonqo zesizwana sikaDani, abasuka ekucineni labo bengaphansi kophawu lwabo. Owayekhokhele kwakungu-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi. 26 UPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sika-Asheri, 27 kanti u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaNafithali. 28 Lokhu kwakuyindlela yokulandelana kokuhamba kwezigaba zabako-Israyeli ekusukeni kwabo.
29 UMosi wathi kuHobhabhi indodana kaRuweli onguMidiyani uyisezala kaMosi, “Sesisuka sisiya elizweni lelo elatshiwo NGUTHIXO ukuthi ‘Ngizalipha lona.’ Woza sihambe lawe thina sizakuphatha kuhle, UTHIXO uthembise abako-Israyeli izinto ezinhle.”
30 Waphendula wathi, “Hatshi, angiyikuhamba, ngizabuyela kwelakithi ebantwini bakithi.”
31 Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Ngiyakuncenga ungasuki phakathi kwethu. Nguwe owazi lapha okufanele sihlale khona enkangala, njalo ongaba ngamehlo ethu. 32 Nxa ungahamba lathi, sizakwabelana lawe izinto ezinhle esiyabe siziphiwe NGUTHIXO.”
33 Ngakho basuka entabeni KATHIXO bahamba okwensuku ezintathu. Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO wahamba phambi kwabo okwalezonsuku ezintathu ukubafunela indawo yokuphumula. 34 Iyezi LIKATHIXO lalisiba phezu kwabo emini lapho sebesuka ezihonqweni.
35 Kwakusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano usuka, uMosi athi,
“Phakama, THIXO!
Sengathi izitha zingahlakazeka;
sengathi izitha zakho zingabaleka phambi kwakho.”
36 Kwakusithi lingema, athi,
“Buya, THIXO,
kuzinkulungwane zako-Israyeli ezingebalwe.”

11

Umlilo Ovela KUTHIXO

1 Abantu basola ngobunzima ababelabo UTHIXO esizwa, kwathi ekuzwa lokho wathukuthela kakhulu. Kwasekusithi umlilo ovela KUTHIXO wavutha phakathi kwabo waze waqothula lezinye izindawo ezisemaphethelweni ezihonqo. 2 Kwathi lapho abantu sebekhale kuMosi, yena wakhuleka KUTHIXO ngakho umlilo wadeda. 3 Indawo leyo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiThabhera, ngoba umlilo KATHIXO wavutha phakathi kwabo.

Izagwaca Ezivela KUTHIXO

4 Uquqaba lwabantu olwaluphakathi kwabo lwaqala ukufisa okunye ukudla, ngakho labako-Israyeli baqala ukulila bathi, “Aluba besingazuza inyama yokudla

nje kodwa lokhu! 5 Sesikhumbula inhlanzi esasizidla eGibhithe kungelambadalo
lamakhomane, amakhabe, amalikhi lemihlobo yonke yehanyanisi kanye legalikhi.
6 Pho khathesi lapha sesize singasakhwabithi lokudla; kasiboni lutho ngaphandle
kwemana yonale zwi!”
7 Imana yayiphose ilingane lentanga yekhoriyanda ilombala ofana lowenhlaka.
8 Abantu babephuma bayeyibutha, bayichole kumbe bayigige. Babeyipheka embizeni
kumbe benze amaqebelengwana ngayo. Yayinambitheka njengento ephekwe ngama-
futha e-oliva. 9 Kwakusithi nxa kusiba lamazolo ezihonqweni ebusuku, imana layo
ikhithika.
10 UMosi wezwa abantu bendlu inye ngayinye bekhala, ngulowo esemnyango
wethente lakhe. UTHIXO wathukuthela kakhulu, njalo uMosi wakhathazeka. 11 UMosi
wathi kuTHIXO, “Kungani wehlisele ubunzima encekwini yakho na? Kuyini engik-
wenzileyo okungakuthokozisanga ukuze ungeleke ngobunzima babantu bonke laba
na? 12 Ngingunina wabo na? Yimi engabazalayo yini? Kungani usithi ngibaphathe
ngezandla zami njengomongikazi ephethe usane, ngibase elizweni lesithembiso
owafunga ngalo kubokhokho babo na? 13 Ngingayithatha ngaphi inyama yokupha
abantu bonke laba? Lokhu bengikhalela besithi, ‘Sinike inyama sidle!’ 14 Ngeke
ngibathwale abantu bonke laba ngingedwa; umthwalo lo unzima kakhulu kimi.
15 Nxa kuyiyo indlela ozangiphatha ngayo, ngibulala khathesi, nxa ngifumane umusa
kuwe, ukuze ngingaboni ukuhlupheka kwami.”
16 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi: “Ngilethela ebadaleni bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa obaziyo ukuthi bangabakhokheli futhi yizikhulu zabantu. Balethe
ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze bame lawe khonapho. 17 Ngizakwehla ngizekhuluma
lawe khonapho, ngizathatha ingxenye yoMoya okuwe ngiwufake phezu kwabo.
Bazakuncedisa ukuthwala umthwalo wabantu bako-Israyeli ukuze ungawuthwali
wedwa.
18 Tshela abantu uthi: Zingcweliseni lilungiselela usuku lwakusasa, lapho eliza-
kudla khona inyama. UTHIXO ulizwile likhala kuye lisithi, ‘Ngubani ozasipha inyama
ukuba sidle? Kwakungcono kithi siseGibhithe!’ Khathesi uTHIXO uzalinika inyama,
njalo lizayidla. 19 Aliyikuyidla okosuku olulodwa loba ezimbili, loba ezinhlanu,
ezilitshumi loba ezingamatshumi amabili, 20 kodwa lizayidla okwenyanga yonke, ize
iphume ngamakhala enu, ilitshiphele, ngoba limhlamukele uTHIXO ephakathi kwenu,
njalo likhalile phambi kwakhe, lisithi, ‘Kanti sivele sasukelani eGibhithe.’ ”
21 Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Mina ngilapha phakathi kwamadoda azinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu ayisithupha (600,000) ahamba ngezinyawo, kodwa wena uthi, ‘Ngiz-
abanika inyama abazayidla okwenyanga yonke!’ 22 Bebengeneliswa na aluba be-
behlatshelwe imihlambi yezimvu leyezifuyo? Babezakweneliswa na aluba begolelwe
inhlanzi zonke zasolwandle?”
23 UTHIXO wamphendula uMosi wathi, “Kambe ingalo kaTHIXO imfitshane na?
Uzabona-ke khathesi longabe yebo loba hayi ukuthi engikutshoyo kuzagcwaliseka
kuwe.”
24 Ngakho uMosi waphuma wayatshela abantu lokho okwakutshiwo nguTHIXO.
Wahlanganisa abadala abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa wabamisa bahonqolozela
ithente. 25 Ngalokho uTHIXO wehla ngeyezi wakhuluma laye, yena wasethatha uMoya
owawuphezu kwakhe wawethulela phezu kwabadala bebandla abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa. Kwathi uMoya usuphezu kwabo, baphrofitha, kodwa kabazange
baphinde bakwenze emva kwalokho.
26 Kodwa-ke, kwakukhona amadoda amabili, kungu-Elidadi loMedadi ababesele
esihonqweni. Lanxa babebalelwa ebadaleni, kodwa kabazange baphume ukuya
eThenteni. Kanti-ke uMoya wawehlele phezu kwabo labo, njalo babephrofitha

besesihonqweni. 27 Ijahana elincinyane lagijima layabikela uMosi lathi, “U-Elidadi
loMedadi bayaphrofitha besesihonqweni.”
28 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, owayekade engumsekeli kaMosi kusukela ebutsheni
bakhe, waphakamisa ilizwi wathi, “Mosi, nkosi yami, bathulise!”
29 Kodwa uMosi waphendula wathi, “Uyangikhwelezela na? Ngiyafisa ukuthi
ngabe bonke abantu BAKATHIXO bangabaphrofethi njalo lokuthi UTHIXO wehlisele
uMoya wakhe phezu kwabo!” 30 Ngakho uMosi labadala bako-Israyeli babuyela
ezihonqweni.
31 Kwasekuphephetha umoya uvela KUTHIXO wathinta izagwaca zivela olwandle.
Zakhithika zelekana ukusuka phansi okwezingalo ezimbili ezihonqweni, zendlaleka
okomango ongahanjwa okosuku lonke inxa zonke. 32 Mhlalokho emini lebusuku njalo
langosuku olulandelayo abantu baphuma bayabutha izagwaca. Akekho owabutha
izagwaca ezinganeno kwamahomeri alitshumi. Ngakho basebezichaya indawana
zonke ezihonqweni. 33 Kodwa kwathi belokhu besayihlafuna inyama bengakayiginyi,
ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha phezu kwabantu, njalo wabatshaya ngokubehlisela
umkhuhlane. 34 Ngakho indawo leyo yabizwa ngokuthi yiKhibhrothi Hathava, ngoba
kulapho okwangcwatshwa khona abantu ababebukhali kokunye ukudla.
35 Ekusukeni kwabo eKhibhrothi Hathava abantu bahamba baze bayafika eHaze-
rothi bahlala khona.

12

UMiriyemu Lo-Aroni Baphikisa UMosi

1 UMiriyemu lo-Aroni basuka basebeqalisa ukusola uMosi ngenxa yomkakhe
ongumKhushi, njengoba wayethethe umKhushi. 2 Babuzana bathi: “Kambe uMosi
nguye yedwa ongumlomo KATHIXO na? Kanti lathi kazange asenze izikhulumeli zakhe
na?” UTHIXO wakuzwa lokhu.
3 (UMosi wayeyindoda ethobeke kakhulu, ethobeke ukwedlula wonke amadoda
asemhlabeni.)
4 Khonokho nje UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, u-Aroni loMiriyemu, “Phumani lize ethenteni
lokuhlangana, lonke lobathathu.” Lakanye beza bobathathu. 5 UTHIXO wehla
ngensika yeyezi; wema esangweni lethente wasebiza u-Aroni loMiriyemu. Kwathi
lapho sebesondele bobabili, 6 UTHIXO wasesithi, “Lalelani amazwi ami:

Nxa kulomphrofethi KATHIXO phakathi kwenu,
ngiziveza kuye ngemibono,
ngikhuluma laye emaphutsheni.
7 Kodwa akunjalo ngenceku yami uMosi;
uthembekile endlini yami yonke.
8 Nxa ngikhuluma laye siqondana ubuso ngobuso,
ngokucacileyo kungesikuphicana;
uyasibona isimo SIKATHIXO.
Kungani pho belingesabi
ukusola inceku yami uMosi na?”

9 Ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha phezu kwabo, UTHIXO wasesuka kubo.
10 Ekusukeni kweyezi phezu kwethente, kwabonakala uMiriyemu esemi lapho
eselobulephero obunjengongqwaqwane. U-Aroni uthe emkhangela wambona eselob-
ulephero; 11 wasesithi kuMosi, “Awu, nkosi yami, ungasibeki icala ngenxa yesono
esisenze ngobuwula. 12 Ungamyekeli enjengomntwana ozelwe efile, inyama yakhe
idliwe nganxanye.”
13 Ngakho uMosi wakhala KUTHIXO wathi, “Nkulunkulu, ngiyakucela, msilise.”

14 UTHIXO waphendula uMosi wathi, “Kambe ngabe uyise ubemkhafulele ebusweni,
ubengayikuthwala ihlazo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa na? Mkhupheni ahlale
ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa; ngemva kwalokho selingam-
buyisa.” 15 Ngakho uMiriyemu wahlaliswa ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa, ngakho abantu kabaqhubekanga ngohambo waze waphenduka.
16 Ngemva kwalokho, abantu basuka eHazerothi bayamisa izihonqo enkangala
yasePharani.

13

Ukuhlolwa Kwelizwe LaseKhenani

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Thuma amadoda athile ukuba ayehlola ilizwe
laseKhenani, engilinika abako-Israyeli. Kusendo ngalunye lwesizwe thuma
umkhokheli oyedwa.”
3 Ngakho ngokulaya KUKATHIXO uMosi wabakhupha labo enkangala yePharani.
Bonke babengabakhokheli bako-Israyeli.

4 Nanka amabizo abo:

esizweni sikaRubheni, kwakunguShamuwa indodana kaZakhuri;
5 esizweni sikaSimiyoni, kwakunguShafathi indodana kaHori;
6 esizweni sikaJuda, kwakunguKhalebi indodana kaJefune;
7 esizweni sika-Isakhari, kwakungu-Igali indodana kaJosefa;
8 esizweni sika-Efrayimi, kwakunguHosheya indodana kaNuni;
9 esizweni sikaBhenjamini, kwakunguPhalithi indodana kaRafu;
10 esizweni sikaZebhuluni, kwakunguGadiyeli indodana kaSodi;
11 esizweni sikaManase (owesizwe sikaJosefa), kwakunguGadi indodana kaSusi;
12 esizweni sikaDani, kwakungu-Amiyeli indodana kaGemali;
13 esizweni sika-Asheri, kwakunguSethuri indodana kaMikhayeli;
14 esizweni sikaNafithali, kwakunguNabhi indodana kaVofisi;
15 esizweni sikaGadi, kwakunguGewuweli indodana kaMakhi.

16 La ngamabizo alawomadoda athunywa nguMosi ukuyahlola ilizwe. (UMosi
wetha uHosheya indodana kaNuni ibizo elithi Joshuwa.)

17 Ekubathumeni kwakhe ukuyahlola ilizwe laseKhenani, uMosi wathi kubo,
“Hambani liye eNegebi likhuphukele elizweni lezintaba. 18 Likhangele ukuthi ilizwe
lakhona linjani njalo lokuthi abantu bakhona balamandla kumbe babuthakathaka,
balutshwana kumbe banengi. 19 Ilizwe abahlala kulo linjani? Lihle na loba libi?
Amadolobho abahlala kuwo anjani? Agonjolozelwe ngemiduli loba asegcekeni nje?
20 Umhlabathi wakhona unjani? Uvundile na loba ulugwadule? Langabe lilezihlahla
loba hayi? Yenzani ubungcono benu libuye lezinye zezithelo zakulelolizwe.”
(Kwakuyisikhathi sokuvuthwa kwezithelo zakuqala zevini.)
21 Ngakho bahamba ukuyahlola ilizwe besukela eNkangala yaseZini kuze kuyefika
eRehobhi, ngokuya eLebho Hamathi. 22 Bahamba-ke badabula eNegebi baze bayafika
eHebhroni, lapho okwakuhlala khona u-Ahimani, loSheshayi kanye loThalimayi,
izizukulwane zika-Anakhi. (IHebhroni yakhiwa iminyaka eyisikhombisa kun-
gakakhiwa idolobho laseZowani eGibhithe.) 23 Bathi befika esihotsheni sase-Eshikholi
baquma ugatsha olwalulesixha sezithelo zevini. Ababili babo basithwala besigaxe
egodweni ndawonye lamaphomegranathi kanye lomkhiwa. 24 Lindawo yabizwa
ngokuthi yisihotsha sase-Eshikholi ngenxa yesixha sezithelo zevini esaqunywa khona

ngabako-Israyeli. 25 Ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane zokuhlola ilizwe
inhloli zabuyela emuva.

Umbiko Mayelana Lokuhlolwa Kwelizwe

26 Babuyela kuMosi lo-Aroni lakuso sonke isizwe sako-Israyeli eKhadeshi, enkan-
gala yasePharani. Babikela uMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli njalo
batshengisa lezithelo zakulelolizwe. 27 Balandisela uMosi bathi: “Sihambile elizweni
lelo obukade usithume kulo, ngempela ligeleza uchago loluju! Nanzi izithelo zalo.
28 Kodwa abantu abahlala khona balamandla kanti lamadolobho akhona makhulu
njalo avikelwe. Size sabona lezizukulwane zika-Anakhi khonale. 29 Ama-Amaleki
ahlala eNegebi; amaHithi, lamaJebusi lama-Amori bahlala elizweni lezintaba,
amaKhenani wona ahlala eduzane lolwandle esekele umfula uJodani.”
30 Emva kwalokho uKhalebi wathulisa abantu phambi kukaMosi wasesithi, “Ku-
fanele ukuthi sihambe siyethatha ilizwe leli libe ngelethu, ngoba singakwenza sibili.”
31 Kodwa amadoda lawo ayehambe laye athi, “Asingeke sibahlasele abantu
labo; balamandla kulathi.” 32 Basebetshela abantu bako-Israyeli umbiko omubi
ngelizwe ababelihlolile. Bathi, “Ilizwe esilihlolileyo liyabagabhela labantu abahlala
kulo. Bonke abantu esibabone khonale yiziqhwaga. 33 Sibone khona amaNefilimi
(isizukulwane sika-Anakhi sivela kumaNefilimi.) Emehlweni ethu besingangentethe
phambi kwabo, lasemehlweni abo besinjalo.”

14

Ukuhlamuka Kwabantu

1 Ngalobobusuku abantu bonke emphakathini baphakamisa amazwi abo bakhala
kakhulu. 2 Bonke abako-Israyeli bakhonona besola uMosi lo-Aroni, lonke ibandla
lathi kubo, “Ngabe sahle sazifela eGibhithe, kumbe khonapha enkangala! 3 Kungani
UTHIXO esilethe kulelilizwe ukuthi sife sibulawa ngenkemba na? Amakhosikazi
ethu kanye labantwabethu bazakuba yimpango. Kambe kakungcono yini ukuthi
sibuyele eGibhithe na?” 4 Bakhulumisana besithi, “Asikhetheni omunye umkhokheli
asibuyisele eGibhithe.”
5 Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni bathi mbo ngobuso phansi phambi kwabantu bako-
Israyeli bonke ababebuthene lapho. 6 Kwathi uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye
loKhalebi indodana kaJefune, ababengabanye balabo ababeyehlola ilizwe, badabula
izigqoko zabo 7 bathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli ababebuthene, “Ilizwe esadabula
kulo salihlola lihle kakhulu. 8 Nxa UTHIXO ethokoza ngathi, uzasikhokhelela kulo,
ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njalo uzakusinika lona. 9 Kuphela nje lingamhlamukeli
UTHIXO. Futhi lingabesabi abantu bakulelolizwe, ngoba sizabadla sibaqede. Kabase-
laso isivikelo, kodwa UTHIXO ulathi. Lingabesabi.”
10 Kodwa ibandla wonke wathi kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Inkazimulo KATHIXO
yasibonakala kubo bonke abako-Israyeli ethenteni lokuhlangana. 11 UTHIXO
wasesithi kuMosi, “Koze kube nini abantu laba bengeyisa na? Kuzaze kube
nini bengangikholwa, loba sengenze izinto ezimangalisayo phakathi kwabo na?
12 Ngizabatshaya ngomkhuhlane ngibabhubhise, kodwa wena ngizakwenza ube
yisizwe esikhulu njalo esilamandla kulabo.”
13 UMosi wasesithi KUTHIXO, “AmaGibhithe azakuzwa lokhu! Abantu laba
bakhutshwa nguwe phakathi kwabo ngamandla akho. 14 Ngakho bazatshela
abakhileyo kulelilizwe ngalesisehlakalo. Bavele sebezwile ukuthi wena, Oh THIXO,
ulabo lababantu njalo lokuthi wena, THIXO, ubonakale uqondene labo ubuso ngobuso,
lokuthi iyezi lakho lihlala liphezu kwabo, njalo lokuthi uhamba phambi kwabo
ngensika yeyezi lakho emini kuthi ebusuku ngensika yomlilo. 15 Pho ungababhubhisa

abantu bonke laba ngasikhathi sinye, izizwe esezizwile ngalezizindaba ngawe
zizakuthi, 16 'UTHIXO wehlulekile ukungenisa abantu laba elizweni abathembisa lona
ngesifungo; ngakho usebabhubhisele enkangala.'
17 Amandla kaThixo kabonakaliswe khathesi, njengokutsho kwakho ukuthi:
18 'UTHIXO uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, ugcwele ngothando njalo uyathethelela isono
lokuhlamuka. Kodwa kayikubayekela abalecala bengajeziswanga; ujezisa abantwana
ngenxa yezono zaboyise kuze kube kusizukulwane sesithathu lesesine.' 19 Thethelela
isono salababantu, ngenxa yothando lwakho olukhulu, ubaxolele njengokubaxolela
kwakho kusukela ngesikhathi abasuka ngaso eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi."
20 UTHIXO waphendula wathi, "Sengibathethelele njengesicelo sakho. 21 Impela
njengoba ngiphila, lanjengoba inkazimulo KATHIXO igcwalise umhlaba wonke,
22 akulamuntu loyedwa owabona inkazimulo yami kanye lezibonakaliso zezimanga
engazenza eGibhithe lasenkangala kodwa kaze angilalela njalo wangilinga okungaba
ngamahlandla alitshumi, 23 akukho loyedwa wabo ozalibona ilizwe engalithembisa
okhokho babo ngesifungo. Futhi kakho loyedwa ongidelelayo ozalibona. 24 Kodwa
ngenxa yokuthi inceku yami uKhalebi ulomoya owehlukileyo njalo ungilandela
ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, ngizamngenisa elizweni afika kulo, lizakuba yilifa lez-
izukulwane zakhe. 25 Njengoba ama-Amaleki lamaKhenani ehlala ezigodini, lina
phendukani kusasa liqonde enkangala ngendlela yasoLwandle oLubomvu."
26 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: 27 "Koze kube nini lababantu abangalunganga
bekhonona bengisola na? Sengizwile ukusola lokukhonona kwabako-Israyeli.
28 Ngakho batshele uthi, 'Njengoba ngiphila impela, kutsho UTHIXO, ngizakwenza
kini zona lezozinto engilizwe lizikhuluma. 29 Izidumbu zenu zizagcwala enkan-
gala yonale, lina lonke elabalwayo ngesikhathi sokubalwa kwabantu elileminyaka
yokuzalwa engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu labo bonke abakade bekhonona
bengisola. 30 Kakho loyedwa wenu ozangena elizweni engafunga ngokuphakamisa
isandla ukuthi libe likhaya lenu, ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune
loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni. 31 Mayelana labantwana benu labo elathi bazakuba
yimpango, ngizabangenisa elizweni lelo elilalileyo ukuze bathokoze kulo. 32 Kodwa
lina, izidumbu zenu zizawohlokela kule inkangala. 33 Abantwabenu bazakuba nga-
belusi lapha okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, behlupheka ngenxa yokungath-
embeki kwenu, kuze kungcwatshwe isidumbu sokucina enkangala. 34 Okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane, umnyaka munye umele usuku lunye elahlola ngalo ilizwe,
lizahlupheka ngenxa yezono zenu lize lazi ukuthi kuyinto enjani nxa mina ngimelana
lani.' 35 Mina THIXO, sengikhulumile, njalo ngempela ngizazenza lezizinto ebantwini
laba bonke, abamanyeneyo bemelana lami. Bazabhubha kuyonale inkangala;
bazafela khonapha."
36 Ngakho amadoda ayethunywe nguMosi ukuthi ayehlola ilizwe, lawo athi
ekuphendukeni kwawo amemethekisa umbiko omubi owabangela ukuthi abantu
bakhonone besola uMosi, 37 lawomadoda amemethekisa umbiko ongalunganga
mayelana lelizwe atshaywa ngomkhuhlane afa phambi KUKATHIXO. 38 Emadodeni
ayeyehlola ilizwe, kwasila kuphela uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye loKhalebi
indodana kaJefune.
39 Kwathi lapho uMosi esebikele bonke abako-Israyeli, bakhala kabuhlungu.
40 Ngosuku olulandelayo ekuseni kakhulu baqonda elizweni lamaqaqa. Bathi, "Sonile,
sizakuya kuleyondawo esayithenjiswa NGUTHIXO."
41 Kodwa uMosi wathi kubo, "Kungani lingalaleli umlayo KATHIXO na? Lokhu
elikwenzayo akusoze kuphumelele! 42 Lingakhuphuki, ngoba UTHIXO kalisekeli.
Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu, 43 ngoba lizaqondana lama-Amaleki kanye lamaKhenani

khonale. Ngenxa yokuthi limhlamukele UTHIXO, yena kayikuba lani ngakho
lizabhujiswa ngenkemba.”
44 Loba kunjalo, baqhubeka beqonde elizweni lamaqaqa benganakile, loba
uMosi kumbe umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO kungasukanga ezihonqweni.
45 Ngakho ama-Amaleki lamaKhenani ayehlala kulelolizwe lamaqaqa ehla abahlasela,
ababhuqa ebaxotsha baze bayafika eHoma.

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Eminye Iminikelo

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Ngemva kokungena
kwenu elizweni engilinika lona ukuba libe likhaya lenu, 3 kumele lethule iminikelo
yenu eyenziwa ngomlilo KUTHIXO, kusukela emihlambini yenkomo leyezimvu,
kube liphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO, kungakhathalekile ukuthi ngumnikelo wokut-
shiswa kumbe ngumhlatshelo, kungokwezifungo eziqakathekileyo loba iminikelo
yokuzithandela loba eyemikhosi emisiweyo, 4 ngakho lowo oletha umnikelo wakhe
uzakwethula KUTHIXO umnikelo wamabele oyingxenye eyodwa etshumini lehefa
lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha ayingxenye eyodwa kokune kwehini.
5 Lungisa lewundlu ngalinye elomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo ingxenye
eyodwa kokune yehini yewayini njengomnikelo wokunathwayo.
6 Kuthi ngenqama ulungise umnikelo wamabele ube yisilinganiso sokubili kokulit-
shumi kwehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha ayisilinganiso esisodwa
kokuthathu kwehini, 7 lewayini eliyisilinganiso sehini esisodwa kokuthathu kube
ngumnikelo wokunathwayo. Kunikele kube liphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO.
8 Nxa ulungisa inkunzi eliguqa njengomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo,
kusenzelwa isifungo esiqakathekileyo loba umnikelo wobudlelwano KUTHIXO, 9 letha
ndawonye lenkunzi umnikelo wamabele acholiweyo aba yifulawa ecolekileyo
eyisilinganiso sehefa sokuthathu etshumini exutshaniswe lamafutha ayingxenye
yehini. 10 Letha njalo lewayini eliyizilinganiso zengxenye yehini kube ngumnikelo
wokunathwayo. Lokhu kuzakuba ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga elimnandi
KUTHIXO. 11 Ngakho inkunzi inye ngayinye loba inqama, iwundlu linye ngalinye
loba izinyane lembuzi, akulungiswe ngale indlela. 12 Lokhu kwenze emnikelweni
ngamunye loba ulungise emingaki.
13 Wonke ozalwa lapha kumele enze lezizinto ngale indlela lapho eletha umnikelo
wakhe owenziwe ngomlilo njengephunga elimnandi KUTHIXO. 14 Ezizukulwaneni
ezilandelayo, owezizweni loba ngubani ohlezi lani nxa esethula umnikelo owenziwa
ngomlilo njengoqhatshi olumnandi KUTHIXO, kumele enze khona lokho elikwenzayo.
15 Imithetho le kumele uyilandele wena labantu bonke kanye labezizweni abahlala
phakathi kwenu; lesi yisimiso esimi njalo lakuzizukulwane ezilandelayo. Lina kanye
labezizweni lizafanana phambi KUKATHIXO: 16 Lizabuswa ngemithetho lemilayo
efananayo lina kanye labezizwe abahlala phakathi kwenu.’ ”
17 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 18 “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Ekungeneni kwenu
elizweni engilisa kulo 19 lingadla ukudla kwalelolizwe, yethulani ingxenye yakho ibe
ngumnikelo KUTHIXO. 20 Lethani isinkwa esenziwe ngempuphu yakuqala lisethule
njengomnikelo ovela esizeni. 21 Kuzozonke izizukulwane ezilandelayo lizakwethula
umnikelo KUTHIXO uthethwe emputshini yenu yakuqala.’ ”

Umnikelo Wezono Ezingenziwanga Ngabomo

22 “ ‘Kungakho nxa wehlulekile ukugcina loba yiphi imilayo UTHIXO ayinika uMosi
ungananzelelanga, 23 loba yiphi imilayo KATHIXO alitshele yona ngoMosi, kusukela
ngosuku UTHIXO amupha yona kuqhubekela ezizukulwaneni ezilandelayo, 24 kanti

njalo lokhu kwenzakele ngephutha abantu bengakunanzelele, kutsho ukuthi abantu bonke bakuleyondawo bazanikela ngenkunzi eliguqa kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa olephunga elimnandi kuTHIXO, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele lowokunathwayo, kanye lempongo yomnikelo wesono njengokumisiweyo. 25 Umphristi uzakwenzela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana, ngakho bazathethelelwa, ngoba bekungayisingabomo njalo banikele kuTHIXO ngokona kwabo umhlatshelo wokudla kanye lomnikelo wesono. 26 Abantu bonke bako-Israyeli kanye labezizwe abahlala labo bazathethelelwa, ngoba bonke lababantu babengonanga ngabomo.

27 Kodwa nxa kungumuntu oyedwa owonayo kungesikho ngabomo, kumele alethe imbuzi ensikazi elomnyaka owodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono. 28 Umphristi uzamenzela lowo owone ngokwenza isono kungesikho ngabomo indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaTHIXO, kuthi ngemva kokuba indlela yokubuyisana isiyenziwe, uzathethelelwa. 29 Wonalo umthetho ngowomuntu wonke owonayo kungesikho ngabomo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi ungowako-Israyeli ozalelwe khonapha kumbe ngowezizweni.

30 Kodwa loba ngubani owenza isono ngabomo, kungaba ngowakini loba owezizweni, athuke uTHIXO, lowomuntu uzaxotshwa ebantwini bakibo. 31 Ngenxa yokweyisa ilizwi likaTHIXO lokwephula imilayo yakhe, lowomuntu ngempela kaxotshwe kwabakibo; uhlala elokhu elalo icala.’ ”

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32 Ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli besenkangala, indoda ethile yatholakala itheza inkuni ngosuku lweSabatha. 33 Kwathi labo abamficayo etheza bamusa kuMosi lo-Aroni kanye lakubo bonke abantu, 34 ngoba kungakazakali ukuthi kumele enziweni; wavalelwa entolongweni. 35 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Indoda leyo kumele ife. Abantu bonke kumele bamkhande ngamatshe ngaphandle kwezihonqo.” 36 Ngakho abantu bamusa ngaphandle kwezihonqo bamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguTHIXO.

Intshaka Ezambathweni

37 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 38 “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo, kumele lithungele izixha zentshaka emiphethweni yezembatho zenu, isixha ngasinye sibe lentambo eluhlaza. 39 Lizakhumbula imilayo yonke kaTHIXO njalo liyilalele izikhathi zonke nxa likhangela intshaka lezi ukuze lingazibhixi ngokulandela izinkanuko zezinhliziyo zenu kanye lamehlo enu liduhe. 40 Ngakho lizakhumbula ukuyilandela yonke imilayo yami ukuze lehlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu wenu. 41 Mina nginguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. NginguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.’ ”

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UKhora, LoDathani Lo-Abhiramu

1 UKhora indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi, indodana kaLevi, labathile abakoRubheni, uDathani kanye lo-Abhiramu, amadodana ka-Eliyabi, kanye lo-Oni indodana kaPhelethi baqala ukuba yiziqholo 2 bavukela uMosi. Bakwenza lokhu bendawonye lamanye amadoda angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu (250) ako-Israyeli, abakhokheli abadumileyo babantu bakuleyondawo ababekhethelwe ukuthi babe ngamalunga enkundla. 3 Beza beliqembu ukuzomelana loMosi lo-Aroni bathi kubo, “Seledlulise amalawulo! Abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bangcwele, bonke ngamunye wabo, njalo uTHIXO uyabasekela. Pho kungani liziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabantu bakaTHIXO na?”

4 UMosi wathi ekuzwa lokhu, wawela phansi ngobuso. 5 Wasesithi kuKhora
lakubalandeli bakhe: “Kusasa ekuseni UTHIXO uzaveza obala ukuthi ngubani on-
gowakhe lokuthi ngubani ongcwele, njalo uzamvumela lowomuntu ukuthi asondele
kuye. Indoda azayikhetha uzayivumela ukuthi isondele phansi kwakhe. 6 Wena,
Khora, kanye labalandeli bakho yenzani lokhu: Thathani indengezi 7 kuthi kusasa
libasele umlilo njalo litshisele impepha kuzo phambi KUKATHIXO. Indoda ezakhethwa
NGUTHIXO yiyo engcwele. Lina baLevi seledlulise amalawulo!”
8 UMosi wabuye wathi kuKhora, “Khathesi lalelani-ke, lina baLevi! 9 Kanti
akulanelisanga yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ulikhethile phakathi kwabo
bonke abako-Israyeli njalo walisondeza phansi kwakhe ukuze lenze umsebenzi
ethabanikeleni LIKATHIXO lokuthi lizakuma phambi kwesizwe lisenzele inkonzo na?
10 Ukusondezile wena kanye labanye bakho abangabaLevi phansi kwakhe, kodwa-
ke khathesi selifuna lobuphristi. 11 Ukubambana kwakho kanye labalandeli bakho
kuyikumelana LOTHIXO limphikisa. Kambe ungubani u-Aroni elingakhonona ngaye?”
12 Ngakho uMosi wabiza uDathani lo-Abhiramu amadodana ka-Eliyabi. Kodwa
bona bathi, “Vele kasibuyi! 13 Kambe bekungenelanga yini ukuthi wasikhipha
elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju ukuzasibulalela enkangala na? Khathesi usufuna
lokuba yinkosi phezu kwethu? 14 Kunjalo-nje, awukasingenisi elizweni eligeleza
uchago loluju kumbe ukusipha ilifa lamasimu kanye lezivini. Ufuna ukukopola
amehlo amadoda la na? Hatshi, kasibuyi!”
15 Ngalokho uMosi wathukuthela kakhulu wasesithi KUTHIXO, “Ungawemukeli
umnikelo wabo. Angithathanga lutho kubo ngitsho lobabhemi kodwa lokhu, njalo
kakho loyedwa engimoneleyo.”
16 UMosi wathi kuKhora, “Wena kanye labo bonke abalandeli bakho kumele lime
phambi KUKATHIXO kusasa, wena, bona kanye lo-Aroni. 17 Indoda inye nganye kumele
ithathe udengezi ifake impepha kulo, indengezi ezingamakhulu amabili alamatshumi
amahlanu, (250) njalo iwethule phambi KUKATHIXO. Wena kanye lo-Aroni lani
kufanele liveze ezenu indengezi.” 18 Ngakho indoda inye ngayinye yathatha udengezi
lwayo, yafaka umlilo kanye lempepha kulo, njalo yema loMosi lo-Aroni esangweni
lethente lokuhlangana. 19 Kwathi uKhora esebaqoqile abalandeli bakhe bephikisana
labo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, inkazimulo KATHIXO yabonakala kubo bonke
abantu ababebuthene kuleyondawo. 20 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 21 “Sukani
phakathi kwalaba ababutheneyo ukuze ngibabhubhise khathesi.”
22 Kodwa uMosi lo-Aroni bawa phansi ngobuso bakhala bathi, “Oh Nkulunkulu,
Nkulunkulu wemiphefumulo yabantu bonke, uzathukuthelela abantu bonke jikelele
ngenxa yomuntu oyedwa owonileyo na?”
23 Ngakho UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 24 “Tshela ibandla uthi, ‘Sukani eduze kwamath-
ente aboKhora, loDathani lo-Abhiramu.’ ”
25 UMosi wasukuma waya kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, kwathi labadala bako-Israyeli
bamlandela. 26 Waqonqosela ibandla wathi, “Buyelani emuva lisuke emathenteni
abantu laba ababi! Lingathinti lutho olungolwabo ngoba lingenzenjalo lizakhuculwa
ngenxa yezono zabo.” 27 Ngakho basuka emathenteni kaKhora, uDathani lo-
Abhiramu. UDathani lo-Abhiramu basebephume phandle bemi labomkabo, labant-
wababo kanye labancane emasangweni amathente abo.
28 UMosi wasesithi, “Nansi indlela elizabona ngayo ukuthi UTHIXO ungithumile
ukuzokwenza konke lokhu engikwenzayo kanye lokuthi akusingqondo yami. 29 Nxa
amadoda la ezazifela ngendlela abantu abazifela ngayo, kumbe nxa bengethekelelwa
emva kokwethekelela kwabantu bonke kuzabe kusitsho ukuthi UTHIXO kangithu-
manga. 30 Kodwa nxa UTHIXO ezakwenza esingakaze sikubone okunye okutsha
kwenzakale ukuthi umhlaba uvuleke ubaginye kanye lakho konke okungokwabo,

bangene bephila engcwabeni, kulapho elizakwazi khona ukuthi amadoda la ameyisile
uTHIXO."
31 Kwathi eqeda ukutsho lokhu, umhlaba wavuleka ngaphansi kwabo, 32 wavuleka
wabaginya bona, kanye labantwababo lamadoda wonke ayekhokhelwa nguKhora
kanye lempahla zawo. 33 Batshona engcwabeni bephila, lakho konke okwakun-
gokwabo; umhlabathi wabambokotha, kwaba yikutshabalala kwabo, basuswa
kwabakibo. 34 Besizwa ukukhala kwabo, bonke abako-Israyeli ababelapho babaleka,
beklabalala besithi, "Umhlaba uzasiginya lathi!"
35 Kwavela umlilo kuTHIXO watshaya waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili
alamatshumi amahlanu (250) ayenikela ngempepha.
36 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 37 "Tshela u-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi,
ukuthi athathe indengezi azikhiphe emlotheni achithele amalahle endaweni ekhat-
shana, ngoba indengezi lezi zingcwele, 38 indengezi zamadoda onileyo aze
alahlekelwa yimpilo yawo. Khanda lezondengezi ukuze zendlaleke e-alithareni,
ngoba zethulwa phambi kukaTHIXO zaba ngezingcwele. Azibe yisibonakaliso
kwabako-Israyeli."
39 Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi wabutha indengezi zethusi ezazilethwe yilabo
abatshayo, walungisa ukuba zikhandwe zendlalwe e-alithareni, 40 njengokulaywa
kukaMosi nguTHIXO. Lokhu kwakuzakhumbuza abako-Israyeli ukuthi kakho ovun-
yelwayo ukutshisa impepha phambi kukaTHIXO ngaphandle kuka-Aroni lesizukul-
wane sakhe, funa abe njengoKhora labalandeli bakhe.
41 Ngosuku olulandelayo abako-Israyeli bonke bakhonona basola uMosi lo-Aroni.
Bathi, "Selibulele abantu bakaTHIXO."
42 Kodwa kwathi ibandla selibuthene bephikisa uMosi lo-Aroni njalo sebekhangele
ethenteni lokuhlangana, masinyane iyezi lalisibekela kwavela inkazimulo kaTHIXO.
43 Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni baya phambi kwethente lokuhlangana, 44 uTHIXO wasesithi
kuMosi, 45 "Suka kulelibandla ukuze ngibatshabalalise." Ngakho bawa phansi
ngobuso.
46 Kusenjalo uMosi wathi ku-Aroni, "Thatha udengezi lwakho uthele impepha
kulo, ndawonye lomlilo ovela e-alithareni, uphange uye ebandleni ukuze ubenzele
indlela yokubuyisana. Ulaka lukaTHIXO lubonakele; isifo sesiqalisile." 47 U-Aroni
wenza okwakutshiwo nguMosi, waphanga wangena phakathi kwebandla. Isifo
sesivele sesiqalisile ebantwini, kodwa u-Aroni wanikela impepha wabenzela indlela
yokubuyisana. 48 Wema phakathi kwabaphilayo lasebefile, isifo saphela. 49 Kodwa
kwasekufe abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa
(14,700) bebulawa yisifo, phezu kwalabo ababefe ngenxa kaKhora. 50 Ngemva
kwalokho u-Aroni wabuyela kuMosi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, njengoba isifo
sasesiphelile.

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Ukuhluma Kwentonga Ka-Aroni

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bakuphe intonga ezilitshumi
lambili, kuphume ibenye kumkhokheli munye ngamunye wesizwana sabokhokho
bakhe. Bhala ibizo lendoda ngayinye entongeni yayo. 3 Entongeni kaLevi uzabhala
ibizo lika-Aroni, ngoba kumele kube lentonga eyodwa emele inhloko inye ngayinye
yesizwana sabokhokho bayo. 4 Zifake ethenteni lokuhlangana phambi komtshokotsho
wobufakazi, lapho engihlangana lawe khona. 5 Intonga yendoda engizayikhetha
izahluma, njalo mina ngizahle ngikuqede lokhu kukhonona okulokhu kuqhubeka
kusolwa wena ngabako-Israyeli."

6 Ngakho uMosi wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli, abakhokheli babo bamnika intonga ezilitshumi lambili, ngayinye ingeyomkhokheli wesizwana sabokhokho bakhe, kwathi leka-Aroni yayibalelwa kuzo. 7 UMosi wabeka intonga lezo phambi kukaThixo ethenteni lobufakazi.
8 Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wangena ethenteni lobufakazi wabona ukuthi intonga ka-Aroni eyayimele indlu kaLevi, yayisihlumile yaqhakaza, isilamaluba njalo isithele izithelo ze-alimondi. 9 Ngakho uMosi wazisusa zonke intonga phambi kukaThixo waziletha phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli. Bazikhangela, ngulowo wathatha eyakhe intonga.
10 UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Buyisela intonga ka-Aroni phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, igcinwe khonapho ibe yisibonakaliso kulabo abahlamukayo. Lokhu kuzaqeda ukukhonona kwabo ngami, ukuze bangafi." 11 UMosi wenza khona lokho kanye uThixo ayemlaye ngakho.
12 Abako-Israyeli bathi kuMosi, "Sizakufa! Sifile, sonke sesifile! 13 Loba ngubani ozasondela phansi kwethabanikeli likaThixo uzakufa. Sizakufa sonke na?"

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Imisebenzi YabaPhristi LeyabaLevi

1 UThixo wathi ku-Aroni, "Wena, lamadodana akho labemuli kayihlo lizakuba lomlandu wokukhangela ukwephulwa kwemithetho yendawo yokukhonzela, njalo wena kanye lamadodana akho yini lodwa elizakuba lomlandu walabo abonela abaphristi.
2 Letha abaLevi bakini bevela ezizwaneni zabokhokho benu bazohlanganyela kunye lani bakuphathise wena lamadodana akho lapho lisenza inkonzo phambi kwethente lobufakazi. 3 Bazakuba ngaphansi kwakho njalo benze yonke imisebenzi yasethenteni, kodwa akumelanga basondele phansi kwezimpahla zendlu engcwele kumbe e-alithareni, funa lonke, wena kanye labo life. 4 Kumele bahlanganele lawe babelomlandu wokunakekela ithente lokuhlangana, wonke umsebenzi wethenteni, njalo akungabibikho loyedwa ozasondela lapho wena okhona.
5 Wena uzakuba lomlandu wokugcina indlu engcwele le-alithari, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangehlelwa lulaka njalo. 6 Mina ngokwami ngibakhethile abafowenu abaLevi phakathi kwabako-Israyeli ukuba babe yisipho kuwe, behlukanisele uThixo ukuba benze umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana. 7 Kodwa wena kanye lamadodana akho yini lodwa elivunyelwayo ukwenza umsebenzi wobuphristi kukho konke okuse-alithareni langaphakathi kwekhetheni. Ngikunika umsebenzi wobuphristi kukho konke okuse-alithareni langaphakathi kwekhetheni. Ngikunika umsebenzi wobuphristi njengesipho. Loba ngubani omunye ozasondela endaweni engcwele kumele abulawe."

Iminikelo YabaPhristi LabaLevi

8 UThixo wasesithi ku-Aroni, "Mina ngokwami yimi engikunike umlandu wokukhangela iminikelo eyethulelwa mina, yonke iminikelo engcwele engiyiphiwa ngabako-Israyeli ngiyinika wena lamadodana akho ukuba kube yingxenye yesabelo sakho esimi njalo. 9 Kumele uzuze leyongxenye yomnikelo ongcwelengcwele ongatshiswanga. Kuzozonke izipho abaziletha kimi zingumnikelo ongcwelengcwele, loba ngowamabele loba ngowesono kumbe owecala, leyongxenye yomnikelo ngeyakho lamadodana akho. 10 Idle njengento engcwelengcwele; wonke owesilisa kumele ayidle. Kumele akuphathe njengento engcwele.
11 Lokhu lakho ngokwakho: konke okubekwa eceleni kwalezizipho zonke zomnikelo wokuzunguzwa zako-Israyeli. Lokhu ngikunika wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho ukuba kube yisabelo esimi njalo. Kuzakuthi wonke owendlu yakho ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba avunyelwe ukudla.

12 Ngikunika wonke amafutha acengekileyo e-oliva lewayini lonke elitsha elicengekileyo kanye lamabele abawanika UTHIXO kuyizithelo zakuqala zesivuno sabo.
13 Zonke izithelo zakuqala zomlimela abaziletha KUTHIXO ngezakho. Kuzakuthi wonke
owendlu yakho ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba avunyelwe ukudla.
14 Yonke into yako-Israyeli emiselwe UTHIXO ngeyakho. 15 Amazibulo wonke
azelweyo, kuhlanganisela awabantu kanye lawezinyamazana, anikelwe KUTHIXO
ngawakho. Kodwa uzahlenga wonke amadodana angamazibulo kanye lawo
wonke amazibulo amaduna ezinyamazana ezingcolileyo. 16 Kuzakuthi zingafikisa
inyanga eyodwa zizelwe uzihlenge ngentengo yokuhlenga ayisilinganiso samashekeli
amahlanu esiliva, kusiya ngesilinganiso seshekeli lendlu engcwele, eyisisindo esingamagera angamatshumi amabili.
17 Kodwa ungahlengi amazibulo enkomo, loba awemvu loba awembuzi; ngoba
angcwele. Chela igazi lawo e-alithareni ubususutshisa amahwahwa awo kube ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga elimnandi elithokozisa UTHIXO. 18 Inyama yawo izakuba
ngeyakho njengoba isifuba somnikelo wokuzunguzwa kanye lomlenze kungokwakho.
19 Loba kuyini okubekwe eceleni eminikelweni engcwele eyethulwe ngabako-Israyeli
KUTHIXO ngikunika wena kanye lamadodana njalo lamadodakazi akho ukuba
kube yisabelo senu senjayelo. Lesi yisivumelwano setswayi esingapheliyo phambi
KUKATHIXO, esakho kanye lenzalo yakho."
20 UTHIXO wathi ku-Aroni, "Wena kawuyikuba lelifa elizweni labo, njalo awuyikuba
lesabelo phakathi kwabo; mina ngiyisabelo sakho kanye lelifa lakho phakathi
kwabako-Israyeli.
21 AbaLevi ngibanika konke okwetshumi kwelako-Israyeli kube yilifa labo ngenxa
yomsebenzi abawenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. 22 Kusukela khathesi abako-Israyeli
akumelanga basondele ethenteni lokuhlangana, funa babelomlandu wesono sabo
bafe. 23 NgabaLevi okufanele benze umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana njalo
baphathe umsebenzi wokukhangela abonayo ethenteni. Lesi yisimiso esingapheliyo
lakuzizukulwane ezizayo. Kabayikuzuza ilifa phakathi kwabako-Israyeli. 24 Kodwake abaLevi ngibanika okwetshumi okwethulwa ngabako-Israyeli njengomnikelo
KUTHIXO kube yilifa labo. Kokuqondene labo yikho ngathi: 'Kabayikuba lelifa
phakathi kwabako-Israyeli.' "
25 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 26 "Tshela abaLevi utsho lokhu kubo: 'Lapho lisamukela
okwetshumi engilinika khona kuvela kwabako-Israyeli njengelifa lenu, kumele
likhuphe ingxenye yetshumi kokwetshumi kube ngumnikelo KUTHIXO. 27 Umnikelo
wenu uzabalelwa kini njengamabele avela esizeni loba umhluzi ovela esihluzweni
sewayini. 28 Ngale indlela lani lizakwethula eyenu iminikelo KUTHIXO kukho konke
okwetshumi elizakwamukela kuvela kwabako-Israyeli. Kulokho okwetshumi kumele
liphe okuyisabelo SIKATHIXO ku-Aroni umphristi. 29 Kumele lethule njengesabelo
SIKATHIXO okuhle ukwedlula konke njalo kungokungcwelengcwele kwakho konke
elikuphiweyo.'
30 Tshela abaLevi uthi: 'Nxa lisethula okuhle kakhulu, kuzaphathwa kini njengesithelo esivela esizeni loba esihluzweni sewayini. 31 Lina kanye labezindlu zenu
lingadla konke okunye ngaphi langaphi, ngoba kuyinkokhelo yenu yomsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana. 32 Ngokwethula okuhle kulakho konke aliyikuba lecala kulokho;
ngakho kaliyikungcolisa iminikelo engcwele yako-Israyeli, njalo kaliyikufa.' "

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Ukuhlanjululwa Kwabangcolileyo

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: 2 "Lokhu yikho okukhangelelwe ngomthetho njengokulaya KUKATHIXO: Tshela abako-Israyeli bakuphe ithokazi elibomvu elipheleleyo

njalo lingelasici kanti njalo kumele kube ngelingakaze lifakwe ejogeni. 3 Liqhubeleni
u-Eliyazari umphristi; kumele likhitshelwe ngaphandle kwesihonqo njalo lihlat-
shelwe khona. 4 Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lalo ngomunwe
alichele kasikhombisa eqondise phambi kwethente lokuhlangana. 5 Ithokazi lizat-
shiswa ekhangele, isikhumba salo, inyama, igazi lomswane. 6 Umphristi uzathatha
ezinye inkuni zesihlahla somsedari, ihisophi kanye lewulu ebomvu akuphosele phezu
kwethokazi elitshayo. 7 Ngemva kwalokho umphristi kumele agezise izigqoko zakhe
abesegeza yena ngamanzi. Ngemva kwalokhu usengangena-ke ezihonqweni, kodwa
uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. 8 Indoda ezatshisa ithokazi kumele layo
igezise izigqoko zayo njalo layo igeze ngamanzi, izakuba ngengcolileyo kuze kube
kusihlwa.
9 Indoda ehlambulukileyo izabutha umlotha wethokazi iwufake endaweni ehlam-
bulukileyo ngokomlayo ngaphandle kwesihonqo. Umlotha lo uzagcinwa ngabantu
bako-Israyeli ukuze bawusebenzise emanzini okuhlambulula; ungowokuhlanza
izono. 10 Indoda ebutha umlotha wethokazi kumele layo igezise izigqoko zayo, kanti
njalo layo izabe ingengcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. Lo ngumlayo omi njalo kwabako-
Israyeli labezizwe abahlala phakathi kwabo.
11 Lowo ozathintwa yisidumbu sofileyo uzabe engongcolileyo okwensuku eziy-
isikhombisa. 12 Kumele azihlambulule ngamanzi ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku
lwesikhombisa; kodwa nxa engazihlambululi ngosuku lwesithathu langolwesikhom-
bisa uzabe engahlambulukanga. 13 Lowo othinta isidumbu sofileyo abesesehluleka
ukuzihlambulula ungcolisa ithabanikeli LIKATHIXO. Lowomuntu kumele axotshwe
kwabako-Israyeli. Ngenxa yokuthi kachelwanga ngamanzi okuhlambulula, ungong-
colileyo; uzahlala engcolile.
14 Lo ngumthetho osebenza nxa umuntu efele ethenteni: Loba ngubani ongena
ethenteni njalo loba ngubani ophakathi kwalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa, 15 njalo siphi lasiphi isitsha esingasibekelwanga sizabe singcolile.
16 Loba ngubani ofice isidumbu somuntu obulewe ngenkemba egangeni loba
esomuntu ozifeleyo asithinte, kumbe loba ngubani othinta ithambo lomuntu ofileyo
loba ingcwaba, uzakuba ngongcolileyo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
17 Umuntu ongcolileyo, mfakele embizeni umlotha womnikelo otshisiweyo wokuh-
lambulula ube usuthela amanzi ahlambulukileyo phezu kwawo. 18 Kuzakuthi-
ke indoda ehlambulukileyo ngokomlayo ithathe ihisophi, iligxamuze emanzini ibe
isichela ithente kanye lezitsha zonke labantu abakade belapho. Kumele ichele
wonke umuntu oke wathinta ithambo lofileyo loba ingcwaba loba umuntu obuleweyo
loba umuntu ozifeleyo. 19 Indoda ehlambulukileyo izachela lowo ongcolileyo
ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa, kuthi-ke ngosuku lwesikhombisa
ibisimhlambulula. Umuntu ohlanjululwayo kumele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza
umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, Ngalokhokuhlwa uzabe esehlambululukile. 20 Kodwa
umuntu ongcolileyo nxa engazihlambululanga, kumele axotshwe ebantwini, ngoba
uzabe eletha ihlazo endlini engcwele KATHIXO. Njengoba engachelwanga ngamanzi
angcwele, kutsho ukuthi ungcolile. 21 Lesi yisimiso esimi njalo kubo.
Indoda echela ngamanzi okuhlambulula layo kumele igezise izigqoko zayo, kanti
njalo laye wonke ozathinta amanzi okuhlambulula uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube
kusihlwa. 22 Konke okuthintwe ngumuntu ongcolileyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo,
kuthi loba ngubani okuthintayo abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.”

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Amanzi Aphuma Edwaleni

1 Ngenyanga yakuqala abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bafika enkangala yaseZini,
basebehlala eKhadeshi. UMiriyemu wafela lapho njalo wangcwatshelwa khona.
2 Abantu baswela amanzi, ngakho babambana ekuphikiseni uMosi lo-Aroni.
3 Baxabana loMosi kanye lo-Aroni bathi, "Ngabe lathi sahle sazifela mhla abafowethu
besifa phambi KUKATHIXO! 4 Labalethelani abantu BAKATHIXO kule inkangala na?
Ukuze thina kanye lezifuyo zethu sizefela lapha na? 5 Lasikhuphelani eGibhithe
lisiletha endaweni le embi kangaka na? Ayilamabele kumbe imikhiwa, amavini loba
amaphomegranathi. Njalo akulamanzi okunatha!"
6 UMosi lo-Aroni basuka embuthanweni wabantu baya esangweni lethente lokuh-
langana bawa phansi ngobuso, inkazimulo KATHIXO yasibonakala kubo. 7 UTHIXO
wathi kuMosi, 8 "Thatha intonga kuthi wena lomfowenu u-Aroni libizele abantu
ndawonye. Khulumani elitsheni phambi kwabo ngakho lona lizakhupha amanzi
alo. Lizathatha amanzi aphuma edwaleni liphe abantu ukuze banathe bona kanye
lezifuyo zabo."
9 Ngakho uMosi wathatha intonga phambi KUKATHIXO, njengokulaywa kwakhe
NGUTHIXO. 10 UMosi lo-Aroni basebebizela abantu ndawonye phambi kwedwala,
uMosi wasesithi kubo, "Lalelani, lina bahlamuki. Silikhuphele amanzi kulelidwala
na?" 11 Ngakho uMosi waphakamisa ingalo yakhe watshaya idwala kabili ngentonga
yakhe. Amanzi antshantshaza ephuma edwaleni, Kwathi abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo
banatha.
12 Kodwa UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, "Ngenxa yokuthi kalingethembanga
okokungipha udumo njengongcwele phambi kwabako-Israyeli, kaliyikukhokhelela
lababantu ekungeneni elizweni engibapha lona."
13 La ngamanzi aseMeribha, lapho abako-Israyeli abaphikisana khona LOTHIXO
njalo kulapho UTHIXO abonakalisa ubungcwele bakhe phakathi kwabo.

U-Edomi Uvimbela Abako-Israyeli Ukuthi Bedlule

14 UMosi wathumela izithunywa enkosini yase-Edomi zisuka eKhadeshi, esithi:
"Nanku okutshiwo ngumfowenu u-Israyeli: Uyabazi bonke ubunzima obusehle-
leyo. 15 Okhokho bethu basuka baya eGibhithe, sahlala khona okweminyaka
eminengi. AmaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku kanye labobaba, 16 kodwa sakhala
KUTHIXO wezwa ukukhala kwethu wasithumela ingilosi yasikhipha eGibhithe.
Khathesi silapha eKhadeshi idolobho elisemngceleni welizwe lakho. 17 Ake
usivumele sidlule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikudabula phakathi lakuwaphi amasimu
loba isivini sakho, kumbe ukunatha amanzi loba kuwuphi umthombo. Sizahamba
silandela umgwaqo wenkosi njalo kasiyikuphambukela kwesokudla kumbe kwe-
sokunxele size sedlule elizweni lakho."
18 Kodwa u-Edomi waphendula wathi:
"Ngeke lidlule lapha, lingake lilinge, sizaphuma silihlasele ngenkemba."
19 Abako-Israyeli baphendula bathi:
"Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu, njalo thina loba izifuyo zethu singanatha
amanzi enu, sizawabhadala. Sifuna ukuzedlulela ngenyawo kuphela nje."
20 Abase-Edomi baphendula njalo bathi:
"Lingadluli lapha."
Ngakho u-Edomi waphuma kanye lebutho elikhulu elilamandla ukuyahlasela
abako-Israyeli. 21 Njengoba u-Edomi wala ukuthi badabule elizweni labo, abako-
Israyeli baphenduka bahamba ngenye indlela.

Ukufa Kuka-Aroni

22 Isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli sasuka eKhadeshi sahamba saze sayafika entabeni
yaseHori. 23 Sebesentabeni yaseHori, eduze lomngcele wase-Edomi, UTHIXO wathi

kuMosi lo-Aroni, 24 "U-Aroni usezakufa angcwatshwe. Akayikungena elizweni engilinika abako-Israyeli, ngoba lina lobabili langihlamukela emanzini aseMeribha. 25 Biza u-Aroni kanye lendodana yakhe u-Eliyazari ukhwele labo entabeni yaseHori. 26 Uhlubule u-Aroni izembatho zakhe uzigqokise indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari, ngoba u-Aroni uzalandela abakibo; uzafela khona."

27 UMosi wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe kuTHIXO: Bakhwela entabeni yaseHori isizwe sonke sibakhangele. 28 UMosi wamhlubula u-Aroni izembatho zakhe wazigqokisa indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari. Ngakho u-Aroni wafela khonapho phezu kwentaba. Ngemva kwalokhu uMosi lo-Eliyazari behla entabeni, 29 Kwathi abantu bonke sebezwile ukuthi u-Aroni wayesefile, yonke indlu ka-Israyeli yamlilela okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu.

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Ukuchithwa Kwe-Aradi

1 Kwathi inkosi yase-Aradi engumKhenani eyayihlala eNegebi isizwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babesiza behamba ngomgwaqo beqonde e-Atharimi, yabahlasela abako-Israyeli yaze yathumba abanye babo. 2 Ngakho u-Israyeli wenza lesisifungo kuTHIXO wathi: "Nxa unganikela lababantu ezandleni zethu, sizachithiza amadolobho abo nya." 3 UTHIXO walalela ukuncenga kwabako-Israyeli wasenikela amaKhenani kubo. Abako-Israyeli bawaqothula amaKhenani bachithiza kanye lamadolobho awo; ngakho indawo leyo yabizwa ngokuthi yiHoma.

Inyoka Yethusi

4 Bahamba besuka entabeni yaseHori ngendlela eqonda oLwandle oluBomvu, ukuze baceze ilizwe lase-Edomi. Kodwa besendleleni abantu basebenengekile sebephelelwe yikubekezela; 5 bakhuluma kubi besola uNkulunkulu kanye loMosi, bathi, "Lasikhuphelani na eGibhithe ukuze sizefela enkangala? Akulasinkwa! Akulamanzi! Futhi lalokhu ukudla kwenu okubi siyakuzonda."

6 Ngakho uTHIXO wasebathumela izinyoka ezazilobuhlungu obesabekayo kakhulu, zabaluma abantu bako-Israyeli abanengi bafa. 7 Abantu baya kuMosi bathi, "Sonile ngokukhuluma kwethu kubi nGOTHIXO langokukhuluma kwethu ngawe. Akukhuleke ukuthi uTHIXO asuse izinyoka lezi phakathi kwethu." Ngakho wabakhulekela abantu.

8 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, "Yenza inyoka yethusi uyiphanyeke esigodweni; loba ngubani olunyiweyo angakhangela kuyo uzaphila." 9 Ngakho uMosi wenza inyoka yethusi wayiphanyeka esigodweni. Kwakusithi lowo olunywe yinyoka angakhangela inyoka yethusi aphile.

Uhambo Lokuya EMowabi

10 Abako-Israyeli basuka baqhubeka baze bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Obhothi. 11 Basuka njalo e-Obhothi bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Iye-Abharimi, enkangala eyayimalungana leMowabi ngokuya ngempumalanga. 12 Besuka lapho baqhubeka ngohambo baze bayamisa izihonqo zabo esigodini saseZeredi. 13 Basuka lapho bayamisa izihonqo zabo eduze le-Arinoni esenkangala eqhelela elizweni lama-Amori. I-Arinoni isemngceleni welaseMowabi, phakathi laphakathi kweMowabi kanye lama-Amori. 14 Kungakho uGwalo lweziMpi zikaTHIXO lusithi:

"Lokho akwenza oLwandle oLubomvu
lakwenza emifuleni yeWahebhi eseSufa
lemifuleni yase-Arinoni 15 lamawa ezindonga
ehlela endaweni yase-Ari
lasekela umngcele weMowabi."

16 Besuka lapho baqhubeka baze bayafika eBheri, emthonjeni lapho uTHIXO athi
kuMosi, “Buthanisa abantu ngibanike amanzi.”
17 Ngakho abako-Israyeli bahlabela ingoma le ethi:
“Mpompoza, wemthombo!
Hlabelelani ngawo,
18 ngomthombo owenjiwa ngamakhosana,
owenjiwa yizikhulu zabantu,
izikhulu ezilentonga zobukhosi kanye lezinduku.”
Basuka-ke enkangala bayafika eMathana, 19 besuka eMathana baya eNahaliyeli,
besuka eNahaliyeli, baya eBhamothi, 20 kwathi besuka eBhamothi baqonda esigodini
eMowabi, lapho isiqongo sentaba yasePhisiga esikhangele elizweni elilugwadule.

Ukwehlulwa KukaSihoni Lo-Ogi

21 U-Israyeli wathumela izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori wathi:
22 “Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikuphambukela loba lakuliphi icele
ukuze singene loba kuwaphi amasimu akho kumbe isivini, loba ukunatha amanzi
emthonjeni loba yiwuphi. Sizazihambela nje ngomgwaqo omkhulu weNkosi size
sedlule elizweni lakho.”
23 Kodwa uSihoni kavumanga ukuthi u-Israyeli adabule elizweni lakhe. USihoni
waqoqa ibutho lakhe waphuma waqonda enkangala ukuyahlasela u-Israyeli. Wathi
esefikile eJahazi walwa lo-Israyeli. 24 Kodwa u-Israyeli wamnqoba ngenkemba,
wambhubhisa njalo wamthathela ilizwe lakhe kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya eJabhoki,
kusiyafika elizweni lama-Amoni kuphela, ngoba umngcele walo wawuvikelwe
ngemithangala. 25 U-Israyeli wathatha wonke amadolobho ama-Amori wahlala
kuwo, kwakugoqela iHeshibhoni kanye leziqinti ezaziyigombolozele. 26 IHeshibhoni
kwakulidolobho likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayelwe lenkosi yamaMowabi
eyayikade ibusa khona wayinqoba wayithathela ilizwe layo lonke kuze kuyefika e-
Arinoni.
27 Yingakho izimbongi zisithi:
“Wozani eHeshibhoni; kayivuselelwe yakhiwe njalo;
akuthi idolobho likaSihoni livuselelwe.

28 Umlilo wavutha eHeshibhoni
ilangabi lavela edolobheni likaSihoni.
Laqothula i-Ari laseMowabi,
abantu basemiqolweni yase-Arinoni.
29 Maye kuwe, Mowabi!
Selibhujisiwe lina, Oh bantu baseKhemoshi!
Usedele amadodana akhe njengeziphepheli
lamadodakazi njengabathunjiweyo
bethunjwa nguSihoni inkosi yama-Amori.

30 Kodwa thina sibehlule;
iHeshibhoni siyitshabalalisile kuze kuyefika eDibhoni.
Sibachithile kwaze kwaba seNofa,
eqhelela eMedebha.”
31 Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlala elizweni lama-Amori.
32 Ngemva kokuba uMosi esethumele inhloli eJazeri, abako-Israyeli bathumba
iziqinti eziseduze njalo baxotsha ama-Amori ayehlala khona. 33 Basebephenduka
bahamba ngomgwaqo oya eBhashani. U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani kanye lebutho lakhe
lonke baphuma ukuyahlangana labako-Israyeli ukubahlasela e-Edreyi.

34 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Ungamesabi, ngoba sengimnikele kuwe lamabutho akhe
wonke kanye lelizwe lakhe. Menze konke owakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori,
owayebusa eHeshibhoni.”
35 Ngakho bambulala ndawonye lamadodana akhe kanye lebutho lakhe lonke,
kakho loyedwa owaphephayo. Basebethatha ilizwe lakhe.

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UBhalaki Unxusa UBhalamu

1 Abako-Israyeli basuka lapho baya emagcekeni aseMowabi bamisa izihonqo zabo
zisekele umfula iJodani ngaphetsheya kweJerikho.
2 UBhalaki indodana kaZiphori wabona konke okwenziwa ngu-Israyeli kuma-
Amori, 3 ngakho uMowabi wesaba ngoba abantu bako-Israyeli babebanengi kakhulu.
Ngempela uMowabi watshaywa luvalo ngenxa yokwesaba abako-Israyeli.
4 AmaMowabi athi ebadaleni bamaMidiyani, “Ixuku leli lizahuquluza konke
esilakho, njengenkabi isidla utshani emadlelweni.
” Ngakho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori, owayeyinkosi yamaMowabi ngale-
sosikhathi, 5 wathumela izithunywa ukuyabiza uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori,
owayehlala ePhethori eduzane lomfula iYufrathe elizweni lakibo lomdabuko. UB-
halaki wathi,

> “Kulabantu abanengi kakhulu abavela eGibhithe; bagcwele ilizwe lonke njalo
> bahlezi eduze kwami. 6 Woza khathesi uzeletha isithuko phezu kwabo, ngoba
> balamandla kulami. Mhlawumbe ngalokho ngingabehlula ngibaxotshe elizweni.
> Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi labo obabusisayo bayabusiseka, njalo labo obaqalekisayo
> bayaqalekiswa.”

7 Abadala bamaMowabi labamaMidiyani basuka, bathatha imbadalo yokuhlahlula.
Bathe befika kuBhalamu, bamtshela lokho okwatshiwo nguBhalaki.
8 “Lalani lapha okwalamuhla,” watsho uBhalamu kubo, “Ngizalilethela impendulo
engizayiphiwa NGUTHIXO.” Ngakho amakhosana amaMowabi ahlala laye.
9 UNkulunkulu weza kuBhalamu wambuza wathi, “Amadoda la olawo ngobani?”
10 UBhalamu wathi kuNkulunkulu, “UBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi ya-
maMowabi ungithumele lelizwi elithi: 11 ‘Kulabantu abavele eGibhithe abagcwele
elizweni lonke. Woza masinyane uzongiqalekisela lababantu. Mhlawumbe ngingaba
lakho ukubalwisa ngibaxotshe lapha.’ ”
12 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuBhalamu, “Ungahambi labo. Ungabaqalekisi
lababantu, ngoba babusisiwe.”
13 Ekuseni ngosuku olulandelayo uBhalamu wavuka esithi kumakhosana kaBhalaki,
“Buyelani ezweni lenu, ngoba UTHIXO walile ukuthi ngihambe lani.”
14 Ngakho amakhosana amaMowabi abuyela kuBhalaki athi, “UBhalamu walile
ukubuya lathi.”
15 Ngakho uBhalaki wathumela amanye amakhosana amanengi njalo adumileyo
kulawakuqala. 16 Eza kuBhalamu afika athi:

> “Nanku okutshiwo nguBhalaki indodana kaZiphori: Akungabi lalutho olungaku-
> vimbela ukuza kimi, 17 ngoba ngizakunika umvuzo omuhle njalo ngenze konke
> okutshoyo. Woza uzongiqalekisela lababantu.”

18 Kodwa uBhalamu wabaphendula wathi, “Loba uBhalaki enganginika isigodlo
sakhe sigcwele isiliva legolide, angingeke ngenze ulutho olukhulu loba oluncane
oluphambene lelizwi LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wami. 19 Khathesi hlalani lapha
okwalobubusuku njengalokhu okwenziwe ngabanye, mina ngizadingisisa ukuthi
kuyini okunye UTHIXO azangitshela khona.”

20 Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu weza kuBhalamu wathi, “Njengoba ethunywe
ukuzakubiza, hamba lawo, kodwa wenze lokho kuphela engizakutshela khona.”

Ubabhemi KaBhalamu

21 UBhalamu wavuka ekuseni, wagada ubabhemi wakhe wahle wahamba
lamakhosana amaMowabi. 22 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathukuthela kakhulu
ngokuhamba kwakhe, ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yajama phambi kwakhe yamvimbela.
UBhalamu wayegade ubabhemi wakhe elezinceku zakhe ezimbili. 23 Kwathi
ubabhemi ebona ingilosi kaThixo imi endleleni iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo,
waphambuka endleleni waqonda iganga. UBhalamu wamtshaya ubabhemi em-
buyisela endleleni.

24 Ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yayakuma emkhandlwini phakathi kwezivini ezimbili,
kulemiduli inxa zonke. 25 Kwathi ubabhemi ebona ingilosi kaThixo, ubabhemi wa-
sondela emdulini, ehluzulela unyawo lukaBhalamu emdulini. Ngalokho wamtshaya
njalo ubabhemi.

26 Ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yaya phambili yema emkhandlwini onciphileyo lapho
okwakungelandlela yokuphendukela kwesokudla loba esenxele. 27 Kwathi ubabhemi
ebona ingilosi kaThixo, ubabhemi walala phansi, uBhalamu wathukuthela kakhulu
wamtshaya ubabhemi ngentonga yakhe. 28 Ngalokho uThixo wavula umlomo kabab-
hemi, wathi kuBhalamu, “Kanti ngenzeni na kuwe uze ungitshaye okwamahlandla
amathathu?”

29 UBhalamu waphendula ubabhemi wathi, “Ungenze isiwula! Ngabe
bengilenkemba esandleni sami bengizakubulala khathesi.”

30 Ubabhemi wathi kuBhalamu, “Kanti kangisubabhemi wakho na ovele uhlezi
umgada insuku zonke kuze kube namhlanje? Kambe ngiyake ngikwenze lokhu kuwe
na?”

UBhalamu waphendula wathi, “Hatshi.”

31 Ngakho uThixo wavula amehlo kaBhalamu, wabona ingilosi kaThixo imi
endleleni iqaphise inkemba. Ngakho wakhothama wawa phansi ngobuso.

32 Ingilosi kaThixo yambuza yathi, “Kungani utshaye ubabhemi wakho ok-
wamahlandla amathathu na? Ngize lapha ukukuvimbela ngoba indlela yakho iyibut-
shapha phambi kwami. 33 Ubabhemi ungibonile waphambuka okwamahlandla am-
athathu. Alubana kaphambukanga, ngabe khathesi sengikubulele wena, ngayekela
ubabhemi.”

34 UBhalamu wathi engilosini kaThixo, “Ngonile. Angizange nginanzelele ukuthi
umi endleleni ukungivimbela. Nxa kungakuthokozisi khathesi, ngizabuyela emuva.”

35 Ingilosi kaThixo yathi kuBhalamu, “Hamba lawo lamadoda, kodwa ukhulume
lokho engikutshela khona kuphela.” Ngakho uBhalamu wahamba lamakhosana
kaBhalaki.

36 Kwathi uBhalaki esizwa ukuthi uBhalamu uyeza, waphuma ukumhlangabeza
edolobheni lamaMowabi emngceleni wase-Arinoni emaphethelweni elizwe lakhe.
37 UBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Angikuthumelanga ilizwi lokuphangisa na? Kungani
ungezanga kimi? Kambe kangenelisi ukukupha umvuzo na?”

38 UBhalamu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, sengifikile kuwe khathesi. Kodwa
angiyikukhuluma loba yini engiyifunayo. Ngizakhuluma lokho uNkulunkulu aza-
kubeka emlonyeni wami kuphela.”

39 Ngakho uBhalamu wahamba loBhalaki eKhiriyathi-Huzothi. 40 UBhalaki wenza
umhlatshelo wenkomo lezimvu, njalo ezinye wazipha uBhalamu ezinye wazipha
amakhosana ayehamba lawo. 41 Ekuseni ngosuku olulandelayo uBhalaki wathatha
uBhalamu waya eBhamothi-Bhali, kulapho abona khona izihonqo zabako-Israyeli.

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Ukwambulelwa Kwakuqala KukaBhalamu

1 UBhalamu wathi, “Ngakhela ama-alithare ayisikhombisa lapha, ube
usungilungisela inkunzi eziyisikhombisa kanye lenqama eziyisikhombisa.”
2 UBhalaki wenza njengokutshiwo nguBhalamu, kwathi bobabili babo banikela
ngenkunzi langenqama eyodwa e-alithareni linye ngalinye.
3 Ngakho uBhalamu wasesithi kuBhalaki, “Hlala lapha eceleni lomnikelo wakho
mina ngisaya eceleni. Mhlawumbe UTHIXO uzabuya azohlangana lami. Lokho
azakuveza kimi ngizakutshela.” Wasesuka waya endaweni ephakemeyo eligceke.
4 UNkulunkulu wahlangana laye, njalo uBhalamu wathi, “Sengakhe ama-alithare
ayisikhombisa njalo e-alithareni linye ngalinye nginikele ngenkunzi langenqama
eyodwa.”
5 Ngakho UTHIXO watshela uBhalamu wathi, “Buyela kuBhalaki uyemupha umbiko
lo.”
6 Ngakho wabuyela kuBhalaki wamfica emi eceleni komnikelo wakhe, kanye lawo
wonke amakhosana amaMowabi. 7 Ngakho uBhalamu wasesitsho umbiko wakhe:
“UBhalaki ungilethe ngivela e-Aramu,
inkosi yamaMowabi evela ezintabeni zasempumalanga.
‘Woza,’ watsho njalo, ‘ngiqalekisela uJakhobe;
woza, mchothoze u-Israyeli.’
8 Ngingabaqalekisa njani
labo abangaqalekiswanga nguNkulunkulu?
Ngingachothoza njani
labo abangazange bachothozwe NGUTHIXO?
9 Eziqongweni zamatshe ngiyababona,
khonale phezulu bayangikhanyela.
Ngibona abantu abahlezi ngokwehluka,
njalo kabaziboni bengabalezizizwe.
10 Ngubani ongabala uthuli lukaJakhobe
loba ingxenye yesine yabako-Israyeli na?
Yekela ngife ukufa kwabalungileyo,
njalo sengathi isiphetho sami singafana lesabo!”
11 UBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Kuyini osungenzele khona na? Ngize lawe ukuze
uqalekise izitha zami, kodwa akulalutho olwenzileyo ngaphandle kokuzibusisa!”
12 UBhalamu, waphendula wathi, “Ngingakukhulumi na engikutshelwe NGUTHIXO?”

Ukwambulelwa Kwesibili KukaBhalamu

13 Ngakho uBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Woza asiye kwenye indawo lapha
ozababona khona; uzabona ingxenye kuphela kungeyisibo bonke. Khonapho-
ke ungiqalekisele bona.” 14 Wasesuka laye waya emangweni waseZofimu phezu
kwentaba iPhisiga, kulapho akha khona ama-alithare ayisikhombisa wanikela
ngenkunzi langenqama e-alithareni linye ngalinye.
15 UBhalamu wathi kuBhalaki, “Hlala lapha eceleni komnikelo wakho mina
ngisayahlangana laye ngale.”
16 UTHIXO wahlangana loBhalamu wamtshela wathi, “Buyela kuBhalaki uyemnika
umbiko lo.”
17 Wasebuyela kuBhalaki wamfica emi eceleni komnikelo wakhe, kanye
lamakhosana amaMowabi. UBhalaki wambuza wathi, “Utheni UTHIXO?”
18 Wasesitsho umbiko wakhe:
“Vuka, Bhalaki, njalo ulalele; zwana mina,
ndodana kaZiphori.

19 UNkulunkulu kasumuntu, ukuthi angaqamba amanga,
loba indodana yomuntu, yona eguquguqula ingqondo yayo.
Kambe ukhuluma angenzi na?
Uyathembisa angagcwalisi isithembiso na?
20 Ngamukele umlayo wokubusisa;
usebusisile, njalo ngingeke ngikuguqule lokho.

21 Akulamabhadi ehlela kuJakhobe,
akulasizi olubonakala ku-Israyeli.
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo ukanye labo;
umkhosi weNkosi uphakathi kwabo.
22 UNkulunkulu wabakhipha eGibhithe;
balamandla enyathi.
23 Akulamilingo engalinga uJakhobe,
akulamasalamusi angamelana lo-Israyeli.
Khathesi sekuzathiwa ngoJakhobe
kanye lo-lsrayeli, 'Khangela okwenziwe nguNkulunkulu!'
24 Abantu bayavuka njengesilwanekazi;
badlwanguluka njengesilwane
sona esingaphumuliyo size sitshwabadele inyamazana yaso
njalo sinathe igazi layo."
25 Ngakho uBhalaki wasesithi kuBhalamu, "Ungabaqalekisi, njalo ungababusisi!"
26 UBhalamu waphendula wathi, "Angikutshelanga na ukuthi ngenza engikutshelwe NGUTHIXO?"

Isambulelo Sesithathu SikaBhalamu

27 Ngakho uBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, "Woza, kahle ngikuse kwenye indawo. Mhlawumbe kuzamthokozisa uNkulunkulu akuvumele ukuthi ungiqalekisele bona ukhonale." 28 Ngakho uBhalaki wahamba loBhalamu baya phezu kwePheyori ekhangele enkangala.
29 UBhalamu wathi, "Ngakhela ama-alithare ayisikhombisa khonapha, ungilungisele inkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa." 30 UBhalaki wenza lokho ayekutshelwe nguBhalamu, wanikela inkunzi eyodwa lenqama e-alithareni linye ngalinye.

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1 Kwathi uBhalamu esebonile ukuthi kuyamthokozisa UTHIXO ukubusisa u-Israyeli, kasadinganga njalo imilingo njengakuqala, kodwa waphenduka wakhangela enkangala. 2 Kwathi uBhalamu ekhangela wabona u-Israyeli emise izihonqo zakhe ngokwezizwe zakhe, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kwakhe 3 wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe:
"Isambulelo sikaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori,
isambulelo salowo omehlo akhe abonisisa kuhle,
4 isambulelo salowo ozwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu,
lowo obona umbono ovela kuSomandla,
lowo owela phansi ngokuzehlisa,
njalo omehlo akhe avulekile:

5 Aze aba mahle amathente akho, Oh Jakhobe,
izindawo zakho zokuhlala, Oh Israyeli!

6 Njengezigodi zisabalele,

njengezivande zisekele umfula,
sanhlaba ehlanyelwe NGUTHIXO,
njengezihlahla zomsedari ezingasemanzini.
7 Amanzi azageleza emigqonyeni yabo;
inhlanyelo yabo ibe semanzini amanengi.

Inkosi yabo izakuba nkulu kulo-Agagi;
umbuso wabo uzakuba ngophakemeyo.

8 UNkulunkulu wabakhupha eGibhithe;
balamandla anjengawenyathi.
Bayazitshwabadela izizwe eziyizitha
njalo bephule amathambo azo abe yizicucu;
ngemitshoko yabo babacibe.
9 Njengesilwane bayaqutha bacathame phansi,
njengesilwanekazi, ngubani olesibindi sokubavusa na?

Akuthi labo abakubusisayo babusiswe
njalo lalabo abakuqalekisayo baqalekiswe!”
10 Ngakho uBhalaki wamthukuthelela kakhulu uBhalamu. Watshaya izandla zakhe
wathi, “Ngikubizele ukuthi uzengiqalekisela izitha zami, kodwa wena usubabusise
okwamahlandla la amathathu. 11 Wohle usuke nje khathesi ubuyele kini! Ngithe
ngizakupha umvuzo omuhle kakhulu, pho-ke UTHIXO usekuvimbele ukwamukeliswa
umvuzo.”
12 UBhalamu wamphendula uBhalaki wathi, “Kanti kangizitshelanga yini izithun-
ywa zakho owazithuma kimi ukuthi, 13 ‘Loba uBhalaki enganginika isigodlo sakhe
sigcwele isiliva legolide, akulalutho lolulodwa ebengizalwenza ngokwentando yami,
okuhle kumbe okubi, okuphambene lomlayo KATHIXO, kufanele ngitsho lokho
kuphela UTHIXO akutshoyo na’? 14 Khathesi sengibuyela ebantwini bakithi, kodwa
woza, ngikuxwayise ukuthi kuyini okuzakwenziwa ngabantu laba ebantwini bakho
ensukwini ezilandelayo.”

Isambulo Sesine SikaBhalamu

15 Ngakho uBhalamu wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe:
“Isambulelo sikaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori,
isambulelo salowo omehlo akhe abonisisa kuhle,
16 isambulelo salowo olalela ezwe amazwi kaNkulunkulu,
ololwazi oluvela koPhezukonke,
obona umbono ovela kuSomandla, owela phansi ngokuzehlisa,
njalo omehlo akhe avulekile:

17 Ngiyambona, kodwa hatshi khathesi;
ngiyambona, kodwa kungesikho eduze.
Inkanyezi izaphuma ivela kuJakhobe;
intonga yobukhosi izaphakama ivela ku-Israyeli.
Uzacobodisa amabunzi kaMowabi,
inkakhayi zamadodana wonke kaSethi.
18 I-Edomi izanqotshwa;
uSeyiri, oyisitha sakhe, uzanqotshwa,
kodwa u-Israyeli uzakhula abe lamandla.
19 Umbusi uzavela kuJakhobe
njalo uzabhubhisa abaseleyo balelodolobho.”

Isambulelo Sesihlanu SikaBhalamu

20 Ngakho uBhalamu wabona u-Amaleki wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe:
“U-Amaleki wayengowokuqala ezizweni,
kodwa ekucineni uzakuba lunxiwa.”

Isambulelo Sesithupha SikaBhalamu

21 Ngakho wasebona amaKheni wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe njalo:
“Indawo yakho yokuhlala ivikelekile,
isidleke sakho sakhelwe edwaleni;
22 kanti-ke lina maKheni lizabhujiswa
ekuthunjweni kwenu yi-Asiriya.”

Isambulelo Sesikhombisa SikaBhalamu

23 Ngakho wasitsho isambulelo sakhe:
“Kambe ngubani ongaphila nxa uNkulunkulu esenza lokhu na?
24 Imikhumbi izakuza ivela okhunjini lwaseKhithimi;
bazayehlula u-Asiriya kanye le-Ebha,
kodwa laba bazachithwa babe ngamanxiwa.”
25 Ngakho uBhalamu wasukuma wasebuyela kibo loBhalaki wahamba ngeyakhe indlela.

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AmaMowabi Adukisa U-Israyeli

1 Ngesikhathi u-Israyeli esehlala eShithima, amadoda aqala ukuhlobonga labafazi bamaMowabi, 2 bona abamema amadoda ako-Israyeli ukuba eze emihlatshelweni yabonkulunkulu babo. Abantu laba babesidla ukudla kwabonkulunkulu labo njalo bebakhothamele. 3 Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlanganyela ekukhonzeni uBhali wasePheyori. Yikho UTHIXO wabathukuthelela kakhulu.

4 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Thatha bonke abakhokheli balababantu, ubabulale njalo ubeke izidumbu zabo egcekeni emini libalele phambi KUKATHIXO, ukuze intukuthelo eyesabekayo KATHIXO isuke ku-Israyeli.”

5 Ngakho uMosi wathi kubahluleli bako-Israyeli, “Kumele ukuthi munye ngamunye wenu abulale amadoda akini lawo asehlanganyela ekukhonzeni uBhali wasePheyori.”

6 Kwathi indoda ethile yako-Israyeli yaletha umfazi woMidiyani emulini yayo khonapho phambi kukaMosi laphambi kwabako-Israyeli bonke ababebuthene bekhala esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 7 Kwathi uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, ekubona lokho, watshiya ababebuthene, 8 wathatha umkhonto wayilandela indoda leyo ethenteni. Wagadla ngomkhonto wabagwaza bobabili wayathutsha ngale kom’Israyeli wangena wayathutshela esiswini sowesifazane. Ngakho sasesiphela isifo esasesihlasele abako-Israyeli; 9 kodwa labo abasebefile ngenxa yesifo babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000).

10 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 11 “UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni umphristi, uqedile ukuthukuthelela kwami abantu bako-Israyeli, ngoba wayetshisekela udumo lwami phakathi kwabo njengami, ukuze ngesihawu sami ngingabaqedi. 12 Ngalokho umtshele ukuthi sengisenza isivumelwano sokuthula laye. 13 Yena kanye lezizukulwane zakhe bazakuba lesivumelwano sobuphristi esimi kokuphela, ngoba utshisekelele udumo lukaNkulunkulu wakhe njalo wenzele abako-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana.”

14 Ibizo lendoda yako-Israyeli eyabulawa kanye lowesifazane weMidiyani kwakunguZimri indodana kaSalu, umkhokheli wabemuli yamaSimiyoni. 15 Njalo ibizo

lowesifazane woMidiyani owabulawayo lalinguKhozibhi indodakazi kaZuri, induna yesizwana semuli yamaMidiyani.
16 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 17 “Kumele liphathe amaMidiyani njengezitha njalo liwabulale, 18 ngoba aliphathe njengezitha alikhohlisa ngendaba kaPheyori kanye lodadewabo uKhozibhi indodakazi yomkhokheli wamaMidiyani, owesifazane owabulawa ngesikhathi sokuhlasela kwesifo esabakhona ngenxa kaPheyori.”

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Ukubalwa Kwabantu Kwesibili

1 Ngemva kwesifo UTHIXO wathi kuMosi lo-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi,
2 “Balani abantu bonke abako-Israyeli ngezimuli zabo bonke abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu abangaba libutho lako-Israyeli.”
3 Ngakho uMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi batshela abantu basemagcekeni aseMowabi eduze lomfula uJodani ngaphetsheya kweJerikho bathi kubo, 4 “Balani amadoda aleminyaka yokuzalwa esukela kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.”

Laba ngabako-Israyeli abaphuma eGibhithe:

5 Izizukulwane zikaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli, kwakuyilezi:
uHanokhi, wadabula abosendo lwamaHanokhi;
uPhalu, wadabula abosendo lwamaPhalu;
6 uHezironi wadabula abosendo lwamaHezironi;
uKhami wadabula abosendo lwamaKhami.
7 Laba babengabezinsendo zikaRubheni; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lantathu, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amathathu (43,730).
8 Indodana kaPhalu kwakungu-Eliyabi, 9 njalo amadodana ka-Eliyabi kwakunguNemuweli, uDathani kanye lo-Abhiramu. Bona laba uDathani lo-Abhiramu yibo ababeyizikhulu zabantu abahlamukela uMosi lo-Aroni njalo babengabanye babalandeli bakaKhora ngesikhathi behlamukela UTHIXO. 10 Umhlaba wavuleka wabaginya kanye loKhora, kanye labalandeli babo abafa beqothulwa ngumlilo bengamadoda angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu (250). Njalo baba yisixwayiso. 11 Loba kunjalo, inzalo kaKhora kayibhubhanga yonke, yaphela.

12 Izizukulwane zikaSimiyoni ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uNemuweli wadabula abosendo lwamaNemuweli;
uJamini wadabula abosendo lwamaJamini;
uJakhini wadabula abosendo lwamaJakhini;
13 uZera wadabula abosendo lwamaZera;
uShawuli wadabula abosendo lwamaShawuli.
14 Laba babengabezinsendo zikaSimiyoni; inani labo lalingamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lamakhulu amabili (22,200).

15 Izizukulwane zikaGadi ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uZifoni wadabula abosendo lwamaZifoni;
uHagi wadabula abosendo lwamaHagi;
uShuni wadabula abosendo lwamaShuni;
16 u-Ozini wadabula abosendo lwama-Ozini;
u-Eri wadabula abosendo lwama-Eri;

17 u-Arodi wadabula abosendo lwama-Arodi;
u-Areli wadabula abosendo lwama-Areli.
18 Laba bengabensendo zikaGadi; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu (40,500).

19 U-Eri lo-Onani babengamadodana kaJuda, kodwa bafela eKhenani.
20 Izizukulwane zikaJuda ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uShela wadabula abosendo lwakoShela;
uPherezi wadabula abosendo lwamaPherezi;
uZera wadabula abosendo lwamaZera.
21 Izizukulwane zikaPherezi kwakuyilezi:
uHezironi wadabula abosendo lwamaHezironi;
uHamuli wadabula abosendo lwamaHamuli.
22 Laba babezinsendo zikaJuda; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha, lamakhulu amahlanu (76,500).

23 Izizukulwane zika-Isakhari ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uThola wadabula abosendo lwamaThola;
uPhuwa wadabula abosendo lwamaPhuwa;
24 uJashubi wadabula abosendo lwamaJashubi;
uShimroni wadabula abosendo lwamaShimroni.
25 Laba ngabensendo zika-Isakhari; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane, lamakhulu amathathu (64,300).

26 Izizukulwane zikaZebhuluni ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uSeredi wadabula abosendo lwamaSeredi;
u-Eloni wadabula abosendo lwama-Eloni;
uJaliyeli wadabula abosendo lwamaJahileli.
27 Laba ngabensendo zikaZebhuluni, inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lamakhulu amahlanu (60,500).

28 Izizukulwane zikaJosefa ngokwensendo zabo bezalwa nguManase lo-Efrayimi kwakuyilezi:
29 Izizukulwane zikaManase ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uMakhiri wadabula abosendo lwamaMakhiri (uMakhiri wayenguyise kaGiliyadi);
uGiliyadi wadabula abosendo lwamaGiliyadi.
30 Laba yizizukulwane zikaGiliyadi:
u-Iyezeri wadabula abosendo lwama-Iyezeri;
uHelekhi wadabula abosendo lwamaHeleki;
31 u-Asiriyeli wadabula abosendo lwama-Asiriyeli;
uShekhemu wadabula abosendo lwamaShekhemu;
32 uShemida wadabula abosendo lwamaShemida;
uHeferi wadabula abosendo lwamaHeferi.
33 (UZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi wayengelamadodana; wayelamadodakazi wodwa, amabizo awo ayenguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha kanye loThiza.)
34 Laba kwakungabensendo zikaManase; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa (52,700).
35 Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zika-Efrayimi ngokwensendo zazo:
uShuthela wadabula abosendo lwamaShuthela;
uBhekheri wadabula abosendo lwamaBhekheri;
uThahani wadabula abosendo lwamaThahani.

36 Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zikaShuthela:
u-Erani wadabula abosendo lwama-Erani.
37 Laba kwakungabensendo zika-Efrayimi; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, lamakhulu amahlanu (32,500).
Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zikaJosefa ngokwensendo zazo.

38 Izizukulwane zikaBhenjamini ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uBhela wadabula abosendo lwamaBhela;
u-Ashibheli wadabula abosendo lwama-Ashibheli;
u-Ahirami wadabula abosendo lwama-Ahirami;
39 uShufamu wadabula abosendo lwamaShufamu;
uHufamu wadabula usendo lwamaHufamu
40 Izizukulwane zikaBhela ezazalwa ngu-Adi kanye loNamani yilezi:
u-Adi wadabula abosendo lwama-Adithe;
uNamani wadabula abosendo lwamaNamani.
41 Laba kwakungabensendo zikaBhenjamini; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu ayisithupha (45,600).

42 Laba babeyizizukulwane zikaDani ngokwensendo zazo:
uShuhamu wadabula abosendo lwamaShuhamu.
Laba babengabezinsendo zikaDani: 43 Bonke babengabosendo lwamaShuhamu; njalo inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane, lamakhulu amane (64,400).

44 Izizukulwane zika-Asheri ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
u-Imna wadabula abosendo lwama-Imna;
u-Ishivi wadabula abosendo lwama-Ishivi;
uBheriya wadabula abosendo lwamaBheriya;
45 njalo izizukulwane ezadatshulwa nguBheriya yilezi:
uHebheri wadabula abosendo lwamaHebheri;
uMalikhiyeli wadabula abosendo lwamaMalikhiyeli.
46 (U-Asheri wayelendodakazi okwakuthiwa nguSera.)
47 Laba babengabezinsendo zika-Asheri; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane (53,400).

48 Izizukulwane zikaNafithali ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi:
uJaziyeli wadabula abosendo lwamaJaziyeli;
uGuni wadabula abosendo lwamaGuni;
49 uJezeri wadabula abosendo lwamaJezeri;
uShilemu wadabula abosendo lwamaShilemu.
50 Laba babengabezinsendo zikaNafithali; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane (45,400).

51 Inani lamadoda wonke ako-Israyeli lalizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lanye, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amathathu (601,730).

52 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 53 “Ilizwe lizakwahlukaniselwa abantu njengelifa labo kusiya ngenani lamabizo abo. 54 Isizwe esikhulu uzasinika isabelo esikhulu, kuthi isizwana esincinyane usiphe isabelo esincane; isizwana ngasinye sizakwabelwa ilifa laso ngokuya ngenani lamabizo alabo ababhaliweyo. 55 Iba leqiniso lokuthi ilizwe labiwa ngenkatho. Isabelo seqembu ngalinye sizakuya ngamabizo esizwana

sabokhokho baso. 56 Isabelo ngasinye selizwe sizakwehlukaniswa ngokwenza inkatho
phakathi kwezizwana ezinkulu lezincinyane.”

57 Laba ngabaLevi ababalwa kulandelwa insendo zabo:
uGeshoni wadabula abosendo lwamaGeshoni;
uKhohathi wadabula abosendo lwamaKhohathi;
uMerari wadabula abosendo lwamaMerari.
58 Laba labo babengabezinsendo zabaLevi:
usendo lwamaLibhini,
usendo lwamaHebhroni,
usendo lwamaMahili,
usendo lwamaMushi,
usendo lwamaKhora.
(UKhohathi wayengukhokho ka-Amramu; 59 inkosikazi ka-Amramu kwakunguJokhebhedi, oyisizukulwane sikaLevi, owayezalelwe eGibhithe ngabaLevi. Wazala lo-Amramu u-Aroni, loMosi kanye lodadewabo uMiriyemu. 60 U-Aroni wayenguyise kaNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari. 61 Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa baze banikele kuTHIXO ngomlilo ongavunyelwayo.)

62 Bonke abaLevi abesilisa ababalwayo kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu (23,000). Kababalwanga ndawonye labanye abako-Israyeli ngoba kabanikwanga isabelo esiyilifa phakathi kwabo.

63 Laba yibo ababalwa nguMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi mhla bebala abako-Israyeli emagcekeni aseMowabi nganeno komfula iJodani malungana leJerikho.
64 Kwakungekho loyedwa phakathi kwabo owayekhona mhla uMosi lo-Aroni bebala abako-Israyeli enkangala yaseSinayi. 65 Ngoba uTHIXO wayetshilo kwabako-Israyeli labo ukuthi ngempela babezakufa enkangala, njalo kakho loyedwa wabo owasalayo ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

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Amadodakazi KaZelofehadi

1 Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri, indodana kaManase babengabezinsendo zikaManase indodana kaJosefa. Amabizo alawomadodakazi ayenguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha, loThiza. Aya
2 esangweni leThente lokuHlangana ema phambi kukaMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi, abakhokheli kanye lebandla lonke, athi, 3 “Ubaba wafela enkangala. Wayengekho phakathi kwabalandeli bakaKhora, bona ababambana ekuphikiseni kwabo uTHIXO, kodwa wafela isono sakhe njalo katshiyanga madodana. 4 Kungani ibizo likababa licitsha kwabosendo lwakhe ngokungabi lendodana na? Sipheni ilifa lethu lathi ezihlotsheni zikababa.”
5 Ngakho uMosi wethula indaba yawo phambi kukaTHIXO, 6 uTHIXO wathi kuye,
7 “Lokho okutshiwo ngamadodakazi kaZelofehadi kuqondile. Kufanele ubaphe isabelo sabo selifa ezihlotsheni zikayise njalo ubaphe ilifa likayise.
8 Tshono uthi kwabako-Israyeli, ‘Nxa indoda ife ingelandodana, ilifa layo kaliphiwe indodakazi yayo. 9 Nxa ingelandodakazi, ilifa layo kaliphiwe abafowabo. 10 Nxa ingelabafowabo ilifa layo kaliphiwe abafowabo bakayise. 11 Nxa uyise engelabafowabo, ilifa layo kaliphiwe oyisihlobo esiseduze kwabosendo lwayo, ukuze libe ngelakhe. Lokho kumele kube ngumthetho oyisimiso kwabako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguTHIXO.’ ”

UJoshuwa Uzathatha Isikhundla SikaMosi

12 UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi, “Khwela entabeni le yase-Abharimi ukuze ubone ilizwe
engilinike abako-Israyeli. 13 Ngemva kokuba usulibonile, lawe uzalandela abakini, ufe
njengomfowenu u-Aroni, 14 ngoba ekuhlamukeni kwabantu emanzini asenkangala
yaseZini, lina lobabili kalilandelanga ukulaya kwami, ukungidumisa ngobungcwele
bami emehlweni abo.” (La ayengamanzi aseMeribha Khadeshi, enkangala yaseZini.)
15 UMosi wathi kuTHIXO, 16 “Akuthi uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yabantu
bonke akhethe indoda ezakhokhela abantu laba 17 ekuphumeni lasekungeneni,
lowo ozabakhokhela ekuphumeni lekungeneni kwabo, ukuze abantu BAKATHIXO
bangafanani lezimvu ezingelamelusi.”
18 Ngakho uTHIXO wathi kuMosi, “Thatha uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, indoda
elomoya wobukhokheli, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo. 19 Umise phambi kuka-
Eliyazari umphristi laphambi kwebandla lonke ubusumbeka esikhundleni phambi
kwabo. 20 Umnike ingxenye yamandla akho ukuze isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli
simlalele. 21 Kumele ame phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi, yena ozamtholela
izinqumo ngokubuza i-Urimi phambi KUKATHIXO. Ngokulawula kwakhe yena kanye
labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bazaphuma, kuthi njalo ngokulawula kwakhe bangene.”
22 UMosi wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO. Wathatha uJoshuwa wamisa
phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi kanye laphambi kwebandla lonke. 23 Wasebeka
izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe embeka esikhundleni, njengokulaya KUKATHIXO ngo-
Mosi.

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Iminikelo Yezinsuku Zonke

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Phana abako-Israyeli umlayo lo uthi kubo, ‘Nanzelelani
ukuthi lingilethele ngesikhathi esimisiweyo imihlatshelo yokudla, njengephunga
elimnandi kimi.’ 3 Tshono uthi kubo: ‘Lo ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo okumele
liwuse KUTHIXO: amazinyane emvu amabili angelasici njalo alomnyaka owodwa
ezelwe, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke. 4 Linikele izinyane lemvu
elilodwa ekuseni beselinikela elinye kusihlwa, 5 ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele
ayisilinganiso sokwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lengxenye
yesine yehini yamafutha ahluzwe ema-oliveni. 6 Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa
wezikhathi zonke owamiswa entabeni yaseSinayi njengephunga elimnandi, umnikelo
owenzelwa uTHIXO ngomlilo. 7 Umnikelo wokunathwayo ozakwenziwa ndawonye
lengxenye yesine yehini yokunathwayo okulemvubelo ndawonye lezinyane lemvu.
Thela umnikelo wokunathwayo phambi KUKATHIXO endlini engcwele. 8 Unikele
izinyane lesibili kusihlwa ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ofanayo lomnikelo woku-
nathwayo ofana lalowo owunikele ekuseni. Lo ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga
elimnandi KUTHIXO.’ ”

Iminikelo YeSabatha

9 “ ‘Ngosuku lweSabatha, ulungise umnikelo wamazinyane emvu amabili alom-
nyaka owodwa ezelwe engelasici, ndawonye lomnikelo wokunathwayo kanye
lomnikelo wamabele ozingxenye ezimbili zehefa etshumini zefulawa ecolekileyo
exutshaniswe lamafutha. 10 Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuwo wonke amasabatha,
phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa lowokunathwayo ojayelekileyo.’ ”

Iminikelo Yenyanga Zonke

11 “ ‘Ngosuku lwakuqala inyanga zonke, letha KUTHIXO umnikelo wokutshiswa
wenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna
alomnyaka ezelwe, angelasici. 12 Inkunzi eyodwa izahamba lomnikelo wamabele

ozingxenye ezintathu etshumini zehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; inqama izahamba lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenye ezimbili etshumini zehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; 13 izinyane lemvu ngalinye lizahamba lomnikelo wamabele oyingxenye eyodwa etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha. Lokhu ngokomnikelo wokutshiswa, iphunga elimnandi, umnikelo owenzelwa uTHIXO ngomlilo. 14 Inkunzi nganye izahamba lomnikelo wokunathwayo okuyingxenye yehini yewayini; lenqama, ingxenye yesithathu yehini; kuthi izinyane lemvu ngalinye lihambe lengxenye yesine yehini. Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa owenyanga zonke okumele wenziwe ekuthwaseni kwezinyanga zonke ngomnyaka. 15 Ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa ojayelekileyo kanye lomnikelo wakhona wokunathwayo, impongo eyodwa kumele iphiwe uTHIXO njengomnikelo wesono.' "

IPhasika

16 " 'Ngosuku lwetshumi lane ngenyanga yakuqala kuzakuba lePhasika LIKATHIXO.
17 Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga kuzakuba lomkhosi; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. 18 Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke. 19 Kodwa linikele kuTHIXO umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa owenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe, konke kungelasici. 20 Kuzakuthi inkunzi nganye liyinikele kanye lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenye yokuthathu etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; 21 kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. 22 Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. 23 Phezu kwalokho lungisani umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni ojayelekileyo. 24 Ngaleyondlela nikelani umhlatshelo wokudla okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kube liphunga elimnandi kuTHIXO; lokhu kumele kulungiswe kusengezelela umnikelo ojayelekileyo wokutshiswa kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. 25 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizakuba lombuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke.' "

UMkhosi WamaViki

26 " 'Ngosuku lwezithelo zakuqala, nxa lisethula kuTHIXO umnikelo wamabele amatsha ngesikhathi soMkhosi wamaViki, wobani lombuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. 27 Nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa ngenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane amaduna ayisikhombisa awezimvu alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe kube liphunga elimnandi kuTHIXO. 28 Kuzakuthi inkunzi nganye liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenye yokuthathu etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; 29 kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu ngalinye kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. 30 Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. 31 Lungisani lokho ndawonye leminikelo yokunathwayo, ukwengezelela eminikelweni ejayelekileyo yokutshiswa kanye lomnikelo wawo wamabele. Nanzelelani ukuthi lezozifuyo azilasici.' "

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UMkhosi WamaCilongo

1 " 'Ngosuku lwakuqala ngenyanga yesikhombisa yenzani umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yansuku zonke. Lusuku lwenu lokutshaya amacilongo.
2 Lungisani umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube liphunga elimnandi kuTHIXO, inkunzi

eliguqa eyodwa, inqama eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. 3 Kuzakuthi inkunzi leyo liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenye ezintathu kokulitshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ibe lokubili etshumini; 4 kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. 5 Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. 6 Lokhu kuzabe kusengezelela iminikelo yokutshiswa yenyanga zonke kanye leyezinsuku zonke ndawonye leminikelo yamabele leyokunathwayo njengokumisiweyo. Le yimihlatshelo yokudla eyenzelwa UTHIXO, iphunga elimnandi.’ ”

Usuku Lokubuyisana

7 “ ‘Ngosuku lwetshumi lwaleyonyanga yesikhombisa yenzani umbuthano ongcwele. Kumele lizidele njalo lingasebenzi. 8 Nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube liphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO, inkunzi eliguqa eyodwa, inqama eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. 9 Kuzakuthi inkunzi leyo uyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenye ezintathu kokulitshumi zehefa zingezefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe ngamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; 10 kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. 11 Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wesono, owokubuyisana kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke lomnikelo wawo wamabele, kanye leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo.’ ”

UMkhosi WeziHonqo

12 “ ‘Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu ngenyanga yesikhombisa, yenzani umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. Thakazelelani lumkhosi KUTHIXO okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 13 Nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube liphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO, umnikelo wokutshiswa wenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezilitshumi lantathu, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka ezelwe, konke kungelasici. 14 Kuthi inkunzi inye ngayinye kwezilitshumi lantathu liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenye ezintathu kokulitshumi kwehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama nganye kwezimbili, ihambe lokubili etshumini; 15 kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu kwalitshumi lane, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. 16 Akube lempongo eyodwa ezakuba ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo.

17 Ngosuku lwesibili lungisani inkunzi ezingamaguqa ezilitshumi lambili, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. 18 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. 19 Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele, kanye leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo.

20 Ngosuku lwesithathu nikelani inkunzi ezilitshumi lanye, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. 21 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama, kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. 22 Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo.

23 Ngosuku lwesine nikelani inkunzi ezilitshumi, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke

kungelasici. 24 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo
yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. 25 Akube
lempongo eyodwa ezakuba ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa
wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo.
26 Ngosuku lwesihlanu nikelani inkunzi eziyisificamunwemunye, inqama ezimbili
kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa,
konke kungelasici. 27 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele
iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo.
28 Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo
wakho wokunathwayo.
29 Ngosuku lwesithupha nikelani inkunzi eziyisificaminwembili, inqama ezimbili
lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke
kungelasici. 30 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo
yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. 31 Akube
lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa
wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wakho
wokunathwayo.
32 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa nikelani inkunzi eziyikhombisa, inqama ezimbili
lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke
kungelasici. 33 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho
yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. 34 Akube lempongo
eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku
zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo.
35 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili buthanani njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. 36 Nikelani umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo kube liphunga elimnandi KUTHIXO,
umnikelo wokutshiswa owenkunzi eyodwa, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane
ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici.
37 Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamazinyane ezimvu, linikele iminikelo
yakho yamabele kanye leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo.
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wakho wokunathwayo.
39 Ukwengezelela kulokho elinikela ngakho ngesifungo loba iminikelo yenu
yokuzithandela, nikelani lokhu KUTHIXO emikhosini yenu emisiweyo: iminikelo
yenu yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yokunathwayo kanye leminikelo
yobudlelwano.’ ”
40 UMosi watshela abako-Israyeli konke lokho UTHIXO ayemlaye ngakho.

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Izifungo Zabesifazane

1 UMosi wathi kwabazinhloko zezizwana zabako-Israyeli: “Nanku ukulaya
KUKATHIXO: 2 Nxa indoda isenza isifungo KUTHIXO loba isenza isifungo iziphe icala
ngokuthembisa, akumelanga yephule isithembiso sayo kodwa kumele igcwalise
ngokwenza konke ekutshiloyo.
3 Nxa intombazana elokhu isezandleni zabazali bayo isenza isifungo KUTHIXO loba
iziphe icala ngokuthembisa 4 kuthi uyise abesesizwa ngesifungo loba isithembiso
sayo kodwa uyise angaze atsho lutho ngalokho kuyo, kutsho ukuthi izinqumo kanye
lezithembiso zayo njengokuzethesa kwayo lowomlandu kuzakuma kunjalo. 5 Kodwa

uyise angakuzwa lokho ayalise asikho isifungo lesithembiso sayo esizasebenza; UTHIXO uzayikhulula leyontombazana ngoba yalelwe nguyise.

6 Nxa ingenda ngemva kokwenza isifungo loba kube ngemva kokuba indebe zayo
zike zatsho isithembiso ngokucunuka izethesa icala 7 kuthi indoda yayo ikuzwe lokho
kodwa ingatsho lutho kuyo, lokho-ke kutsho ukuthi izifungo zayo loba izithembiso
eyazethesa icala ngazo zizakuma zinjalo. 8 Kodwa nxa umkayo eyalela ekukuzweni
kwakhe, kutsho ukuthi umkayo usesuse icala lesifungo loba isithembiso ngokujaha
kwayo, ngakho UTHIXO uzayikhulula.

9 Loba yisiphi isifungo loba isithembiso esenziwe ngumfelokazi loba umfazi
owehlukana lendoda yakhe kuyisibopho kuye.

10 Nxa owesifazane ohlala lomkakhe esenza isinqumo loba ezethesa icala lesithem-
biso ngesifungo 11 kuthi indoda yakhe ikuzwe kodwa ingaze yatsho lutho kuye
ingamaleli, kutsho ukuthi izifungo zakhe zonke lezithembiso zokuzethesa icala
zizakuma zinjalo. 12 Kodwa indoda yakhe ingakuzwa lokho imalise, kutsho
ukuthi akukho isifungo loba isithembiso esivela endebeni zakhe esizakuma njalo.
Indoda yakhe isikwalile lokho, ngakho UTHIXO uzamkhulula. 13 Indoda yakhe
ilakho ukuqinisa loba ukwala loba yisiphi isifungo azasenza loba yisiphi isifungo
sesithembiso sokuzidela kwakhe. 14 Kodwa nxa indoda yakhe ingatshongo lutho kuye
ngakho okwensuku, kuzakutsho ukuthi iyaziqinisa zonke izifungo loba izithembiso
eziyisibopho kowesifazane. Indoda yakhe iyakuqinisa lokho ngokungatsho lutho
kuye ekukuzweni kwakhe lokho. 15 Kodwa-ke, nxa angakwenqabela ngemva
kwesikhathi ezwile ngakho, kutsho ukuthi usethwele icala lakhe.”

16 Le yiyo imithetho eyaphiwa uMosi NGUTHIXO emayelana lokuhlalisana kwendoda
lomkayo, njalo phakathi kukayise lendodakazi yakhe esakhulayo elokhu isesezan-
dleni zakhe.

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Ukuphindisela KumaMidiyani

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Phindisela kumaMidiyani usenzela abako-Israyeli.
Ngemva kwalokho, uzalandela okhokho bakho.”

3 Ngakho uMosi wathi ebantwini, “Hlomisani amanye amadoda aye empini
ayekulwa lamaMidiyani kanye lokuphindisela KUKATHIXO kuwo. 4 Thumelani
amadoda ayinkulungwane avela esizwaneni ngasinye sako-Israyeli ukuyahlasela.”
5 Ngakho amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili ahlomela ukuyahlasela,
kuyinkulungwane yamadoda avela esizwaneni ngasinye, ebuthwe ngosendo lunye
ngalunye kwabako-Israyeli. 6 UMosi wabathumela ukuyahlasela, kuyinkulungwane
evela esizwaneni ngasinye, kanye loFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi,
owathatha izitsha endlini engcwele kanye lamacilongo okubikelana.

7 Balwa lamaMidiyani, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO, babulala amadoda
wonke. 8 Phakathi kwababulawayo kwakulamakhosi amahlanu amaMidiyani abalisa
u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri kanye loRebha. Babulala loBhalamu indodana
kaBheyori ngenkemba. 9 Abako-Israyeli bathumba abesifazane bamaMidiyani
labantwana, basebethumba lemihlambi yenkomo zamaMidiyani, leyezimvu kanye
lokubutha impahla njengempango. 10 Batshisa wonke amadolobho lapha ok-
wakuhlala khona amaMidiyani, kanye lezihonqo zawo zonke. 11 Bathatha konke
ababekubuthile lababekuthumbile, kuhlanganisa abantu lezifuyo, 12 njalo base-
beletha abathunjwa, okuthunjiweyo lokubuthiweyo kuMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi
kanye lebandleni lonke lako-Israyeli ezihonqweni zabo zasemagcekeni aseMowabi,
ngaseJodani ngaphetsheya ukuvelela eJerikho.

13 UMosi, u-Eliyazari umphristi kanye labo bonke abakhokheli babantu baphuma
ukuyabahlangabeza ngaphandle kwezihonqo. 14 UMosi wathukuthelela abalawuli
bamabutho, ababelawula amaxuku ezinkulungwane lababelawula amaxuku anga-
makhulu, ababevela ekuhlaseleni.
15 UMosi wababuza wathi, “Selivumele abesifazane ukuthi baphile na? 16 Yibo aba-
belandela ukucebisa kukaBhalamu njalo bahugela abako-Israyeli ekungathembekini
kuTHIXO kulokhu okwenzakala ePheyori, kwaze kwathi abantu bakaTHIXO behlelwa
yisifo. 17 Khona khathesi bulalani abafana bonke. Njalo libulale wonke owesifazane
oseke walala lendoda, 18 kodwa lizigcinele loba yiphi intombazana engakaze ilale
lendoda.
19 Lina lonke elibulele loba ngubani loba lina elike lathinta loba ngubani
obuleweyo lizahlala ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku
lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa lizihlambulule lina kanye labathunjwa benu.
20 Lihlambulule zonke izembatho kanye lakho konke okwenziwe ngesikhumba, uboya
bembuzi loba okwezigodo.”
21 Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi wathi kwabebutho ababeye empini, “Nanku
okufaneleyo ngokomthetho owaphiwa uMosi nguTHIXO: 22 Igolide, isiliva, ithusi,
insimbi, izenge lomnuso, 23 kanye lakho konke okunye okungatshi kutshabalale
emlilweni kumele kudlule emlilweni, ngalokho kuzabe sekuhlambulukile. Kodwa
kumele njalo kube sekuhlanjululiwe ngamanzi okuhlambulula. Kanti njalo kuthi
lakuphi okungeke kwamelana lomlilo kumele kudluliswe kulawomanzi. 24 Ngosuku
lwesikhombisa gezisani izigqoko zenu ukuze lihlambuluke. Ngemva kwalokho
selingangena ezihonqweni.”

Ukwabiwa Kwempango

25 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 26 “Wena kanye lo-Eliyazari umphristi kanye labazinhloko
zezimuli zabantu lizabala abantu bonke lezinyamazana, konke okwathunjwayo.
27 Yabelani amabutho ayesempini kanye labantu bonke impango ngokulinganayo.
28 Emabuthweni alwayo empini, thathani okukodwa emakhulwini amahlanu kube
yisabelo sikaTHIXO, kumbe ngabantu, inkomo, obabhemi, izimvu loba imbuzi.
29 Thathani lesisabelo engxenyeni yesabo liyiphe u-Eliyazari umphristi ibe yingxenye
kaTHIXO. 30 Kungxenye yabako-Israyeli, khethani okukodwa ematshumini amahlanu,
phakathi kwabantu, inkomo, obabhemi, izimvu, imbuzi loba ezinye izifuyo. Zipheni
abaLevi, bona abalomlandu wokunakekela ithabanikeli likaTHIXO.” 31 Ngakho uMosi
lo-Eliyazari umphristi benza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguTHIXO.
32 Impango eyayisele kulokho okwathathwa ngamabutho kwakuyizimvu eziy-
izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu
(675,000), 33 inkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili
(72,000), 34 obabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye (61,000)
35 kanye labesifazane abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili (32,000)
ababengakaze balale lamadoda.

36 Ingxenye yesabelo salabo abalwayo empini:

sasingesezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi am-
athathu alesikhombisa, lamakhulu amahlanu (337,500), 37 lapho abakhipha
khona umnikelo kaTHIXO oyizimvu ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlanu (675);
38 lenkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha (36,000),
okwakhitshwa kizo ezomnikelo kaTHIXO ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili;

39 obabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu
(30,500), kwathi umnikelo kaThixo waba ngamatshumi ayisithupha lanye;
40 abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasithupha (16,000), kwanikelwa kuThixo
ngabangamatshumi amathathu lambili.

41 UMosi wanika u-Eliyazari umphristi isabelo sikaThixo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi
nguThixo.
42 Ingxenye yesabelo sabako-Israyeli uMosi wayeseyehlukanise leyamabutho,
43 ingxenye eyayingeyabantu yaba yizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa, lamakhulu amahlanu (337,500),
44 inkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lasithupha (36,000),
45 obabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu
(30, 500) 46 kanye labantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasithupha (16,000).
47 Engxenyeni yesabelo sabako-Israyeli, uMosi waqambula okukodwa emat-
shumini amahlanu abantu lasezifuyweni, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo, njalo
wakuqhubela abaLevi, bona ababelomlandu wokunakekela ithabanikeli likaThixo.
48 Ngakho izikhulu ezaziphethe izigaba zebutho, abalawuli bamaxuku azinku-
lungwane kanye labalawuli bamaxuku angamakhulu baya kuMosi 49 bafika bathi
kuye, “Izinceku zakho seziwabalile amabutho eziwalawulayo, akukho lelilodwa
ibutho elingekho. 50 Ngakho sesilethe njengomnikelo kuThixo izinto zegolide
esizitholileyo munye ngamunye, izigqizo, amasongo, izindandatho, amacici kanye
lezigqizo zentanyeni, ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo.”
51 UMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi bemukela igolide elalivela kubo, konke lokho
kungokubaziweyo. 52 Lonke igolide elalethwa ngabalawuli emunye elawula
amaxuku azinkulungwane labalawuli emunye elawula ikhulu lelo uMosi lo-Eliyazari
abalethula njengesipho kuThixo lalilesisindo samashekeli azinkulungwane ezil-
itshumi lesithupha, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amahlanu (16,750).
53 Ibutho ngalinye lazithumbela okwalo lalo. 54 UMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi
bemukela igolide elalivela kubalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku azinkulungwane
lakubalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku angamakhulu, balisa ethenteni lokuh-
langana ukuze kube yisikhumbuzo kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaThixo.

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Izizwana Zangaphetsheya KweJodani

1 AbakoRubheni labakoGadi ababelemihlambi emikhulu yenkomo leyezimvu
babona ukuthi amadlelo emangweni weJazeri leGiliyadi ayemahle ezifuyweni.
2 Ngakho baya kuMosi laku-Eliyazari umphristi lakubakhokheli babantu, bathi,
3 “Umhlaba we-Atharothi, leDibhoni, leJazeri, leNimra, leHeshibhoni, le-Eliyale,
leSebhami, leNebho kanye leBheyoni, 4 uThixo awunqoba phambi kwabako-Israyeli,
ngumhlaba olungele izifuyo, njalo thina nceku zenu silezifuyo.” 5 Basebesithi, “Nxa
sifumene umusa emehlweni enu, lelilizwe aliphiwe izinceku zenu libe yisabelo sethu.
Lingenzi ukuba sichaphe uJodani.”
6 UMosi wabuza abakoGadi labakoRubheni wathi, “Kambe lingahlala lapha amanye
amadoda akini esiya empini na? 7 Kungani lithelela abako-Israyeli ukwesaba
ukuchaphela elizweni abaliphiwa nguThixo na? 8 Yikho lokhu okwenziwa ngoyihlo
ekubathumeni kwami besuka eKhadeshi Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe. 9 Bathi
sebehambe baze bayafika eSigodini sase-Eshikholi balibona ilizwe, bathelela abako-
Israyeli ukwesaba ukungena elizweni abaliphiwa nguThixo. 10 Ulaka lukaThixo
lwaqubuka ngalolosuku waze wenza lesisifungo. 11 ‘Ngenxa yokuthi abangi-
landelanga ngezinhliziyo zabo ezipheleleyo, kakho loyedwa emadodeni wonke

aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu okuzalwa kwabavela eGibhithe
ozabona ilizwe engalithembisa u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe ngesifungo, 12 kakho
loyedwa ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKhenizi kanye loJoshuwa
indodana kaNuni, ngoba laba balandela uTHIXO ngezinhliziyo eziphelelelyo.’ 13 Ulaka
LUKATHIXO lwavutha wabazondela abako-Israyeli njalo wabenza bantula enkangala
okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwaze kwaphela bonke abentanga yalabo
ababonile phambi KUKATHIXO.

14 Khathesi nanku-ke lina, nzalo yezoni, selimi endaweni yaboyihlo libangela ukuthi
uTHIXO athukuthelele abako-Israyeli ngamandla. 15 Nxa lingala ukumlandela, uTHIXO
uzaphinde atshiye bonke lababantu bakhe enkangala, njalo kuzabe kuyini elibangele
incithakalo yabo.”

16 Ngakho beza kuye bathi, “Sifuna ukwakha izibaya zezifuyo zethu njalo sakhele
omkethu labantwabethu amadolobho. 17 Kodwa thina sesilungele ukuzihlomisa
ukuze sikhokhele abako-Israyeli size siyebafikisa endaweni yabo. Kunjalo-nje
omkethu labantwabethu bazasala emadolobheni avikelekileyo, ukuze bangahlaselwa
ngabanikazi balelolizwe. 18 Kasiyikubuyela kweyethu imizi wonke owako-Israyeli aze
azuze isabelo sakhe. 19 Thina kasiyikuzuza isabelo kanye labo ngale kweJodani, ngoba
esethu isabelo sisithole ngapha ngempumalanga kweJodani.”

20 Ngakho uMosi wathi kubo, “Nxa lizakwenza lokhu, lizihlomisele ukuhlasela
phambi KUKATHIXO, 21 njalo nxa lonke lizahamba lihlomile ngale kweJodani phambi
KUKATHIXO aze adudule izitha phambi kwakhe, 22 kuthi nxa ilizwe selinqotshiwe
phambi KUKATHIXO selingaphenduka njalo liyabe selikhululekile emlandwini wenu
KUTHIXO laku-Israyeli. Ngalokho-ke lelilizwe lizakuba yisabelo senu phambi
KUKATHIXO.

23 Kodwa lingehluleka ukwenza lokhu, lizabe lonile phambi KUKATHIXO; njalo
yazini ukuthi isono senu sizalifumana. 24 Yakhelani abesifazane benu labantwabenu
amadolobho, njalo lakhele izifuyo zenu izibaya, kodwa yenzani lokho elikuthembisi-
leyo.”

25 AbakoGadi labakoRubheni bathi kuMosi, “Thina izinceku zakho sizakwenza
njengokulaya kwenkosi yethu. 26 Abantwabethu labomkethu, imihlambi yezimvu
zethu leyenkomo zethu kuzasala lapha emadolobheni aseGiliyadi. 27 Kodwa thina
zinceku zakho, yonke indoda ehlomele ukuhlasela, izachapha iyekulwa phambi
KUKATHIXO, njengokutsho kwenkosi yethu.”

28 UMosi wasekhupha ilizwi lesiqondiso ngabo ku-Eliyazari umphristi lakuJoshuwa
indodana kaNuni kanye lakulabo abazinhloko zezimuli zezizwana zako-Israyeli.
29 Wathi kubo, “Nxa abakoGadi labakoRubheni, wonke amadoda ayabe ehlomele
ukuhlasela, angachaphela ngale kweJodani kunye lani phambi KUKATHIXO, kube
sekusithi nxa ilizwe selinqotshiwe phambi kwenu banikeni ilizwe laseGiliyadi libe
yisabelo sabo. 30 Kodwa nxa bengachaphanga lani behlomile, kumele bemukele
isabelo sabo kunye lani eKhenani.”

31 AbakoGadi labakoRubheni baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zizakwenza
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO. 32 Sizachaphela ngale phambi KUKATHIXO singene eKhenani
sihlomile, kodwa ilifa eliyisabelo sethu lizakuba nganeno kweJodani.”

33 Ngakho uMosi wasenika abakoGadi, labakoRubheni kanye lengxenye yesizwana
sakoManase indodana kaJosefa umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori kanye lombuso
ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, ilizwe lonke kanye lamadolobho alo kanye lamazwe
ayebagqagqele.

34 AbakoGadi bakha iDibhoni, i-Atharothi, i-Aroweri, 35 i-Athirothi-Shofani, iJazeri, iJogibheha, 36 iBhethi-Nimra kanye leBhethi-Harani aba ngamadolobho ahonqolozelwe ngemithangala, njalo bakha lezibaya zemihlambi yezifuyo zabo. 37 Kantike abakoRubheni bakha kakutsha iHeshibhoni, i-Eliyale kanye leKhiriyathayimi, 38 kanye lokwakha iNebho kanye leBhali-Meyoni (la amabizo aguqulwa) leSibhima. Betha amadolobho abawakha kutsha amabizo.

39 Izizukulwane zikaMakhiri indodana kaManase zaya eGiliyadi, zalithumba njalo zaxotsha ama-Amori ayekulelolizwe. 40 Ngakho uMosi wapha elaseGiliyadi kumaMakhiri, izizukulwane zikaManase, basebehlala khona. 41 UJayiri, umzukulu kaManase, wathumba imizi yabo wayibiza ngokuthi yiHarothi Jayiri. 42 Kanti uNobha wathumba iKhenathi kanye lemizi eyigqagqeleyo njalo wayetha ibizo lakhe wathi yiNobha.

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Amalombolombo Ohambo Lwabako-Israyeli

1 Nanka amalombolombo ohambo lwabako-Israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe ngamaviyo abo bekhokhelwa nguMosi lo-Aroni. 2 Ngokulaya KUKATHIXO waloba walonda izigaba zamalombolombo ohambo lwabo. Nantu uhambo lwabo ngezigaba zakhona:

3 Abako-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yakuqala, ngosuku kwedlule iPhasika. Baphuma ngesibindi bekhangelwe ngamaGibhithe wonke, 4 wona eyephathekile engcwaba wonke amazibulo awo, lawo ayebulewe NGUTHIXO phakathi kwawo; ngoba UTHIXO wayehlulele ngokujezisa onkulunkulu bawo.

5 Abako-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi bayamisa izihonqo zabo eSukhothi.

6 Basuka eSukhothi bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Ethamu, emaphethelweni enkangala.

7 Basuka e-Ethamu, baphenduka baya ePhi-Hahirothi; beqonda empumalanga yaseBhali-Zefoni, babuye njalo bamisa izihonqo zabo eMigidoli.

8 Basuka ePhi-Hahirothi badabula olwandle bangena enkangala, bathi sebehambe okwensuku ezintathu enkangala ye-Ethamu, bamisa izihonqo zabo eMara.

9 Basuka eMara baya e-Elimi, lapho okwakulezintombo zamanzi ezilitshumi lambili kanye lezihlahla zohlobo lwelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, bafika bamisa izihonqo khonapho.

10 Basuka e-Elimi bayamisa izihonqo zabo besekele uLwandle oluBomvu.

11 Basuka oLwandle oluBomvu bayamisa enkangala yaseSini.

12 Basuka enkangala yeSini bayamisa eDofuka.

13 Basuka eDofuka bayamisa e-Alusha.

14 Basuka e-Alusha bayamisa eRefidimu, lapho okwakungelamanzi okunathwa ngabantu.

15 Basuka eRefidimu bayamisa enkangala yeSinayi.

16 Basuka enkangala yeSinayi bayamisa eKhibhrothi Hathava.

17 Basuka eKhibhrothi Hathava bayamisa eHazerothi.

18 Basuka eHazerothi bayamisa eRithima.

19 Basuka eRithima bayamisa eRimoni-Pherezi.

20 Basuka eRimoni-Pherezi bayamisa eLibhina.

21 Basuka eLibhina bayamisa eRisa.

22 Basuka eRisa bayamisa eKhehelatha.

23 Basuka eKhehelatha bayamisa eNtabeni yaseShefa.

24 Basuka eNtabeni yaseShefa bayamisa eHarada.
25 Basuka eHarada bayamisa eMakhelothi.
26 Basuka eMakhelothi bayamisa eThahathi.
27 Basuka eThahathi bayamisa eThera.
28 Basuka eThera bayamisa eMithika.
29 Basuka eMithika bayamisa eHashimona.
30 Basuka eHashimona bayamisa eMosera.
31 Basuka eMosera bayamisa eBhene Jayakhani.
32 Basuka eBhene Jayakhani bayamisa eHori-Hagidigadi.
33 Basuka eHori-Hagidigadi bayamisa eJothibhatha.
34 Basuka eJothibhatha bayamisa e-Abhurona.
35 Basuka e-Abhurona bayamisa e-Eziyoni-Gebheri.
36 Basuka e-Eziyoni-Gebheri bayamisa eKhadeshi, eNkangala yaseZini.
37 Basuka eKhadeshi bayamisa eNtabeni yaseHori, emngceleni wase-Edomi.
38 Ngokulaya kuka Thixo, u-Aroni umphristi wakhwela eNtabeni yaseHori, lapho
afela khona ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesihlanu yomnyaka wamatshumi
amane emva kokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe. 39 U-Aroni wayeseleminyaka
elikhulu elileminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemithathu yokuphila ekufeni
kwakhe eNtabeni yaseHori.
40 Inkosi yase-Aradi engumKhenani eyayihlala eNegebi yaseKhenani, yezwa
ukuthi abako-Israyeli babesiza.
41 Basuka eNtabeni yaseHori bayamisa eZalimona.
42 Basuka eZalimona bayamisa ePhunoni.
43 Basuka ePhunoni bayamisa e-Obhothi.
44 Basuka e-Obhothi bayamisa e-Iye-Abharimi, emngceleni waseMowabi.
45 Basuka e-Iye-Abharimu bayamisa eDibhoni Gadi.
46 Basuka eDibhoni Gadi bayamisa e-Alimoni-Dibhilathayimi.
47 Basuka e-Alimoni-Dibhilathayimi bayamisa ezintabeni zase-Abharimi, phansi
kweNebho.
48 Basuka ezintabeni zase-Abharimi bayamisa emagcekeni aseMowabi besekele
uJodani ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. 49 Khonapho emagcekeni aseMowabi
bamisa izihonqo zabo belandela umfula uJodani kusukela eBhethi-Jeshimothi
kusiya e-Abheli-Shithima.

50 Emagcekeni aseMowabi ngasemfuleni uJodani ngaphetsheya uvelela ngase-
Jerikho uThixo wathi kuMosi, 51 “Khuluma kwabako-Israyeli ubatshele lokhu uthi:
‘Nxa lichapha uJodani lingena eKhenani, 52 xotshani phambi kwenu bonke abahlala
kulelolizwe. Dilizani zonke izithombe zabo ezibaziweyo kanye lezibunjiweyo, njalo
libhidlize zonke izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela. 53 Thumbani ilizwe lelo
lihlale kulo, ngoba ngilinike ukuthi libe ngelenu. 54 Yabelanani ilizwe ngenkatho,
kusiya ngokwensendo zenu. Ixuku elikhulu kaliphiwe isabelo esikhulu, kuthi
ixuku elincinyane liphiwe isabelo esincinyane. Okuzakuya kubo ngenkatho akube
ngokwabo. Kwabelananeni kusiya ngezizwana zabokhokho benu.
55 Kodwa nxa lingaxotshanga abahlala kulelolizwe, abaseleyo babo bazakuba
lukhophe emehlweni enu njalo babe ngameva enyameni yenu. Bazakuba luhlupho
ezweni elizahlala kulo. 56 Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza kini lokho engizimisele ukuk-
wenza kubo.’ ”

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Imingcele YaseKhenani

1 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Laya abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Nxa lingena
eKhenani, ilizwe elizaliphiwa ukuba libe yisabelo senu lizakuba lale
imingcele:

3 Icele leningizimu yenu lizahlanganisa isigaba esithile seNkangala yaseZini
kulandela umngcele we-Edomi. Empumalanga, umngcele wenu weningizimu
uzasukela ekucineni koLwandle lweTswayi, 4 udabula eningizimu yoMkhandlu
weNkume, kusiya ngaseZini njalo kuye eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya.
Usuka lapho uzaqonda eHazari Adari njalo wedlulele e-Azimoni, 5 lapho
ozajika khona, kuhlangane lesiHotsha saseGibhithe njalo uyephelela oLwandle
lwaseMedithereniyeni.
6 Umngcele wenu wentshonalanga uzakuba ligumbi loLwandle oLukhulu. Lo
uzakuba ngumngcele wenu entshonalanga.
7 Okomngcele wenu wenyakatho, usekela uLwandle oLukhulu usiya eNtabeni
yaseHori 8 njalo usuka eNtabeni yaseHori uye eLebho Hamathi. Umngcele
uzasuka lapho uqonde eZedadi, 9 ubusuqhubeka usiya eZifironi uze uyekuma
eHazari-Enani. Lo yiwo umngcele wenu enyakatho.
10 Okomngcele wenu wempumalanga, sukelani eHazari-Enani kusiya eShefamu.
11 Umngcele uzakwehla usuka eShefamu usiya eRibhila engempumalanga
kwe-Ayini njalo uqhubeke ulandela umthezuko empumalanga koLwandle
lwaseKhinerethi. 12 Kusuka lapho umngcele uzakwehla ulandela umfula uJodani
uze uyecina oLwandle lweTswayi.

Leli lizakuba yilizwe lenu, ngemingcele yalo inxa zonke.’ ”

13 UMosi walaya abako-Israyeli wathi: “Yabelanani lelilizwe ngenkatho njengelifa
lenu. UTHIXO usekhuphe isiqondiso sokuthi aliphiwe izizwana eziyisificamunwe-
munye kanye lesizwana esiyingxenye, 14 ngenxa yokuthi abezimuli zesizwana
sikaRubheni, abesizwana sikaGadi kanye lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase sebethole
isabelo sabo. 15 Izizwana lezi ezimbili kanye lalesi esiyingxenye sezithole isabelo sazo
empumalanga komfula uJodani malungana leJerikho, ngokuya ngempumalanga.”

16 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 17 “La ngamabizo amadoda azalabela ilizwe njengelifa
lenu: u-Eliyazari umphristi kanye loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni. 18 Beselikhetha
umkhokheli oyedwa esizwaneni ngasinye ukuncedisa ukwaba ilizwe:

19 La yiwo amabizo abo:

uKhalebi indodana kaJefune, owesizwana sakoJuda;
20 uShemuyeli indodana ka-Amihudi, owesizwana sakoSimiyoni;
21 u-Elidadi indodana kaKhisiloni, owesizwana sakoBhenjamini;
22 uBhukhi indodana kaJogili, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sakoDani;
23 uHaniyeli indodana ka-Efodi, ongumkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaManase
indodana kaJosefa;
24 uKhemuweli indodana kaShifuthani, engumkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sako-
Efrayimi indodana kaJosefa;
25 u-Elizafani indodana kaPhanaki, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni;
26 uPhalithiyeli indodana ka-Azani, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sika-Isakhari,
27 u-Ahihudi indodana kaShelomi, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sika-Asheri;
28 uPhedaheli indodana ka-Amihudi, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaNafithali.”

29 La yiwo amadoda UTHIXO alaya ukuthi ahlukanisele abako-Israyeli isabelo
sabo selizwe laseKhenani.

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Amadolobho AbaLevi

1 Ngasemagcekeni aseMowabi kusekele umfula uJodani nganeno malungana
leJerikho, UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, 2 “Laya abako-Israyeli ukuthi bakhethe elifeni labo
amadolobho bawanike abaLevi ukuze bahlale kuwo. Njalo babanike lamadlelo eduze
lamadolobho lawo. 3 Ngalokho bazakuba lamadolobho okuhlala kanye lamadlelo
enkomo zabo, imihlambi yezimvu kanye leyezinye izifuyo zabo zonke.
4 Amadlelo azingelezele amadolobho elizawanika abaLevi, azakuba zingalo
eziyinkulungwane ukuqhela kwawo kusukela emidulini yamadolobho.
5 Ngempumalanga, ngaphandle kwedolobho, kuzakuba zingalo eziyizinkulungwane
ezimbili kube njalo laseningizimu izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili,
entshonalanga izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili, kufane laseceleni lenyakatho
izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili, idolobho liphakathi laphakathi. Le kuzakuba
yindawo yabo yamadlelo emadolobheni.”

Amadolobho Okuphephela

6 “Phakathi kwamadolobho elizawanika abaLevi, ayisithupha azakuba nga-
wokuphephela, yikho lapho okuzakuthi umuntu angabulala omunye abalekele
khona. Phezu kwalawo, bapheni amanye amadolobho angamatshumi amane
lamabili. 7 Wonke esehlangene abaLevi bapheni amadolobho angamatshumi amane
lasificaminwembili, kuhlanganisa lamadlelo abo. 8 Amadolobho eliwanika abaLevi
elizweni labako-Israyeli kawabiwe ngokuya ngelifa lesizwana ngasinye: Thathani
amadolobho amanengi esizwaneni esilamadolobho amanengi, kodwa lithathe ama-
lutshwana kwesilamalutshwana.”
9 Ngakho UTHIXO wasesithi kuMosi: 10 “Khuluma labako-Israyeli njalo ubat-
shele uthi: ‘Ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani lingena eKhenani, 11 khethani amanye
amadolobho abe ngawokuphephela, lapho okuzakuthi nxa umuntu ebulele omunye
ngengozi abalekele khona. 12 Azakuba zindawo zokuphephela ukuzivikela
kwabaphindiselayo, ukuze kuthi lowo owetheswa icala lokubulala angafi en-
gakathonisiswa phambi kwebandla. 13 Amadolobho ayisithupha la elibapha wona
azakuba ngamadolobho enu okuphephela. 14 Bapheni amathathu ngakulelicele
lomfula uJodani kuthi amathathu abe ngamadolobho okuphephela eKhenani.
15 Amadolobho la ayisithupha azakuba yindawo yokuphephela kwabako-Israyeli,
labezizweni kanye labo bonke abantu abahlezi phakathi kwabo, ukuze kuthi loba
ngubani obulele omunye ngengozi abalekele khona.
16 Nxa indoda itshaya umuntu ngento eyinsimbi afe, ingumbulali; umbulali
kumele abulawe. 17 Kumbe nxa omunye ephethe ilitshe abesetshaya omunye afe,
ungumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawe. 18 Njalo nxa omunye ephethe ulutho
oluyisigodo abesetshaya omunye afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawe.
19 Umphindiseli wegazi kumele ambulale umbulali; nxa ehlangana laye, kumele
ambulale. 20 Loba ngubani olomona ohlezi eqophile engafuqa omunye loba amjikijele
ngolutho oluthile ngabomo kubangele ukufa kwakhe 21 loba kuthi ngolaka amtshaye
ngenqindi afe, lowomuntu kumele abulawe; ungumbulali. Umphindiseli wegazi
kumele abulale umbulali nxa ehlangana laye.
22 Kodwa nxa kungayisikho ngolaka, umuntu aqabuke esefuqe omunye loba amjik-
ijele ngolutho engaqondile 23 loba engamboni, amgxobe ngelitshe elingambulala, afe,
ngakho njengoba engasisositha sakhe njalo engaqondanga ukumlimaza, 24 ibandla
kumele lahlulele phakathi kwakhe lomphindiseli wegazi kulandelwa lezi zimiso.

25 Ibandla kumele livikele owetheswa icala lokubulala kumphindiseli wegazi njalo
abuyiselwe edolobheni lokuphephela azabe ebalekele kulo. Kumele ahlale khonale
kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu, owagcotshwa ngamafutha angcwele.
26 Kodwa lowo owetheswa icala angaba ngaphandle kwedolobho lokuphephela
lelo ayabe ebalekele kulo 27 kuthi umphindiseli wegazi amfumane ngaphandle
kwalelodolobho, umphindiseli wegazi angambulala lowo owetheswe icala kodwa
angabi lacala lokubulala. 28 Owetheswe icala kumele ahlale edolobheni lakhe
lokuphephela kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu; uzaze abuyele emzini wakhe kuphela
nxa umphristi omkhulu esefile.
29 Le kumele kube yimithetho yesimiso kini lakuzizukulwane ezizayo, loba
kungaphi lapho elizahlala khona.
30 Loba ngubani obulala umuntu kumele abulawe njengombulali ngobufakazi bal-
abo abayabe bebonile kuphela. Kodwa akungabikho loyedwa ozabulawa ngobufakazi
bofakazi oyedwa.
31 Lingemukeli inhlawulo yokuhlenga impilo yombulali, yena kumele afe, loba
kutheni kabulawe.
32 Lingemukeli inhlawulo yokuhlenga loba ngubani obalekele edolobheni lokuphep-
hela libe selimvumela ukuba abuyele ukuyahlala emzini wakhe umphristi omkhulu
engakafi.
33 Lingalingcolisi ilizwe lelo elihlala kulo. Ukuchitha igazi kungcolisa ilizwe, njalo
indlela yokubuyisana ingeke yenzelwe lapho okuchithwe khona igazi, ngaphandle
kwegazi lalowo olichithileyo. 34 Lingalingcolisi ilizwe elihlezi kilo kanye lalapho
engihlala khona, ngoba Mina, THIXO, ngihlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli.’ ”

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Ilifa Lamadodakazi KaZelofehadi

1 Inhloko zezindlu zosendo lukaGiliyadi indodana kaMakhiri, indodana ka-
Manase, ababengabensendo zezizukulwane zikaJosefa, beza bakhuluma loMosi
kanye labakhokheli, abazinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli. 2 Bathi kubo, “Lapho
uTHIXO walaya inkosi yami ukuba iphe ilizwe njengelifa ngenkatho kwabako-Israyeli,
yakhupha isiqondiso sokuthi uphe ilifa lomfowethu uZelofehadi kumadodakazi akhe.
3 Khathesi akesithi thina nxa bendele emadodeni ezinye izizwana zako-Israyeli;
kuzakutsho ukuthi ilifa lizasuswa kwelabokhokho bethu liyekwengezelela elaleso-
sizwana abazakwendela kuso. Ngakho kutsho ukuthi ingxenye yelifa esaliphiwayo
sizayithathelwa. 4 Kuzakuthi ngomnyaka weJubhili kwabako-Israyeli, ilifa labo
lizakwengezelela elalesosizwana abendele kuso, njalo impahla yabo izasuswa elifeni
lesizwana sabokhokho bethu.”
5 Ngakho ngokulaya KUKATHIXO uMosi wakhipha lesisiqondiso kwabako-Israyeli:
“Lokho okutshiwo yisizukulwane sesizwana sikaJosefa kuqondile. 6 Lokhu yikho
ukulaya KUKATHIXO ngamadodakazi kaZelofehadi: Bakhululekile ukwendela loba
kukubani obathathayo kodwa akube ngabosendo lwesizwana sikayise. 7 Kalikho
ilifa ko-Israyeli elizasuka esizwaneni lisiya kwesinye isizwana, ngoba wonke owako-
Israyeli kumele agcine ilizwe lesizwana eliyilifa labokhokho bakhe. 8 Yonke
indodakazi ezakuba yindlalifa yelizwe esizwaneni sako-Israyeli kumele yendele
emuntwini wesizwana sosendo lukayise, ukuze wonke owako-Israyeli abe lelifa
laboyise. 9 Kalikho ilifa elizasuka esizwaneni lisiya kwesinye isizwana, ngoba loba
yisiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli kumele sigcine ilizwe eliyilifa laso.”
10 Ngakho amadodakazi kaZelofehadi enza njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.
11 Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi uMahila, loThiza, loHogila, loMilikha kanye loNowa,

bendela emadodaneni abafowabo bakayise. 12 Bendela kwabezinsendo zezizukulwane zikaManase indodana kaJosefa, njalo ilifa labo lasala kwabosendo lukayise lesizwaneni sakhe.

13 Le yiyo imilayo lemithetho eyaphiwa abako-Israyeli NGUTHIXO ngoMosi emagcekeni aseMowabi ngasemfuleni waseJodani ngakuleli iphetsheya malungana leJerikho.

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Umlayo Wokusuka EHorebhi

1 La ngamazwi akhulunywa nguMosi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli enkangala,
empumalanga yeJodani, lokhu kuyikuthi, e-Arabha, maqondana leSufi, phakathi
kwePharani leThofeli, eLabhani, eHazerothi kanye laseDizahabi. 2 (Loluhambo
luthatha insuku ezilitshumi lanye ukusuka eHorebhi kusiya eKhadeshi Bhaneya
ngomgwaqo odlula eNtabeni yaseSeyiri.)
3 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yetshumi lanye,
uMosi wamemezela kwabako-Israyeli konke lokho UTHIXO ayemlaye ngakho ngabo.
4 Lokhu kwakungemva kokuba esenqobe uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa
eHeshibhoni, njalo wayesenqobe e-Edreyi u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, owayebusa e-
Ashitharothi.
5 Empumalanga kweJodani elizweni laseMowabi, uMosi waqalisa ukufundisa ngalo
umthetho, esithi:

6 "UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu wakhuluma lathi siseHorebhi wathi, 'Selihlale
isikhathi eseneleyo kule intaba. 7 Dilizani izihonqo zenu ledlulele elizweni
lamaqaqa lama-Amori; yanini kubo bonke abangomakhelwane e-Arabha, ez-
intabeni, emawatheni angentshonalanga, eNegebi lilandelele ukhumbi, liye ezweni
lamaKhenani kanye laseLebhanoni, lidabule lize liyefika emfuleni omkhulu,
iYufrathe. 8 Khangelani, sengiliphile lelilizwe. Ngenani lilithumbe lelilizwe UTHIXO
afunga wathi uzalipha okhokho benu, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka, uJakhobe kanye
lezizukulwane zabo emva kwabo.' "

Ukukhethwa Kwabakhokheli

9 "Ngalesosikhathi ngathi kini, 'Lina lingumthwalo omkhulu kakhulu onzima
ukuthi ngiwuthwale ngingedwa. 10 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu usengezelele amanani
enu okokuthi lamuhla selilingana lezinkanyezi zemkhathini. 11 Sengathi UTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, angalibusisa njalo alandise ngokuphindwe kanku-
lungwane njengokuthembisa kwakhe! 12 Kodwa ngingazithwala njani inhlupho zenu
lemithwalo yenu kanye lezingxabano zenu ngingedwa na? 13 Khethani amadoda
akhaliphileyo, azwisisayo lahloniphekayo phakathi kwezizwana zakini zonke, mina
ngizawabeka alikhokhele.'
14 Langiphendula lathi, 'Lokho ofisa ukukwenza kulungile.'
15 Ngakho ngathatha abakhokheli bezizwana zenu, amadoda akhaliphileyo njalo
ahloniphekayo, ngabanika amandla phezu kwenu ukuze babe ngabalawuli bezinku-
lungwane, bamakhulu, bamatshumi amahlanu, betshumi kanye lokuba yizikhulu zez-
izwana zenu. 16 Njalo ngapha isiqondiso kubahluleli ngalesosikhathi ngathi: 'Hluzani
ingxabano phakathi kwabafowenu njalo lahlulele ngokufaneleyo, kungakhathalek-
ile ukuthi yingxabano phakathi kwabako-Israyeli bodwa loba kungowako-Israyeli
oxabana lowezizweni. 17 Lingathathi hlangothi ekwahluleleni; hluzani amacala
abancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. Lingesabi loba ngubani, ngoba ukwahlulela
ngokukaNkulunkulu. Kuthi icala elinzima lililethe kimi, ngizalihluza ngilahlulele.'
18 Njalo ngalesosikhathi ngalitshela konke okwakumele likwenze."

Kuthunywa Inhloli

19 “Kwathi-ke, njengoba uTHIXO wethu wayesilayile, sasuka eHorebhi saqonda
ezweni lama-Amori elilamaqaqa sadabula inkangala enkulu eyesabekayo eseliy-
ibonile, saze sayafika eKhadeshi Bhaneya. 20 Ngakho ngathi kini, ‘Selifikile
elizweni lama-Amori elamaqaqa, ilizwe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona.
21 Khangelani, uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uselinike lelilizwe. Hambani lilithumbe
njengoba uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alitshela. Lingesabi; lingadangali.’
22 Kusenjalo lina lonke leza kimi lathi, ‘Asithumeni amadoda ahambe pham-
bili ayehlola lelolizwe abuye azositshengisa indlela esizangena ngayo kanye
leyokuthumba amadolobho esizafikela kuwo.’
23 Lokho kwakhanya kungumbono omuhle kimi; lakanye ngakhetha abalitshumi
lababili phakathi kwenu, indoda eyodwa esizwaneni ngasinye. 24 Basuka baya
ezweni lamaqaqa njalo bafika bahlola isihotsha sase-Eshikholi. 25 Bathatha ezinye
izithelo zelizwe babuya lazo kithi, njalo bethula umbiko othi, ‘Yilizwe elihle uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu asipha lona.’ ”

Ukuhlamukela uTHIXO

26 “Kodwa lina lalingazimiselanga ukuhamba; lahlamukela uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu ngokungalaleli umlayo wakhe. 27 Lina lakhonona lisemathenteni enu lathi,
‘UTHIXO uyasizonda; kutsho ukuthi wasikhipha eGibhithe ukuze asinikele ezandleni
zama-Amori ukuthi asibhubhise. 28 Singaya ngaphi na? Abafowethu sebesithelele
ubuthakathaka. Bathi bona, “Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade kulathi;
amadolobho akhona makhulu, alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. Size sabona lama-
Anakhi khonale.” ’
29 Mina ngasengisithi kini, ‘Lingethuki; lingabesabi. 30 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
ohamba phambi kwenu uzalilwela, njengalokho alenzela khona eGibhithe lizibonela
ngamehlo enu, 31 njalo lasenkangala. Khonale lazibonela ukuthi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu walithwala, njengobaba ethwala indodana yakhe, uhambo lwenu lonke laze
lafika lapha.’
32 Lanxa kunjalo, kalizange limethembe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, 33 yena
owahamba phambi kwenu kuloluhambo, elikhokhela ngomlilo ebusuku kanti kusiba
leyezi emini, elidingela izindawo zokumisa izihonqo zenu lokulitshengisa lapho
okumele liye khona.
34 Kwathi uTHIXO esezwile elalikutsho, wathukuthela, wafunga wathi: 35 ‘Kakho
loyedwa kulesisizukulwane esingalunganga ozalibona lelolizwe engafungela
ukulipha okhokho benu, 36 ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune. Yena
uzalibona, njalo ngizamupha yena lesizukulwane sakhe lelolizwe azafikela kilo,
ngoba walalela uTHIXO ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke.’
37 Ngenxa yenu uTHIXO wangithukuthelela lami njalo wathi, ‘Wena lawe awuyikun-
gena khona. 38 Kodwa umsekeli wakho, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, uzangena
kulelolizwe. Umkhuthaze yena, ngoba uzakhokhela abako-Israyeli kulo ukuba libe
yilifa labo. 39 Kanti njalo lalabo abancane elalisithi bazathunjwa, abantwabenu
abangakehlukanisi phakathi kokubi lokuhle, bazangena kulelolizwe. Ngizabapha
lona njalo bazalithatha libe ngelabo. 40 Kodwa lina, phendukani njalo lisuke liqonde
enkangala lilandele indlela eya oLwandle oluBomvu.’
41 Lina laphendula lathi, ‘Sonile kuTHIXO. Sizahamba siyekulwa, njengokulaywa
kwethu nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.’ Ngalokho lonke lahloma ngezikhali linakana
ukuthi kulula ukungena elizweni lamaqaqa.
42 Kodwa uTHIXO wathi kimi, ‘Wothi kubo, “Lingayi ukuyakulwa, ngoba
kangiyikuba lani. Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu.” ’
43 Ngakho ngalitshela, kodwa kalizange lilalele. Lahlamukela umlayo kaTHIXO
kwathi ngobuqholo benu layangena elizweni lamaqaqa. 44 Kwathi ama-Amori

ayehlala kulawomaqaqa alihlangabeza alihlasela; alixotsha njengomtshitshi wenyosi, alibhuqa kusukela eSeyiri indlela yonke kusiya eHoma. 45 Laphenduka lafika lakhala phambi kukaTHIXO kodwa kazange alalele ukukhala kwenu walifulathela. 46 Ngakho lahlala eKhadeshi okwensuku ezinengi, okwesikhathi sonke elasichitha likhonale.”

2

Ukuntula Enkangala

1 “Sasesiphenduka siqonda enkangala ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu njengokulaywa kwami nguTHIXO. Okwesikhathi eside sasilokhu sibhoda ezweni lamaqaqa aseSeyiri.

2 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, 3 ‘Selibhode labhoda ezweni lamaqaqa sekwanele; khathesi phendukani likhangele enyakatho. 4 Nika abantu leziziqondiso: “Khathesi selizakwedlula elizweni labafowenu isizukulwane sika-Esawu, abahlala eSeyiri. Bazalesaba, kodwa libolimuka linanzelele. 5 Lingaboqala livuse impi ngoba angiyikulipha ilizwe labo, sengisitsho lesiqinti esilingana unyawo olulodwa. Nganika u-Esawu ilizwe laseSeyiri elamaqaqa ukuthi libe ngelakhe. 6 Lizababhadala ngesiliva libhadalela ukudla elizakudla lamanzi elizawanatha.” ’

7 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyibusisile imisebenzi yezandla zenu. Ulikhokhele kulolonke uhambo lwenu phakathi kwenkangala enkulu kangaka. Iminyaka engamatshumi amane uTHIXO wenu ube lani, kalizange liswele lutho.

8 Ngakho sahamba sedlula ezihlotsheni zethu isizukulwane sika-Esawu abahlala eSeyiri. Saphenduka sisuka emgwaqweni wase-Arabha okhwela usuka e-Elathi le-Eziyoni-Gebheri, sahamba ngomgwaqo wenkangala yaseMowabi.

9 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, ‘Lingahlukuluzi amaMowabi loba ukubavusela impi, ngoba angiyikulinika ngitsho lesiqintshana selizwe labo. Senginike ele-Ari isizukulwane sikaLothi ukuba kube yisabelo sabo.’ ”

10 (Ama-Emi ake ahlala khonapho, abantu abalamandla njalo abanengi kakhulu, futhi bebade njengama-Anakhi. 11 Labo njengama-Anakhi babebalwa njengamaRefayi, kodwa amaMowabi ayebabiza ngokuthi ngama-Emi. 12 AmaHori ayekade ehlala eSeyiri, kodwa adudulwa yisizukulwane sika-Esawu. Babhubhisa amaHori ayelapho basebesakha endaweni yawo, njengalokho okwenziwa ngabako-Israyeli ezweni abaliphiwa nguTHIXO ukuba libe yisabelo sabo.)

13 “UTHIXO wasesithi, ‘Khathesi sukani lichaphe isiHotsha saseZeredi.’ Ngakho sachapha isihotsha.

14 Kwedlula iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu leyisificaminwembili sisuke eKhadeshi Bhaneya sisiyachapha isiHotsha saseZeredi. Ngalesosikhathi, amadoda ebutho alesosizukulwane ayesebhubhile, njengokufungelwa kwabo nguTHIXO. 15 UTHIXO wamelana labo waze wabatshabalalisa bonke ezihonqweni.

16 Kwathi-ke sekufe abokucina emadodeni ebutho, 17 uTHIXO wathi kimi, 18 ‘Lamuhla uzakwedlula emangweni waseMowabi ngase-Ari. 19 Ekufikeni kwakho kuma-Amoni, ungawahlukuluzi loba ukuwavusela impi, ngoba angiyikukunika loba yiliphi ilizwe lama-Amoni. Ngilinike lesisizukulwane sikaLothi ukuba kube yisabelo sabo.’ ”

20 (Leli lalo laliphathwa njengelizwe lamaRefayi ayehlala khonapho; kodwa ama-Amoni ayebabiza ngokuthi ngamaZamzumu. 21 Babengabantu abalamandla bebanengi kakhulu, njalo bebade njengama-Anakhi. UTHIXO wababhubhisa phambi kwama-Amoni, wona abadudulayo njalo ahlala endaweni yabo. 22 UTHIXO wayenze njalo esizukulwaneni sika-Esawu, esasiseSeyiri, ekubhubhiseni kwakhe amaHori

phambi kwabo. Babadudula basebehlala endaweni yabo kuze kube lamuhla. 23 Kantike okunjengama-Avi ayehlala emizini ekhatshana njengeGaza, amaKhafithori ayevela eKhafithori ababhubhisa asehlala endaweni yabo.)

Ukwehlulwa KukaSihoni Inkosi YaseHeshibhoni

24 " 'Suka khathesi uchaphe uDonga lwase-Arinoni. Uyabona, senginikele esandleni sakho uSihoni um'Amori inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye lelizwe lakhe. Qalisa ukuthatha lelilizwe ulwe impi laye. 25 Kusukela lamuhla ngizaqalisa ukuthelela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu ukukwesaba. Zizakuzwa indumela yakho zethuke zesabe zihlukuluzeke ngenxa yakho.'

26 Kusukela enkangala yaseKhedemothi ngathumela izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni ngisithi akubekhona ukuthula njalo ngisithi, 27 'Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu kuphela, asiyikuphambukela ngakwesokudla loba ngakwesokunxele. 28 Sithengisele ukudla lamanzi okunatha ngentengo yesiliva. Sivumele nje sedlule ngezinyawo, 29 njengezizukulwane zika-Esawu ezihlala eSeyiri, kanye lamaMowabi ahlala e-Ari, asenzela khona, size sichaphe uJodani singene elizweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona.' 30 Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni yala ukuthi sedlule. Ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wayeyenze umoya wakhe waba lobuqholo lenhliziyo yakhe yaba lukhuni ukuze amnikele ezandleni zenu, njengoba esekwenzile khathesi.

31 UTHIXO wathi kimi, 'Khangela, sengiqalisile ukunikela uSihoni lelizwe lakhe kuwe. Qalisa khathesi ukunqoba uthathe ilizwe lakhe.'

32 Kwathi uSihoni ephuma lebutho lakhe ukusihlangabeza ekuhlaseleni eJahazi, 33 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu wamnikela kithi sambulala, yena kanye lamadodana akhe lebutho lakhe lonke. 34 Ngalesosikhathi sathatha amadolobho akhe sawabhidliza, amadoda, abesifazane kanye labantwana. Kakho owasilayo. 35 Kodwa izifuyo lakho konke esakuthumbayo emadolobheni esawanqobayo sazithathela khona. 36 Kusukela e-Aroweri emngceleni wodonga lwase-Arinoni, kanye lokusuka edolobheni elisedongeni, kusiya khonale eGiliyadi, akuladolobho elalingamelana lathi. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu wawanikela wonke kithi. 37 Kodwa kusiya ngokulaya KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, alizange lingene elizweni lama-Amoni, kumbe elizweni elisemingceleni yomfula uJabhoki loba lelo elilamadolobho asemaqaqeni."

3

Ukunqotshwa Kuka-Ogi Inkosi YeBhashani

1 "Sasuka sasesiphenduka sakhwela njalo sisekele umgwaqo oya eBhashani, kanti u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani kanye lamabutho akhe wonke wayesihlangabeza ukuze alwe lathi e-Edreyi. 2 UTHIXO wathi kimi, 'Ungamesabi ngoba sengimnikele kuwe lamabutho akhe wonke kanye lelizwe lakhe. Menze konke owakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni.'

3 Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu wanikela u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani lamabutho akhe wonke ezandleni zethu. Sababulala bonke, kakho loyedwa owaphephayo. 4 Ngalesosikhathi sathumba wonke amadolobho akhe. Akusalanga dolobho lalinye esingalithumbanga phakathi kwawo wonke angamatshumi ayisithupha, umhlubulo wonke welizwe le-Agobhi, ilizwe lika-Ogi eBhashani. 5 Wonke amadolobho la ayevikelwa ngemiduli ephakemeyo langemigoqo yokuvala amasango lemijabo yokunxiba, kanti njalo yayiminengi eminye imizi eyayingahonqolozelwanga ngemiduli yokuvikela. 6 Satshaya sabhuqa konke, kwaba njengalokhu esakwenza

kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni, sabhidliza wonke amadolobho, amadoda, abesifazane kanye labantwana. 7 Kanti-ke izifuyo zonke kanye lesakuthumba emadolobheni abo sazithathela kwaba ngokwethu.

8 Ngakho ngalesosikhathi kulawo makhosi womabili ama-Amori sathumba ilizwe elisempumalanga yeJodani, kusukela ezindongeni zase-Arinoni kuze kuyefika ezintabeni zaseHemoni.” 9 (IHemoni ibizwa ngokuthi yiSiriyoni ngamaSidoni, kanti-ke ama-Amori ayibiza ngokuthi yiSeniri.) 10 “Sathumba wonke amadolobho emagcekeni, kanye lawo wonke eGiliyadi, laseBhashani yonke kusiya eSalekha lase-Edreyi, engamadolobho ombuso ka-Ogi eBhashani.” 11 (U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani nguye yedwa owayesesele emthonselaneni wamaRefayi. Umbheda wakhe wawungowensimbi njalo umude ukwedlula izingalo ezilitshumi lantathu kanti ububanzi bawo buzingalo eziyisithupha. Wona ulokhu useRabha yase-Amoni.)

Ukwahlukaniswa Kwelizwe

12 “Phakathi kwelizwe esalithumbayo ngalesosikhathi, nganika abakoRubheni labakoGadi ilizwe elisenyakatho yase-Aroweri endongeni zase-Arinoni, kuhlanganisa lengxenye yelizwe lamaqaqa aseGiliyadi, kanye lamadolobho akhona. 13 EleGiliyadi lonke kanye lalo lonke eleBhashani, lombuso ka-Ogi, ngalinika abayingxenye yesizukulwane sikaManase.” (Umhlubulo wonke welizwe le-Agobhi ngaseBhashani lalisaziwa ngokuthi yilizwe lamaRefayi. 14 UJayiri, owosendo lukaManase, wathatha sonke isiqinti esisukela emangweni we-Agobhi kusiya emngceleni weGeshuri lamaMahakhathi; saba yisiqinti esabizwa ngaye, okokuthi lalamuhla iBhashani ibizwa ngokuthi yiHavothi-Jayiri.) 15 “IGiliyadi ngayinika uMakhiri. 16 Kodwa abakoRubheni labakoGadi ngabanika isiqinti selizwe elisuka eGiliyadi lisiya ezindongeni zase-Arinoni (phakathi laphakathi kwendonga kungumngcele) kusehla kusiya eMfuleni uJabhoki, ongumngcele wama-Amoni. 17 Umngcele wentshonalanga kuyiJodani ngase-Arabha, kusukela eKhinerethi kusiya oLwandle lwase-Arabha (uLwandle lweTswayi) ngaphansi ekwehleni okungapha ngePhisiga.

18 Ngalilaya ngalesosikhathi ngathi: ‘UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ukuphile lelilizwe, lithathe libe ngelakho. Kodwa wonke amadoda asaqinile, ahlomele ukulwa, kumele achaphe kuqala phambi kwabafowenu abako-Israyeli. 19 Kanti-ke abafazi benu, abantwana lezifuyo zenu (ngiyazi lifuyile kakhulu) bangazihlalela emadolobheni engilinike wona, 20 kuze kuthi UTHIXO aphumuze abafowenu njengalokhu akwenzileyo kini, kanti labo njalo bazabe sebelithethe ilizwe abaliphiwe NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ngaphetsheya kweJodani. Ngemva kwalokho, lonke ngamunye kuzamele libuyele eziqintini engilinike zona.’ ”

UMosi Walelwa Ukuchapha IJodani

21 “Ngalesosikhathi ngalaya uJoshuwa ngathi: ‘Usuzibonele ngamehlo akho konke UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akwenze emakhosini amabili la. UTHIXO uzakwenza khonokho kuzozonke izizwe oya kuzo. 22 Ungazesabi lezozizwe, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uzakulwela yena uqobo lwakhe.’

23 Ngalesosikhathi ngacela KUTHIXO ngathi: 24 ‘Oh THIXO wobukhosi, usuqalisile ukutshengisa inceku yakho ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla amakhulu. Kambe nguphi unkulunkulu ezulwini loba emhlabeni ongenza lokhu okwenzileyo lemisebenzi emikhulu oyenzayo? 25 Ngivumela ngiye khona ngiyebona ilizwe elingaphetsheya kweJodani, ilizwe elihle lamaqaqa kanye leLebhanoni.’

26 Kodwa ngenxa yenu UTHIXO wangithukuthelela akazange athande ukungizwa. UTHIXO wathi kimi, ‘Kwanele, ungabe usakhuluma kimi futhi ngalindaba. 27 Khwela phezu kwePhisiga ukhangele entshonalanga, enyakatho, eningizimu lasempumalanga. Ukhangele ulibone ngawakho amehlo ilizwe njengoba ungasoze uchaphe

uJodani. 28 Kodwa beka uJoshuwa esikhundleni, umkhuthaze njalo umqinise, ngoba uzakhokhela lababantu abachaphise njalo uzakwenza balithathe lelolizwe ozalibona libe yilifa labo.’ 29 Ngakho sahlala esihotsheni phansi kweBhethi-Pheyori.”

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Abako-Israyeli Balaywa Ukugcina Imithetho

1 “Zwana-ke khathesi, Oh Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizalifundisa yona. Ilandeleni ukuze liphile njalo libe lakho ukuyalithatha lelolizwe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinika lona. 2 Lingangezeleli kulokho engililaya khona njalo lingaphunguli loba yikuphi kwakhona, kodwa gcinani imilayo kaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona.

3 Lazibonela ngawenu amehlo okwenziwa nguTHIXO eBhali-Pheyori. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wabatshabalalisa bonke ababekhonza uBhali wasePheyori, 4 kodwa lina lonke elabambelela kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lilokhu lisaphila lalamuhla lokhu.

5 Liyabona sengalifundisa izimiso lemithetho uTHIXO wami angilaya ngazo, ukuze liyigcine elizweni elingena kulo ukuba lilithathe. 6 Lizigcine ngonanzelelo ngoba lokhu kuzaveza obala ukuhlakanipha lokuzwisisa kwenu ezizweni ezizakuzwa ngalezizimiso njalo zitsho zithi, ‘Ngeqiniso lesisizwe esilodumo yisizwe sabantu abahlakaniphileyo njalo abazwisisayo.’ 7 Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilodumo esilabonkulunkulu baso ababaseduze laso njengoTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu oba lathi nxa sikhuleka kuye? 8 Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilezimiso eziqondileyo lemithetho enjengale imithetho engiyethula phambi kwenu lamuhla na?

9 Kodwa linanzelele, liqaphelisise ukuze lingakhohlwa izinto elizibonileyo loba zilibaleke ezinhliziyweni zenu ekuphileni kwenu konke. Fundisani abantwabenu ngalezizinto njalo labo babofundisa abantwababo labantwana babantwana abalandela emva kwabo. 10 Khumbulani usuku elema ngalo phambi kukaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebhi, lapho athi khona kimi, ‘Buthanisa abantu ukuze bezwe amazwi ami ukuze bakwazi ukungidumisa nxa belokhu besahlala elizweni njalo bafundise abantwababo.’ 11 Lasondela lema ngaphansi kwentaba ilavuka amalangabi eqonga phezulu, kulamayezi amnyama lomnyama owesabekayo. 12 Ngakho uTHIXO wakhuluma lani ephakathi komlilo. Lezwa umdumo welizwi kodwa alizange libone lutho; kwaba yilizwi lodwa nje. 13 Wakhupha ilizwi lokubuyisana lesivumelwano sakhe, imiThetho eliTshumi, waselilaya ukuba liyilandele njalo wayiloba ezibhebhedwini zamatshe ezimbili. 14 Kungalesosikhathi lapho uTHIXO angiqondisa ukuba ngilifundise izimiso lemilayo okuzamele liyilandele ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani lisiya elizweni elizalithumba libe ngelenu.”

Izithombe Azivunyelwa

15 “Akulalutho loba yisimo bani elasibonayo mhla uTHIXO ekhuluma lani eHorebhi ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo. Kunjalo-nje kumele lizinanzelele okuqinileyo, 16 ukuze lingaxhwali libe selizenzela isithombe, loba umfanekiso olesimo bani, loba ngesilesimo sesilisa loba esesifazane, 17 loba yiphi inyamazana emhlabeni loba inyoni endizayo emkhathini, 18 loba yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini loba yinhlanzi ngaphansi kwamanzi. 19 Njalo nxa likhangela phezulu esibhakabhakeni libona ilanga, inyanga kanye lezinkanyezi, zonke ezihlobise zacecisa isibhakabhaka, lingalingeki lizikhothamele beselikhonza izinto uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu azibekela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu. 20 Kodwa-ke lina, uTHIXO walithatha walenyula eziko lokuncibilikisa insimbi, walikhipha eGibhithe, ukuze libe ngabantu belifa lakhe, njengoba linje lamuhla.

21 UTHIXO wangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, wafunga waphelela wathi
angiyikuchapha uJodani ngingene elizweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona
ukuba libe yilifa lenu. 22 Mina ngizafela kulelilizwe; angiyikuchapha uJodani, kodwa
lina seliseduze ukuba lichaphe liyelithumba lelolizwe elihle. 23 Nanzelelani ukuthi
lingalibali isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wenu asenza lani; lingazenzeli isithombe
loba singesesimo bani salokho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu akwalileyo. 24 Ngoba
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ungumlilo oqothulayo, uNkulunkulu olobukhwele.
25 Ngemva kokuba selike laba labantwana, lesizukulwane njalo selihlale ezweni
okwesikhathi eside, lingasuka libe selixhwala beselizenzela loba yisiphi isithombe,
lisenza okubi emehlweni KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu limthukuthelisa, 26 ngibiza
izulu lomhlaba ukuthi libe ngufakazi wami ukuze libhujiswe masinyazana lingangeni
elizweni elizachapha uJodani ukuze lilithumbe. Aliyikuhlala kulo isikhathi eside
kodwa iqiniso yikuthi lizatshabalaliswa. 27 UTHIXO uzalihlakaza ezizweni, njalo
abalutshwana benu yibo abazasinda ezizweni UTHIXO azalifuqela khona. 28 Khonale
lizakhonza onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngabantu ngezigodo langamatshe, abangeke
babone loba bezwe loba badle loba bezwe ukunuka. 29 Kodwa nxa likhonale
lingadinga UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lizamfumana nxa limdinga ngezinhliziyo
zenu eziphelelelyo langemiphefumulo yenu yonke. 30 Nxa selisosizini zonke lezizinto
sezilehlela, lapho-ke ngezinsuku ezizayo lizabuyela KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
limlalele. 31 Phela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu nguNkulunkulu olomusa; kayikulidela
loba alibhubhise loba alibale isivumelwano sakhe asenza labokhokho benu, leso
asiqinisa kubo ngesifungo.”

UTHIXO UnguNkulunkulu

32 “Buzani khathesi ngezinsuku ezedlulayo, kudala lingakabi khona, kusukela
ngosuku uNkulunkulu adala ngalo umuntu emhlabeni; buzani kusukela ngapha
kwamazulu kusiya ngale kwamazulu. Kambe kukhona yini okukhulu kangaka ok-
wedlula lokhu osekuke kwenzakala loba kwezwakala na? 33 Sikhona na esinye isizwe
esake sezwa uNkulunkulu ekhuluma ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo, njengalokhu
eselikuzwile, saphila na? 34 Kukhona na unkulunkulu oseke wazama ukuzithathela
esinye isizwe phakathi kwesinye, ngokuhlola, ngemilingo yezibonakaliso, lezima-
galiso, lezimpi, ngesandla esilamandla langokwelula ingalo, loba izenzo ezinkulu
ezesabekayo, njengakho konke UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alenzela khona eGibhithe
lizibonela ngamehlo enu?
35 Lakutshengiswa konke lokhu ukuze lazi ukuthi UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu;
ngaphandle kwakhe kakho omunye futhi. 36 Esemazulwini wakwenza ukuthi lilizwe
ilizwi lakhe ukuze libe lobuntu. Emhlabeni walitshengisa amalangabi omlilo akhe
omkhulu, njalo lawezwa amazwi akhe ephuma emlilweni. 37 Ngenxa yokuthi
wabathanda okhokho benu wakhetha izizukulwane zabo ezalandela ngemva kwabo,
walikhipha eGibhithe ngoBukhona bakhe kanye langamandla akhe amakhulu,
38 ukuxotsha zonke izizwe phambi kwenu, izizwe ezilamandla kulezenu lokulingenisa
elizweni lazo ukuze aliphe lona libe yilifa lenu, njengoba kunjalo lamuhla.
39 Yamukelani njalo likugcine ezinhliziyweni zenu lamuhla ukuthi UTHIXO un-
guNkulunkulu ezulwini phezulu lasemhlabeni phansi. Kakho omunye. 40 Gcinani
izimiso zakhe lemilayo yakhe, engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze kulihambele kahle
lina kanye labantwabenu lokuthi liphile isikhathi eside elizweni eliliphiwa NGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu ukuze libe ngelenu kokuphela.”

Amadolobho Okuphephela

41 Ngakho uMosi wasekhetha amadolobho amathathu empumalanga yeJodani,
42 ukuze kuthi wonke oyabe ebulele omunye abalekele khona nxa eyabe ebulele

umakhelwane kungekho mona kodwa kube yingozi. Bangabalekela kwelinye lala amadolobho ukuze baphephise impilo zabo. 43 Amadolobho lawo kwakuyila: iBhezeri emagcekeni asenkangala, lingelabakoRubheni; iRamothi eGiliyadi, lingelabakoGadi; kanye lelaseGolani eBhashani lona lingelabakoManase.

Ukwethulwa KoMthetho

44 Lo ngumthetho owethulwa nguMosi kwabako-Israyeli. 45 Lezi kwakuyizilinganiso, izimiso lemithetho eyethulwa nguMosi kubo ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe 46 njalo babesesigodini esiseduzane leBhethi-Pheyori empumalanga yeJodani elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, yena owabusa eHeshibhoni njalo wehlulwa nguMosi labako-Israyeli bephuma eGibhithe. 47 Bathatha ilizwe lakhe kanye lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, amakhosi ama-Amori womabili empumalanga yeJodani. 48 Ilizwe leli lalisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni ezindonga zase-Arinoni kusiya entabeni yaseSiyoni (khona kuyiHemoni), 49 kuhlanganisa layo yonke i-Arabha empumalanga yeJodani kuze kuyefika oLwandle lwe-Arabha, ngaphansi komthezuko wasePhisiga.

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ImiThetho EliTshumi

1 UMosi wabizela ndawonye wonke u-Israyeli wathi kuye:

"Zwana, wena Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizayethula ngesibopho phambi kwakho lamuhla. Ifunde njalo ube leqiniso ukuthi uyayilandela. 2 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu wenza isivumelwano lathi eHorebhi. 3 UTHIXO kenzanga isivumelwano lesi labazali bethu, kodwa wasenza lathi, thina sonke esilokhe siphila kuze kube lamuhla. 4 UTHIXO wakhuluma lawe likhangelene ubuso ngobuso ephakathi komlilo phezu kwentaba. 5 (Ngalesosikhathi ngema phakathi KUKATHIXO lawe ukuze ngikwethulele ilizwi LIKATHIXO, ngoba wawusesaba umlilo njalo awuzange ukhwele entabeni.)

Wasesithi:

> 6 'NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili.

7 Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami.

8 Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini esezulwini phezulu loba phansi emhlabeni kumbe ngaphansi kwamanzi. 9 Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba Mina, THIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ojezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono zabazali babo kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine salabo abangizondayo, 10 kodwa ngitshengisela uthando kuzizukulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo abangithandayo njalo begcina imilayo yami.

11 Ungalisebenzisi ngeze ibizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba UTHIXO kayikumyekela olecala lokudlala ngebizo lakhe.

12 Gcina usuku lweSabatha ngokulwenza lubengcwele njengokulaywa kwakho NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. 13 Okwensuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza wenze yonke imisebenzi yakho, 14 kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa luyiSabatha KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngalo awuyikwenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi, wena, indodana yakho loba indodakazi yakho, inceku loba incekukazi yakho, inkabi yakho, ubabhemi wakho loba yisiphi isifuyo sakho, loba isihambi esikwethekeleleyo, ukuze izisebenzi zakho zesilisa kanye lezesifazane ziphumule njengawe. 15 Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe lokuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho

wakukhipha khona ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyelulekileyo. Ngalokho
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ukulaye ukuthi ugcine usuku lweSabatha.
16 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, njengokulaywa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze
impilo yakho ibende lokuthi kukulungele elizweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho
akunika lona.
17 Ungabulali.
18 Ungafebi.
19 Ungantshontshi.
20 Ungafakazi amanga ngomakhelwane wakho.
21 Ungahawukeli umfazi kamakhelwane wakho. Ungahawukeli indlu kamakhel-
wane wakho loba isiqinti sakhe, inceku loba incekukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe loba
ubabhemi wakhe loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho.'

22 Le yiyo imilayo eyatshiwo NGUTHIXO ngelizwi eliphakemeyo liphuma elangabini
lomlilo leyezi kanye lomnyama owesabekayo; lina libuthene lonke entabeni, njalo
kazange engezelele lutho. Ngakho wasekubhala konke lokhu ezibhebhedwini
ezimbili zamatshe anginika zona.
23 Lathi lisizwa ilizwi livela emnyameni, intaba ivutha amalangabi omlilo, wonke
amadoda angabakhokheli labadala bezizwana zenu beza kimi. 24 Lathi, 'UTHIXO
wethu usitshengisile inkazimulo yakhe kanye lobukhosi bakhe, njalo silizwile ilizwi
lakhe livela elangabini lomlilo. Lamuhla sesibonile ukuthi umuntu angaphila
noma eke wakhuluma loNkulunkulu. 25 Kodwa khathesi, kanti sizafelani pho?
Umlilo omkhulu kangaka uzasiqeda du, njalo sizakufa nxa singaphinda sizwe ilizwi
LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. 26 Ngoba ngubani umuntu wenyama onjengathi
owake wezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo ekhuluma ephakathi komlilo, waphila
na? 27 Sondela eduzane ulalele lokho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.
Ubususitshela lokho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu azakutshela khona. Sizakulalela
njalo sikulandele.'
28 UTHIXO walizwa ekukhulumeni kwenu lami wasesithi kimi, 'Ngizwile okutshiwo
ngabantu kuwe. Konke abakutshiloyo kulungile. 29 Sengathi ngabe inhliziyo zabo
zingagxila ekungesabeni njalo bayigcine imilayo yami, ukuze kubalungele bona
kanye labantwababo kuze kube laphakade!
30 Hamba uyebatshela ukuthi babuyele emathenteni abo. 31 Kodwa wena hlala
khonapha lami ukuze ngikuphe yonke imilayo, izimiso lemithetho ozabafundisa
ukuthi bayigcine bayilandele elizweni lelo engizabanika lona ukuba libe ngelabo.'
32 Ngakho nanzelelani lenze lokho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngakho;
lingaphambukeli yiloba kwesokudla loba kwesenxele. 33 Hambani ngaleyondlela
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alilaye ngayo, ukuze liphile liphumelele njalo lengezelele
insuku zenu elizweni elizakuba ngelenu."

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Thandani UTHIXO Wenu

1 "Le yiyo imilayo, izimiso lemithetho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu angithuma ukuthi
ngilifundise ukuyigcina elizweni elizachapha uJodani lilithathe libe ngelenu, 2 ukuze
lina, labantwabenu kanye labantwababo abezayo bamesabe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu ekuphileni kwenu ngokugcina izimiso lemilayo engizalinika yona, ukuze libe
lempilo ende. 3 Zwana, wena Israyeli, njalo unanzelele ukuthi uyalalela ukuze kuku-
lungele njalo wande kakhulu elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, njengokuthembisa
KUKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu.

4 Zwana, wena Israyeli: UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, NGUTHIXO munye. 5 Thanda
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho
wonke kanye langamandla akho wonke. 6 Imilayo le engikupha yona lamuhla
kumele ibe sezinhliziyweni zenu. 7 Igcizeleleni ebantwaneni benu. Likhulume
ngayo nxa lihlezi emakhaya enu lalapho lihamba endleleni, lapho lilala lanxa livuka.
8 Ibopheleni ezandleni zenu ibe luphawu, liyibophele lasemabunzini enu. 9 Ibhaleni
emigubazini yezindlu zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu.
10 Kuzakuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu eselingenisa elizweni afunga ngalo
kuboyihlo, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, ukulinika lona, ilizwe elilamadolobho
amakhulu, aphumelelayo kodwa elingazakhelanga wona, 11 izindlu ezigcwele konke
okuhle elingazange likuhluphekele, imithombo yamanzi elingazange liyigebhe, kanye
lezivini lezihlahla zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga, ukuze kuthi lingadla lisuthe,
12 linanzelele ukuthi alimkhohlwa UTHIXO, yena owalikhupha eGibhithe, elizweni
lobugqili.
13 Mesabeni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, mkhonzeni yena yedwa njalo lifunge
ngebizo lakhe. 14 Lingabalandeli abanye onkulunkulu babantu elakhelene labo;
15 ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ophakathi kwenu, NGUTHIXO olobukhwele
njalo ongalithukuthelela, alitshabalalise ebusweni bomhlaba. 16 Lingamlingi UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu elakwenza eMasa. 17 Nanzelelani ukuthi liyayigcina
imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lezimiso kanye lemilayo aliphe yona. 18 Yenzani
okuqondileyo lokuhle emehlweni KATHIXO, ukuze konke kulihambele kuhle njalo
lingene liyethatha ilizwe UTHIXO alithembisa okhokho benu ngesifungo, 19 lidudule
zonke izitha eziphambi kwenu, njengokutsho KUKATHIXO.
20 Kuzakuthi ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi nxa indodana yakho ikubuza isithi,
‘Zitshoni izimiso, imilayo lemithetho leyo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu alipha yona?’
21 Wena uzakuthi: ‘Sasiyizigqili zikaFaro eGibhithe, kodwa UTHIXO wasikhupha
eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla. 22 Thina sazibonela ngawethu amehlo
UTHIXO ethumela izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu lezesabekayo phezu kweleG-
ibhithe laphezu kukaFaro labo bonke abendlu yakhe. 23 Kodwa wasikhupha
khonale wasiletha lapha ukuze asinike ilizwe alithembisa okhokho bethu ngesifungo.
24 UTHIXO wasilaya ukuba silalele zonke lezi zimiso lokwesaba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wethu, ukuze sithole ukuphumelela lokuphila, njengoba kunje lamhlanje. 25 Kanti-ke
nxa sinanzelela silalela wonke umthetho lo phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,
njengokusilaya kwakhe, lokhu kuzakuba yikulunga kwethu.’ ”

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Ukuxotshwa Kwezizwe

1 “Lapho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu elingenisa elizweni alinika lona ukuba libe
ngelenu uxotsha izizwe ezinengi phambi kwenu, amaHithi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori,
amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu
njalo ezilamandla kulani, 2 kuthi lapho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esezinikele
ezandleni zenu lani selizinqobile kufanele lizitshabalalise ngokupheleleyo. Lingabi
lesivumelwano lazo, njalo lingabi lesihawu kuzo. 3 Lingendiselani lazo. Lingendiseli
amadodakazi enu emadodaneni azo, kumbe lithathele amadodana enu amadodakazi
azo, 4 ngoba azaphambula amadodana enu ekungikhonzeni abesekhonza abanye
onkulunkulu, kuthi ulaka LUKATHIXO luvuthe lulitshabalalise. 5 Nanku okumele
likwenze kulezi zizwe: Dilizani ama-alithare azo, libhidlize amatshe eziwakhonzayo,
ligamule izinsika zika-Ashera njalo litshise izithombe zazo ngomlilo. 6 Phela lina
lingabantu abangcwele KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu

ulikhethile phakathi kwabantu bonke emhlabeni ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe, isipho sakhe esiligugu.
7 UTHIXO kazange ehlisele uthando lwakhe phezu kwenu ngoba libanengi kulezinye izizwe, phela lina livele liyisizwe sabantu abalutshwana. 8 Kodwa kungenxa yokuthi UTHIXO walithanda wagcina isifungo asifunga kubokhokho benu walikhupha ngesandla esilamandla walihlenga ezweni lobugqili, emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. 9 Yazini-ke ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu; unguNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano sothando kuze kufike esizukulwaneni senkulungwane salabo abamthandayo njalo begcina imilayo yakhe. 10 Kodwa
labo abamzondayo uzaphindisela kubo ngokubabhubhisa;
kayikuphuza ukuphindisela kulabo abamzondayo.
11 Kungakho, nanzelelani lilandele imilayo, izimiso kanye lemithetho engilinika yona lamuhla.
12 Nxa linanzelela limithetho njalo liyilandela, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzagcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando kini, njengoba wafunga kubokhokho benu. 13 Uzalithanda alibusise andise ubunengi benu. Uzabusisa izithelo zenzalo yezisu zenu, izilimo zamasimu enu, amabele enu, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha, amathole emihlambi yenkomo zenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yezimvu zenu elizweni afunga ukuthi uzalinika okhokho benu ukuba balinike lona. 14 Lina lizabusiswa okungaphezu kwabanye abantu; kakho phakathi kwamadoda labafazi kini ozaswela umntwana, njalo lezifuyo zenu ngeke ziswele amankonyane. 15 UTHIXO uzaliphephisa emikhuhlaneni yonke. Kayikulehlisela imikhuhlane yonke eyesabekayo elaliyibona eGibhithe, kodwa uzayehlisela kulabo abalizondayo. 16 Libobhubhisa bonke abantu UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu abanikela ezandleni zenu. Lingabazweli usizi, lingakhonzi onkulunkulu babo, ngoba lokho kuzakuba yisifu kini.
17 Mhlawumbe lizakuthi: 'Lezizizwe zilamandla kulathi. Sizazixotsha njani lapha?' 18 Kodwa lingazesabi; khumbulani ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wenzani kuFaro kanye lakulo lonke elaseGibhithe. 19 Lazibonela ngawenu amehlo imilingo emikhulu, izibonakaliso zemilingo lezimanga, isandla esilamandla lokwelulwa kwengalo, khona okwasetshenziswa NGUTHIXO wenu ukulikhupha. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuphinda khonokho kubo laba abantu elibesabayo. 20 Phezu kwalokho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzathumela olonyovu phakathi kwabo kuze kuthi labasilileyo balicatshela babhujiswe. 21 Lingabesabi, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ophakathi kwenu, NGUTHIXO omkhulu njalo owesabekayo. 22 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzazidudula lezozizwe phambi kwenu kancanekancane. Aliyikuvunyelwa ukuzibhubhisa ngasikhathi sinye ngoba izinyamazana zeganga zinganda zilihanqe. 23 Kodwa UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzabanikela kini, abaphazamise baze babhujiswe. 24 Amakhosi azo uzawanikela ezandleni zenu, njalo lizakwesula amabizo awo ngaphansi komkhathi. Kakho ozakwenelisa ukumelana lani, lizababhubhisa. 25 Izithombe zabonkulunkulu bazo lizazitshisa ngomlilo. Lingahawukeli isiliva legolide eliphezu kwezithombe, lingazigcineli lona, ngoba lizabe selizibambisile emjibileni ngalo, ngoba liyisinengiso KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 26 Lingalethi okunengisayo ezindlini zenu, ngoba lani njengakho lokho lizakhethelwa ukubhujiswa. Kwenyanyeni linengeke ngakho, ngoba kumiselwe ukutshabalaliswa."

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Lingamlibali UTHIXO

1 "Nanzelelani njalo lilandele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze liphile njalo lande khona lizangena lithumbe ilizwe UTHIXO alinika okhokho benu ethembisa ngesifungo. 2 Likhumbule ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu walikhokhela

njani lidabula inkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, elichumisa lokulilinga
ukuthi abone okwakusezinhliziyweni zenu, ukuthi kambe lizayigcina imiyalo yakhe
na loba hayi. 3 UTHIXO walichumisa, walenza lalamba kanti njalo walipha
ukudla okuyimana, ukudla lokho laboyihlo abangazange bakwazi, kuyikulifundisa
ukuthi umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela zwi kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma
emlonyeni kaTHIXO. 4 Izigqoko zenu aziguganga njalo lezinyawo zenu azivuvukanga
kuleyo minyaka engamatshumi amane. 5 Gcinani lokhu ezinhliziyweni zenu lazi
ukuthi njengendoda ikhuza indodana yayo, ngokufananayo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu uyalikhuza.
6 Gcinani imilayo kaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe endleleni yakhe njalo
limkhonze. 7 Ngakho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ulisa elizweni elihle, ilizwe
elilezifula leziziba zamanzi, intombo zamanzi ezimpompoza ezigodini lasemaqaqeni;
8 elizweni lengqoloyi lebhali, amavini lemikhiwa, amaphomegranathi, amafutha
ama-oliva lenyosi; 9 elizweni lapha okungasayi kusweleka khona isinkwa njalo
aliyikuswela lutho; elizweni lapho amatshe akhona ayinsimbi kanti njalo lingemba
ikhopha emaqaqeni.
10 Lizakuthi selidlile lasutha, lidumise uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngelizwe
elihle alinike lona. 11 Linanzelele ukuthi alilibali uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
lingehluleki ukugcina imilayo yakhe, imithetho kanye lezimiso engilinika zona
lamuhla. 12 Kungenzeka ukuthi lithi selidlile lasutha, selakhe izindlu ezinhle lahlala
lazinza, 13 njalo imihlambi yezifuyo zenu leyezimvu zenu isiqhelile yanda kuze
kuthi lesiliva legolide lenu selilinengi kanye lakho konke okwenu sekukunengi
kuphindwe kanenginengi, 14 liziqhenye ezinhliziyweni zenu, libe selikhohlwa uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu, yena owalikhupha eGibhithe, walikhupha elizweni lobugqili.
15 UTHIXO walikhokhela enkangala enkulu eyesabekayo, eyomileyo engelamanzi,
elobuthi benyoka lenkume. Walinika amanzi aphuma edwaleni. 16 Walinika
imana ukuba lidle enkangala, into abangazange bayazi oyihlo, ukulichumisa njalo
lokulilinga ukuze kuthi ekucineni kulihambele kuhle. 17 Mhlawumbe lingathi,
‘Ngokuzimisela kwami langamandla ezandla zami sengizidalele inotho.’ 18 Kodwa
khumbulani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngoba kunguye olipha amandla okunotha,
lokho kuyikho ukugcwaliseka kwesivumelwano sakhe, sona afunga kubokhokho
benu, okulokhu kunjalo lalamuhla.
19 Nxa lizake likhohlwe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu beselilandela abanye onku-
lunkulu libakhonze libakhothamele, ngiyalifungela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhujiswa
ngempela. 20 Njengezizwe uTHIXO azibhubhisa phambi kwenu lani lizabhujiswa
nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.”

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Akungenxa Yokulunga Kuka-Israyeli

1 “Zwana, We Israyeli. Khathesi ususiyachapha iJodani ukuze ungene uyethathela
izizwe ezinkulu ezilamandla kulawe, ezilamadolobho amakhulu alemiduli etshaya
emkhathini. 2 Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade, ngama-Anakhi. Liyakwazi
konke ngabo njalo selike layizwa indumela yabo yokuthi: ‘Ngubani ongamelana
lama-Anakhi?’ 3 Kodwa qinisekani lamuhla ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu njengomlilo otshisa ubhuqe. UTHIXO uzabab-
hubhisa; uzabanyathela phambi kwenu. Lizabaxotsha libabhubhise masinyane,
njengokuthembisa kukaTHIXO.
4 Ngemva kokuba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esebanqobile phambi kwenu,
lingabozikhohlisa lisithi, ‘UTHIXO ungilethe lapha ukuba ngilithathe libe ngelami
lelilizwe ngenxa yokulunga kwami.’ Akunjalo, kungenxa yezono zalezizizwe

okuzakwenza ukuthi UTHIXO azisuse phambi kwakho. 5 Akusikho ukuthi kungenxa yokulunga kwakho loba ukuziphatha ngobuntu bakho okuzakwenza ungene kulelolizwe ulithathe; kodwa kungenxa yezono zalezozizwe, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uzazixotsha phambi kwakho lezizizwe ukuze kugcwaliseke isifungo UTHIXO wakho asenza kuboyihlo, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka kanye loJakhobe. 6 Zwisisa manje, ukuthi akungenxa yokulunga kwakho ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ukunika lelilizwe ukuba libe ngelakho, ngoba lina simo senu lingontamozilukhuni.”

Ithole Legolide

7 “Khumbulani lokhu njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi lamthukuthelisa njani UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala waze wazonda. Kusukela ngosuku elasuka ngalo eGibhithe lize lizofika lapha, belilokhu lihlamukela UTHIXO. 8 EHorebhi lavusa ulaka LUKATHIXO ngalokho wazonda okokuthi wayezalibhubhisa. 9 Kwathi ekukhweleni kwami intaba ngisiyakwamukela izibhebhedu zamatshe, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano UTHIXO asenza lani, ngahlala entabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzi. 10 UTHIXO wanginika izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili okwakulotshwe kuzo ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kulezizibhebhedu kwakulotshwe yonke imilayo eyayethulwe NGUTHIXO kini phezu kwentaba ephakathi komlilo, ngosuku lombuthano.

11 Ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, UTHIXO wangipha izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano. 12 UTHIXO wangitshela wathi, ‘Suka lapha wehle ngokuphangisa, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe sebexhwalile. Sebephambukile masinyane kulokho engangibalaye ngakho njalo sebezibumbele isithombe.’

13 UTHIXO wathi kimi, ‘Sengibabonile lababantu, njalo bangontamozilukhuni ngeqiniso! 14 Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabhubhise njalo ngesule amabizo abo ngaphansi kwamazulu. Njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla futhi esikhulu kulesabo.’

15 Ngasengiphenduka ngehla entabeni yona ivutha ilangabi lomlilo. Kanti njalo izibhebhedu zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami. 16 Ngathi ngiyakhangela ngabona ukuthi lonile phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu; laselizibumbele isithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethole. Laseliphambukile masinyane lasuka endleleni UTHIXO ayelilaye ngayo. 17 Ngalokho ngathatha izibhebhedu zombili ezazisezandleni zami ngazisakazela phansi, zaphahlazeka zaba yizicucu phambi kwenu.

18 Kanti-ke njalo ngazilahla ngawa phambi KUKATHIXO okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzi, ngenxa yezono zonke elaselizidalile, lisenza okubi emehlweni KATHIXO njalo lamthukuthelisa waze wazonda. 19 Ngesaba intukuthelo lolaka LUKATHIXO, ngoba wayezonde kangangokuba wayengalibhubhisa. Kodwa-ke futhi UTHIXO wangilalela. 20 UTHIXO wamthukuthelela u-Aroni kangangokuba wayengamtshabalalisa, kodwa-ke ngalesosikhathi laye u-Aroni ngamkhulekela. 21 Ngabuye ngathatha into yokona kwenu, ithole leli elalilibumbile, ngalitshisa emlilweni. Ngasengilichoboza njalo ngalichola laba yimpuphu ecoleke njengothuli ngaluhaza esifuleni esigeleza entabeni.

22 Laphinda njalo lamthukuthelisa UTHIXO eThabhera, laseMasa kanye laseKhibhrothi Hathava.

23 Kanti UTHIXO wathi elisusa eKhadeshi Bhaneya, wathi, ‘Qhubekani njalo liyethatha ilizwe engilinike lona.’ Kodwa lahlamukela umlayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Alizange limethembe loba ukumlalela. 24 Belivele limhlamukela UTHIXO kusukela ngiqalisa ukulazi.

25 Ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaThixo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane
kanye lobusuku obungamatshumi amane ngoba uThixo wayethe uzalibhubhisa.
26 Ngakhuleka njalo kuThixo ngathi, ‘Oh! Thixo Wobukhosi, ungabhubhisi abantu
bakho, ilifa lakho owalihlenga ngamandla akho amakhulu wabakhipha eGibhithe
ngesandla sakho esilamandla. 27 Khumbula izinceku zakho u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka
kanye loJakhobe. Xola ebuqholweni balababantu, ebubini lasezonweni zabo. 28 Nxa
kungenjalo ilizwe owasisusa kilo lizakuthi, “Ngoba uThixo wehluleka ukubangenisa
elizweni ayebathembise lona, njalo langenxa yokuthi wayebazonda, wabakhupha
ukuze bayefela enkangala.” 29 Kodwa ngabantu bakho, abayilifa lakho owalikhupha
ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo.’ ”

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Izibhebhedu Ezifana Lezakuqala

1 “Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kimi, ‘Baza ezinye izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili
zifanane lezakuqala uze lazo kimi entabeni. Uphinde njalo wenze ibhokisi
ngezigodo. 2 Ngizabhala kulezozibhebhedu amazwi ayesezibhebhedwini zakuqala
owaziphahlazayo. Ube usuzifaka kulelobhokisi.’

3 Ngakho ngenza ibhokisi lesivumelwano ngezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya
ngasengibaza izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezifanana lezakuqala, ngasengikhwela
entabeni ngiphethe lezo zibhebhedu ezimbili. 4 UThixo wabhala kulezozibhebhedu
lokho ayekubhale kwezakuqala, imiThetho eliTshumi ayeyimemezele kini ephakathi
komlilo, entabeni, ngosuku lokuhlangana. UThixo wasenginika zona izibhebhedu.
5 Ngakho ngasengibuya ngisehla entabeni ngafika ngafaka izibhebhedu ebhokisini
engangilenzile njengokulaywa kwami nguThixo, yikho zilokhu zikhona lakhathesi.”

6 (Abako-Israyeli bahamba besuka emithonjeni yaseBherothi-Bheni-Jakhani kusiya
eMosera. Kulapho u-Aroni afela khona njalo wangcwatshwa khona, kwathi
indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari yathatha isikhundla sakhe sobuphristi. 7 Besuka lapho
bahamba baya eGudigoda bedlulela eJothibhatha, ezweni elilezifula ezilamanzi.
8 Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wehlukanisa abaLevi ukuze bathwale umtshokotsho we-
sivumelwano sikaThixo, ukuma phambi kukaThixo besenza umsebenzi wokukhonza
kanye lokwethula izibusiso ngebizo lakhe, njengoba bekwenza lanamuhla. 9 Yikho
abaLevi bengelasabelo loba ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo; elabo ilifa nguThixo,
njengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wabatshela.)

10 “Ngasengihlale phezu kwentaba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku
obungamatshumi amane, njengalokhu engangikwenze kuqala, lakanye uThixo
wangilalela futhi okwalesosikhathi. Kwakungasikufisa kwakhe ukulibhubhisa.
11 UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Hamba uyekhokhela abantu endleleni yabo, ukwenzela ukuthi
bangene bathathe ilizwe engafunga kuboyise ukuthi ngizabapha lona.’ ”

Mesabeni UThixo

12 “Khathesi-ke, Oh Israyeli, kuyini uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angakucela
kuwe ngaphandle kokuba umesabe uThixo wakho, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe,
ukumthanda, ukumsebenzela uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomoya wakho wonke, 13 lokugcina imilayo kaThixo kanye lezimiso lezi engilinika
zona lamhlanje ukuze kulilungele?

14 Amazulu ngakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lamazulu aphakameyo, umhlaba
kanye lakho konke okukiwo. 15 Kanti-ke uThixo watshengisela isihawu sakhe
kubokhokho benu njalo wabathanda, ngalokho wakhetha lina, eliyizizukulwane
zabo, phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla. 16 Ngakho-ke,
sokani inhliziyo zenu, njalo lingabe lisaba ngontamozilukhuni futhi. 17 Ngoba uThixo

uNkulunkulu wenu nguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu njalo unguMbusi wababusi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla njalo owesabekayo, ongelabandlululo futhi ongemukeli isivalamlomo. 18 Uyawavikela amalungelo ezintandane kanye labafelokazi, njalo uyabathanda abangabezizweni phakathi kwenu, ubanika ukudla lezembatho. 19 Ngakho kuzamele lithande abezizweni, njengoba lina lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. 20 Mesabeni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze. Bambelelani kuye njalo lenze izifungo zenu ngebizo lakhe. 21 Uyindumiso yenu, unguNkulunkulu wenu, owalenzela lezozimanga ezinkulu lezesabekayo elazibona ngamehlo enu. 22 Okhokho benu abaya eGibhithe babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuphela, kanti khathesi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uselenze laba banengi njengezinkanyezi esibhakabhakeni.”

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Thanda Njalo Ulalele UTHIXO

1 “Thandani UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lilondoloze okwakhe, izimiso, imithetho lemilayo yakhe ngazozonke izikhathi. 2 Khumbulani lamuhla ukuthi abantwabenu akusibo ababubonayo njalo babazi ubukhulu BUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu; ubukhosi bakhe, isandla sakhe esilamandla, lengalo yakhe eyelulekileyo; 3 izibonakaliso azenzayo kanye lakho konke akwenzayo phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe, ezenza kuFaro iNkosi yeGibhithe laselizweni lakhe lonke; 4 lalokho akwenza kubutho leGibhithe, lasemabhizeni lezinqola zawo, ukuthi wakunqoba njani konke lokhu ngamanzi oLwandle oluBomvu mhla bexotshana lani, kanye lokuthi UTHIXO wabachitha baphela du. 5 Akusibantwabenu ababona alenzela khona enkangala laze lazafika lapha, 6 kanye lalokho akwenza kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, amadodana ka-Eliyabi wako-Rubheni. Lapho umhlaba owavuleka khona phambi kwabako-Israyeli wabaginya bonke kanye lezimuli zabo, lamathente abo lakho konke okuphilayo okwakungokwabo. 7 Kodwa-ke kwakungawenu amehlo abona zonke lezizinto ezazenziwe NGUTHIXO.

8 Yikho-ke gcinani lilalele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze lizuze amandla okuchapha iJodani liyelithumba lelolizwe, 9 njalo lihlale kulo isikhathi eside ilizwe UTHIXO alinika okhokho benu lezizukulwane zenu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. 10 Lelolizwe elizangena kulo lilithumbe alifanani lelizwe laseGibhithe, lapho elivela khona, lapho elalihlanyela inhlanyelo yenu lithwala amanzi nzima lithelela njengesivandeni semibhida. 11 Kodwa ilizwe elilichaphela uJodani ukuze lilithumbe libe ngelenu yilizwe lezintaba lezihotsha ezinatha zigcwale ngamanzi ezulu. 12 Yilizwe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alikhathalelayo, amehlo KATHIXO wenu aphezu kwalo kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni kwawo.

13 Ngakho lingalalela ngokwethembeka imilayo yami engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuthanda UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze ngenhliziyo zenu zonke, langemiphefumulo yenu yonke, 14 ngalokho ngizanisa izulu emhlabeni wenu ngesikhathi salo, ekwindla kanye lasentwasa, ukuze libe lenala yamabele njalo livune, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha. 15 Ngizamilisa utshani egangeni obuzadliwa zinkomo zenu, lina lizakudla lisuthe.

16 Qaphelani linanzelele ukuthi aliyikuhugeka lihlamuke likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele. 17 Kungaba njalo ulaka LUKATHIXO luzavutha kini, njalo uzavala amazulu akhe ukuze kungabi lezulu elizakuna kuthi umhlaba wenu ungatheli izithelo, kuthi lina libhubhe masinyane elizweni elihle UTHIXO alinika lona. 18 Gcinani amazwi ami la ezinhliziyweni lasengqondweni zenu, abopheleni njengezimpawu ezandleni zenu, liwabophele lemabunzini enu. 19 Afundiseni abantwabenu, lixoxe ngawo nxa lihlezi emakhaya enu kanye lalapho lihamba

endleleni, lapho lilala lanxa livuka. 20 Abhaleni emigubazini yezindlu zenu kanye
lasemasangweni enu, 21 ukuze kuthi insuku zenu kanye lezabantwabenu zande
elizweni UTHIXO afunga ukulinika okhokho benu, kuze kube laphakade.
22 Nxa lingamhlonipha lilandele imilayo yami le engilinika yona ukuba liy-
ilandele, ukuthanda UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ngezindlela zakhe
libambelele kuye ngokuqinileyo, 23 ngalokho UTHIXO uzazixotsha zonke izizwe
phambi kwenu njalo lani lizazemuka izizwe ezinkulu kulani, njalo ezilamandla
kulani. 24 Yonke indawo elizanyathela kuyo izakuba ngeyenu: umhlaba wenu
uzaqhela ukusuka enkangala usiya eLebhanoni, kusuka emfuleni iYufrathe kusiya
olwandle olusentshonalanga. 25 Kakho ozamelana lani. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
njengokulithembisa kwakhe, uzaletha ukuthuthumela ngani lokulesaba elizweni
lonke, ngaphi langaphi elihamba khona.
26 Khangelani, lamuhla ngifaka phambi kwenu isibusiso lesithuko, 27 isibusiso nxa
lilalela imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla; 28 isithuko
nxa lingalaleli imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe selitshiya indlela
engilikhomba yona ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu elingabaziyo. 29 Nxa
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu eselifikisile elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lilithumbe,
kalibomemezela liseNtabeni iGerizimu lezozibusiso, kuthi liseNtabeni ye-Ebhali
limemezele izithuko. 30 Njengoba lisazi, izintaba zingaphetsheya kweJodani,
entshonalanga yomgwaqo okhangele entshonalanga, eduzane lezihlahla ezinkulu
zaseMore, elizweni lalawo maKhenani ahlala e-Arabha eduzane kweGiligali.
31 Seliseduze ukuchapha iJodani ukuba lingene lithumbe lelolizwe UTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu alinika lona. Kuzakuthi nxa selilithethe selihlala khona, 32 libe leqiniso
lokuthi liyalalela zonke izimiso lemithetho engilibekela yona lamuhla.”

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Yinye Indawo Yokukhonzela

1 “Lezi yizo izimiso lemilayo okumele likugcine ngonanzelelo elizweni UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu nxa lilokhu
lisahlala kulelolizwe. 2 Dilizani ngokupheleleyo zonke izindawo izizwe elizinqobayo
ezazikhonzela onkulunkulu bazo khona, ezintabeni eziphakemeyo lasemaqaqeni
kanye langaphansi kwezihlahla ezinabileyo. 3 Dilizani ama-alithare ezizwe, libhidlize
amatshe abawakhonzayo litshise izinsika zika-Ashera emlilweni, dilizelani phansi
izithombe zabo lihle lichithe licitshe amabizo abo kulezondawo.
4 Lingalandeli izindlela zabo zokukhonza UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 5 Kodwa
lizadinga indawo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha phakathi kwazo zonke
izizwana zenu, ukuze abeke iBizo lakhe lapho, ahlale khona. Kumele liye kuleyon-
dawo; 6 khonapho lilethe iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, lokwetshumi
kwenu lezipho zenu eziqakathekileyo, lokho elifunge ukukunikela kanye leminikelo
yenu yokuzithandela, amazibulo emihlambi yenu yenkomo leyezimvu. 7 Khonapho,
phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lina kanye labantwabenu lizakudla njalo
lijabule ngakho konke elike labeka izandla zenu kukho, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu ulibusisile.
8 Lingabokwenza njengalokhu esikwenza lamuhla, ngamunye esenza njen-
gokuthanda kwakhe, 9 ngoba alikangeni endaweni yokuphumula kanye lelifeni
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. 10 Kodwa lizachapha uJodani liyek-
wakha lihlale elizweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa
lenu, njalo uzaliphumuza ezitheni zenu elakhelene lazo ukuze lihlale livikelekile.
11 Okumayelana lendawo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha ibe likhaya leBizo
lakhe, kulapho elizaletha konke engililaya ngakho: iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa

lemihlatshelo, okwetshumi kwenu lezipho zenu eziqakathekileyo, kanye lazozonke impahla elikhethe ukufunga ngazo KUTHIXO. 12 Khona lapho lijabule phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi zenu, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, abangelasabelo loba ilifa abaliphiwayo libe ngelabo. 13 Limukani linganikeleli iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa ingqe kungaphi elithanda khona. 14 Nikelelani kuphela endaweni UTHIXO azayikhetha phakathi kwezizwana zenu kuthi selilapho linanzelele konke engililaya ngakho.

15 Ngalokho-ke, selilakho ukuhlaba izifuyo zenu lizibulale njengalokhu okwenziwayo emadolobheni enu njalo lidle yonke leyonyama elifisa ukuyidla, kungani lithaka loba imbabala, kusiya ngesibusiso leso lowo lalowo ayabe ebusiswe ngaso NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Bonke labangahlanzekanga labahlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba bavunyelwe ukuyidla. 16 Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo; lilahleni kungathi lichitha amanzi phansi. 17 Lingakudli emadolobheni enu okwetshumi kwamabele enu kanye lokwewayini elitsha lamafutha, loba amazibulo emihlambi yezifuyo zenu, lakho konke eselifunge lathembisa ukuba lizanikela ngakho, leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela loba izipho eziqakathekileyo. 18 Kodwa kumele likudle phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni ezakhethwa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi zenu, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, lina labo lizajabula phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngakho konke elikuphatha ngezandla zenu. 19 Linanzelele lingalibali beselikhohlwa abaLevi nxa lilokhu lisahlala elizweni lenu.

20 Nxa UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu eseqhelisile ilizwe lenu njengokulethembisa kwakhe, libe seliloyisa ukudla inyama lithi, ‘Ngifisa ukudla inyama,’ kulapho elizakudla khona lize lifike lapho elithanda khona. 21 Nxa indawo leyo lapho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu akhetha ukubeka iBizo lakhe ikhatshana kakhulu lani, lingahlaba emihlambini yezifuyo leyezimvu njengokuyiphiwa kwenu NGUTHIXO, njengoba ngililayile, kuthi emadolobheni enu lizidle lezozifuyo njengokuthanda kwenu. 22 Lidle kungathi lidla ithaka lembabala. Bonke abangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba labahlanzekileyo bangadla. 23 Kodwa linanzelele lingadli igazi, ngoba igazi yiyo impilo ngakho akufanelanga ukuthi lidle impilo lenyama. 24 Lingabokudla igazi; lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi lilahla amanzi. 25 Lingadli, ukuze kulihambele kuhle lina kanye labantwabenu abezayo, ngoba lizabe lenze okuhle emehlweni KATHIXO.

26 Kodwa thathani lokho okugcotshiweyo lalokho elifunge ukukunikela lisuke liye endaweni ezakhethwa NGUTHIXO. 27 Lethani iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa e-alithareni LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, konke inyama kanye legazi. Igazi leminikelo yenu lilichithele phansi kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa lingadla inyama yakhona. 28 Linanzelele lilandele iziqondiso zonke engilinika zona, ukuze kulihambele kuhle lina kanye labantwabenu abezayo ngemva kwenu, ngoba lizabe lenze okuhle njalo kulungile emehlweni KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.

29 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzazichitha phambi kwenu zonke izizwe okufanele lizihlasele libe selizemuka okungokwazo. Kodwa nxa selizinqobile lazichitha selihlezi elizweni lazo, 30 njalo nxa sezichithiwe phambi kwenu, liqaphele lingahugeki ngokubuza ngabonkulunkulu bazo lisithi, ‘Kanti zona lezizizwe zibakhonza njani onkulunkulu bazo? Lathi sizakwenza okufananayo.’ 31 Lingabokhonza UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngendlela abakhonza ngayo, ngoba ekukhonzeni kwabo onkulunkulu babo, benza konke okunengisayo okungasoze kwamukeleke KUTHIXO. Baya baze batshise amadodana lamadodakazi abo emlilweni bethi bayanikela kubonkulunkulu babo.

32 Nanzelelani ukuthi lenza lokho engililaya ngakho, lingengezeleli loba liphungule kulokho.”

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Ukukhonza Abanye Onkulunkulu

1 “Nxa umphrofethi, loba umuntu oboniswa ngamaphupho, angavela phakathi
kwenu abesebika imilingo loba isimanga, 2 kuthi leyomilingo loba lesosimanga
ayabe ekhulume ngaso, kubonakale kusenzakala, abesesithi, ‘Asilandeleni abanye
onkulunkulu’ (onkulunkulu elingabaziyo) ‘njalo asibakhonzeni,’ 3 lingalaleli amazwi
alowo mphrofethi loba umuntu wamaphupho. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzabe elilinga efuna ukubona kumbe liyamthanda yini ngezinhliziyo zenu kanye
langemiphefumulo yenu yonke. 4 NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu okumele limlandele,
kanti nguye uqobo okumele limesabe. Gcinani imilayo yakhe njalo limlalele;
mkhonzeni libambelele liqine kuye. 5 Lowo mphrofethi loba lowomuntu wamaphupho akhe kumele abulawe, ngoba utshumayele wakhuthaza ukuhlamukela
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe njalo walihlenga elizweni
lobugqili; njalo ngumuntu obezama ukuliphambula endleleni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu alilaya ngayo ukuba liyilandele. Kumele lihlambulule ububi phakathi kwenu.
6 Nxa umfowenu uqobo, loba indodana loba indodakazi yakho, loba umfazi
wakho omthandayo, loba umngane wakho osekhwapheni, angavele akuhuge ensitha,
esithi, ‘Asihambe siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu’ (onkulunkulu lina laboyihlo
elingazange libazi, 7 onkulunkulu babantu elakhelene labo, eduzane loba khatshana,
kusukela emaphethelweni esigaba kusiyaphutsha ngale kwaso), 8 lingamvumeli
futhi lingamlaleli. Lingamtshengiseli uzwelo. Lingamphephisi njalo lingamvikeli.
9 Kumele ngeqiniso abulawe. Isandla senu kumele sibe yiso esikhokhela ukubulawa
kwakhe, kulandele zonke ezabanye abantu. 10 Mkhandeni ngamatshe limbulale,
ngoba uzame ukuliphambula elisusa KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha
eGibhithe, walikhupha elizweni lobugqili. 11 Ngalokho wonke u-Israyeli uzakuzwa
esabe, kakho loyedwa phakathi kwenu ozake aphinde enze into enjalo futhi.
12 Lingezwa kuthiwa kuledolobho elikwenzayo lokhu phakathi kwamadolobho eliwaphiwe NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ukuba lihlale kuwo 13 kulamadoda aphakathi
kwenu asedukise abantu balawo madolobho, esithi, ‘Asihambeni siyokhonza abanye
onkulunkulu’ (onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi), 14 kufanele libuzisise, lichwayisise
lihlole ngokupheleleyo. Kuthi nxa kuliqiniso njalo kugcwaliseke ukuthi lesisinengiso
sikhona phakathi kwenu, 15 kumele lifake inkemba ngeqiniso kulabo bonke abahlala
kulelodolobho. Lilichithe litshabalale ngeqiniso, abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo
zakhona. 16 Buthelelani konke okuthunjiweyo kulelodolobho phakathi enzikini
yalo enkundleni yokuhlanganela kwabantu lilithungele litshe lilobe lelodolobho
kanye lempahla zalo zonke njengomnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
Kumele lisale lilunxiwa lelodolobho kokuphela, lingakhiwa kutsha futhi. 17 Akungabi
lokukodwa kwalokho okusoliweyo okuzafunyanwa ezandleni zenu, ukuze UTHIXO
adedise ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo; alitshengisele umusa wakhe, abe lozwelo kini,
andise amanani enu, njengoba wathembisa ngesifungo kubokhokho benu, 18 ngoba
lilalela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ligcina imilayo yakhe le engilinika yona lamuhla
njalo lisenza okulungileyo emehlweni akhe.”

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Ukudla Okuhlanzekileyo Lokungahlanzekanga

1 “Lingabantwana BAKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingabozisika loba liphuce
amakhanda enu lizilela abafileyo, 2 ngoba lingabantu abangcwele KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Ebantwini bonke abasemhlabeni, UTHIXO ulikhethile lina ukuthi libe
ngabantu bakhe abaligugu.

3 Lingadli loba kuyini okunengisayo. 4 Nanzi izinyamazana elingazidla: inkomo,
imvu, imbuzi, 5 umziki, impala, umziki obomvu, imbuzi yeganga, imbuzi
mawa, umtshwayeli lemvu yentaba. 6 Lingadla zonke izinyamazana ezilenklagu
ezivulekileyo lezentshisayo. 7 Kodwa-ke kulezo ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo loba
lezo ezentshisayo zilani lingadli ikamela, umvundla loba imbila. Zingcolile kini
ngokomkhuba. 8 Ingulube layo ayihlanzekanga; lanxa ilenklagu ezivulekileyo
kayentshisi. Lingabokudla inyama yazo, lingathinti lezidumbu zazo.
9 Kuzozonke izidalwa ezihlala emanzini, lingadla zonke lezo ezilempiko lamaxolo.
10 Kodwa konke lokho okungelampiko lamaxolo akumelanga likudle; kungcolile kini.
11 Lingadla loba yiphi inyoni ehlanzekileyo. 12 Kodwa lezi lingazidli: ukhozi, ilinqe
elimnyama, 13 uhelwane olubomvu, uhelwane olumnyama, loba yiwuphi umhlobo
womzwazwa 14 loba yiphi imihlobo yamawabayi, 15 isikhova esilesicholo, ingabuzane,
idada lolwandle, loba wuphi umhlobo wokhozi, 16 umandukulo, isikhova esikhulu,
isikhova esimhlophe, 17 isikhova senkangala, ukhozi lwenhlanzi, itshayamanzi,
18 ingabuzane, lawuphi umhlobo welanda, imvenduna lomalulwane.
19 Zonke izibungu eziphaphayo zingcolile kini; lingabozidla. 20 Kodwa konke
okulempiko okuhlanzekileyo kudleni.
21 Lingabokudla ingcuba. Lingakunika loba ngubani owezizweni ohlezi loba
kukuliphi phakathi kwamadolobho enu, yena angakudla, ulakho njalo ukuthi
angathengisela omunye laye owezizweni. Kodwa lina lingabantu abangcwele
kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina.”

Okwetshumi

22 “Wobani leqiniso ukuthi libeka eceleni lokhu okuyingxenye eyodwa yetshumi
yesivuno somnyaka. 23 Dlanini okwetshumi kwamabele enu, iwayini elitsha lama-
futha, kanye lamazibulo emihlambi yenkomo zenu lawezimvu emehlweni kaTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azalikhethela yona ukuba ibe leBizo lakhe, ukuze
lifunde ukumphakamisa uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngezikhathi zonke. 24 Kodwa
nxa leyondawo ikhatshana kakhulu lina libusisiwe nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
njalo lingenelisi ukuthwala okwetshumi kwenu (ngenxa yokuthi lapho uTHIXO
akhethe ukubeka khona iBizo lakhe kukhatshana kakhulu), 25 thengisani okwetshumi
kwenu ngesiliva, libe selithatha lihambe lesiliva liye endaweni leyo ezabe ikhethwe
nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 26 Sebenzisani isiliva lithenge ngaso loba yini elifuna
ukuyithenga: inkomo, izimvu, iwayini loba kuyini elikufunayo. Ngakho lina kanye
labendlu yenu lizakudla khonapho phambi kukaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njalo
libe lokujabula. 27 Njalo lingakhohlwa abaLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, ngoba
abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga ilifa.
28 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, lethani okwetshumi kwesivuno salowom-
nyaka likugcine emadolobheni enu, 29 yikho kuzakuthi abaLevi (bona abangelasabelo
loba ilifa elingelabo) kanye labezizweni, izintandane ezingelaboyise labafelokazi
abahlala emadolobheni enu beze labo bazokudla basuthe, njalo kuze kuthi uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu.”

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Umnyaka Wokwesulwa Kwezikwelede

1 “Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa kumele lesule izikwelede. 2 Nanso
indlela elizakuphatha ngayo: Wonke umuntu owake waboleka omunye wakibo wako-
Israyeli impahla yakhe kumele esule lesosikwelede. Akusafanelanga ukuthi adinge
ukuhlawulwa ngomunye wakhe wako-Israyeli loba umfowabo, ngoba isikhathi

SIKATHIXO sokwesula izikwelede sesimenyezelwe. 3 Lilakho ukuthi lihlawulwe
ngabezizweni, kodwa kumele lesule isikwelede umfowenu ayabe elaso kini. 4 Kodwa
akungabi lomuntu oswelayo phakathi kwenu, ngoba elizweni lelo UTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuze libe yilifa lenu, uzalibusisa kakhulu, 5 nxa lizalalela
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu linanzelele njalo ukuthi liyayilandela yonke imilayo
yakhe engilethulela yona lamuhla. 6 Kungenxa yalokho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
azalibusisa njengokulithembisa kwakhe, njalo lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa
lina aliyikweboleka lutho kuzo. Lizabusa phezu kwezizwe ezinengi kodwa lina
akulasizwe esizalibusa.
7 Nxa ekhona ongumyanga phakathi kwabafowenu emadolobheni la UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona lasemazweni eliwaphiweyo, lingabi lezinhliziyo
ezilukhuni loba ukuba ngabancitshanayo kumfowenu ongumyanga. 8 Kuhle ukuthi
libe ngabaphanayo limeboleke ngokukhululeka loba yini ayiswelayo. 9 Limukani
lingagcini umnakano omubi othi: 'Umnyaka wesikhombisa, umnyaka wokwesulwa
kwezikwelede, ususondele,' ukuze lingabi lomoya omubi ngomfowenu oswelayo
lingabe lisamnika lutho. Kungenzeka acele KUTHIXO ukuba alihlanekele, libe
selifunyanwa lilesono. 10 Mupheni okunengi njalo lokhu likwenze ngezinhliziyo
ezingelamona; kanti-ke ngenxa yalokho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa kuyo
yonke imisebenzi yenu lakukho konke elibeka izandla zenu kukho. 11 Kuzahlala
kulokhu kulabantu abangabayanga elizweni. Ngakho ngiyalilaya ukuba phanini
ngezandla ezivulekileyo kubafowenu kanye lakubo bonke abangabayanga labaswe-
layo elizweni lenu."

Ukukhulula Izisebenzi

12 "Nxa omunye wenu ongumHebheru, owesilisa loba owesifazane, ezithengisile
kini, angasebenza iminyaka eyisithupha, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kumele limkhu-
lule azihambele. 13 Mhla limkhulula lingamyekeli ehamba eze engaphethe lutho.
14 Mnikeni emihlambini yenu ngomoya wokuphana, lasemabeleni asebhuliwe kanye
lewayini eselihluziwe. Mnikeni njengokubusiswa kwenu NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu. 15 Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
walikhulula. Yikho ngilinika umlayo lo lamuhla.
16 Kodwa nxa isisebenzi senu singathi kini, 'Angifuni ukusuka lapha,' ngenxa
yokuthi siyalithanda lina labendlu yenu njalo sihlezi kuhle lani, 17 thathani usungulo
libhobozele indlebe yaso emnyango, sihle sibe yisisebenzi senu kokuphela. Lokhu
likwenze lasesigqilini sesifazane.
18 Lingakuthathi njengomthwalo onzima ukukhulula izisebenzi zenu, ngoba um-
sebenzi esiyabe sikwenzele wona eminyakeni eyisithupha uyalingana lomsebenzi
ophindwe kabili owenziwa ngoqhatshiweyo. Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
uzalibusisa kukho konke elikwenzayo."

Amazibulo Ezifuyo

19 "Yehlukaniselani UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu amazibulo wonke amaduna emih-
lambini yenu kanye leyezimvu. Lingasebenzisi loba yiliphi izibulo emhlambini loba
owezimvu njalo lingagundi uboya bamazibulo ezimvu zenu. 20 Ngayo yonke iminyaka
lina kanye labendlu yenu lizawadla phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni
azayikhetha yena. 21 Nxa inyamazana ilesici, iqhula loba iyisiphofu, loba ilokunye
okusolekayo, linganikeli ngayo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 22 Leyo lizayidlela
emadolobheni enu. Bonke abahlanzekileyo labangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba
balakho ukuyidla, kungani badla ithaka lembabala. 23 Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo,
lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi lichitha amanzi."

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IPhasika

1 “Gcinani inyanga ka-Abhibhi njalo lihloniphe iPhasika LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu, ngoba ngenyanga ka-Abhibhi walikhupha eGibhithe ngobusuku. 2 Nikelani
okwePhasika KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngesifuyo esivela emhlambini wenu
loba emhlambini wezimvu endaweni ezakhethwa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
ukuba ibe yindawo yebizo lakhe. 3 Lingasidli ndawonye lesinkwa esilemvubelo,
kodwa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa
sokuhlupheka, ngoba lasuka eGibhithe ngokujaha ukuze insuku zonke zokuphila
kwenu likhumbule isikhathi elasuka ngaso eGibhithe. 4 Akungafunyanwa mvubelo
kini lakulo lonke ilizwe lenu okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Njalo lingatshiyi inyama
yomhlatshelo wantambama ivuke ilokhu ikhona ngosuku olulandelayo.
5 Linganikeli okwePhasika loba kukuliphi idolobho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
azalinika lona 6 ngaphandle kwalapho azakhetha khona ukuba kube yindawo
yeBizo lakhe. Kulapho elizakwenzela khona umhlatshelo wePhasika ntambama,
ekutshoneni kwelanga, kuyisikhumbuzo selanga elasuka ngalo eGibhithe. 7 Yoseni
libe seliyidlela endaweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu azalikhethela yona. Kuzakuthi
ekuseni libuyele emathenteni enu. 8 Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizakudla isinkwa
esingelamvubelo kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa libuthane KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu lingenzi msebenzi.”

UMkhosi WamaViki

9 “Balani amaviki ayisikhombisa kusukela mhla liqalisa ukuvuna amabele.
10 Beselithakazelela uMkhosi wamaViki KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngokupha
umnikelo wokuzithandela kusiya ngezibusiso UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu aliphe zona.
11 Ngakho thokozani phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhethela
ukuba ngeyeBizo lakhe, lina lamadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi
zenu zesifazane, abaLevi abasemadolobheni enu, kanye labezizweni, izintandane
labafelokazi abahlezi phakathi kwenu. 12 Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe,
ngakho landelani leziziqondiso ngonanzelelo.”

UMkhosi WeziHonqo

13 “Gcinani uMkhosi weziHonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ngemva kokubutha
amabele enu ezindaweni zokubhulela lezokuhluzela iwayini. 14 Thokozani emkhosini
wenu, lina, amadodana enu kanye lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi zenu,
kanye labaLevi, abezizweni, izintandane kanye labafelokazi abahlezi emadolobheni
enu. 15 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa thakazelelani umkhosi KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu ezindaweni ezakhethwa NGUTHIXO. Ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibu-
sisa esivunweni senu sonke kanye lemisebenzini yezandla zenu, ukuze kupheleliswe
intokozo yenu.
16 Kathathu ngomnyaka, wonke amadoda kumele aziveze phambi KUKATHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhetha, eMkhosini weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo,
eMkhosini wamaViki kanye leMkhosini weziHonqo. Akungabi lamuntu ozabuya
phambi KUKATHIXO engaphathanga lutho: 17 Ngamunye phakathi kwenu kumele
lize liphethe isipho kusiya ngokuthi liphiwe labusiswa ngokunganani NGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu.”

Abahluleli

18 “Khethani abehluleli lezikhulu ezizwaneni zenu zonke kuwo wonke amadolobho
enu elizawaphiwa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, njalo bahlulele abantu ngemfanelo.
19 Lingonakalisi ukulunga loba libandlulule. Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba
ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza amehlo abahlakaniphileyo kulahlekise amazwi omuntu

ongelacala. 20 Landelani ukulunga lilandele khona kuphela, khona lizaphila
lilithumbe ilizwe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona."

Ukukhonza Abanye Onkulunkulu

21 "Lingazimiseli o-Ashera bezigodo phansi kwe-alithari elizalakhela UTHIXO uN-
kulunkulu wenu, 22 njalo lingamisi ilitshe elizakuthi lina lingcwele, ngoba UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuzonda lokho."

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1 "Lingenzi umhlatshelo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngenkabi loba imvu elesici
lesolekayo, ngoba lokho kuyisinengiso kuye.
2 Nxa kulendoda loba owesifazane ohlala phakathi kwenu kwelinye lamadolobho
eliwaphiwa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu limfumana esona emehlweni KATHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu esephula isivumelwano, 3 njalo ngokwephula imilayo yami es-
ezikhonzela abanye onkulunkulu, ebakhothamela loba ekhonza ilanga loba inyanga
loba izinkanyezi zezulu, 4 kube kanti lokhu sekubikiwe kini, kutsho ukuthi kuzamele
likuchwayisise ngokupheleleyo. Nxa kuliqiniso njalo sekubonakele ukuthi kuliqiniso
lokhu okuyisinengiso okwenzakele ko-Israyeli, 5 thathani leyondoda loba owesifazane
lowo owenze lesi senzo esibi limuse esangweni ledolobho lenu limkhande ngamatshe
aze afe. 6 Ngobufakazi bababili loba abathathu indoda izabulawa, kodwa kakho
ozabulawa ngobufakazi bomuntu oyedwa kuphela. 7 Akuthi ofakazi labo kube yibo
abaqalisayo ukumkhanda, besekulandela bonke abanye abantu. Kumele lisuse ububi
phakathi kwenu."

Imithethwandaba

8 "Nxa amacala eza phambi kwemithethwandaba yenu enzima ukuwahlulela,
loba awokuchitha igazi, ukwephula imithetho loba awokuhlaselwa, athatheni liye
lawo endaweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha. 9 Hambani kubaphristi,
abangabaLevi, kanye lakumahluleli osesikhundleni okwalesosikhathi. Buzani kibo
bona bazalinika isigwebo esifaneleyo. 10 Lina-ke kumele lenze njengokucebisa
kwabo endaweni UTHIXO azayikhetha. Linanzelele ukuthi lenza lokho kanye
abaliqondisa ukuba likwenze. 11 Yenzani ngokomthetho njengalokho abalifundisa
ngakho lezinqumo abalipha zona. Lingaphambuki kulokho abalitshela khona, liye
kwesokudla loba kwesenxele. 12 Indoda etshengisela ukudelela iseyisa umahluleli
loba umphristi owenza umsebenzi wokukhonza khonapho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu kumele ibulawe. Kumele lisuse bonke ububi phakathi kuka-Israyeli. 13 Bonke
abantu bazakuzwa besabe, bangabe besadelela futhi."

Inkosi

14 "Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona selilithethe
laba ngelenu njalo selihlezi kulo, njalo selisithi, 'Asibekeni inkosi isibuse ukuze
sifanane lezinye izizwe esakhelene lazo,' 15 wobani leqiniso lokuthi libeka inkosi
ekhethwe NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele abe ngomunye wabafowenu.
Lingafaki umuntu wezizweni ukuba alibuse, ongasiye wakini ko-Israyeli. 16 Inkosi
njalo akumelanga izifuyele amabhiza amanengi loba ithume abantu babuyele
eGibhithe ukuyazuza amanye khona ngoba UTHIXO ulitshelile wathi, 'Lingaphindi
liyihambe njalo leyondlela.' 17 Kayingathathi abafazi abanengi funa inhliziyo yayo
idukiswe. Kayingazinothisi ngesiliva langegolide elinengi kakhulu.
18 Nxa isithatha isihlalo sobukhosi bombuso wayo kayithathe umqulu izilobele
kulo umthetho lo iwuthatha encwadini yabaphristi abangabaLevi. 19 Umqulu lowo
kawuhlale ukuyo, ihlale iwubala zonke insuku zokuphila kwayo ukuze ifunde
ukwesaba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wayo, ilandele ngokunanzelela wonke amazwi

omthetho lo lalezi izimiso, 20 njalo ukuze ingazenzi ongcono kulabanye abakibo,
ingaphambuki emthethweni iye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo. Ngakho
yona kanye lezizukulwane zayo bazabusa isikhathi eside embusweni wayo ko-
Israyeli.”

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Iminikelo YabaPhristi LabaLevi

1 “Abaphristi abangabaLevi ngempela, isizwana sonke sabaLevi kabangabi lesabelo
loba ilifa ndawonye labako-Israyeli. Bazaphila ngemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa
kuTHIXO, ngoba leli yilo ilifa labo. 2 Abayikuba lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo; uTHIXO
uyilifa labo, njengokuthembisa kwakhe.
3 Le yiyo ingxenye yabaphristi ezavela emihlatshelweni yabantu eyenkunzi loba
eyemvu: umkhono, inhloko kanye lezangaphakathi. 4 Kufanele libaphe izithelo
zakuqala zamabele enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, uboya bakuqala ekugundweni
kwezimvu zenu, 5 ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile bona kanye
lezizukulwane zabo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zenu ukuze kube yibo abaza-
kwenza umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni LIKATHIXO ngezikhathi zonke.
6 Nxa umLevi angasuka kwelinye lamadolobho enu loba kungaphi kwelabako-
Israyeli lapho abehlala khona, abeseziletha ngokuzimisela endaweni ezakhethwa
NGUTHIXO, 7 angenza umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu
wakhe njengabo bonke abafowabo abangabaLevi abasebenzela khonapho phambi
KUKATHIXO. 8 Uzakwabelana labanye bakhe ngokulinganayo kulokho abakuzuzayo,
lanxa yena esezuze imali ekuthengisweni kwempahla yakwabo.”

Izenzo Ezinengekayo

9 “Lapho selingena elizweni uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lingabozi-
fundisa ukulingisa izenzo ezinengekayo zezinye izizwe khonale. 10 Akungabi lamuntu
phakathi kwenu ozakwenza umhlatshelo ngendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe
ngomlilo, kangabi ovumisayo loba ochasisa ngemibono, ochasisa imilingo njalo
oyenza okuphathelane lobuthakathi, 11 ophosayo, loba isanuse loba isangoma loba
obuza kwabafileyo. 12 Loba ngubani owenza lezizinto uyisinengiso kuTHIXO, kanti
njalo ngenxa yezenzo lezi ezinengekayo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu azazixotsha
phambi kwenu lezizizwe. 13 Kumele libemsulwa phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu.”

Umphrofethi

14 “Izizwe elizazithathela ilizwe zilalela okwalabo abathakathayo labavumisayo.
Kodwa lina, uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kalivumeli ukukwenza lokho. 15 UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami.
Libomlalela. 16 Lokhu yikho elakucela kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebhi mhla
wosuku lokuhlangana lapho elathi, ‘Asingalizwa ilizwi LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu
njalo singaboni umlilo omkhulu futhi, ngoba singafa.’
17 UTHIXO wathi kimi: ‘Lokho abakutshoyo kuhle. 18 Ngizabavezela umphrofethi
onjengawe phakathi kwabafowabo; ngizamfunza amazwi ami, yena nguye ozabat-
shela konke engizamlaya ngakho. 19 Nxa loba ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami
azakhulunywa ngumphrofethi ngebizo lami, mina ngokwami yimi engizamelana
laye. 20 Kodwa-ke umphrofethi ozenza okhuluma amazwi ami wona kungesiwo
engimlaye ngawo ukuba awatsho, loba umphrofethi okhuluma ngebizo labanye
onkulunkulu, kumele abulawe.’
21 Lingazitshela lokhu lithi, ‘Singakwazi njani ukuthi lelilizwi kaliveli kuTHIXO na?’
22 Nxa lokho okumenyezelwa ngumphrofethi ngebizo LIKATHIXO kungenzakali loba

kungagcwaliseki, lokho kuyilizwi eliyabe lingaveli kuTHIXO. Lowo mphrofethi uyabe ekhuluma ize. Lingamesabi.”

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Amadolobho Okuphephela

1 “Kuzakuthi lapho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esebhubhise izizwe zelizwe lelo alinika lona, futhi lani selizixotshile njalo lahlala emadolobheni kanye lasezindlini zazo, 2 kulapho-ke eselingazikhethela amadolobho amathathu enkabazwe yelizwe lelo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu. 3 Yakhani imigwaqo eqonda kuwo njalo lehlukanise ilizwe lelo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona njengelifa lenu libe yizigaba ezintathu, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani obulala umuntu abalekele khona.

4 Lesi yisimiso maqondana lomuntu obulala omunye abesebalekela khona ukuze asindise impilo yakhe, lowo obulala umakhelwane wakhe engakunxwanelanga ngomona njalo engamqophanga. 5 Njengokuthi, umuntu angaya egangeni ukuyagamula inkuni lomakhelwane wakhe, kuthi lapho egamula isihlahla ngehloka lakhe, ihloka likhumuke emphinini litshaye umakhelwane wakhe afe. Lowomuntu angabalekela kwelinye lamadolobho lawo ukuze asindise impilo yakhe. 6 Phela kungenzeka ukuthi umphindiseli wegazi axotshane lombulali ngentukuthelo, amfice nxa umango umude kakhulu, ambulale lanxa lowombulali ubengafanelanga ukufa, ngoba engambulalanga ngabomo langenxa yenzondo umakhelwane wakhe. 7 Yikhonje ngilaye ukuthi lizehlukanisele amadolobho amathathu.

8 Nxa uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu angaqhelisa isabelo senu njengokuthembisa kwakhe okhokho benu ngesifungo, aliphe lonke ilizwe abathembisa lona, 9 ngoba lilandela ngokunanzelela yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lokuhamba kokuphela ngezindlela zakhe, kufanele ukuthi likhethe amanye njalo amadolobho amathathu. 10 Kwenzeni lokhu ukuze kungachitheki igazi elingelacala elizweni lenu, lelo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa lenu, njalo lokuthi lingabi lecala lokuchitha igazi.

11 Kodwa nxa umuntu emzonda umakhelwane wakhe, amcathamele, amtshaye ambulale, abesebalekela kwelinye lamadolobho la, 12 abakhokheli bedolobho lakibo bazamthumela abantu, bamlande kulelodolobho babuye laye, bamnikele kumphindiseli wegazi ukuba afe. 13 Lingamzweli isihawu. Kufanele liqede ububi bokuchitha igazi elingelacala ko-Israyeli ukuze kulilungele.

14 Lingabosusa izikhonkwane zomngcele wendawo kamakhelwane wenu ezabethelwa ngabalandulelayo kulo ilifa eliliphiwa elizweni uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu.”

Ofakazi

15 “Ufakazi oyedwa angeke afakaze kwanele ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala bani etheswe icala. Indaba ingaqiniswa ngofakazi ababili loba abathathu.

16 Nxa ufakazi wamanga emelana lendoda eyetheswa icala, 17 amadoda la womabili axabeneyo afanele ukuthi ame phambi kuKAThIXO phambi kwabaphristi kanye labehluleli abayabe besesikhundleni ngalesosikhathi. 18 Abahluleli kumele bachwayisise ngokupheleleyo kuthi lapho bangafumana ukuthi ufakazi uqamba amanga, esipha ubufakazi bamanga ngomzalwane wakhe, 19 lizakwenza kuye khonokho abehlose ukukwenza kumzalwane wakhe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. 20 Abanye bonke abantu bazakuzwa ngalokhu besabe, ngakho akusayikwenziwa futhi phakathi kwenu ububi obunjalo. 21 Lingabi lozwelo: ukuphila akwenanwe yikuphila, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.”

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Imithetho Yempi

1 “Lapho liphuma ukuyakulwa lesitha senu empini libe selibona amabhiza
lezinqola kanye lebutho elikhulu ukwedlula elenu, lingabesabi, ngoba uTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe, uzakuba lani. 2 Nxa selilungele ukuhlasela,
umphristi uzakuza akhulume lebutho. 3 Uzakuthi: ‘Zwana, wena Israyeli, namuhla
liya ekuhlaseleni izitha zenu. Lingapheli amandla kumbe lesabe; lingatshaywa luvalo
njalo lethuke phambi kwabo. 4 Ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ohamba lani
ukuyalilwela ezitheni zenu ukuba linqobe.’
5 Izikhulu zizakuthi ebuthweni: ‘Ukhona owakhe indlu entsha ongakayihlali na?
Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye asale esezihlalela endlini
yakhe. 6 Ukhona ohlanyele isivini kodwa engakadli izithelo zaso na? Kabuyele emzini
wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye azidlele izithelo zaso. 7 Ukhona osethembise
owesifazane kodwa engakamthathi ukuthi abe ngumkakhe na? Kabuyele emzini
wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye umuntu amthathe’ 8 Izikhulu zizaqhubeka
zithi, ‘Ikhona indoda eyesabayo kumbe ephelelwa ngamandla na? Kayibuyele emzini
wayo ukuze abafowabo labo bangaphelelwa ngamandla.’ 9 Kuzakuthi lapho izikhulu
seziqedile ukukhuluma lebutho, zizakhetha abalawuli bebutho.
10 Nxa lisiya edolobheni ukuthi lihlasele, khulumani labantu bakulelodolobho
lidinga ukuthula. 11 Bangavuma njalo balivulele amasango abo, bonke abantu
bakulelodolobho bazakuba yizichaka zenu balisebenzele. 12 Kodwa bangala ukwa-
mukela amazwi enu okuthula balihlasele, livimbezeleni lelodolobho. 13 Kuzakuthi
lapho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esenikele idolobho lelo kini, libulale amadoda
wonke ngenkemba. 14 Kodwa abesifazane, abantwana, izifuyo kanye lakho konke
okukulelodolobho kuzakuba yimpango yenu. Yonke impango yezitha zenu uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu alinika yona izakuba ngeyenu. 15 Lokhu yikho okumele likwenze
emadolobheni wonke akude lani njalo angasiwo ezizwe ezihlala eduzane lani.
16 Kanti-ke, emadolobheni ezizwe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona
njengelifa, lingatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo luphila. 17 Lizawabhubhisa liwaqede
wonke amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi kanye lamaJebusi
njengokulaywa kwenu nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 18 Funa balifundise ukwenza
imikhuba yabo enengekayo yokukhonza onkulunkulu babo, lone kuTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu.
19 Nxa idolobho selilivimbezele okwesikhathi eside, lilihlasela ukuze lilithumbe, lin-
gatshabalalisi izihlahla zalo ngokuzigamula, ngoba lingadla izithelo zazo. Lingaziga-
muli. Kambe izihlahla zeganga zingabantu ukuthi lingazivimbezela na? 20 Kodwa-ke
lingagamula izihlahla elizaziyo ukuthi azitheli izithelo ezidliwayo ukuze lizisebenzise
ekwakheni amadumba lize linqobe ledolobho lelo empini.”

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Ukuhlawulelwa Kokubulala

1 “Nxa kungafunyanwa umuntu obuleweyo egangeni, elizweni uTHIXO uN-
kulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu, kungaziwa ukuthi ubulewe
ngubani, 2 abakhokheli kanye labehluleli benu bazakuya balinganise umango
phakathi kwalowo obuleweyo lamadolobho aseduze. 3 Kuzakuthi abakhokheli
bamadolobho aseduzane lesidumbu leso bathathe ithokazi elingakaze lisetshenziswe
futhi okungakaze kugaxwe ijogwe phezu kwalo 4 balithintele esigodini esingakaze
silinywe kumbe kuhlanyelwe ulutho kiso njalo lapho okulesifula esigelezayo khona.
Kabephule intamo yalo khonapho esigodini leso. 5 Abaphristi, amadodana kaLevi,
bazasondela, ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile ukuba benze inkonzo

njalo bamemezele izibusiso ebizweni LIKATHIXO bahlulele amacala okuxabana lawokulwa. 6 Abakhokheli balawo madolobho aseduzane lesidumbu leso bazagezela izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi elephulelwe intamo esigodini, 7 bafakaze bathi: 'Izandla zethu kazilichithanga leligazi, futhi asibonanga kusenzeka. 8 Yamukela lindlela yokubuyisana yabantu bakho abako-Israyeli, obahlengileyo, Oh THIXO, ungabeki icala phezu kwabantu bakho ngenxa yegazi lomuntu omsulwa.' Ngakho ukuchithwa kwegazi kuzahlawulelwa. 9 Ngalokho lizazigeza emlandwini wokuchitha igazi elingelacala, njengoba selenzile okuhle emehlweni KATHIXO."

Ukuthatha Umfazi Othunjiweyo

10 "Nxa usiya empini ukuyahlasela izitha zakho kuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu anikele izitha zenu ezandleni zenu, lizithumbe, 11 ungabona owesifazane omuhle njalo akukhange, ungamthatha abe ngumkakho. 12 Uzamusa emzini wakho, aphuce ikhanda lakhe, aqume inzipho zakhe njalo 13 akhulule izigqoko athunjwe ezigqokile. Kuzakuthi lapho eseqede inyanga eyodwa esemzini wakho elilela uyise lonina, usungamthatha abe ngumkakho, 14 kodwa nxa engakuthokozisi, umkhulule ayelapho athanda khona. Ungamthengisi kumbe umphathe njengesigqili, ngoba usumngcolisile."

Ilungelo Lezibulo

15 "Nxa indoda ilabafazi ababili, ithande omunye kodwa omunye ingamthandi, kuthi bobabili bayizalele amadodana kodwa izibulo libe yindodana yomfazi engamthandiyo, 16 nxa ehlela ukwabela amadodana akhe impahla yakhe, akumelanga emuke izibulo lakhe ilungelo lalo aliphe indodana yomfazi amthandayo esikhundleni sezibulo langempela, indodana yomfazi engamthandiyo. 17 Kufanele itshengisele ukuthi indodana yomfazi ongathandwayo yilo izibulo ngokuyinika isabelo esiphindwe kabili sempahla yayo yonke. Indodana leyo iyisibonakaliso sakuqala samandla kayise. Ilungelo lobuzibulo ngelayo."

Indodana Engumhlamuki

18 "Nxa indoda ilendodana eyisiqholo njalo engumhlamuki engalaleli uyise lonina nxa beyikhuza, 19 uyise lonina bazayibamba bayise ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho lakibo. 20 Kumele bafike ebadaleni balelodolobho bathi, 'Indodana yethu le iyisiqholo njalo ingumhlamuki. Ayisilaleli. Iyisixhwali njalo iyisidakwa.' 21 Ngakho wonke amadoda akulelodolobho azayitshaya ngamatshe ize ife. Kufanele liqede bonke ububi phakathi kwenu. U-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa lokhu esabe."

Eminye Imithetho

22 "Nxa umuntu olecala elikhulu ebulawa kuthi isidumbu silengiswe esihlahleni, 23 lingaboyekela isidumbu sakhe silenga esihlahleni ubusuku bonke. Kangcwatshwe mhlalokho, ngoba umuntu olengiswa esihlahleni uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu. Lingangcolisi ilizwe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa."

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1 "Ungabona inkabi loba imvu yomfowenu iduha, ungayiyekeli kodwa ibuyisele kuye. 2 Nxa umzalwane wakho engahlali eduze lawe loba ungakwazi ukuthi isifuyo lesi ngesikabani, sithathe uhambe laso emzini wakho usigcine aze afike esidinga. Usungasibuyisela kuye. 3 Wenzenjalo ungafumana ubabhemi loba ibhatshi lomzalwane wakho loba kuyini okumlahlekeleyo. Ungakuyekeli.

4 Ungabona ubabhemi loba inkabi yomfowenu iwele endleleni, ungayiyekeli. Msize umfowenu ngokuyivusa.

5 Owesifazane angagqoki izigqoko zesilisa, lowesilisa angagqoki izigqoko zowesifazane, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngalowo owenza lokho.

6 Nxa ungafumana isidleke senyoni eceleni kwendlela, sisesihlahleni loba phansi, unina efukamele amatsiyane kumbe amaqanda akhe, ungathathi unina labantwabakhe. 7 Ungathatha abantwana, uyekele unina ahambe ukuze kube kuhle kuwe njalo ube lempilo ende.

8 Nxa usakha indlu entsha, uzakwakha umduli oluthango ophahleni lwayo ukuze kungabi lomuntu owayo ophahleni lwendlu yakho ube lecala lokuchitha igazi.

9 Ungahlanyeli inhlanyelo eziyimihlobo emibili esivinini sakho; ungakwenza, akuyikuba yizilimo ozihlanyelayo kuphela eziqalekiswayo, kodwa lezithelo zevini.

10 Ungabophi ndawonye ejogeni inkabi lobabhemi nxa ulima.

11 Ungagqoki isigqoko eselukwe ngewulu lelineni ndawonye.

12 Yenza intshaka uzithungele emiphethweni yomine yebhatshi lakho oligqokileyo.”

Ukwephulwa Kwemithetho Yokuthathana

13 “Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, kuthi ngemva isike yalala laye, ingamthakazeleli 14 imgcone imbize ngamagama amabi, isithi, ‘Ngathatha umfazi lo, kodwa ngathi ngilala laye ngafumana ukuthi kaseyiyontombi egcweleyo,’ 15 ngakho uyise lonina wentombi bazaletha ubufakazi ebadaleni bakulelodolobho esangweni bokutshengisa ukuthi ibikade iyintombi. 16 Uyise wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni, ‘Ngendisela indodakazi yami endodeni le, kodwa ayisamfuni. 17 Khathesi isiyigcona isithi, “Indodakazi yakho kangiyifumananga iyintombi egcweleyo.” Kodwa nampu ubufakazi bokuthi indodakazi yami iyintombi egcweleyo.’ Ngakho abazali bentombi bazakwendlala ilembu phambi kwabadala bakulelodolobho, 18 kuthi abadala bayijezise leyondoda. 19 Bazayihlawulisa amashekeli esiliva alikhulu, bawanike uyise wentombi, ngoba indoda le isigcone intombi yako-Israyeli. Intombi izaqhubeka ingumfazi wayo indoda; okwempilo yayo yonke akumelanga iyale lintombi.

20 Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi umlandu ewetheswayo uliqiniso njalo kungaze kwafunyanwa ubufakazi bobuntombi bayo, 21 izalethwa emnyango wendlu kayise kuthi amadoda akulelodolobho ayikhandele khona ngamatshe ize ife. Yenze into eyangisayo ko-Israyeli ngokungaziphathi ngesikhathi isahlala emzini kayise. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu.

22 Nxa indoda ingafunyanwa ilele lomfazi wenye indoda bobabili kumele babulawe. Kufanele liqede ububi ko-Israyeli.

23 Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi esikhombile edolobheni ilale layo, 24 lizabathatha bobabili libase esangweni lakulelodolobho libakhande ngamatshe khona baze bafe ngoba intombi kayihlabanga mkhosi ukuthi ilanyulelwe yona isedolobheni, njalo indoda isixhwalise umfazi wenye indoda. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu.

25 Kodwa nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi esikhombile egangeni ibe isiyibamba, indoda ekwenzileyo lokhu yiyo kuphela ezakufa. 26 Lingenzi lutho entombini; kayenzanga sono esingabangela ukuthi ife. Lindaba iyafanana leyomuntu ohlasela abulale umakhelwane wakhe, 27 ngoba indoda ifumene inkazana egangeni, loba intombi le ekhombileyo ibihlabe umkhosi, bekungelamuntu wokuyilamulela.

28 Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi engakakhombi ibe isiyidlwengula njalo kwazakale. 29 Indoda leyo izahlawula uyise wentombi amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. Kumele iyithathe ibe ngumfazi wayo ngoba isiyingcolisile. Akumelanga iyale ukuphila kwayo konke.

30 Akumelanga ukuthi umuntu athathe umkayise; angahlazisi umbheda kayise.”

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Abangavunyelwayo

1 “Loba ngubani olimele amaphambili, kungaba ngokuthenwa kumbe ukugxotshwa
kavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni LIKATHIXO.
2 Loba ngubani ozelwe ngobufebe loba izizukulwane zakhe kuze kube ngesetshumi,
kavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni LIKATHIXO.
3 Kakho um’Amoni loba owaseMowabi loba isizukulwane sakhe kuze kufike es-
izukulwaneni setshumi ozavunyelwa ukungena embuthanweni KATHIXO. 4 Kungenxa
yokuthi abalihlangabezanga beliphathele isinkwa kanye lamanzi endleleni yenu eku-
phumeni kwenu eGibhithe, bona basuka baqhatsha uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori
owePhethori e-Aramu Naharayimu ukuba ehlisele isiqalekiso phezu kwenu. 5 Kodwa-
ke, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kazangalalele uBhalamu kodwa waphendula isiqalek-
iso saba yisibusiso kini, ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyalithanda.
6 Lingadingi ukwakha ubungane labo ekuphileni kwenu konke.
7 Lingamenyanyi owase-Edomi, ngoba ungumfowenu. Lingamenyanyi umGibhithe,
ngoba laphila njengabezizweni elizweni lakhe. 8 Isizukulwane sesithathu sabant-
wana abazalwa lapho bangangena ebandleni LIKATHIXO.”

Ukungahlanzeki Ezihonqweni

9 “Nxa lithobelene lezitha zenu ekuhlaseleni, xekani lakho konke okun-
gahlanzekanga. 10 Nxa kukhona indoda phakathi kwenu ezichithele ngobudoda
ebusuku, kumele iphumele ngaphandle kwezihonqo ihle iyehlala khonale. 11 Kodwa-
ke akuthi ilanga selithambeka igeze, kuthi-ke ngokutshona kwelanga ibuyele ezihon-
qweni.
12 Khethani indawo ngaphandle kwezihonqo lapho elizayela ngaphandle khona.
13 Wobani lesikhali sokugebha kuthi lingaya ngaphandle, ligebhe igodi ligqibele
leyongcekeza. 14 Ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyahambahamba
phakathi kwezihonqo zenu ukuze alivikele ezitheni zenu. Izihonqo zenu kumele
zibengcwele, ukuze angaboni lutho olungalunganga phakathi kwenu okuzakwenza
alifulathele.”

Eminye Imithetho

15 “Nxa isigqili sidinga ukuphephela kini lingasibuyiseli kumnikazi waso.
16 Siyekeleni sizihlalele lapho esifuna ukuhlala khona njalo sizihlalele kulelodolobho
esifuna ukuhlala kulo. Lingasincindezeli.
17 Akungabi lowesilisa wako-Israyeli loba owesifazane ozakuba yisifebe
sethempelini. 18 Lingaboletha inzuzo yowesifazane ofebayo loba owesilisa ofebayo
endlini KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ezobhadala loba yisiphi isithembiso, ngoba
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngabo bonke.
19 Umfowenu ungamhlawulisi inzuzo, loba ngeyemali loba ngeyokudla loba
yini engamlethela inzuzo. 20 Owezizweni lingamhlawulisa inzuzo, kodwa hatshi
umfowenu wako-Israyeli, ukuze UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kukho konke
elikwenza ngezandla zenu elizweni elizangena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu.
21 Nxa lingenza isifungo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lingaphuzi ukusibhadala,
ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzakufuna kini loba sekutheni njalo lizakuba
lomlandu wesono. 22 Kodwa nxa lingayekela ukwenza isifungo kaliyikuba lom-
landu. 23 Konke lokho okuphuma endebeni zenu kumele libe leqiniso ukukwenza,
ngoba lenze lesosifungo ngokukhululeka lithembisa KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
ngemilomo yenu.
24 Nxa lingangena esivinini sikamakhelwane wenu, lingadla wonke amagrebisi
elifisa ukuwadla, kodwa lingafaki lelilodwa esitsheni senu. 25 Nxa lingena ensimini

kamakhelwane eyamabele, lilakho ukudobha okuwileyo ngezandla, kodwa limukani lingasebenzisi isikela emabeleni alokhu emi ngamahlanga.”

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Imithetho Mayelana Lokuqunywa Kwemitshado

1 “Nxa indoda ingathatha umfazi kodwa angayithokozisi ngoba indoda ifumene ihlazo ngaye ibe isimlobela incwadi yokuquma umtshado, imnike, ibisimxotsha endlini yayo, 2 kuthi esesukile endlini yaleyondoda athathwe ngeyinye indoda, 3 layo leyondoda yesibili imsole imnike incwadi yokwehlukana, imqhubele ibe isimxotsha emzini wayo, kumbe leyondoda ife, 4 kutsho ukuthi indoda yakhe yakuqala, eyamalayo, ayivunyelwa ukumthatha futhi ngemva kokuba eselalelihlazo. Lokho kungaba yisinengiso emehlweni ᴋᴀTʜIXO. Lingalethi isono elizweni ᴜTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu.

5 Nxa indoda isanda kuthatha, akufanelanga ukuba ithunyelwe empini loba ukuthi iphiwe umsebenzi oqakathekileyo.”

Eminye Imithetho

6 “Lingathathi ilitshe lokuchola lembokodo loba imbokodo yodwa nje ukuba kube yisibambiso senhlawulo, ngoba ngokwenza njalo uthatha ukuphila kube yisibambiso.

7 Nxa owesilisa angafunyanwa ethumba umfowabo wako-Israyeli abesesiyamgcina njengesigqili loba amthengise, kumele afe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu.

8 Nxa kuyisifo sobulephero kumele linanzelele kakhulu lenze lokho abaphristi abangabaLevi abalilaya khona. Kumele lilandele khona kanye engabalaya ngakho. 9 Khumbulani lokho okwenziwa ɴGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kuMiriyemu endleleni emva kokusuka kwenu eGibhithe.

10 Nxa umakhelwane wakho umeboleka loba yini ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuba uthathe lokho abambisa ngakho. 11 Mana phandle uyekele lowo omebolekayo alethe isibambiso kuwe. 12 Nxa kuyindoda engumyanga, ungayilala isibambiso sakhe silokhu sikuwe. 13 Buyisela isembatho sakhe lingakatshoni ukuze alale esembethe. Yena uzakubonga, kuzaphathwa njengesenzo sokulunga phambi ᴋUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho.

14 Ungabodlelezela umuntu oqhatshiweyo ongumyanga loba oswelayo, loba engumfowenu wako-Israyeli loba owezizweni ohlala kwelinye lamadolobho enu. 15 Muphe iholo lakhe insuku zonke ilanga lingakatshoni, ngoba ungumyanga uthembe leloholo. Funa asuke akhale ᴋUTHIXO ekusola, ube lomlandu wesono.

16 Abazali abayikufela abantwababo, loba abantwana bafele abazali babo; ngulowo lalowo uzafela isono sakhe.

17 Ungavaleli owezizweni loba intandane ilungelo layo loba uthathe isembatho somfelokazi ukuze sibe yisibambiso. 18 Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe ᴜTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho wakuhlenga khona. Yikho ngikulaya ukuba wenze lokhu.

19 Nxa uvuna ensimini yakho ube usutshiya isikhwebu, ungabuyeli emuva ukuyasithatha, sitshiyele owezizweni, intandane, lomfelokazi, ukuze ᴜTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akubusise kuwo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zakho. 20 Nxa ubhula ama-oliva ezihlahleni zakho ungabuyeli ukuhlola amagatsha njalo. Okuseleyo tshiyela owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi. 21 Nxa uvuna izithelo zesivini sakho, ungabuyeleli futhi ukuvuna lapho osuvune khona. Okuseleyo tshiyela owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi. 22 Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe. Yikho ngililaya ukuba lenze lokhu.”

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1 “Nxa amadoda exabana, ingxabano yawo kumele isiwe emthethwandaba ukuze
kuthi abehluleli bakhuphe isinqumo ngaleyondaba, bakhulule omsulwa njalo bam-
lahle olecala. 2 Nxa olecala kufanele atshaywe, umahluleli uzakuthi kalale acambalale
athi katshaywe laye ekhona ngalezonswazi ezilingene lelocala, 3 kodwa akufanelanga
zedlule ezingamatshumi amane. Nxa etshaywe inswazi ezedlula lapho, umfowenu
usezabe esuswe isithunzi emehlweni akho.
4 Ungafaki inkabi yakho isayeke nxa ibhula amabele.
5 Nxa amadodana endoda ehlala kwenye indawo omunye abe esesifa enge-
landodana, umfelokazi akumelanga ayekwendela kwenye indawo. Umfowabo
wendoda kumele amthathe ukuze agcwalise umlandu womfowabo kulowomfelokazi.
6 Indodana yakuqala ezazalwa lapho kumele ibizwe ngomfowabo owafayo ukuze
ibizo lakhe lingatshabalali ko-Israyeli.
7 Kodwa-ke, indoda nxa ingafuni ukuthatha umfazi womfowabo, kuzamele umfazi
lowo aye ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho afike athi, ‘Umfowabo wendoda yami
uyala ukuqhuba ibizo lomfowabo ko-Israyeli. Kafuni ukuthi agcwalise umlandu
womfowabo.’ 8 Ngakho abadala balelodolobho lakhe bazambiza bakhulume laye.
Nxa angala kokuphela esithi, ‘Angifuni ukumthatha,’ 9 umfelokazi lowo uzamqonda
phambi kwabadala, bamkhuphe inyathelo elilodwa, amkhafulele emehlweni athi,
‘Lokhu yikho okwenziwa endodeni engafuniyo ukuvusela umfowabo indlu yakhe.’
10 Usendo lwaleyondoda ko-Israyeli luzakwaziwa njengeNdlu engelaNyathelo.
11 Nxa amadoda amabili esilwa kube sekusithi umfazi wenye athelele, ancedise
indoda yakhe, abesexhakalaza leyondoda ngamaphambili, 12 kumele liqume isandla
sowesifazane lowo. Lingabi lesihawu kuye lakancane.
13 Ungabokuba lezilinganiso zesisindo ezimbili emgodleni wakho ezehlukeneyo,
esinye esinzima lesinye esilula. 14 Ungabi lezilinganiso ezimbili ezehlukeneyo endlini
yakho, esinye esikhulu lesinye esincinyane. 15 Kumele libe lezilinganiso eziqondileyo
leziqotho loba ngezesisindo loba ngezobukhulu, ukuze libe lempilo ende elizweni
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. 16 Ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
uyanengeka ngomuntu owenza lezizinto, yiloba ngubani owenza izinto zobuqili.
17 Khumbula okwenziwa ngama-Amaleki kuwe endleleni uphuma eGibhithe.
18 Kwathi lapho usudinwe kakhulu ungaselamandla, akuhlangabeza ohanjweni
lwakho, abachitha bonke ababesalela emuva; ayengamesabi uNkulunkulu. 19 Mhla
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika ukuphumula kuzozonke izitha zakho ezikuhan-
qileyo elizweni akunika lona ukuba libe yilifa lakho, uzatshabalalisa nya ibizo lama-
Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu. Ungakhohlwa!”

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Izithelo Zakuqala Lokwetshumi

1 “Nxa usungenile elizweni uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona njengelifa
njalo usulithethe wahlala kulo 2 thatha ezinye zezithelo zakuqala zazo, zonke
izilimo zomhlabathi welizwe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona uzifake
esitsheni. Uhambe uye endaweni leyo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho azayikhetha njen-
gendawo yokuhlala yeBizo lakhe 3 uthi kumphristi osesikhundleni ngalesosikhathi,
‘Ngiyamemezela lamuhla kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi sengifikile elizweni
uTHIXO afunga kubokhokho bethu ukuthi uzasinika lona.’ 4 Umphristi uzakwamukela
isitsha esisezandleni zakho asibeke phansi phambi kwe-alithari likaTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wakho. 5 Ngakho uzakutsho phambi kukaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uthi:
‘Ubaba wayeluzulani lom’Aramu, wehla waya eGibhithe elabantu abalutshwana
bafika bahlala khona baze baba yisizwe esikhulu kakhulu, esilamandla njalo

esilabantu abanengi kakhulu. 6 Kodwa amaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku, asihlupha,
asisebenzisa nzima. 7 Ngakho sakhala kuTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu,
uTHIXO walizwa ilizwi lethu njalo wabona lokuhlupheka kwethu, ukutshikatshika
kwethu kanye lokuncindezelwa kwethu. 8 Ngenxa yalokho uTHIXO wasikhupha
elizweni laseGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, ngezenzo
ezesabekayo langezibonakaliso kanye lezimangaliso. 9 Wasiletha kulindawo njalo
wasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju; 10 khathesi sengiletha izithelo
zakuqala zomhlabathi lowo, Oh Thixo, onginike wona.' Uzabeka isitsha phambi
kukaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho umkhothamele. 11 Ngakho wena labaLevi kanye
labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu lizathokoza ezintweni zonke ezinhle uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wakho akunike zona wena kanye labendlu yakho.
12 Kuzakuthi lapho usuqedile ukwahlukanisa okwetshumi kwaso sonke isivuno
sakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, okungumnyaka wokwetshumi, wena uzakunika um-
Levi, owezizweni, intandane kanye lomfelokazi, ukuze badle basuthe emadolobheni
akho. 13 Tshono futhi kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: 'Sengikhuphile isabelo
esingcwele endlini yami ngasinika umLevi, owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi,
njengokulaya kwakho. Kangeqanga imilayo yakho kumbe ukukhohlwa eminye
yayo. 14 Angizange ngidle lutho lwesabelo esingcwele ngesikhathi sokulila, kumbe
ukususa okunye kwakho ngesikhathi ngingongcolileyo, loba ukunikela ingxenye
yakho kwabafileyo. Ngikulalele THIXO Nkulunkulu wami; ngenzile konke ongilaye
khona. 15 Khangela phansi usezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala engcwele, ubusise
abantu bakho bako-Israyeli kanye lelizwe osinike lona njengesithembiso owasenza
ngesifungo kubokhokho bethu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.' "

Landelani Imilayo KaTHIXO

16 "UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uyakulaya lamuhla ukuba ulandele izimiso kanye
lemithetho le; uyigcine ngonanzelelo olukhulu ngenhliziyo yakho yonke kanye
langomphefumulo wakho wonke. 17 Lamuhla usuvume obala ukuthi uTHIXO
unguNkulunkulu wakho lokuthi uzahamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukuthi uzagcina
izimiso zakhe, imilayo, lemithetho yakhe, lokuthi uzamlalela. 18 Futhi uTHIXO
ukuvumile lamuhla ukuthi lina lingabantu bakhe, liyisabelo sakhe esiligugu njen-
gokuthembisa kwakhe njalo kumele ligcine yonke imilayo yakhe. 19 Umemezele
ukuthi uzaliphakamisa ngodumo, ngokwaziwa langenhlonipho phezu kwezizwe
zonke azidalayo lokuthi lizakuba ngabantu abangcwele kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
njengokuthembisa kwakhe."

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I-alithari Phezu KweNtaba Yase-Ebhali

1 UMosi kanye labadala bako-Israyeli balaya abantu bathi: "Gcinani imilayo yonke
esilipha yona lamuhla. 2 Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula uJodani langena
elizweni lelo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lizamisa amatshe amakhulu
liwahuqe ngekalaga. 3 Lizabhala kuwo wonke amazwi alumthetho nxa selichaphile
umfula langena elizweni lelo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza
uchago loluju, njengalokhu uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu walithembisa.
4 Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula uJodani, lizamisa amatshe la phezu kweNtaba
yase-Ebhali, njengalokhu ngililayile lamuhla, liwahuqe ngekalaga. 5 Khonapho
yakhelani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu i-alithari, i-alithari lamatshe. Lingasebenzisi
lutho olwenziwe ngensimbi phezu kwawo. 6 Yakhani i-alithari likaTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu ngamatshe angabazwanga linikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa
kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 7 Lizanikela iminikelo yokuthula khonapho, liyidle

lithokoze phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. 8 Ngakho lizabhala kancane wonke
amazwi alumthetho phezu kwamatshe la eliwamisileyo.”

Iziqalekiso Ezivela eNtabeni Yase-Ebhali

9 Ngemva kwalokho uMosi kanye labaphristi abangabaLevi, bathi kubo bonke
abako-Israyeli, “Thula uthi zwi wena Israyeli, njalo ulalele! Khathesi selingabantu
bakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. 10 Lalelani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu futhi lilandele
imilayo kanye lezimiso engilitshela zona namuhla.”
11 Ngalolosuku uMosi walaya abantu wathi:
12 “Nxa selichaphile umfula uJodani, kuzakuthi izizwana ezibalisa esakoSimiyoni,
esakoLevi, esakoJuda, esako-Isakhari, esakoJosefa kanye lesakoBhenjamini zizakuma
eNtabeni yaseGerizimu ukuze zibusise abantu. 13 Kodwa izizwana ezibalisa esako-
Rubheni, esakoGadi, esako-Asheri, esakoZebhuluni, esakoDani kanye lesakoNafithali,
zizakuma eNtabeni yase-Ebhali zimemezele iziqalekiso.
14 AbaLevi bazamemezela kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli ngelizwi elikhulu bathi:
15 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu obaza isithombe loba isithombe esibunjiweyo, into eyisi-
nengiso kuThixo, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu olobungcwethi, asimise ensitha.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
16 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu othelela uyise loba unina ihlazo.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
17 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu osusa isikhonkwane somngcele wendawo kamakhelwane
wakhe.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
18 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu oduhisa isiphofu endleleni.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
19 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu ovimbela ukuthonisiswa ngokulunga kowezizweni, lentan-
dane kanye lomfelokazi.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
20 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lomfazi kayise, ngoba ethelela umbheda kayise
ihlazo.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
21 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lenyamazana.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
22 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi
kanina.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
23 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala loninazala.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
24 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu obulala umakhelwane wakhe ensitha.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
25 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu owamukela isivalamlomo ukuze ayebulala umuntu ongela-
cala.’
Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’
26 ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu ongalaleli amazwi okumlaya ngokuwenza.’
Ngakho bonke abantu bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ ”

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Izibusiso Zokulalela

1 “Nxa limlalela ngokupheleleyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo lilandele yonke
imilayo yakhe engilitshela yona lamuhla ngonanzelelo, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu

uzaliphakamisa libe phezu kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni. 2 Lezizibusiso zonke
zizakwehlela phezu kwenu zibe ngezenu nxa limlalela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
3 Lizabusiswa edolobheni libusiswe futhi lemaphandleni.
4 Inzalo yenu izabusiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu kanye lenzalo yezifuyo
zenu, amathole emihlambi yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu.
5 Kuzabusiswa isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa.
6 Uzabusiswa nxa ungena ubusiswe lanxa uphuma.

7 UTHIXO uzakwenza ukuthi izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zinqotshwe phambi
kwakho. Zizakulihlasela zivelela endleleni eyodwa, kodwa zizabaleka ngezindlela
eziyisikhombisa.

8 UTHIXO uzakwehlisela isibusiso phezu kweziphala zenu, lakukho konke elizak-
wenza. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni lelo alinika lona.
9 UTHIXO uzalimisa njengabantu bakhe abangcwele, njengokulithembisa kwakhe
ngesifungo, nxa lingagcina imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe ngezindlela
zakhe. 10 Ngalokho bonke abantu emhlabeni bazabona ukuthi lina libizwa ngebizo
LIKATHIXO, balesabe. 11 UTHIXO uzalenza liphumelele kakhulu, enzalweni yenu,
lenzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu elizweni afunga ngalo
kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona.
12 UTHIXO uzavula amazulu, isiphala sakhe esiphuphumayo, ukuze anise izulu
phezu kwelizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo njalo abusise yonke imisebenzi eliyenzayo.
Lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina lingeboleki lutho kuzo. 13 UTHIXO uzalenza
libe yinhloko, hatshi umsila. Nxa lizalalelisisa imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
engilinika yona lamuhla njalo liyilandele ngonanzelelo, lizahlala njalo liphezulu,
lingabi ngaphansi lanini. 14 Lingaphambuki loba lakuwuphi wemilayo engilinika
yona lamuhla, lingaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesenxele, lilandela abanye
onkulunkulu lokubakhonza.”

Iziqalekiso Zokungalaleli

15 “Kodwa-ke, nxa lingayikumlalela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu futhi lingalandeli
yonke imilayo yakhe ngonanzelelo kanye lezimiso zakhe engilinika zona lamuhla,
zonke leziziqalekiso zizakuba phezu kwenu zilehlele:
16 Lizaqalekiswa edolobheni, liqalekiswe futhi emaphandleni.
17 Isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa kuzaqalekiswa.
18 Inzalo yenu izaqalekiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu, lamathole emihlambi
yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu.
19 Lizaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwenu libuye liqalekiswe lasekuphumeni kwenu.

20 UTHIXO uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu iziqalekiso, ukuphambana kanye lezithuko
emisebenzini yenu yonke eliyenzayo, lize libhujiswe njalo lichithwe ngenxa yobubi
elibenzileyo ngokumdela. 21 UTHIXO uzalehlisela isifo lemikhuhlane ize ilibhub-
hise iliqede elizweni elingena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu. 22 UTHIXO uzalitshaya
ngomkhuhlane olidla kancanekancane, langokutshisa kwelanga lendlala, ngofuba
langesikhwekhwe, konke lokhu kuzalehlela kuze kuliqede. 23 Isibhakabhaka
ngaphezu kwenu sizakuba lithusi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ube yinsimbi.
24 UTHIXO uzaguqula izulu elina elizweni lenu kube zintuli lothuli, kuzakwehla kuvela
esibhakabhakeni lize libhujiswe.

25 UTHIXO uzavumela ukuthi izitha zenu zilehlule. Lizakuya kuzo lihamba
ngendlela eyodwa kodwa lizabaleka ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa, futhi lizakuba
yinto eyenyanyekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni. 26 Izidumbu zenu

zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zonke zasemoyeni, kanye lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni, njalo aziyikwethuswa muntu. 27 UTHIXO uzalitshaya ngamathumba aseGibhithe langesifo sokuvuvuka, izilonda ezibhibhidlayo lamaqhubu alumayo, okungelaphekiyo. 28 UTHIXO uzalehlisela umkhuhlane wokuphambana kwengqondo, ubuphofu lowokudungeka kwengqondo. 29 Lizaphumputha loba kusemini njengesiphofu emnyameni. Aliyikuphumelela kukho konke elikwenzayo; lizaphangwa njalo lincindezelwe insuku ngensuku, kungekho muntu ongalihlenga.

30 Uzathembisana lowesifazane ukuba lithathane, kodwa kuthi enye indoda imthathe ilale laye. Uzakwakha indlu, kodwa kawusoze uhlale kuyo. Uzahlanyela isivini, kodwa kawusoze ukholise izithelo zaso. 31 Inkabi yakho izahlatshwa phambi kwakho, kodwa kawusoze uyidle. Uzathathelwa ubabhemi wakho ngenkani kodwa angabuyiselwa kuwe. Izimvu zakho zizanikwa izitha zakho, kodwa kakho ozakuzihlenga. 32 Amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi akho azanikwa esinye isizwe, njalo amehlo akho azafiphala ngokuwalindela insuku zonke, ungelamandla okuphakamisa isandla. 33 Abantu ongabaziyo bazakudla izithelo zomhlabathi kanye lomsebenzi wezandla zakho, akulalutho ozaluzuza ngaphandle kokuncindezelwa ngesihluku insuku zakho zonke. 34 Izinto ozibonayo zizakwenza uphambane ingqondo. 35 UTHIXO uzakutshaya amadolo akho lemilenze yakho ngamathumba abuhlungu njalo angelaphekiyo, amemetheke esuka ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho kuze kuyefika ekhanda.

36 UTHIXO uzalinikela esizweni elingasaziyo lina kumbe okhokho benu, lina kanye lenkosi yenu elayibekayo ukuthi ilibuse. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo langamatshe. 37 Lizakuba yinto eyenyanyekayo lento yokuchothozwa lokweyiswa kuzozonke izizwe lapho UTHIXO azalixotshela khona.

38 Lizahlanyela inhlanyelo enengi emasimini enu kodwa lizavuna okuyingcosana, ngoba izikhongwane zizabhuqa amabele enu. 39 Lizahlanyela izivini njalo lizihlakulele kodwa kaliyikunatha iwayini loba ukukha izithelo zazo, ngoba zizadliwa yimihogoyi. 40 Lizakuba lezihlahla zama-oliva zigcwele ilizwe lenu lonke kodwa kaliyikuwasebenzisa amafutha azo, ngoba izithelo zama-oliva zizakhithikela phansi. 41 Lizakuba lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi kodwa kaliyikubondla, ngoba bazathunjwa. 42 Isikhongwane sizabhuqa zonke izihlahla zenu kanye lamabele elizwe lenu.

43 Owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu uzaphakama phezu kwenu njalonjalo, kodwa lina lehlele phansi njalonjalo. 44 Yena uzaleboleka, kodwa lina kaliyikumeboleka lutho. Yena uzakuba yinhloko, lina libe ngumsila.

45 Iziqalekiso zonke lezi zizalehlela. Zizalilandelela zilihlasele lize libhubhe, ngoba lingamlalelanga UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu langagcini imilayo yakhe kanye lezimiso zakhe alinika zona. 46 Lizakuba yisibonakaliso lesimangaliso phezu kwenu laphezu kwezizukulwane zenu kuze kube nininini. 47 Ngoba alizange limkhonze UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngentokozo langenjabulo ngesikhathi senu sempumelelo, 48 ngakho lizasebenzela izitha UTHIXO azalithumela zona lina lilambile njalo lomile, lihambaze ebuyangeni obukhulu. UTHIXO uzafaka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni zenu aze alibhubhise.

49 UTHIXO uzaletha isizwe esizamelana lani esivela kude emikhawulweni yomhlaba, njengokhozi oluhwithayo, isizwe esikhuluma ulimi elingaluzwayo, 50 isizwe sabantu abesabekayo abangahloniphi abantu abadala loba ukuba lozwelo kwabancinyane. 51 Bazakudla inzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lamabele elizwe lenu lize libhujiswe. Kabayikulitshiyela amabele, iwayini loba amafutha, kumbe amathole enkomo zenu kumbe amazinyane emihlambini yenu lize lichithwe. 52 Bazalivimbezela

emadolobheni enu wonke aselizweni lenu kuze kuwe imiduli yawo eqinileyo emide njalo eliyithembileyo. Bazavimbezela amadolobho enu wonke aselizweni lelo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.
53 Ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwenu okuzabangelwa yikuvinjezelwa kwenu yizitha zenu, lizakudla inzalo yenu, inyama yamadodana kanye lamadodakazi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinike wona. 54 Loba indoda ethobekileyo kakhulu lelozwelo phakathi kwenu ayiyikuba lesihawu kumfowabo kumbe umfazi wayo emthandayo loba abantwabayo abasaphila, 55 kayiyikupha loba ngubani wabo inyama yabantwabayo eyabe iyidla. Kuzabe kuyikho kodwa okuseleyo ngenxa yokuhlupheka okwehliselwe phezu kwenu yizitha zenu ngesikhathi zilivimbezele emadolobheni enu wonke. 56 Owesifazane obuthakathaka njalo olozwelo phakathi kwenu, olozwelo njalo obuthakathaka okokuthi angeke athinte umhlabathi ngenyawo zakhe uzakuba lolaka endodeni yakhe ayithandayo lasendodaneni lendodakazini yakhe, 57 inzalo yethumbu lakhe abantwana abazeleyo. Ngoba esehlose ukubadla ensitha ngesikhathi sokuvinjezelwa lokuhlupheka isitha senu esizalehlisela khona phezu kwenu emadolobheni enu.
58 Lingayekela ukulandela ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alo umthetho, alotshwe kule incwadi, njalo lingalesabi lelibizo lenkazimulo eyesabekayo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, 59 uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu kanye lezizukulwane zenu izifo ezesabekayo, inhlupheko ezimangalisayo ezizathatha isikhathi eside, lemikhuhlane enzima engapheliyo. 60 Uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu imikhuhlane yonke yaseGibhithe elaliyesaba, inamathele phezu kwenu. 61 UTHIXO uzakwehlisela futhi phezu kwenu inhlobo zonke zemikhuhlane kanye lezinhlupheko ezimangalisayo ezingalotshwanga kule iNcwadi yoMthetho, lize libhujiswe. 62 Lina elalibanengi njengezinkanyezi zasemkhathini lizasala selibalutshwana, ngoba lingalalelanga uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. 63 Njengalokho kwamthokozisa uTHIXO ukuba aliphumelelise njalo alengezelele inani lenu, ngokufanayo kuzamthokozisa ukulichitha njalo alibhubhise. Lizasuswa elizweni lelo eselilungele ukungena kulo ukuthi lilithathe.
64 UTHIXO uzalihlakazela ezizweni zonke, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kuyefika komunye njalo. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo labenziwe ngamatshe, elingazange libazi lina kumbe okhokho benu. 65 Phakathi kwalezozizwe kaliyikufumana ukuphumula, kumbe indawo yokuphumuza inyawo zenu. Khonapho uTHIXO uzalipha ingqondo ekhathazekileyo lamehlo akhatheleyo ngokufisa, kanye lenhliziyo ethuthumelayo. 66 Lizahlalela ovalweni izikhathi zonke, ligcwele ukwesaba emini lebusuku, lingelaqiniso ngempilo yenu. 67 Ekuseni lizakuthi, ‘Aluba sekuntambama!’ ntambama lithi, ‘Ngabe kusekuseni!’ ngenxa yokwesaba okuzakwehlela inhliziyo zenu lengxenye yezinto elizazibona ngamehlo enu. 68 UTHIXO uzalithumela futhi eGibhithe ngemikhumbi uhambo engathi aliyikuluhamba futhi. Lapho lizazithengisa ezitheni njengezigqili zesilisa lezesifazane, kodwa kakho ozalithenga.”

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Ukuvuselelwa Kwesivumelwano

1 Lezi yizimiso zesivumelwano uTHIXO alaya uMosi ukuthi azenze labako-Israyeli eMowabi, phezu kwesivumelwano leso asenza labo eHorebhi.
2 UMosi wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli wathi kubo:

“Amehlo enu akubonile konke uTHIXO akwenza kuFaro eGibhithe, ezikhulwini zakhe zonke lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe. 3 Ngamehlo enu lazibonela imilingo emikhulu,

lezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo kanye lezimanga ezesabekayo. 4 Kodwa kuze kube
lamuhla UTHIXO kaliphanga ingqondo ezwisisayo, kumbe amehlo abonayo, loba
indlebe ezizwayo. 5 Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngilihola enkangala,
izigqoko zenu kazizange ziguge, loba izicathulo ezinyaweni zenu. 6 Alidlanga sinkwa
loba ukunatha iwayini kumbe ukunatha okudakayo. Ngakwenza lokhu ukuze lazi
ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.
7 Kwathi ekufikeni kwenu kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye
lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani balihlangabeza ukuze balwe lani, kodwa sabehlula.
8 Salithatha ilizwe labo salipha abakoRubheni, abakoGadi kanye lengxenye yesizwana
sakoManase njengelifa.
9 Ngakho gcinani izimiso zalesisivumelwano ukuze liphumelele kukho konke
elikwenzayo. 10 Lonke limi lapha lamuhla phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
abakhokheli benu kanye lezinduna zenu, abadala benu kanye lezikhulu zenu,
kanye lawo wonke amanye amadoda ako-Israyeli, 11 ndawonye labantwabenu kanye
labafazi benu, labezizweni abahlala ezihonqweni zenu beligamulela inkuni njalo be-
likhela amanzi. 12 Selimi lapha ukuze lingene esivumelwaneni LOTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu, isivumelwano UTHIXO asenzayo lani lamuhla esiqinisa ngesifungo, 13 eveza
ngokugcweleyo ukuthi lina lamuhla selingabantu bakhe, lokuthi abe nguNkulunkulu
wenu njengokulithembisa kwakhe njalo wafunga kubokhokho benu, u-Abhrahama,
u-Isaka loJakhobe. 14 Ngenza lesisivumelwano, langesifungo saso, hatshi lani kuphela
15 elimiyo kanye lathi lamuhla phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu kodwa lalabo
abangekhoyo lamuhla.
16 Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi sasiphila njani eGibhithe lokuthi sadabula njani
phakathi kwezizwe sisiza kulindawo. 17 Labona phakathi kwabo izithombe zabo
ezinengisayo ezenziwe ngezigodo lezamatshe, ezesiliva kanye lezegolide. 18 Wobani
leqiniso lokuthi akulandoda loba owesifazane, abosendo kumbe isizwana phakathi
kwenu lamuhla olenhliziyo ezafulathela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu ukuze akhonze
onkulunkulu bezizwe lezo; qaphelani funa kubelempande phakathi kwenu ethela
izithelo ezilempethu.
19 Lapho umuntu onjalo esizwa amazwi alesisifungo, athokozele ukuthi isibusiso
sehlele phezu kwakhe abesezitshela ukuthi, 'Ngizavikeleka, lanxa ngiqhubeka
ngizihambela ngezindlela zami.' Lokhu kuzaletha uhlupho olukhulu emhlabathini
omanzi lowomileyo. 20 UTHIXO kazimiselanga ukumthethelela; ulaka lwakhe kanye
lokutshiseka kwakhe kuzavutha phezu kwalowomuntu. Zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe
kule incwadi zizakwehlela phezu kwakhe, njalo UTHIXO uzacitsha ibizo lakhe
ngaphansi kwezulu. 21 UTHIXO uzamehlukanisa amsuse phakathi kwezizwana zonke
zako-Israyeli amehlisele uhlupho, kusiya ngazozonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano
ezilotshwe kule iNcwadi yoMthetho.
22 Abantwabenu abazakuza ngemva kwenu ezizukulwaneni ezilandelayo kanye
labezizwe abavela emazweni akude bazabona inhlupheko ezehlele lelilizwe lez-
ifo UTHIXO azehlisele kulo. 23 Ilizwe lonke lizakuba ngelichithiweyo latshiswa
laba litswayi lesolufa kungekho lutho oluhlanyelweyo, kungelalutho oluhlumayo,
kungekho zimila kulo. Kuzafana lokutshabalaliswa kweSodoma leGomora, i-Adima
kanye leZebhoyimi, UTHIXO awachitha ngolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. 24 Izizwe zonke
zizabuza zithi: 'UTHIXO ukwenzeleni lokhu elizweni leli na? Kungani ehlise ulaka
oluvuthayo lolwesabekayo kangaka na?'
25 Impendulo izakuba yikuthi: 'Kungenxa yokuthi abantu badela isivumel-
wano SIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, isivumelwano asenza labo
ekubakhupheni kwakhe eGibhithe. 26 Badukile bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu
babakhothamela, onkulunkulu abangazange babazi, onkulunkulu angazange abaphe

bona. 27 Ngalokho ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha phezu kwalelilizwe, waze wehlisela
phezu kwalo zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi. 28 UTHIXO wabasiphula
elizweni labo ngentukuthelo enkulu langolaka olukhulu wabalahlela kwelinye ilizwe,
njengoba kunjalo lakhathesi.'
29 Okufihlakeleyo NGOKUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezambuliweyo
zingezethu kanye labantwabethu kuze kube nininini, ukuze silandele wonke amazwi
alo umlayo."

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Ukuphumelela Ngemva Kokuphendukela KUTHIXO

1 "Kuzakuthi zonke lezizibusiso lalezi ziqalekiso engilimisele zona sezehlele phezu
kwenu beselizigcina ezinhliziyweni zenu kuyo yonke indawo lapho UTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu azalihlakazela khona phakathi kwezizwe, 2 lalapho lina labantwabenu
selibuyela KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu limlalela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langom-
phefumulo wenu wonke kusiya njengokulilaya kwami lamuhla, 3 kulapho UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu ezabuyisela ukuphumelela kwenu abe lozwelo kini njalo alibuthe
yena lapho alihlakazela khona ezizweni. 4 Kungaze kube khatshana okunganani
ngaphansi kwelanga lapho elizabe lixotshelwe khona, kusukela khonapho UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu uzalithatha libuye ekhaya. 5 Uzalikhokhelela elizweni alinika
okhokho benu, lina-ke lizalithatha libe ngelenu. Uzalenza liphumelele njalo lande
ukwedlula okhokho benu. 6 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzasoka inhliziyo zenu
kanye lezinhliziyo zezizukulwane zenu, ukuze limthande ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke
langomoya wenu wonke, liphile. 7 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzakwehlisela zonke
leziziqalekiso phezu kwezitha zenu ezilizondayo lezilihlukuluzayo. 8 Lizaphinda
njalo limlalele UTHIXO wenu njalo liyilandele imilayo yakhe engilinika yona
lamuhla. 9 Ngakho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumelelisa kakhulu kuyo yonke
imisebenzi yezandla zenu njalo alibusise ngenzalo langamazinyane ezifuyo zenu
lamabele amasimu enu. UTHIXO uzathokoza ngani njalo aliphumelelise, njengoba
wathokoza ngokhokho benu, 10 nxa lizalalela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ligcine
imilayo lezimiso lezo ezabhalwa kule iNcwadi yoMthetho liphendukele KUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke."

Isamukeliso Sokuphila Loba Ukufa

11 "Engililaya ngakho lamuhla akunzima kakhulu njalo akukhatshana lani ukuba
likufinyelele. 12 Akukho phezulu ezulwini, okungabangela ukuthi libuze lithi:
'Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini ayesithathela ukuze akwethule kithi sibe lakho
ukukulandela sikwenze na?' 13 Kanti njalo akukho ngaphetsheya kolwandle,
okungabangela ukuthi libuze lithi, 'Ngubani ozachapha ulwandle ayesithathela ukuze
akwethule kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze na?' 14 Akunjalo, ilizwi liseduzane
lawe kakhulu, lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyweni yakho ukuze ulilalele.
15 Khangelani, ngiletha phambi kwenu lamuhla ukuphila lokuphumelela, ukufa
lokubhidlika. 16 Ngakho ngiyalilaya lamuhla ukuthi lithande UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu, lihambe ezindleleni zakhe, kanye lokugcina imilayo yakhe, izimiso lemithetho;
ngalokho lizaphila lande, njalo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni
eselingena kulo ukuba lilithathe libe ngelenu.
17 Kodwa nxa inhliziyo zenu zifulathela lingabe lisalalela ngokuzithoba, njalo lin-
gaholelwa ekuthini likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libe selibakhonza, 18 ngiyalitshela
lamuhla ukuthi ngeqiniso lizabhujiswa. Aliyi kuphila isikhathi eside ezweni
elizalithatha ekuchapheni kwenu iJodani.

19 Lamuhla nginxusa izulu lomhlaba ukuba ngofakazi bami ukumelana lani
ngisithi sengimise phambi kwenu ukuphila lokufa, izibusiso leziqalekiso. Khathesi
zikhetheleni ukuphila, ukuze kuthi lina kanye labantwabenu libe lokuphila 20 kanye
lokuthi limthande UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lilalele ilizwi lakhe, libambelele liqine
kuye, ngoba UTHIXO uyikuphila kwenu, njalo nguye ozalinika iminyaka eminengi
lihlezi elizweni afunga ukuba uzalinika okhokho benu, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka
loJakhobe."

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UJoshuwa Uzathatha Isikhundla SikaMosi

1 UMosi waphuma wayakwethula lamazwi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli wathi:
2 "Sengileminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa angisenelisi uku-
likhokhela. UTHIXO usethe kimi, 'Awusayi kuchapha iJodani.' 3 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu. Uzabhubhisa lezizizwe phambi kwenu,
lina lizathatha ilizwe lazo libe ngelenu. UJoshuwa laye uzachapha ahambe phambi
kwenu, njengokutsho KUKATHIXO. 4 UTHIXO uzakwenza lokho akwenza kuSihoni lo-
Ogi, amakhosi ama-Amori, ababhubhisa wabatshabalalisa lamazwe abo. 5 UTHIXO
uzabanikela kini, lina-ke kufanele lenze lokho engililaye khona. 6 Qinani libe
lesibindi. Lingesabi lithithibale ngenxa yabo, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
uhamba lani, kayikulitshiya njalo kayikulifulathela."

7 Ngakho uMosi wasebiza uJoshuwa wasesithi kuye phambi kwakhe wonke u-
Israyeli, "Qina njalo iba lesibindi, ngoba kumele uhambe lalababantu kulelolizwe
UTHIXO afunga kubokhokho babo ukubanika, njalo uzamele ubabele lona
ubahlukanisele libe yilifa labo. 8 UTHIXO ngokwakhe uhamba phambi kwakho njalo
uzakuba lawe; kasoze akutshiye loba akufulathele. Ungesabi; ungapheli amandla."

Ukufundwa Komthetho

9 UMosi wawuloba phansi umthetho wawuqhubela abaphristi, amadodana abaLevi,
ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, kanye labadala bonke bako-
Israyeli. 10 UMosi wasebalaya wathi, "Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa,
ngomnyaka wokwesulelana izikwelede, ngoMkhosi weziHonqo, 11 ngesikhathi abako-
Israyeli bonke bezokuma phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azabe
eyikhethile, lizawubala lumthetho phambi kwabo bezizwela. 12 Lizabuthanisa
abantu, amadoda, abafazi labantwana, kanye labezizweni abahlala emadolobheni
enu ukuze bazizwele bafunde ukwesaba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu balandele
ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alumthetho. 13 Abantwababo, abangawaziyo lumthetho,
kumele bawuzwe njalo bafunde ukwesaba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ngasosonke
isikhathi lisahlezi kulelilizwe elizachapha uJodani ukuba liyelithatha."

Kuyeza Ukuhlamuka Kuka-Israyeli

14 UTHIXO wathi kuMosi, "Usuku lokubhubha kwakho selusondele. Biza uJoshuwa
lize lobabili ethenteni lokuhlangana, lapho engizamgcobela khona." Ngakho uMosi
loJoshuwa bahamba bayazethula ethenteni lokuhlangana.

15 UTHIXO wasebonakala ethenteni ngensika yeyezi, njalo iyezi lelo lema phezu
komnyango wethente. 16 UTHIXO waphinda wathi kuMosi: "Ususiyaphumula
laboyihlo, kanti-ke lababantu bazahugeka masinyazana bakhonze onkulunkulu
balelilizwe abazangena kulo. Bazangifulathela bephule isivumelwano engasenza
labo. 17 Ngalolosuku ngizabathukuthelela ngibafulathele; ngizabafihlela ubuso bami,
njalo bazabhujiswa. Bazakwehlelwa zingozi ezinengi lobunzima phezu kwabo,
njalo ngalolosuku bazabuza bathi: 'Kambe akusikuthi ingozi lezi zisehlela kubi
kangaka ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu kakho phakathi kwethu na?' 18 Ngiqinisile ubuso

bami ngizabufihla ngalolosuku ngenxa yobubi babo ngokuphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu.
19 Lobani lingoma liyifundise abako-Israyeli ukuze bayihlabele ibe ngufakazi
wami wokumelana labo. 20 Ngizakuthi sengibangenise elizweni eligeleza uchago
loluju, ilizwe engalithembisa okhokho babo ngesifungo, bathi nxa sebedle basutha
baphumelela, bazaphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu babakhonze, bangiphike
njalo bephule isivumelwano sami. 21 Kuzakuthi nxa sebehlaselwa zingozi lobun-
zima, ingoma le izakuba yibufakazi bokumelana labo ngoba ayiyikukhohlakala
lakuzizukulwane zabo. Ngiyakwazi okulula kubo ukuba bakwenze, lanxa ngingak-
abangenisi elizweni engibathembise lona ngesifungo." 22 Ngakho uMosi wabhala
leyongoma mhlalokho wahle wayifundisa abako-Israyeli.
23 UTHIXO wanika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni umlayo othi "Qina ube lesibindi,
ngoba uzangenisa abako-Israyeli elizweni engabathembisa lona ngesifungo, njalo
mina ngokwami ngizakuba lawe."
24 Ngemva kokuba uMosi eseqedile ukuloba ogwalweni amazwi alowomthetho
kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni, 25 walaya abaLevi ababethwala umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO wathi: 26 "Thathani iNcwadi yoMthetho le liyifake
eceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, izahlala lapha
njengofakazi walokho elikwenzayo. 27 Mina ngiyakwazi ukuhlamuka kwenu lokuba
ngontamozilukhuni kwenu. Nxa kade lihlamukela UTHIXO ngisaphila njalo ngiselani,
kuzakuba nganani ukuhlamuka kwenu nxa sengifile! 28 Buthanisani phambi kwami
bonke abadala bezizwana zenu kanye lezikhulu zenu zonke ukuze ngethule lamazwi
bezizwela nginxuse izulu lomhlaba ukuba kufakaze ububi babo. 29 Ngoba ngiyakwazi
ukuthi nxa ngingasekho sengifile lizaxhwala liphambuke endleleni engililaye yona.
Ensukwini ezizayo, lizawelwa yingozi ngoba lizakwenza ububi phambi KUKATHIXO
limvuse ulaka ngemisebenzi emibi yezandla zenu."

Ingoma KaMosi

30 Ngakho uMosi wawaphinda amazwi engoma leyo kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya
ekuphetheni ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lilalele:

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1 "Lalelani, we mazulu, ngizakhuluma,
zwana, we mhlaba, amazwi omlomo wami.
2 Akuthi imfundiso yami inethe njengezulu
kuthi amazwi ami ehle njengamazolo,
njengemifefezo etshanini obutsha,
njengezulu elinengi phezu kwamahlumela.

3 Ngizaliphakamisa ibizo LIKATHIXO.
Yebo dumisani ubukhulu bukaNkulunkulu wethu!
4 UliDwala, imisebenzi yakhe iphelele,
njalo zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile.
UNkulunkulu othembekileyo ongenzi okubi,
uqotho njalo ulungile yena.

5 Sebenze okubi phambi kwakhe;
balihlazo kabase bantwabakhe,
kodwa isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesingaqondanga.
6 Yiyonale na indlela yokubonga kwenu UTHIXO,
lina ziwula zabantu abangelakuhlakanipha?

KasuYihlo, uMdali wenu,
owalenzayo njalo owalibumbayo na?

7 Khumbulani insuku zakudala;
likhumbule izizukulwane zasendulo.
Buza uyihlo yena uzakutshela,
abadala benu, njalo bazakuchasisela.
8 Kwathi oPhezukonke esephe izizwe ilifa lazo,
eselwahlukanisile uluntu,
walufakela imingcele,
kusiya ngenani lamadodana ka-Israyeli.
9 Ngoba isabelo sikaThixo ngabantu bakhe,
uJakhobe yisabelo sakhe esikhethiweyo.

10 Wamfica elizweni eliyinkangala,
indawo engatheli lutho njalo elodlame.
Wamvikela, wamonga;
wamsingatha njengegugu lakhe,
11 njengokhozi lunyakazisa isidleke salo,
beselundiza phezu kwamachwane alo,
lwelule amaphiko alo ukuwagola,
luwathwale ngamaphiko alo.
12 Nguye yedwa uThixo owamkhokhelayo;
kungekho unkulunkulu wezizweni owayelaye.

13 Wamkhweza engqongeni yelizwe
wamondla ngezithelo zeganga.
Wamondla ngoluju olwaluvela edwaleni,
langamafutha aphuma ezingoxweni zeliwa,
14 lezankefu langochago oluvela emihlambini yenkomo leyezimvu;
lamazinyane anonisiweyo ezimvu lembuzi,
lenqama zekhethelo zaseBhashani,
kanye lengqoloyi elezinhlamvu ezinhle.
Wanatha igazi eliphuphumayo lesithelo samavini.

15 UJeshuruni wazimuka watshakala;
esesuthi ukudla, wakhuluphala waba butshelezi.
Wamlahla uNkulunkulu owamdalayo
waliphika iDwala uMsindisi wakhe.
16 Bambangela ubukhwele ngabonkulunkulu babo bezizweni
bamthukuthelisa ngezithombe zabo ezinengekayo.
17 Benza imihlatshelo kuwo amadimoni, wona angasiNkulunkulu,
onkulunkulu ababengazange babazi,
onkulunkulu ababesanda kuvela,
onkulunkulu ababengakhonzwa ngoyihlo.
18 Walihlamukela iDwala, elinguyihlo;
wakhohlwa uNkulunkulu owakuzalayo.

19 UThixo wakubona lokhu wabafulathela
ngoba wathukutheliswa ngamadodana lamadodakazi akhe.
20 ‘Ngizabufihla ubuso bami kubo,’ watsho uThixo,

‘ngize ngibone ukuthi bazaphetha ngani;
ngoba bayisizukulwana esixhwalileyo
abantwana abangathembekanga.
21 Bangenza ngaba lobukhwele ngalokho okwakungasinkulunkulu
njalo bangithukuthelisa ngezithombe zabo ezingasizi lutho.
Ngizabavusela umhawu ngesizwe esingesibantu balutho;
ngibazondise ngesizwe esingazwisisiyo.
22 Ngoba umlilo usulunyathiswe yikuthukuthela kwami,
wona otshisa ujule uze uyethinta ukufa ngaphansi.
Uzahangula udle umhlaba kanye lesivuno sawo
uthungele lezinsika zezintaba.

23 Ngizabehlisela izigigaba,
imitshoko yami iphelele phezu kwabo.
24 Ngizabathumela inkengane eqeda amandla,
izifo ezibhubhisayo lomkhuhlane otshabalalisayo;
ngizabathumela amazinyo abukhali ezinyamazana zeganga,
ubuthi bezinhlangwana ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini.
25 Ezindleleni inkemba izabaswelisa abantwana,
emizini kuzabusa uchuku.
Amadodana lamadodakazi azabhujiswa aphele,
abantwana abancinyane kanye lamadoda alenwele ezimhlophe.
26 Ngithe ngizabachitha
ngisuse imbali yabo bakhohlakale emhlabeni,
27 kodwa ngesaba ukweyisa kwesitha,
funa isitha singezwisisi
besesisithi, “Isandla sethu sinqobile,
njalo UTHIXO kakwenzanga konke lokhu.” ’

28 Bayisizwe esingelangqondo,
akukho ukuqedisisa kubo.
29 Ngabe kodwa bahlakaniphile njalo bezwisise lokhu,
babe lokuqedisisa ukuthi sizakuba yini isiphetho sabo!
30 Kungenzeka njani ukuthi umuntu oyedwa axotshane lenkulungwane,
loba ababili basukele izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zibaleke na,
ngaphandle kokuthi iDwala labo nxa labathengisa;
langaphandle kokuthi UTHIXO wabo esebahlanekele?
31 Ngoba elabo idwala alinjengelethu iDwala,
njengoba lezitha zethu zivuma.
32 Iwayini labo livela esivinini saseSodoma
lasemasimini aseGomora.
Amagrebisi abo agcwele itshefu,
lamaxha awo amunyu.
33 Iwayini labo liyibuthi bezinyoka,
ubuhlungu obubulalayo bezinhlangwana.

34 ‘Kambe lokhu angikugodlanga na
ngakugcikela eziphaleni zami na?
35 Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela.
Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo unyawo lwabo luzatshelela;
usuku lwabo lokubhujiswa luseduze,

ukuchitheka kwabo kubalanda ngesiqubu.’

36 UTHIXO uzakwahlulela abantu bakhe,
abe lozwelo ezincekwini zakhe
lapho esebona amandla abo ephela
njalo kakho ozasala, isigqili loba okhululekileyo.
37 Uzakuthi: ‘Kanti bangaphi onkulunkulu babo,
lelodwala ababephephela kulo,
38 onkulunkulu abadla amafutha emihlatshelo yabo
njalo banatha iwayini elingumnikelo wokunathwayo kwabo?
Kabaphakame balincedise!
Kabaliphe umthunzi wokuphephela!

39 Angithi liyazibonela ukuthi Mina ngiNguye!
Kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami.
Ngiyabhubhisa njalo ngiyaphilisa.
Ngilimazile njalo ngizelapha,
kakho ongaphunyuka esandleni sami.
40 Ngiphakamisela isandla sami ezulwini ngithi:
Njengoba ngeqiniso ngiphila nini lanini,
41 nxa ngilola inkemba yami ephazimayo
lesandla sami siyibamba ekwehluleleni,
ngizaphindisela kuzozonke izitha zami,
ngiphindisele kulabo abangizondayo.
42 Imitshoko yami izagava igazi,
kanti inkemba izakudla enyameni:
igazi lalabo ababulawayo labathunjwayo,
amakhanda alabo abangabakhokheli bezitha.’

43 Jabulani, lina zizwe, kanye labantu bakhe,
ngoba uzaphindisela igazi lezinceku zakhe,
uzaphindisela ezitheni zakhe,
njalo enzele ilizwe lakhe labantu bakhe indlela yokubuyisana.”
44 UMosi weza loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wethula wonke amazwi engoma le abantu bonke besizwa. 45 UMosi wathi eqeda ukuwethula lamazwi phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, 46 wathi kubo, “Alondolozeni ezinhliziyweni zenu wonke lamazwi engiwethule phambi kwenu ngesifungo lamuhla, ukuze libe lakho ukubalaya abantwabenu ukuba bawalalele ngonanzelelo amazwi alo umthetho. 47 Akusimazwi alula nje kini, ayikuphila kwenu. Ngala amazwi lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni eselingena kulo lichapha uJodani ukuba lilithathe libe ngelenu.”

UMosi Uzafela Entabeni YaseNebho

48 Ngalolosuku UTHIXO watshela uMosi wathi, 49 “Khwela uye okhahlamba lwezintaba zase-Abharimi eNtabeni yaseNebho kwelamaMowabi, ngaphetsheya kweJerikho, ukuze ubone iKhenani, ilizwe engilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba balithathe libe ngelabo. 50 Phezu kwaleyontaba okhwele phezu kwayo uzakufa umbelwe uye kubokhokho bakho njengoba u-Aroni laye wafela entabeni yaseHori wembelwa kwabakibo. 51 Lokhu kungenxa yokuthi lina lobabili lalahla ithemba lenu kimi phambi kwabako-Israyeli emachibini aseMeribha Khadeshi, eNkangala yaseZini langenxa yokuthi alizange lime ngobungcwele bami phambi kwabako-Israyeli.

52 Ngenxa yalokho, ilizwe uzalibonela kude, awusoze ungene elizweni esengilinika
abako-Israyeli ukuba bangene kulo.”

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UMosi Ubusisa Izizwana Zako-Israyeli

1 Lesi yiso isibusiso esethulwa nguMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu kwabako-Israyeli
engakafi. 2 Wathi:
“UTHIXO wehla evela eSinayi
njalo wakhazimula kubo ngaseSeyiri;
wakhanyisa njalo kusiya eNtabeni yasePharani.
Wabuya labazinkulungwane ezilitshumi zabangcwele
bevelela eningizimu, emehlweni ezintaba zakhe.
3 Ngempela nguwe othanda abantu,
bonke abangcwele basezandleni zakho.
Ezinyaweni zakho bayakhothama
bonke bamukele iziqondiso ezivela kuwe,
4 umthetho esawuphiwa nguMosi,
inotho yebandla likaJakhobe.
5 Wayeyinkosi phezu kukaJeshuruni
lapho abakhokheli babantu bebuthene,
ndawonye lezizwana zako-Israyeli.

6 Kaphile uRubheni njalo angafi,
abesilisa bakhe bangaphunguki babebalutshwana.”
7 Lokhu wakutsho ngoJuda:
“Zwana, wena THIXO wami, ukukhala kukaJuda;
mlethe ebantwini bakhe.
Ngezandla zakhe uvikela lokho akumeleyo.
Yebo, msize amelane lezitha zakhe!”
8 NgoLevi wathi:
“IThumimi kanye le-Urimi yakho ngokwayo
inceku yakho ethembekileyo.
Wamhlola eMasa;
waba laye emachibini aseMeribha.
9 Wathi ngoyise lonina,
‘Angilandaba labo mina.’
Kazange akwamukele ukuthi ulabafowabo
njalo kazange ananze abantwabakhe,
kodwa walilondoloza ilizwi lakho
wasigcina isivumelwano sakho.
10 Ufundisa amanyathelo akho kuJakhobe
lomthetho wakho ku-Israyeli.
Unikela ngempepha phambi kwakho
langeminikelo egcweleyo yokutshiswa e-alithareni.
11 Busisa bonke ubuciko bakhe, THIXO,
ujabule ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe.
Babhubhise labo abamvukelayo;
zitshaye izitha zakhe zingaphindi zimvukele.”
12 NgoBhenjamini wathi:
“Yekelani othandekayo kaTHIXO

aphumule kuye evikelekile,
ngoba umvikela ilanga lonke,
kanti njalo lowo UTHIXO amthandayo
uphumula emahlombe akhe.”
13 NgoJosefa wathi:
“Sengathi UTHIXO angabusisa umhlaba wakhe
ngamazolo aligugu avela phezulu ezulwini
langamanzi ajulileyo ageleza ngaphansi;
14 langobuhle obuyingqala obulethwa lilanga
kanye lokucoleka okungalethwa yinyanga;
15 lezipho zekhethelo zasezintabeni zendulo
lokuthela kwezithelo zamaqaqa emi nini lanini;
16 langezipho eziyingqala zomhlaba lokugcwala kwawo
lozwelo lwakhe yena owayesesixukwini esivuthayo.
Konke lokhu akube sekhanda likaJosefa,
ebunzini lobuso benkosana phakathi kwabafowabo.
17 Ebukhosini unjengenkunzi encane elizibulo;
impondo zakhe zinjengezenyathi.
Ngazo uzagweba abhuqe izizwe,
aze agwebe lalezo ezisemaphethelweni omhlaba.
Banjalo abezinkulungwane zamatshumi baka-Efrayimi;
banjalo abezinkulungwane zikaManase.”
18 NgoZebhuluni wathi:
“Jabula, Zebhuluni, ekuphumeni kwakho,
lawe wena, Isakhari, emathenteni akho.
19 Bazabizela abantu ezintabeni khonale
banikele imihlatshelo yabo yokulunga;
bazakudla baminze ngobunengi bokusolwandle
ngawo amagugu afihlakele etshebetshebeni.”
20 NgoGadi wathi:
“Ubusisiwe lowo oqhelisa umbuso kaGadi!
UGadi uhlala khona njengesilwane,
edlithiza engalweni loba ekhanda.
21 Wazikhethela umhlaba omuhle okwamagama waba ngowakhe;
isabelo somkhokheli sagcinelwa yena.
Kwathi ekuhlanganeni kwabakhokheli babantu,
wakwenza lokho okufunwa NGUTHIXO olungileyo,
kanye lokwahlulela kwakhe kwabako-Israyeli.”
22 NgoDani wathi:
“UDani ngumdlwane wesilwane,
otshakala uphuma eBhashani.”
23 NgoNafithali wathi:
“UNafithali uyaphuphuma ngozwelo LUKATHIXO
njalo ugcwele izibusiso zakhe;
elakhe ilifa uzazuza kusiya eningizimu ngechibini.”
24 Ngo-Asheri wathi:
“Obusisiweyo kakhulu kulawo wonke amadodana ngu-Asheri;
ababelozwelo kuye abafowabo,
myekeleni ageze inyawo zakhe emafutheni.
25 Amabhawudo emasangweni akho azakuba ngawensimbi lethusi

njalo amandla akho azalingana insuku zakho.

26 Kakho ofana loNkulunkulu kaJeshuruni,
ophezulu emazulwini ukuze akuncede
kanti njalo lasemayezini ngobukhosi bakhe.
27 UNkulunkulu ongusimakade uyisiphephelo sakho,
njalo ngaphansi kuzingalo ezingelakuphela.
Uzazixotsha izitha phambi kwakho
esithi, 'Mbulale!'
28 Ngakho u-Israyeli uzaphila yedwa evikelekile,
umthombo kaJakhobe uvikelekile,
elizweni lamabele kanye lewayini elitsha,
lapho amazulu phezulu akhithizela khona amazolo.
29 Ubusisiwe wena, Oh Israyeli!
Ngubani onjengawe,
abantu abahlengwa NGUTHIXO?
Ulihawu lakho lomsizi wakho
njalo uyinkemba yakho ekhazimulayo.
Izitha zakho zizatshotshobala phambi kwakho
njalo uzazinyathela phansi
zonke izindawo zabo zokukhonza eziphakemeyo."

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Ukufa KukaMosi

1 UMosi wasekhwela eNtabeni yaseNebho evelela emagcekeni eMowabi esiya phezu
kwePhisiga, ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. Kukhonale UTHIXO amtshengisa
khona ilizwe lonke, kusukela eGiliyadi kusiya kwelikaDani, 2 lonke elikaNafithali,
ilizwe lika-Efrayimi lelikaManase, lonke ilizwe likaJuda kusiyafika olwandle olun-
gentshonalanga, 3 iNegebi kanye lomhlaba wonke osuka eSigodini seJerikho, iDolobho
laMalala, kusiya kude khonale eZowari. 4 Ngakho UTHIXO wathi kuye, "Leli yilo ilizwe
engathembisa ngesifungo u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, lapho engathi khona,
'Ngizalinika izizukulwane zenu.' Ngikuvumele ukuthi ulibone ngawakho amehlo,
kodwa awusoze uchaphele kulo."
5 Ngakho uMosi inceku KATHIXO wafela khonapho kwelamaMowabi, njengokwakut-
shiwo NGUTHIXO. 6 Wamngcwaba eMowabi, esigodini esikhangelene leBhethi-Pheyori,
kodwa kuze kube lamuhla lokhu kakho loyedwa olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe. 7 UMosi
wayeseleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe, ikanti amehlo akhe
ayesabona kuhle njalo engakaphelelwa ngamandla. 8 Abako-Israyeli bamlilela uMosi
emagcekeni aseMowabi okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, kwaze kwedlula
insuku zokukhala lokulila.
9 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wayegcwele umoya wokuhlakanipha ngoba uMosi
wayembeke izandla. Ngakho abako-Israyeli bamlalela njalo benza lokho UTHIXO
ayekulaye uMosi.
10 Kusukela lapho, kakukabi lomunye njalo umphrofethi ko-Israyeli onjengoMosi,
owayesaziwa NGUTHIXO ubuso ngobuso, 11 owenza zonke lezozimanga lezibonakaliso
ayethunywe NGUTHIXO ukuba ayezenza eGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke izikhulu
zakhe lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe. 12 Ngoba kakho oyake atshengisele amandla
amakhulu kangako loba ukwenza izenzo ezesabekayo uMosi azenzayo emehlweni
abo bonke abako-Israyeli.

UJoshuwa

UTHIXO Ulaya UJoshuwa

1 Ngemva kokufa kukaMosi inceku KATHIXO, UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni, umsekeli kaMosi: 2 "UMosi inceku yami usefile. Ngakho-ke, wena labantu
bonke laba, lungiselelani ukuchapha umfula uJodani liye elizweni esengizalinika
lona, abako-Israyeli. 3 Ngizalinika zonke izindawo lapho elizanyathela khona
ngezinyawo zenu njengokuthembisa engakwenza kuMosi. 4 Ilizwe lenu lizasukela
enkangala yeLebhanoni lasemfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe, ilizwe lonke lamaHithi, lize
liyekhawula olwandle olukhulu entshonalanga. 5 Kakulamuntu ozenelisa ukumelana
lani zonke insuku zokuphila kwenu. Njengoba ngangiloMosi, ngizakuba lawe;
kangisoze ngikutshiye, kangisoze ngikudele. 6 Qina ube lesibindi ngenxa yokuthi
uzakhokhela abantu laba ukuze bayethatha ilizwe elilifa labo engafunga kubokhokho
babo ukuthi ngizabanika lona.
7 Qina ube lesibindi. Ugcine yonke imithetho owayiphiwa nguMosi inceku yami,
ungaze waphambuka kuyo uye kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo ukuze uphumelele
kuzozonke izindawo ozakuya kuzo. 8 INcwadi yoMthetho le kayingasuki emlonyeni
wakho, cabanga ngayo emini lebusuku ukuze unanzelele ukugcina konke okulotshwe
kuyo. Ngokwena njalo uzaphumelela. 9 Angikulayanga na? Qina ube lesibindi,
ungethuki njalo ungalahli ithemba, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho uzakuba lawe
loba kungaphi lapho oya khona."
10 Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa walaya iziphathamandla zabantu wathi: 11 "Dabulani
phakathi kwezihonqo litshele abantu ukuthi, 'Lungisani imiphako yenu. Ensukwini
ezintathu kusukela lamhla lizachapha uJodani lapha ukuze lingene liyethatha ilizwe
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu!' "
12 UJoshuwa wathi kwabakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase,
13 "Khumbulani umlayo uMosi inceku KATHIXO alinika wona owokuthi: 'UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumuza ngokulinika ilizwe leli.' 14 Amakhosikazi enu,
abantwabenu lezifuyo zenu zingahlala elizweni elalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga
yeJodani, kodwa ibutho lenu lonke, lihlome liphelele, kumele lichaphe ngaphambi
kwabafowenu. Kuzamele lincedise abafowenu, 15 UTHIXO aze abaphumuze, njenga-
lokho alenzele khona lina, labo baze bathathe ilizwe lelo UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
abanika lona. Ngemva kwalokho selingabuyela liyehlala elizweni lenu, uMosi inceku
KATHIXO alinika lona ngempumalanga yeJodani."
16 Baphendula uJoshuwa bathi, "Konke osilaya khona sizakwenza, lalapho osithuma
khona sizahamba. 17 Njengalokhu salalela uMosi ngokupheleleyo, lawe sizakulalela.
Sifisa ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho abe lawe njengoba wayeloMosi. 18 Yiloba
ngubani ohlamukela ilizwi lakho njalo engalaleli lokho okutshoyo, lalokho oyabe
ukulaya, kumele abulawe. Kumele uqine ube lesibindi!"

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URahabi Lezinhloli

1 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wasethumela inhloli ezimbili ngasese zisuka eS-
hithima. Wathi kuzo, "Hambani liyehlola ilizwe lakhona, ikakhulu iJerikho." Ngakho
zahamba zayangena endlini yesifebe esithiwa nguRahabi, zahlala khona.
2 Inkosi yaseJerikho yatshelwa ukuthi "Khangela! Abanye abantu bako-Israyeli
bafike lapha ebusuku ukuzohlola ilizwe lethu." 3 Ngakho inkosi yaseJerikho

yathumela ilizwi kuRahabi yathi, “Khupha amadoda angene endlini yakho, ngoba alande ukuzohlola ilizwe lonke.”
4 Kodwa owesifazane wayethethe amadoda womabili wawafihla. Wasesithi,
“Liqiniso amadoda afikile kimi, kodwa bengingazi ukuthi abevela ngaphi. 5 Kusihlwa,
sesifikile isikhathi sokuvala isango ledolobho, amadoda asuke azihambela. Kangikwazi ukuthi aqonde ngaphi. Axhumeni masinyane. Engxenye lingawafica.”
6 (Kodwa wayebakhweze phezu kophahla wabafihla ngaphansi kwezinqwaba zesikusha ayesichaye ophahleni). 7 Ngakho amadoda aphuma ijumo elandela inhloli
emgwaqweni oya ezibukweni leJodani, njalo athi esanda kuphuma isango lavalwa.
8 Inhloli zathi zingakalali ngalobobusuku, wakhwela phezu kophahla 9 wasesithi
kuzo, “Ngiyazi ukuthi UTHIXO uselinike lelilizwe lokuthi sonke sesehlelwe yikwesaba
okukhulu ngenxa yenu, okwenza ukuthi bonke abahlala kulelilizwe babelomhedehede wokulesaba. 10 Sesizwile ukuthi UTHIXO walenzela amanzi oLwandle Olubomvu
atsha ngesikhathi liphuma eGibhithe, lalokho elakwenza kuSihoni lo-Ogi amakhosi
amabili ama-Amori empumalanga yeJodani elawatshaya lawaqothula. 11 Sathi
sikuzwa lokho inhliziyo zethu zahle zaphela amandla njalo wonke umuntu kazabe
esaba lesibindi ngenxa yenu ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu
ophezulu ezulwini laphansi emhlabeni.
12 Ngakho-ke ngicela ukuthi lifunge kimi NGOTHIXO ukuthi lizakuba lomusa emulini
yami ngoba lami ngitshengise umusa kini. 13 Nginikani isiqiniseko sokuthi lizaphephisa impilo kababa lomama, abanewethu labodadewethu labo bonke abangababo,
njalo lizasisindisa ekufeni.”
14 Amadoda amthembisa athi, “Ukuphila kwethu yikuphila kwenu! Ungayekela
ukuveza lokho esikwenzayo sizakwenzela umusa lokwethembeka lapho UTHIXO
esesipha ilizwe.”
15 Ngakho-ke wabehlisela phansi ngentambo baphuma ngefasitela kalokho indlu
ayehlala kuyo yayingumduli munye lalowo owawugombolozele idolobho. 16 Wayethe
kubo, “Qondani emaqaqeni ukwenzela ukuthi abaxhuma umzila wenu bangaze
balifica. Licatshe khonale okwensuku ezintathu baze baphenduke beseliqhubeka
ngendlela yenu.”
17 Amadoda athi kuye, “Isifungo osifungise sona sizakuba yize 18 ngaphandle
kokuthi nxa sesingena kulelilizwe sifice ubophele leliqhele elibomvu ewindini
osikhuphe ngalo, njalo usulethe uyihlo lonyoko, abafowenu lemuli yakho yonke
endlini yakho. 19 Nxa umuntu angaphuma phandle kwendlu yakho abesesiya
esitaladeni, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda lakhe: kawusoze ube ngumlandu wethu.
Kuye wonke oyabe ephakathi kwendlu kanye lawe, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda
lethu nxa angavele athintwe. 20 Kodwa ungavele uveze lokhu esikwenzayo, sizabe
sesikhululiwe esifungweni osifungise sona.”
21 Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyavuma, kakube njengokutsho kwenu.”
Ngakho wavalelisana labo basebezihambela. Wasebophela iqhele elibomvu
ewindini.
22 Bathi besuka lapho baqonda emaqaqeni lapho abahlala khona okwensuku
ezintathu ababebaxhuma baze badela ukubadinga emgwaqweni wonke, basebebuyela bengababonanga. 23 Ngakho-ke amadoda womabili aphindela emuva. Ehla
emaqaqeni, achapha umfula, afika kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni amtshela konke
okwakwenzakele kuwo. 24 Athi kuJoshuwa, “UTHIXO ngeqiniso uphe ilizwe lonke
ezandleni zethu; bonke abantu bayathuthumela ngokwesaba, ngenxa yethu.”

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Ukuchapha UJodani

1 Ekuseni kakhulu uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli basuka eShithima baqonda
eJodani lapho abamisa khona izihonqo zabo bengakachaphi. 2 Ngemva kwensuku
ezintathu iziphathamandla zangena phakathi kwezihonqo, 3 zinika imilayo ebantwini
zisithi, “Lapho libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
labaphristi abangabaLevi belithwele kuzamele litshiye izindawo zenu lililandele.
4 Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi lilandele yiphi indlela, njengoba lingakaze libe kuwonalo
umango. Kodwa kumele ligcine ibanga elingaba yizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezimbili
phakathi kwenu lomtshokotsho; lingasondeli phansi kwalo.”
5 UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini, “Zihlambululeni ngoba kusasa UTHIXO uzakwenza
izimanga phakathi kwenu.”
6 UJoshuwa wathi kubaphristi, “Thathani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano bese-
likhokhela phambi kwabantu.” Ngakho bawuthatha basebehamba phambi kwabo.
7 UTHIXO wasesithi kuJoshuwa, “Lamhla ngizaqalisa ukukuphakamisa emehlweni
abako-Israyeli bonke ukuze babone ukuthi ngilawe njengoba ngangiloMosi. 8 Tshela
abaphristi abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano uthi, ‘Lingafika okhunjini
lwamanzi kaJodani, lingene liyekuma phakathi komfula.’ ”
9 UJoshuwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, “Wozani lapha lizolalela amazwi KATHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu. 10 Lokhu yikho okuzakwenza ukuthi lazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu
ophilayo uphakathi kwenu njalo ngempela uzaxotsha phambi kwenu amaKhenani,
amaHithi, amaHivi, amaPherizi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori lamaJebusi. 11 Khangelani,
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi womhlaba wonke lizangena phakathi kwe-
Jodani phambi kwenu. 12 Ngakho-ke, khethani amadoda alitshumi lambili esuka
ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli, oyedwa esizwaneni esisodwa. 13 Kuzakuthi masinyazana
abaphristi abathwele umtshokotsho KATHIXO, iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, sebengene
eJodani, amanzi omfula ogelezayo azakwehlukaniswa abesesima abe yinqwaba.”
14 Ngakho kwathi abantu sebesuke ezihonqweni ukuze bayechapha uJo-
dani, abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano bahamba phambili.
15 UJodani wayehlala egcwele ngezikhathi zonke zokuvuna. Kukanti kwathi
abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho befika eJodani inyawo zabo zazithinta amanzi,
16 amanzi ayevelela ngaphezulu ema ukugeleza. Abuthana aba yinqwaba ema
khatshana laphaya, malungana ledolobho elithiwa yi-Adamu duzane leZarethani
kukanti amanzi ayegelezela phansi ngekuyeni olwandle lwe-Arabha (okutsho uLwan-
dle Lwetswayi) ahle ehlukaniswa ngokupheleleyo. Ngakho-ke abantu bachaphela
ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. 17 Abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO bema bathi mpo emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi
kweJodani, ngesikhathi abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bechapha isizwe sonke saze
saqeda ukuchapha emhlabathini owomileyo.

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1 Kwathi isizwe sonke sesimchaphile uJodani, UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, 2 “Khetha
amadoda alitshumi lambili phakathi kwabantu, yileyo imele isizwana sako-Israyeli,
3 ubusubatshela ukuthi bathathe amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi laphakathi
kweJodani kusukela lapho okwakumi khona abaphristi, beseliwathwala liwabeke
endaweni elizalala kuyo lamuhla ebusuku.”
4 Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wabiza amadoda alitshumi lambili ayewakhethe phakathi
kwabako-Israyeli, eyodwa ivela esizwaneni. 5 Wasesithi kuwo, “Hambani
phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu liye phakathi
laphakathi kweJodani. Omunye lomunye wenu kumele athwale ilitshe ehlombe
lakhe, kusiya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, 6 ukuze kube luphawu phakathi

kwenu. Kwelizayo nxa abantwana benu belibuza besithi, ‘Kanti amatshe la atshoni?’ 7 Libatshele ukuthi ukugeleza kweJodani kwamiswa phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano SIKATHIXO. Kwathi lapho umtshokotsho uchapha iJodani, amanzi omfula uJodani ehlukaniswa. Amatshe la azakuba yisukhumbuzo ebantwini bako-Israyeli nini lanini.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 Ngelanga letshumi enyangeni yakuqala abantu basuka eJodani bayamisa izihonqo eGiligali emngceleni ongempumalanga yeJerikho. 20 UJoshuwa wamisa amatshe alitshumi ayethethwe phakathi kweJodani eGiligali. 21 Wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli wathi, “Kwelizayo nxa izizukulwane zenu zingabuza abazali bazo zisithi, ‘Amatshe la atshoni?’ 22 Kumele libatshele ukuthi ‘Abako-Israyeli bachapha uJodani emhlabathini owomileyo!’ 23 Ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu womisa umfula uJodani phambi kwenu laze lachapha. UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wenza kuJodani lokho akwenza oLwandle Olubomvu aze alomise phambi kwethu saze sachapha sonke. 24 Wenza lokhu ukuze abantu bonke bomhlaba bakwazi ukuthi isandla SIKATHIXO silamandla lokuthi lihlale limesaba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.”

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

Ukusokwa LePhasika EGiligali

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

4 Lokhu wakwenzela ukuthi: Bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe, wonke amadoda ayengabuthelwa empini afela enkangala esemangweni wokusuka eGibhithe. 5 Bonke

abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu ababezalelwe enkangala phakathi kohambo lokusuka eGibhithe babengasokwanga. 6 Abako-Israyeli babezulazule enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, amadoda wonke ayefanele ukubuthelwa empini ngesikhathi esuka eGibhithe aze afa, njengoba engazange amlalele UTHIXO. Ngoba UTHIXO wayefunge waqinisa kubo wathi ayengasoze alibone ilizwe ayelithembise okhokho babo ukuthi bazalinikwa, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. 7 Ngakho wondla amadodana ezikhundleni zawo, njalo yiwo la asokwa nguJoshuwa. Ayelokhu engakasokwa ngoba kungazange kube lethuba lokubasoka endleleni. 8 Kwathi isizwe sonke sesisokiwe, sahlala ezihonqweni baze baphola.

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

10 Kusihlwa ngelanga letshumi lane kuleyo nyanga, bathi belokhu besamise izihonqo zabo eGiligali emagcekeni eJerikho, abako-Israyeli bagcina iPhasika. 11 Ngokusa olwalandela usuku lwePhasika badla okunye kwesivuno sabo ababekuvunile: isinkwa esingelamvubelo lamabele akhanzingiweyo. 12 Imana yema ukukhithika ngelanga elalandela lelo abadla ngalo ukudla okwakuvela emhlabathini; ngakho kwakungasela mana yabako-Israyeli, kodwa ngalowomnyaka badla okwelizwe leKhenani.

Ukuwa KweJerikho

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

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

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

6

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

2 Ngakho UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Khangela, senginikele iJerikho, inkosi yayo kanye lamabutho ayo ezandleni zakho. 3 Hambani libhode idolobho kanye lamadoda wonke ahlomileyo. Kwenzeni lokhu okwensuku eziyisithupha. 4 Abaphristi abayisikhombisa kabathwale amacilongo enziwe ngempondo zenqama phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa libhode idolobho kasikhombisa, abaphristi bevuthela amacilongo. 5 Nxa lingabezwa sebetshaya amacilongo bedonsa, abantu bonke kabahlabe umkhosi; umduli wedolobho uzadilika abantu bahle bangene, yilowo lalowo aqonde phambili.”

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

8 Kwathi uJoshuwa esekhulume labantu, abaphristi abayisikhombisa ababethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa phambi KUKATHIXO bahamba phambili bevuthela amacilongo, njalo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ubalandela. 9 Amabutho ayehlomile ahamba phambi kwabaphristi ababevuthela amacilongo, njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela umtshokotsho. Ngasosonke lesisikhathi amacilongo ayekhala. 10 Kodwa uJoshuwa wayelaye abantu wathi, “Lingaze lahlaba umkhosi wempini, lingakhwezi

amazwi enu, lingakhulumi lutho kuze kufike isikhathi engizalitshela ngaso ukuthi limemeze. Beselihlaba-ke umkhosi.” 11 Ngakho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
SIKATHIXO bawuthwala babhoda lawo idolobho kanye. Abantu babuyela ezihonqweni bayalala.

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

15 Ngelanga lesikhombisa bavuka emadabukakusa babhoda idolobho kasikhombisa ngendlela efanayo, ngaphandle kokuthi ngalelolanga babhoda kasikhombisa. 16 Ngokwesikhombisa, kwathi abaphristi bekhalisa amacilongo, uJoshuwa walaya abantu wathi, “Memezani! Ngoba UTHIXO useliphile idolobho. 17 Idolobho lakho konke okukulo kuzakwahlukaniselwa UTHIXO. URahabi isifebe lalabo ahlala labo endlini yakhe yibo abazasindiswa ngenxa yokuthi wafihla inhloli esazithumayo. 18 Kodwa xwayani izinto ezahlukaniselwe ukubhujiswa, ukwenzela ukuthi lingazehliseli ukubhujiswa ngokuthatha okunye kwalezozinto. Lokho kungenza ukuthi izihonqo zako-Israyeli zehlelwe luhlupho njalo zitshabalaliswe. 19 Sonke isiliva, igolide lezinto zonke ezenziwe ngethusi langensimbi ezingcwele zileTheni KUTHIXO njalo kumele zifakwe esiphaleni sakhe sengcebo.”

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

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

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

26 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wenza isifungo esiqinileyo esithi, “Iqalekisiwe phambi KUKATHIXO indoda ezimisela ukwakha kutsha lelidolobho laseJerikho:
Ngempilo yezibulo lakhe lendodana
uzakwenza izisekelo;
ngempilo yecinathunjana
uzalungisa amasango alo.”

27 UTHIXO wayeloJoshuwa, udumo lwakhe lwanda elizweni lonke.

7

Isono Sika-Akhani

1 Kodwa abako-Israyeli bephula umthetho ngokuphathelane lengcebo eyayehlukaniselwe UTHIXO; u-Akhani indodana kaKhami, indodana kaZabhidi,

indodana kaZera, owesizwana sakoJuda, wathatha ezinye zakhona. Ngakho ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha kwabako-Israyeli.

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

3 Bathi bephindela kuJoshuwa bafika bathi, “Akudingeki ukuthi lonke ibutho liyelwisana le-Ayi. Thumela amadoda azinkulungwane ezimbili kumbe ezintathu nje ukuze ayoyithumba njalo ungaze wadinisa ibutho lonke, ngenxa yokuthi lelodolobho lilabantu abalutshwana.” 4 Amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezintathu asuka ahamba kodwa ehlulwa ngamadoda e-Ayi, wona 5 abulala amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha. Baxotsha abako-Israyeli besuka esangweni ledolobho baze bayabatshiya enkwalini bababulalela ekwehleni. Bathi besizwa lokhu abantu baba lokwesaba okukhulu, baphelelwa ngamandla.

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

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

13 Hamba ungcwelise abantu. Ubatshele uthi, ‘Zingcweliseni ukulungiselela kusasa; ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ukuthi: Lokho okwahlukaniselwe UTHIXO kuphakathi kwenu, lina bako-Israyeli. Kalingeke limelane lezitha zenu ngaphandle kokuba selikukhuphile.

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

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

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

20 U-Akhani waphendula wathi, “Liqiniso! Ngonile phambi KUKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli. Nanku engikwenzileyo: 21 Ngathi ngibona phakathi kwempango ingubo enhle yaseBhabhiloni, lamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili

lomgqala wegolide olesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha. Ngakumbela phansi ethenteni lami, isiliva singaphansi."

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

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

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

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Ukutshabalaliswa Kwe-Ayi

1 UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, "Ungesabi, ungalahli ithemba. Thatha ibutho lonke uhambe uyehlasela i-Ayi, ngoba senginikele inkosi yase-Ayi, abantu bayo, idolobho layo lelizwe layo ezandleni zakho. 2 Khonale uzakwenza owakwenza eJerikho lenkosini yakhona, kodwa lingazithathela impahla zonke eliyabe lizithumbile lezifuyo kube ngokwenu. Cathamani ngemva kwedolobho."

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

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

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

14 Inkosi yase-Ayi yathi ibona lokhu yona lawo wonke amadoda akulelodolobho aphanga aphuma kusesele ekuseni ukuze ayehlangana lo-Israyeli empini kweyinye indawo ekhangelane le-Arabha. Kodwa yayingazi ukuthi kwakulamabutho ayeyicathamele ngemva kwedolobho. 15 UJoshuwa labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathambela ukubuyiselwa emuva, babalekela enkangala. 16 Wonke amadoda e-Ayi atshelwa

ukuthi abaxotshe, basebexotshana loJoshuwa badonselwa khatshana ledolobho.
17 Kakukho lendoda eyodwa eyasala e-Ayi kumbe eBhetheli engazanga ixotshane
labako-Israyeli.

18 UTHIXO wasesithi kuJoshuwa, “Phakamisa umkhonto osesandleni ukhombe e-
Ayi, ngenxa yokuthi idolobho leli ngizalinikela ezandleni zakho.” Ngakho uJoshuwa
wakhombela e-Ayi ngomkhonto wakhe. 19 Wathi esanda kwenza lokhu, amadoda
ayecathamele ukuhlasela aphakama masinyane ezindaweni ayekuzo agijimela pham-
bili. Angena edolobheni alithumba, aphanga alithungela ngomlilo.

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

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

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

Ukuvuselelwa Kwesivumelwano ENtabeni Yase-Ebhali

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

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

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Ubuqili BamaGibhiyoni

1 Kwathi amakhosi wonke ayebusa ngentshonalanga yeJodani, layeselizweni
lamaqaqa, layesewatheni lwamaqaqa angentshonalanga, layesekele uLwandle
oLukhulu kusiyafika eLebhanoni, amakhosi amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani,
amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi esizwa ngalezizinto 2 ahlangana ukuze alwisane
uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli.
3 Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi abantu beGibhiyoni sebezwe konke uJoshuwa ayek-
wenze eJerikho le-Ayi, 4 benza ubuqili: Bahamba njengamanxusa ayelabobab-
hemi ababethwele amasaka adabukileyo lezigxingi zewayini ezindala ezazidabuke
zangcinwa. 5 Amadoda ayegqoke amanyathela ayedabukile njalo exaxelwe, begqoke
lezigqoko ezigugileyo. Zonke izinkwa ababezithwele njengomphako zazomile njalo
zikhuntile. 6 Baya kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seGiligali bathi kuye lakwabako-Israyeli,
“Sivela elizweni elikude; ngakho yenzani isivumelwano lathi.”
7 Abako-Israyeli baphendula amaHivi bathi, “Kodwa mhlawumbe lihlala eduzane
lathi, pho singasenza kanjani isivumelwano lani?”
8 Bathi kuJoshuwa “Siyizinceku zenu.”
Kodwa uJoshuwa wababuza wathi, “Lingobani njalo livela ngaphi?”
9 Baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zivela elizweni elikude njalo zikhangwe
yindumela kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngoba sesezwa imibiko eminengi ngaye:
konke akwenza eGibhithe, 10 lakho konke akwenza emakhosini amabili ama-Amori
empumalanga yeJodani, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
owayebusa e-Ashitharothi. 11 Abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni
lakithi bathi kithi, ‘Thwalani umphako wohambo lwenu; lihambe liyehlangana
labo lithi kubo, “Sizinceku zenu: yenzani isivumelwano lathi.” ’ 12 Isinkwa sethu
lesi sasifudumala ngesikhathi sisifaka emigodleni yethu sisesemakhaya ngelanga
esasuka ngalo sisiza kini. Kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sesome njalo sakhunta njani.
13 Izigxingi lezi zewayini esazigcwalisisayo zazizintsha, kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi
sezidabuke njani. Izigqoko lamanyathela ethu sekudatshulwe yibude bomango.”
14 Abako-Israyeli bahlola imiphako yabo kodwa-ke kabasabuzanga kuThixo.
15 Ngakho uJoshuwa wenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo wabavumela ukuthi
bahlale, njalo abathungameli bebandla bavumelana lalokhu ngesifungo.
16 Sekwedlule insuku ezintathu benze isivumelwano lamaGibhiyoni, abako-
Israyeli bezwa ukuthi lababantu babengomakhelwana, ababehlala eduzane labo.
17 Abako-Israyeli baya emadolobheni abo ayebalisa iGibhiyoni, iKhefira, iBherothi
leKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. 18 Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babahlasele ngenxa
yokuthi abathungameli bebandla babefunge ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli.
Ibandla lonke lakhonona ngabadala bebandla; 19 kodwa bona bonke baphen-
dula bathi, “Sibanike isifungo sethu ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli njalo
asingeke sabathinta khathesi. 20 Lokhu yikho esizakwenza kubo: Sizabayekela
bahlale, ukuze ulaka lungezi kithi ngenxa yokwephula isifungo esasenza phambi
kwabo.” 21 Baqhubeka bathi, “Bayekeleni bahlale, kodwa bazakuba ngababandi
benkuni labakhi bamanzi abazasebenzela uzulu wonke.” Ngakho-ke isivumelwano
sabakhokheli sagcinwa.
22 UJoshuwa wabiza wonke amaGibhiyoni wathi kuwo, “Kungani lisikhohlisile
ngokuthi, ‘Sihlala khatshana lani, lina lihlala eduzane lathi kangaka?’
23 Seliqalekisiwe: kalisoze liyekele ukuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi
lisebenzela indlu kaNkulunkulu wami.”
24 Baphendula uJoshuwa bathi, “Izinceku zakho zatshelwa mgceke ukuthi uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu walaya njani inceku yakhe uMosi ukuthi alinike ilizwe lonke

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

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

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Ilanga Lima Mpo

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

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

6 AmaGibhiyoni athumela ilizwi kuJoshuwa ezihonqweni zaseGiligali athi: "Ungalahli izinceku zakho. Woza ngapha kithi ngokuphangisa uzosisiza! Sincede, ngoba wonke amakhosi ama-Amori abusa emazweni asemaqaqeni asebambene ukuze alwisane lathi."

7 Ngakho uJoshuwa wasuka eGiligali, wenyuka kanye lebutho lakhe lonke, elaligoqela wonke amadoda ayekwazi ukulwa. 8 UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, "Ungabesabi; sengibanikele esandleni sakho. Kakho loyedwa ozakwenelisa ukumelana lawe."

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

12 Ngalelolanga UTHIXO wanikela ngalo ama-Amori kwabako-Israyeli, uJoshuwa wathi KUTHIXO phambi kwabako-Israyeli:

"We langa, mana uthi mpo ngaphezu kweGibhiyoni,
lawe nyanga, mana ngaphezu kweSigodi se-Ayijaloni."

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

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

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

Ukubulawa Kwamakhosi Amahlanu Ama-Amori

16 Amakhosi lawo womahlanu abaleka ayacatsha ebhalwini lwaseMakheda.
17 Kwathi uJoshuwa esetshelwe ukuthi amakhosi womahlanu ayetholakale ecatshile ebhalwini lweMakheda, 18 wathi, “Giqani amatshe amakhulu liwafake emlonyeni wobhalu, beselisithi amanye amadoda alinde. 19 Kodwa lingemi! Xotshani izitha zenu, lingazivumeli ukuthi zifike emadolobheni azo, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esezinikele ezandleni zenu.”
20 Ngakho uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli bababhubhisa baphosa baphela bonke kodwa abalutshwana abasalayo banelisa ukufika emadolobheni abo ayezinqaba. 21 Ibutho lonke lenelisa ukuphenduka ngokuthula kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seMakheda, njalo kakho owake wakhuluma okubi ngabako-Israyeli.
22 UJoshuwa wathi, “Vulani umlomo wobhalu beseliletha amakhosi womahlanu eze kimi.” 23 Ngakho bakhupha amakhosi womahlanu ebhalwini, inkosi yaseJerusalema, eyeHebhroni, yeJamuthi, eyeLakhishi kanye leyase-Egiloni. 24 Bathi sebelethe amakhosi la kuJoshuwa, wabiza wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli wasesithi kubo bonke abalawuli bamabutho ababeze laye, “Wozani lapha lizofaka inyawo zenu entanyeni zala amakhosi.” Ngakho beza phambili basebefaka inyawo zabo entanyeni zawo.
25 UJoshuwa wathi kubo, “Lingesabi; lingadangali qinani libe lezibindi. Lokhu yikho okuzakwenziwa NGUTHIXO kuzozonke izitha elizalwisana lazo.” 26 Ngakho uJoshuwa wawabulala amakhosi la wawalengisa ensikeni ezinhlanu, alenga lapho kwaze kwahlwa.
27 Ekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bawethule bawaphose ebhalwini lapho ayekade ecatshe khona. Emlonyeni wobhalu bafaka amatshe amakhulu alokhu ekhona lanamhlanje.

Ukunqotshwa Kwamadolobho Aseningizimu

28 Ngalelolanga uJoshuwa wathumba iMakheda. Wahlasela idolobho kanye lenkosi yalo ngenkemba, wabhubhisa wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Wenza enkosini yeMakheda lokho ayekwenze enkosini yaseJerikho.
29 Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eMakheda baya eLibhina balihlasela. 30 UTHIXO waphinda wanikela lelodolobho lenkosi yalo esandleni sika-Israyeli. UJoshuwa wahlasela ngenkemba idolobho laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa ephila lapho. Wenza enkosini yalo lokho ayekwenze enkosini yeJerikho.
31 Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ayelabo bahamba besuka eLibhina besiya eLakhishi; balihanqa basebelihlasela. 32 UTHIXO wanikela iLakhishi kuIsrayeli, uJoshuwa wayithatha ngelanga lesibili. Idolobho laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo wakuhlasela ngenkemba, njengalokho ayekwenze eLibhina.
33 Kunjalo-nje uHoramu inkosi yaseGezeri yayize ukuzoncedisa iLakhishi kodwa uJoshuwa wayehlula ndawonye lebutho layo, kakho owatshiywa ephila.
34 Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eLakhishi baya edolobheni le-Egiloni; basebelihanqa balihlasela. 35 Balithumba ngalelolanga, balihlakaza ngenkemba basebebhubhisa wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, njengalokho ababekwenze eLakhishi.
36 Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye bahamba besuka e-Egiloni baya eHebhroni bayihlasela. 37 Balithumba lelodolobho ngenkemba ndawonye lamakhosi alo, imizana yalo laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, kakho

owatshiywa ephila. Njengalokho abakwenza e-Egiloni, balitshabalalisa laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo.
38 Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ayelabo baphenduka bahlasela iDebhiri. 39 Bathumba lelidolobho, inkosi lemizi yalo, bayihlasela ngenkemba. Bonke abantu ababephakathi kwalo babhujiswa baphela. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Benza eDebhiri lenkosini yakhona lokho abakwenza eLibhina lenkosini yakhona kanye leHebhroni.
40 Ngakho uJoshuwa wasinqoba sonke isabelo, okugoqela ilizwe lamaqaqa, iNegebi, emawatheni ezintaba entshonalanga lemithezukweni yezintaba ndawonye lamakhosi alapho wonke. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Wabhubhisa bonke abebephefumula, njengoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wayebalayile. 41 UJoshuwa wabanqoba kusukela eKhadeshi Bhaneya kusiya eGaza lakuso sonke isabelo seGosheni kusiya eGibhiyoni. 42 Wonke amakhosi la lamazwe awo athunjwa nguJoshuwa ekuhlaseleni kunye, ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, walwela u-Israyeli.
43 Ngakho uJoshuwa waphindela laye wonke u-Israyeli ezihonqweni zaseGiligali.

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Ukunqotshwa Kwamakhosi Asenyakatho

1 Kwathi uJabhini inkosi yeHazori isizwa lokhu yathumela ilizwi kuJobhabhi inkosi yeMadoni lasemakhosini eShimroni le-Akhishafi, 2 lasemakhosini enyakatho ayesezintabeni ze-Arabha eningizimu yeKhinerethi emawatheni amaqaqa entshonalanga kanye laseNafothi Dori entshonalanga; 3 lakumaKhenani empumalanga lentshonalanga; lakuma-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi lamaJebusi elizweni elilamaqaqa; kanye lakumaHivi ngaphansi kweHemoni esabelweni seMizipha. 4 Baphuma lamabutho abo wonke lenani elikhulu lamabhiza lezinqola, ibutho elikhulu, ubunengi lingangetshebetshebe okhunjini lolwandle. 5 Wonke amakhosi la abambana asesakha izihonqo ndawonye eManzini aseMeromi, ukulwa labako-Israyeli.
6 UTHIXO wathi kuJoshuwa, “Ungabesabi, ngoba ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizabanikela bonke kwabako-Israyeli sebefile. Uzaquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo utshise izihonqo zabo.”
7 Ngakho uJoshuwa lebutho lakhe lonke bahlangana labo mathupha eManzini eMeromi wasebahlasela, 8 UTHIXO wabanikela esandleni sika-Israyeli. Babanqoba, baxotshana labo baze babafikisa eSidoni Enkulu kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, leSigodini seMizipha empumalanga kwaze kwasala kungelamuntu ophilayo. 9 UJoshuwa wenza kibo lokho ayekulaywe NGUTHIXO: Waquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo watshisa izinqola zabo.
10 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa waphenduka wabuyela emuva wathumba iHazori wasehlasela inkosi yakuleyo ndawo ngenkemba. (IHazori yayiyisigodlo sayo yonke imibuso leyo.) 11 Wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwayo wabhujiswa ngenkemba. Bababhubhisa baphela, abaze batshiya lutho oluphefumulayo, watshisa iHazori ngokwayo.
12 UJoshuwa wathumba wonke amadolobho esikhosini lamakhosi awo wawahlasela ngenkemba. Wawabhubhisa wonke, njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku KATHIXO. 13 Kukanti-ke u-Israyeli kazange atshise loba yiwaphi amadolobho ayakhelwe emadundulwini ngaphandle kweHazori, eyatshiswa nguJoshuwa. 14 Abako-Israyeli bathatha zaba ngezabo zonke impahla ababezithumbile okwakugoqela izifuyo zamadolobho la bahamba lakho kodwa bonke abantu bababhubhisa ngenkemba baphela du, bengatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo. 15 Njengoba UTHIXO walaya inceku

yakhe uMosi, uMosi laye walaya uJoshuwa, uJoshuwa wakwenza lokho: katshiyanga lutho lungenziwanga ezintweni zonke UTHIXO owazilaya uMosi.

16 Ngakho uJoshuwa wathatha ilizwe lonke: ilizwe lamaqaqa, yonke iNegebi,
isabelo sonke seGosheni, amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lezintaba zako-
Israyeli lamawatha azo, 17 kusukela entabeni yeHalakhi, ephakama ngokuya eSeyiri,
kusiya eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni ngaphansi kwentaba iHemoni. Wathumba
wonke amakhosi awo, wawehlula, wawabulala. 18 UJoshuwa walwa impi lawo
wonke amakhosi okwesikhathi eside. 19 Ngaphandle kwamaHivi ayehlala eGibhiyoni,
kalikho idolobho loba elilodwa elenza isivumelwano sokuthula labako-Israyeli,
kwabawathumba empini. 20 Ngoba KWAKUNGUTHIXO owenza inhliziyo zawo zaba
lukhuni zafuna ukulwa impi lo-Israyeli, ukwenzela ukuthi enelise ukubachitha
baphele, ebabhubhisa okungelazwelo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

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

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

12

Uluhlu Lwamakhosi Ehlulwayo

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

2 USihoni inkosi yama-Amori, wayebusa eHeshibhoni.
Wayebusa kusukela e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwase-Arinoni, kusukela
phakathi laphakathi kodonga kusiyafika emfuleni uJabhoki, oyiwo umngcele
wama-Amoni. Lokhu kwakugoqela ingxenye yeGiliyadi.
3 Wayebusa njalo empumalanga ye-Arabha kusukela olwandle lweKhinerethi
kusiyafika olwandle lwe-Arabha (uLwandle lweTswayi) kusiya eBhethi-
Jeshimothi, eningizimu phansanyana kwemithezuko yasePhisiga:
4 Lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, omunye wamaRefayi okucina owayebusa
e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi.
5 Wabusa eNtabeni yaseHemoni, eSalekha, iBhashani yonke kusiya emngceleni
wabantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi, lengxenye yeGiliyadi kusiya emngceleni
kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni.

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

7 La yiwo amakhosi elizwe lelo uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli abalithumbayo eceleni
elisentshonalanga yeJodani, kusukela eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni kusiya
eNtabeni yeHalakhi ekhangele eSeyiri (amazwe abo uJoshuwa wawanika njengelifa
ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli kusiya ngezigaba zezizwana zabo, 8 indawo elamaqaqa,

amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lemithezukweni yezintaba, inkangala le-Negebi, amazwe amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi):

La ayengamakhosi:

9 inkosi yeJerikho, eyodwa
inkosi ye-Ayi (eduze leBhetheli), eyodwa
10 inkosi yeJerusalema, eyodwa
inkosi yeHebhroni, eyodwa
11 inkosi yeJamuthi, eyodwa
inkosi yeLakhishi, eyodwa
12 inkosi ye-Egiloni, eyodwa
inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa
13 inkosi yeDebhiri, eyodwa
inkosi yeBhethi-Gaderi, eyodwa
14 inkosi yeHoma, eyodwa
inkosi ye-Aradi, eyodwa
15 inkosi yeLibhina, eyodwa
inkosi ye-Adulami, eyodwa
16 inkosi yeMakheda, eyodwa
inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa
17 inkosi yeThaphuwa, eyodwa
inkosi yeHeferi, eyodwa
18 inkosi ye-Afekhi, eyodwa
inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa
19 inkosi yeMadoni, eyodwa
inkosi yeHazori, eyodwa
20 inkosi yeShimron Meroni, eyodwa
inkosi ye-Akhishafi, eyodwa
21 inkosi yeThanakhi, eyodwa
inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa
22 inkosi yeKhedeshi, eyodwa
inkosi yeJokhiniyamu eseKhameli, eyodwa
23 inkosi yeDori (eNafothi Dori), eyodwa
inkosi yeGoyimi eseGiligali, eyodwa
24 inkosi yeThiza, eyodwa.

Amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lanye esewonke.

13

Ilizwe Elisazathunjwa

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

2 Nanti ilizwe elisaseleyo:

zonke izabelo zamaFilistiya lamaGeshuri: 3 kusukela emfuleni uShihori empumalanga yeGibhithe kusiya esabelweni se-Ekroni enyakatho, lonke libaliswa

njengelamaKhenani lanxa libanjwe ngababusi beFilistiya abahlanu eGaza, e-Ashidodi, e-Ashikheloni, eGathi le-Ekroni
ilizwe lama-Avi; 4 kusukela eningizimu,
lonke ilizwe lamaKhenani, kusukela eMeyara yamaSidoni kusiyafika e-Afekhi, isabelo sama-Amori,
5 indawo yamaGebhali;
layo yonke iLebhanoni ngempumalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi ngaphansi kweNtaba yeHemoni kusiya eLebho Hamathi.

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

Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe Elisempumalanga YeJodani

8 Eyinye ingxenye yakoManase, eyakoRubheni leyakoGadi yayizuze ilifa eyalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani njengalokho inceku kaThixo eyayibaphe lona.
9 Lasuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni lasedolobheni eliphakathi kodonga, njalo ligoqela amagceke eMedebha kusiyafika eDibhoni, 10 lamadolobho wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owabusa eHeshibhoni, kusiyafika emngceleni wama-Amoni.
11 Laligoqela iGiliyadi, isabelo sabantu baseGeshuri leMahakhathi, leNtaba yonke yeHemoni leBhashani yonke kusiyafika eSalekha, 12 okutsho ukuthi, umbuso wonke ka-Ogi eBhashani, yena owabusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi njalo wayengomunye wamaRefayi ayelokhu esaphila. UMosi wayebanqobile wathatha ilizwe labo. 13 Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babaxotshe abantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi, yikho lokhu behlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kuze kube lamhlanje.

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

15 Lokhu yikho uMosi akunika isizwana sakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye:
16 Isigaba esisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni, lokusuka edolobheni eliphakathi koDonga lawo wonke amagceke adabula eMedebha
17 kusiya eHeshibhoni lawo wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni agoqela iDibhoni, iBhamothi-Bhali, iBhethi-Bhali-Meyoni, 18 iJahazi, iKhedemothi, iMefahathi,
19 iKhiriyathayimi, iSibhima, iZerethi-Shahari eqaqeni olusesigodini, 20 iBhethi-Pheyori, lemithezuko yasePhisiga, leBhethi-Jeshimothi, 21 wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni. UMosi wayemehlule yena lezinduna zamaMidiyani, u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri, loRebha, wonke engamakhosana amanyane loSihoni owayehlala kulelolizwe. 22 Phezu kwalabo ababulawa empini abako-Israyeli babebulele ngenkemba uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, owayeyisanuse.
23 Umngcele wamaRubheni wawusokhunjini lweJodani. Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye:

24 Lokhu yikho uMosi akupha isizwana sakoGadi usendo lunye ngalunye:

25 Isabelo seJazeri, amadolobho wonke eGiliyadi lengxenye yelizwe lama-Amoni
kusiyafika e-Aroweri, eduzane leRabha; 26 lokusuka eHeshibhoni kusiya eRa-
mathi Mizipha leBhethonimi, lokusuka eMahanayimi kusiya esigabeni seDebhiri;
27 esigodini iBhethi-Haramu, iBhethi-Nimra, iSukhothi leZafoni lawo wonke
umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni (icele elisempumalanga yeJodani, isabelo
esisekucineni kolwandle lweKhinerethi).
28 Amadolobho la ndawonye lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoGadi; usendo
lunye ngalunye.

29 Lokhu yikho uMosi ayekunike ingxenye yesizwana sakoManase, okutsho
ingxenye yemuli eyayiyinzalo kaManase, usendo lunye ngalunye:
30 Umango owawusuka eMahanayimi ugoqela iBhashani, wonke umbuso ka-Ogi
inkosi yaseBhashani, yonke imizana yeJayiri eBhashani, amadolobho angamat-
shumi ayisithupha, 31 ingxenye yeGiliyadi, le-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi (amadolobho
obukhosi ka-Ogi eBhashani).
Lokhu kwakungokwezizukulwane zikaMakhiri indodana kaManase, kungok-
wengxenye yamadodana kaMakhiri usendo lunye ngalunye.

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

14

Ukwabiwa Komhlaba ENtshonalanga YeJodani

1 Lezi yizo izindawo abako-Israyeli abazamukela njengelifa elizweni laseKhenani,
u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lezinhloko zezizwana zako-Israyeli
abazabela zona. 2 Ilifa labo labiwa ngokwenza inkatho ezizwaneni eziyisificamunwe-
munye lengxenye, njengokulaya KUKATHIXO ngoMosi. 3 UMosi wayenike izizwe ezim-
bili lengxenye ilifa lazo empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa wayengabelanga abaLevi ilifa
phakathi kwazo, 4 ngoba amadodana kaJosefa ayeyizizwana ezimbili, esikaManase
lesika-Efrayimi. AbaLevi kabazuzanga sabelo ngaphandle kwamadolobho okuhlala
lamadlelo emihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo. 5 Ngakho abako-Israyeli behlukanisa
umhlaba, njengokulaywa kukaMosi NGUTHIXO.

IHebhroni Inikwa UKhalebi

6 Amadoda akoJuda aya kuJoshuwa eGiligali, uKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKh-
enizi wathi kuye, “Uyakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO wathini kuMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu
eKhadeshi Bhaneya ngawe lami. 7 Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho
uMosi inceku KATHIXO yangithuma ngisuka eKhadeshi Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe.
Ngaletha kuye umbiko owawuphathelane lemibono yami, 8 kodwa abazalwane
engahamba labo benza ukuthi inhliziyo zabantu zithuthumele ngokwesaba. Mina,
lanxa kunjalo, ngalandela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyo yami yonke.
9 *Ngakho ngalelolanga uMosi wafunga kimi wathi, ‘Umhlabathi lowo onyathelwe
yizinyawo zakho uzakuba yilifa lakho labantwabakho kuze kube nini lanini, ngenxa
yokuthi ulandele UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyo yakho yonke.’
10 Ngakho-ke, njengoba UTHIXO wayethembisile, usengigcine ngiphila okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane lanhlanu kusukela ngezikhathi lapho akhuluma lokhu kuMosi,
u-Israyeli esazulazula enkangala. Ngakho nanku sengilapha lamuhla, sengileminyaka

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yokuzalwa engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu! 11 Lokhu ngisaqinile
lanamuhla njengelanga uMosi angithuma ngalo; lokhu ngiselamandla okuyakulwa
impi khathesi okufanana lalokho engangiyikho khona ngalesosikhathi. 12 Ngakho
nginika lelilizwe lamaqaqa engalithenjiswa NGUTHIXO ngalelolanga. Wena ngok-
wakho wezwa ngalesosikhathi ukuthi ama-Anakhi ayekhona lapho njalo amadolobho
awo ayemakhulu ehonqolozelwe, kodwa ngokuncediswa NGUTHIXO, ngizawaxotsha
njengokutsho kwakhe.”
13 Ngakho UJoshuwa wabusisa uKhalebi indodana kaJefune, wamnika iHebhroni
yaba yilifa lakhe. 14 Ngakho iHebhroni yaba lilifa likaKhalebi indodana kaJefune
umKhenizi kusukela ngalesosikhathi ngenxa yokuthi walandela UTHIXO, uNku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. 15 (IHebhroni yayithiwa yiKhiriyathi
Aribha ibizwa ngo-Abhe owayeyindoda eyayiyisikhulu esesabekayo phakathi kwama-
Anakhi).
Ngakho ilizwe laba lokuphumula ekulweni izimpi.

15

Isabelo SikaJuda

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

2 Umngcele wabo weningizimu wawuqalisela ethekwini oluseningizimu
emaphethelweni oLwandle lweTswayi, 3 uchaphela eningizimu yoMkhandlu
weNkume, uqhubeka usiya eZini, usiyaphutsha eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya.
Wasusedlula eHezironi usiyafika e-Adari wabhoda unquma wayaphutsha
ususeKhakha. 4 Wasusedlula usiya e-Azimoni usiyaxhumana lesiHotsha
saseGibhithe, uphelela olwandle. Lo yiwo umngcele wabo waseningizimu.
5 Umngcele wempumalanga luLwandle lweTswayi kuze kufike lapho okuthela
khona iJodani.
Umngcele weningizimu waqalela okhunjini lolwandle ekuqaleni kweJodani,
6 wakhwela usiya eBhethi-Hogla, wabuye waqhubeka usiya Bhethi-Arabha
uqonda eLitsheni likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni. 7 Umngcele wa-
suqansa usiya eDebhiri usuka esigodini sika-Akhori, wasujika usiya enyakatho
ukhangela eGiligali ekhangelane loMkhandlu ka-Adumimu eningizimu yo-
donga. Waqhubeka usiya emanzini ase-Eni Shemeshi wasufika e-Eni Ro-
geli. 8 Wasuqonda esigodini seBheni-Hinomu emthezukweni wangeningizimu
yedolobho lamaJebusi (okutsho iJerusalema). Usuka lapho waqansa phezu
koqaqa entshonalanga yesigodi seHinomu ekucineni kwangenyakatho yesigodi
seRefayi. 9 Usuka engqongeni yoqaqa, umngcele waqonda emthonjeni wa-
manzi aseNefuthowa, wasuphutsha emadolobheni eNtabeni ye-Efroni wasusehla
usiya eBhala (okutsho iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi). 10 Wasujika usiya entshonalanga
usuka eBhala usiya entabeni yeSeyiri, wedlula emthezukweni wangenyakatho
yentaba iJeyarimi (okutsho iKhesaloni) waqhubeka usiya eBhethi-Shemeshi
uchaphela eThimina. 11 Waqonda emthezukweni wenyakatho owe-Ekroni, wa-
jika ukhangele eShikheroni, wedlule usiya eNtabeni yeBhala wafika eJabhiniyeli.
Umngcele waphelela olwandle.
12 Umngcele wangentshonalanga likhumbi loLwandle oLukhulu.

Le yiyo imingcele eyayigombolozele abantu bakoJuda usendo lunye
ngalunye.

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

18 Ngelinye ilanga u-Akhisa wafika ku-Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu
kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhemi wakhe, uKhalebi wambuza wathi, “Kuyini
engingakwenzela khona?”

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

20 Leli lilifa lesizwe sikaJuda ngezinsendo zaso:

21 Amadolobho aseningizimu kwesizwe sikaJuda eNegebi ekuyeni emngceleni we-
Edomi ayeyila:
IKhabhizeli, i-Ederi, iJaguri, 22 iKhina, iDimona, i-Adada, 23 iKhedeshi, iHazori,
i-Ithinani, 24 iZifi, iThelemu, iBheyalothi, 25 iHazori-Hadatha, iKheriyothi
Hezironi (okutsho iHazori), 26 i-Amamu, iShema, iMolada, 27 iHazari-Gada,
iHeshimoni, iBhethi Phelethi, 28 iHazari-Shuwali, iBherishebha, iBhiziyothiya,
29 iBhala, i-Iyimu, i-Ezema, 30 i-Elitholadi, iKhesili, iHoma 31 iZikhilagi,
iMadimana, iSansana, 32 iLebhayothi, iShilihimu, i-Ayini leRimoni, esewonke
kwakungamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lemizana
yawo.
33 Emawatheni asentshonalanga kwakulamadolobho la:
I-Eshithawoli, iZora, i-Ashina, 34 iZanowa, i-Eni-Ganimu, iThaphuwa, i-Enamu,
35 iJamuthi, i-Adulami, iSokho, i-Azekha, 36 iShaharayimu, i-Adithayimu leGed-
era (kumbe iGederothayimu) amadolobho alitshumi lane lemizi yawo.
37 IZenani, iHadasha, iMigidali-Gadi, 38 iDiliyeni, iMizipha, iJokhitheyeli,
39 iLakhishi, iBhozikhathi, i-Egiloni, 40 iKhabhoni, iLahimasi, iKhithilishi
41 iGederothi, iBhethi-Dagoni, iNahama leMakheda, amadolobho alitshumi
lesithupha lemizi yawo.
42 ILibhina, i-Etheri, i-Ashani, 43 i-Ifitha, i-Ashina, iNezibhi, 44 iKheyila, i-Akhizibhi
leMaresha, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye lemizi yawo.
45 I-Ekroni, lemizana eyigqagqeleyo; 46 entshonalanga ye-Ekroni, wonke
ayeseduzane le-Ashidodi, ndawonye lemizana yawo; 47 i-Ashidodi lemizana
eyigqagqeleyo leGaza, imizana eyigqagqeleyo kusiyafika esiHotsheni saseGib-
hithe lekhunjini loLwandle oLukhulu.
48 Elizweni lamaqaqa kwakule:
IShamiri, iJathiri, iSokho, 49 iDana, iKhiriyathi-Sana (okutsho iDebhiri), 50 i-
Anabhi, i-Eshithemo, i-Animi, 51 iGosheni, iHoloni leGilo, amadolobho alitshumi
lanye lemizana yawo.
52 I-Arabhu, iDuma, i-Eshani, 53 iJanimu, iBhethi-Thaphuwa, i-Afeka, 54 iHumtha,
iKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) leZiwori, amadolobho ayisificamunwe-
munye lemizana yawo.
55 IMawoni, iKhameli, iZifi, iJutha, 56 iJezerili, iJokideyamu, iZanowa, 57 iKhayini,
iGibhiya leThimina, amadolobho alitshumi lemizana yawo.

58 IHalihuli, iBhethi Zuri, iGedori, 59 iMaharathi, iBhethi-Anothi le-Elithekhoni,
amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo.
60 IKhiriyathi-Bhali (okutsho ukuthi iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) leRabha, amadolobho
amabili lemizana yawo.
61 Enkangala:
IBhethi-Arabha, iMidini, iSekhakha, 62 iNibhishani, iDolobho letswayi le-Eni-Gedi,
amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo.

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

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Isabelo Sika-Efrayimi LoManase

1 Isabelo sikaJosefa saqala eJodani, empumalanga yamanzi eJerikho, sakhwela
sisuka lapho sisiya enkangala singena elizweni lamaqaqa eBhetheli. 2 Sadabula
sisuka eBhetheli (okutsho iLuzi) sachaphela esabelweni sama-Arikhithi e-
Atharothi, 3 sehlela entshonalanga esabelweni samaJafilethi sisiyabamba ekhun-
jini lweBhethi-Horoni, sibuye siqonde eGezeri, sisiyaphelela olwandle.

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

5 Leli kwakulilizwe lika-Efrayimi ngokosendo lwakhe:

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

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

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1 Lesi kwakuyisabelo sesizwana sikaManase njengezibulo likaJosefa. UMakhiri izibulo likaManase, ukhokho wamaGiliyadi, wathatha iGiliyadi leBhashani ngenxa yokuthi amaMakhire ayengamaqhawe amakhulu. 2 Ngakho isabelo lesi sasingesabantu bonke bakoManase, insendo zika-Abhiyezeri, uHelekhi, u-Asiriyeli, uShekhemu, uHeferi loShemida. Lezi ngezinye izizukulwane zesilisa zikaManase indodana kaJosefa ngokwensendo zazo.
3 UZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri indodana kaManase, wayengelamadodana kodwa wayelamadodakazi wodwa, amabizo awo kwakunguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha loThiza. 4 Aya ku-Eliyazari umphristi, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye labakhokheli athi, “UTHIXO walaya uMosi ukuthi asabele ilifa kanye labanewethu.” Ngakho uJoshuwa wabanika ilifa

ndawonye labanewabo bakayise, kulandelwa umlayo kaThixo. 5 Isabelo sikaManase
sasigoqela iziqinti ezilitshumi zomhlabathi emhlubulweni weGiliyadi leBhashani
empumalanga yeJodani, 6 ngenxa yokuthi amadodakazi esizwana sikaManase athola
ilifa kanye labafowabo. IGiliyadi yayingeyezizukulwana zikaManase.

7 Ilizwe likaManase lalisukela e-Asheri lisiya eMikhimethathi empumalanga
kweShekhemu. Umngcele wawudabula usiya usiyagoqela abantu ababehlala e-
Eni-Thaphuwa. 8 (UManase wayelomhlaba elizweni leThaphuwa, kodwa iTha-
phuwa ngokwayo, emngceleni kaManase, yayingeyama-Efrayimi.) 9 Umngcele
waqhubeka eningizimu usiya oDongeni lweKhana. Kwakulamadolobho
ka-Efrayimi ayakhelwe phakathi kwamadolobho kaManase, kodwa um-
ngcele kaManase wawulicele langenyakatho lodonga njalo uphelela olwandle.
10 Eningizimu ilizwe lalingelika-Efrayimi, enyakatho lingelikaManase. Ilizwe
likaManase lalifika olwandle njalo lingcelezelane lo-Asheri enyakatho kanye lo-
Isakhari empumalanga.
11 Phakathi kuka-Isakhari lo-Asheri uManase wayeloBhethi-Shani, u-Ibhiliyami la-
bantu beDori, abe-Endo, abeThanakhi leMegido, ndawonye lemizana ababakhe-
lane layo (owesithathu eluhlwini kwakunguNafothi).

12 Kodwa-ke abakoManase kabenelisanga ukuthatha amadolobho la ngoba
amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala kuleyondawo. 13 Lanxa kunjalo, kwathi abako-
Israyeli sebelamandla amakhulu, benza amaKhenani izigqili zabo kodwa kababaxot-
shanga kokuphela.
14 Abantu bakoJosefa bathi kuJoshuwa, “Kungani lisinike isabelo esisodwa kuphela
lengxenye eyodwa yelifa na? Singabantu abanengi kakhulu njalo uThixo usibusise
kakhulu.”
15 UJoshuwa wabaphendula wathi; “Nxa libanengi kakhulu, njalo nxa ilizwe
lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi lilincinyane kini, ngenani eguswini liyecenta umhlaba ube
ngowenu elizweni lamaPherizi lelamaRefayi.”
16 Abantu bakoJosefa baphendula bathi, “Ilizwe lamaqaqa kaliseneli njalo
amaKhenani wonke ahlala emagcekeni alezinqola zensimbi, bonke abaseBhethi-
Shani lemizana yakhona lalabo ababehlala esigodini seJezerili.”
17 Kodwa uJoshuwa wakhuluma labendlu kaJosefa, ku-Efrayimi loManase wathi,
“Libanengi njalo lilamandla amakhulu kakhulu. Kalisoze libe lesabelo esisodwa
kuphela, 18 kodwa lelizwe lamaqaqa aliligusu. Licenteni lize liyefika lapho eliphelela
khona kube ngelenu; lanxa amaKhenani elezinqola zensimbi njalo lanxa elamandla,
lingawaxotsha.”

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Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe Elalisele

1 Ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli labuthana eShilo laselimisa ithente lokuhlangana
khonapho. Ilizwe lalethwa ngaphansi kombuso wabo, 2 kodwa kwakulokhu
kulezizwana zako-Israyeli eziyisikhombisa ezazingakemukeli ilifa lazo.
3 Ngakho uJoshuwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, “Lizakuma okwesikhathi esingakanani
lingakathathi ilizwe uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinike lona na?
4 Khethani amadoda amathathu esizweni sinye ngasinye. Ngizawathuma ukuthi
ayehlola ilizwe abeseloba ngesimo salo, kusiya ngelifa lesizwana ngasinye. Azaphen-
duka kimi. 5 Lizakwaba umhlaba ube yizigaba eziyisikhombisa. UJuda uzaqhubeka
eselizweni lakhe eningizimu njalo indlu kaJosefa iselizweni layo enyakatho. 6 Ngemva
kokuba selibhale izimo zezigaba eziyisikhombisa zelizwe, lizilethe kimi lapha njalo

ngizalenzela inkatho phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. 7 Kodwa abaLevi
kabayikuzuza lutho phakathi kwenu, ngoba umsebenzi wobuphristi KUTHIXO yilifa
labo. Njalo uGadi, uRubheni lengxenye yesizwe sikaManase sebathola ilifa labo
eceleni elingasempumalanga yeJodani. UMosi inceku KATHIXO wabanika lona."
8 Kwathi amadoda engena indlela esiyahlola umhlaba, uJoshuwa wawalaya wathi,
"Hambani liyehlola umhlaba beselibhala isimo sawo. Emva kwalokho beseliphen-
duka kimi, khona ngizalenzela inkatho lapha eShilo phambi KUKATHIXO." 9 Ngakho
amadoda asuka adabula phakathi kwelizwe. Abhala isimo salo emqulwini, idolobho
ngedolobho, ezigabeni eziyisikhombisa, asephindela kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seShilo.

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

Isabelo SikaBhenjamini

11 Inkatho yakuqala yawela esizwaneni sakoBhenjamini ngensendo zaso.
Ilizwe labo elabiwayo laliphakathi kwezizwana zakoJuda loJosefa:
12 Eceleni elisenyakatho umngcele wabo wawuqalisela kuJodani, usedlula
emthezukweni wangenyakatho yeJerikho usiya entshonalanga elizweni elila-
maqaqa, uthutshela enkangala yeBhethi-Aveni. 13 Usuka lapho wawuchaphela
emthezukweni weningizimu weLuzi (okutsho iBhetheli) usehlela e-Atharothi-Ada
eqaqeni eliseningizimu ngaphansi kweBhethi-Horoni.
14 Usuka eqaqeni elikhangelane leBhethi-Horoni eningizimu ulandela icele
elisentshonalanga wasuthutshela eKhiriyathi-Bhali (okutsho iKhiriyathi-
Jeyarimi) idolobho labantu bakoJuda. Leli kwakulicele elisentshonalanga.
15 Icele leningizimu laliqalisela emaphethelweni asentshonalanga kweKhiriyathi-
Jeyarimi, njalo umngcele waba semthonjeni wamanzi eNefuthowa. 16 Umngcele
wehla waya ewatheni lentaba ekhangelane leSigodi seBheni-Hinomu, enyakatho
yeSigodi seRefayi. Waqhubeka usehla eSigodini seHinomu ulandela umthezuko
wedolobho lamaJebusi usiya e-Eni Rogeli. 17 Wasubhoda usiya enyakatho,
waya e-Eni Shemeshi, waqhubeka usiya eGelilothi ekhangele uMkhandlu we-
Adumimu, wehla phansi usiya elitsheni likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni.
18 Waqhubeka ukhangele enyakatho, emthezukweni weBhethi Arabha usehla
ungena e-Arabha. 19 Wasusiya emthezukweni ongasenyakatho eBhethi-Hogla
wasuphumela ewatheni elingenyakatho koLwandle lweTswayi lapho okuthela
khona iJodani eningizimu. Lo kwakungumngcele oseningizimu.
20 IJodani yenza umngcele eceleni langempumalanga.
Le kwakuyimingcele eyayiphawula ilifa lensendo zikaBhenjamini emaceleni
wonke.

21 Isizwana sikaBhenjamini, usendo ngosendo sasilamadolobho alandelayo:
IJerikho, iBhethi-Hogla, i-Emeki Khezizi, 22 iBhethi-Arabha, iZemarayimu, iBhetheli,
23 i-Avimu, iPhara, i-Ofira, 24 iKhefa-Amoni, i-Ofini leGebha, amadolobho alit-
shumi lambili kanye lemizana yawo.
25 IGibhiyoni, iRama, iBherothi, 26 iMizipha, iKhefira, iMoza, 27 iRekhemu, i-Iphiyeli,
iTharala, 28 iZela, iHayelefi, idolobho lamaJebusi (okuyikuthi iJerusalema),
iGibhiya leKhiriyathi, amadolobho alitshumi lane kanye lemizana yawo.
Leli kwakuyilifa likaBhenjamini lensendo zakhe.

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Isabelo SikaSimiyoni

1 Inkatho yesibili yawela esizwaneni sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. Ilifa labo
laliphakathi kwelizwe likaJuda. 2 Laligoqela:
iBherishebha (noma Shebha), iMolada, 3 iHazari-Shuwali, iBhala, i-Ezema, 4 i-
Elitholadi, iBhethuli, iHoma, 5 iZikhilagi, iBhethi-Makhabhothi, iHazari-Susa,
6 iBhethi-Lebhawothi leSharuheni, amadolobho alitshumi lantathu lemizana
yawo;
7 i-Ayini, iRimoni, i-Etheri le-Ashani, amadolobho amane lemizana yawo, 8 layo
yonke imizana eyakhelene lalawo madolobho kusiyafika eBhalathi-Bheri (iRama
eseNegebi).
Leli kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. 9 Ilifa labakoSimiy-
oni lathathwa kungxenye kaJuda ngenxa yokuthi isigaba sakoJuda
sasisikhulu kakhulu. Ngakho abakoSimiyoni bathola ilifa labo phakathi
kwelizwe lakoJuda.

Isabelo SikaZebhuluni

10 Inkatho yesithathu yawela uZebhuluni lensendo zakhe:
Umngcele welifa labo wawufika eSaridi. 11 Waqonda entshonalanga wadab-
ula usiya eMarala, wathinta iDabheshethi, waqhela usiya odongeni eduze
leJokhiniyamu. 12 Wajikela empumalanga usuka eSaridi ukhangele em-
pumalanga elizweni likaKhisilothi-Thabhori njalo waqhela usiya eDabherathi
ukhwela usiya eJafiya. 13 Waqhubeka ukhangele empumalanga usiya eGathi-
Heferi le-Ethi Khazini; wathutshela eRimoni wasujikela eNeya. 14 Lapho
umngcele wabhoda enyakatho usiya eHanathoni wakhawula eSigodini se-Ifitha
Eli.
15 Kwakukhona njalo iKhathathi, iNahalali, iShimroni, i-Idala leBhethilehema.
Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lambili lemizana yawo.
16 Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa likaZebhuluni lensendo.

Isabelo Sika-Isakhari

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

Isabelo Sika-Asheri

24 Inkatho yesihlanu yawela esizwaneni sika-Asheri ngensendo zakhe.
25 Ilizwe labo laligoqela:
iHelikhathi, iHali, iBhetheni, i-Akhishafi, 26 i-Alameleki, i-Amadi leMishali.
Entshonalanga umngcele wagudla iKhameli leShihori-Libhinathi. 27 Wajikela
empumalanga ukhangele eBhethi-Dagoni, ugudla iZebhuluni leSigodi se-Ifitha
Eli, waqonda enyakatho usiya eBhethi-Emekhi leNeyiyeli, usedlula eKhabhuli
kwesenxele. 28 Waya e-Abhidoni, eRehobhi, eHamoni leKhana usiyafika eSidoni
enkulu. 29 Umngcele waphinda wajika ukhangele eRama wasusiya edolobheni
eliyinqaba eleThire, wajika ukhangele iHosa wathutshela olwandle olusesabel-
weni se-Akhizibhi, 30 i-Uma, i-Afekhi leRehobhi.
Kwakulamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lambili lemizana yawo.
31 Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa lesizwana sika-Asheri lensendo
zakhe.

Isabelo SikaNafithali

32 Inkatho yesithupha yawela uNafithali ngensendo zakhe:
33 Umgcele wasuka eHelefi kanye lesihlahla som'Okhi eZananimi usedlula e-Adami
Nekhebi leJabhiniyeli usiya eLakhumi njalo uphelela eJodani. 34 Umngcele
wadabula entshonalanga phakathi kwe-Azinothi-Thabhori wayaphuma ususe-
Hukhokhi. Wagudla iZebhuluni eningizimu, i-Asheri entshonalanga kweJuda
usiya empumalanga yeJodani.
35 Amadolobho ayelezinqaba yiZidimu, iZeri, iHamathi, iRakhathi, iKhinerethi, 36 i-
Adama, iRama, iHazori, 37 iKhedeshi, i-Edreyi, i-Eni-Hazo, 38 iYironi, iMigidali-Eli,
iHoremu, iBhethi-Anathi leBhethi-Shemeshi.
Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lesificamunwemunye lemizana yawo.
39 Amadolobho la lemizana yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaNafithali
ngensendo zakhe.

Isabelo SikaDani

40 Inkatho yesikhombisa yawela isizwana sikaDani ngensendo zakhe.
41 Ilizwe lelifa labo laligoqela:
iZora, i-Eshithawoli, i-Iri Shemeshi, 42 iShayalabhini, i-Ayijaloni, i-Ithila, 43 i-Eloni,
iThimina, i-Ekroni, 44 i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, iBhalathi, 45 iJehudi, iBhene-
Bherakhi, iGathi-Rimoni, 46 iMe-Jarikhoni leRakhoni lendawo ekhangele iJopha.
47 (Kwathi abakoDani sebenqotshiwe bathathelwa ilizwe labo, basuka
bayahlasela iLeshemu ngenkemba, bayithumba. Bahlala eLeshemu bay-
ibiza ngokuthi yiDani, ibizo likakhokho wabo.)
48 Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa lesizwe sikaDani ngensendo
zakhe.

Isabelo SikaJoshuwa

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

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

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Amadolobho Okuphephela

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

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

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Amadolobho AbaLevi

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

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

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

> 8 Ngakho abako-Israyeli babela abaLevi amadolobho la lamadlelo awo,
> njengokulaya KUKATHIXO ngoMosi.

9 Ezizwaneni zakoJuda lezakoSimiyoni amadolobho abiwayo nanka ngamabizo
awo 10 Amadolobho la anikwa izizukulwane zika-Aroni ezazivela kuzinsendo
zamaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi ngoba inkatho yakuqala yawela kuzo:
11 Bazinika iKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) emadlelweni akulowomango
elizweni lamaqaqa koJuda (u-Abha wayengukhokho ka-Anakhi). 12 Kodwa
amasimu lemizana okwakuseduzane ledolobho babekunike uKhalebi indo-
dana kaJefune ukuba kube ngokwakhe. 13 Ngakho izizukulwane zika-Aroni
umphristi bazinika iHebhroni (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala
okubulala), iLibhina, 14 iJathiri, i-Eshithemowa 15 iHoloni, iDebhiri, 16 i-Ayini,
iJutha leBhethi-Shemeshi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho ayisifica-
munwemunye esuka ezizwaneni lezi zombili.
17 Esizweni sakoBhenjamini bazinika
iGibhiyoni, iGebha, 18 i-Anathothi le-Alimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo kwaba
ngamadolobho amane.

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

20 Ezinye zonke insendo zikaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi zabelwa
amadolobho esizwaneni sako-Efrayimi.
21 Elizweni elilamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi zanikwa
iShekhemu (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leGezeri,
22 iKhibhizayimi leBhethi-Horoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba nga-
madolobho amane.
23 Esizwaneni sakoDani zathola,
i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, 24 i-Ayijaloni leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo,
kwaba ngamadolobho amane.
25 Kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase zathola
iThanakhi leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwakungamadolobho am-
abili.
26 Wonke la amadolobho alitshumi lamadlelo awo anikwa kuzozonke insendo
zamaKhohathi.

27 Insendo zamaLevi ezeGeshoni zanikwa:
kungxenye yesizwana sakoManase,
iGolani eseBhashani (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala)
leBheshithera, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amabili;
28 esizwaneni sika-Isakhari,
iKhishiyoni, iDabherathi, 29 iJamuthi le-Eni-Ganimu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo,
amadolobho amane;
30 esizwaneni sika-Asheri,
iMishali, i-Abhidoni, 31 iHelikhathi leRehobhi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo,
amadolobho amane;
32 kusukela esizwaneni sakoNafithali,
iKhedeshi eseGalile (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala),
iHamothi-Dori leKhathani, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amathathu.
33 Wonke amadolobho ensendo zamaGeshoni ayelitshumi lantathu, nda-
wonye lamadlelo awo.

34 Insendo zamaMerari (okutsho bonke abaLevi) zanikwa kanje
esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni,
iJokhiniyamu, iKhatha, 35 iDimina leNahalali ndawonye lamadlelo awo,
amadolobho amane.
36 Esizwaneni sakoRubheni,
iBhezeri, iJahazi, 37 iKhedemothi leMefahathi ndawonye lamadlelo awo,
amadolobho amane.
38 Esizwaneni sakoGadi,
iRamothi eseGiliyadi (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala),
iMahanayimi, 39 iHeshibhoni leJazeri ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho
amane esewonke.
40 Wonke amadolobho abelwa insendo zamaMerari, eyingxenye yonke
eseleyo yabaLevi, ayelitshumi lambili.

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

43 Ngakho UTHIXO wanika abako-Israyeli wonke umhlaba ayefunge ukuwunika
okhokho babo, bawuthatha bakha khonapho. 44 UTHIXO wabapha ukuphumula

enhlangothini zonke, njengokufunga ayekwenze kubokhokho babo. Akulasitha
lesisodwa esenelisa ukumelana labo; uTHIXO wanikela zonke izitha zabo kubo.
45 Asikho lesisodwa sazo zonke izithembiso ezinhle zIKATHIXO endlini ka-Israyeli
esingagcwalisekanga; zonke zagcwaliseka.

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Izizwana ZeMpumalanga Ziphindela Ekhaya

1 UJoshuwa wamema abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sikaManase
2 wathi kubo, "Selenze konke uMosi inceku kaTHIXO eyakulayayo, njalo lingilalele
kukho konke engililaye ngakho. 3 Okwesikhathi eside khathesi, kuze kube lamuhla,
kalizange lihlamukele abafowenu kodwa lenze umsebenzi lowo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu alinike wona. 4 Njengoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu wanika abafowenu
ukuphumula njengokuthembisa kwakhe, buyelani emakhaya enu elizweni uMosi
inceku kaTHIXO alinika lona ngaphetsheya kweJodani. 5 Kodwa linanzelele kakhulu
ukuthi lilondoloza umlayo lomthetho uMosi inceku kaTHIXO alinika wona: Ukuthanda
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe zonke, ukulalela imilayo
yakhe, ukubambelela kuye lokumsebenzela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke lomphefumulo
wenu wonke."
6 UJoshuwa wasebabusisa wathi kabahambe; yikho basebesiya emizini yabo.
7 Ingxenye yesizwana sakoManase uMosi wayeyinike ilizwe eBhashani, kwathi eyinye
ingxenye yesizwana uJoshuwa wayeyinike indawo lapho okwakwakhele abafowabo
eJodani. Kwathi uJoshuwa esethe kabahambe emakhaya, wababusisa 8 wathi,
"Buyelani emakhaya enu lenotho yenu enengi, lilemihlambi emikhulu yezifuyo,
lilesiliva, igolide ithusi lensimbi, lamalembu amanengi, beselisabelana labafowenu
lokho elakuthumba ezitheni zenu."
9 Ngakho abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase batshiya
abako-Israyeli eShilo eseKhenani babuyela eGiliyadi, ilizwe labo, ababelizuze kulan-
dela umlayo kaTHIXO awethula ngoMosi.
10 Bathi sebefike eGelithothi eduzane leJodani elizweni leKhenani, abakoRubheni,
abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase bakha i-alithari elikhulu eduzane
leJodani. 11 Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebezwe ukuthi sebakhe i-alithari emngceleni
weKhenani eGelithothi duzane leJodani eceleni lako-Israyeli, 12 umphakathi wonke
wako-Israyeli wabuthana eShilo ukulungiselela ukulwa labo empini.
13 Ngakho abako-Israyeli bathuma uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi
elizweni leGiliyadi kuRubheni, uGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase.
14 Waphelekezelwa zinduna ezilitshumi, inye ngayinye ivela phakathi kwezizwe
zonke zako-Israyeli njalo iyinhloko yesigaba semuli yensendo zako-Israyeli.
15 Ekuyeni kwabo eGiliyadi, kuRubheni loGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase
bathi kubo: 16 "Umphakathi wonke kaTHIXO uthi: 'Kungani lisuke langathembeki
kuNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ngale indlela? Kungani lilahle uNkulunkulu lizakhela i-
alithari njengokumhlamukela khathesi. 17 Kambe ukona kukaPheyori kakwanelanga
kithi na? Kuze kube lamhla kasikazihlambululi esonweni leso, lanxa umkhuhlane
wake wahlasela isizwe sIKATHIXO! 18 Selibalekela uTHIXO na?
Nxa lingahlamukela uTHIXO lamhla, kusasa uzazondela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli:
19 Nxa umhlaba elilawo ungcolisiwe wozani emhlabeni kaTHIXO lapho ithabanikeli
LIKATHIXO elimi khona beselisabelana umhlaba lathi. Kodwa lingahlamukeli uTHIXO
kumbe thina ngokuzakhela i-alithari lenu, ngaphandle kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO uN-
kulunkulu wethu. 20 Lapho u-Akhani indodana kaZera aze angathembeki ezintweni
ezingcwelisiweyo, isijeziso kasehlelanga isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli yini? Kayisuye
yedwa owafela isono sakhe.' "

21 Ngakho uRubheni, uGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase baphendula
abakhokheli bezinsendo zako-Israyeli bathi: 22 "USomandla, uNkulunkulu UTHIXO!
USomandla uNkulunkulu UTHIXO! Uyazi! Njalo u-Israyeli kabe lolwazi! Nxa lokhu
bekuyikuhlamukela kumbe ukuqholozela UTHIXO, lingasisindisi lamhlanje. 23 Nxa
sazakhela i-alithari lethu ukwenzela ukubalekela UTHIXO lokunikela ngeminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yamabele, kumbe ukunikela ngeminikelo yokuthula kulo,
UTHIXO ngokwakhe kasijezise.
24 Hatshi! Sakwenza sisesaba ukuthi kwelinye ilanga izizukulwane zenu zingathi
kwezethu, 'Lilani LOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli? 25 UTHIXO sewenza iJodani
ibe ngumngcele phakathi kwethu lani lina maRubheni lamaGadi! Kalilasabelo
KUTHIXO.' Ngakho izizukulwane zenu zingenza ukuthi ezethu ziyekele ukwesaba
UTHIXO.
26 Yikho sathi, 'Kasilungiseni sakhe i-alithari, kodwa hatshi eleminikelo yokut-
shiswa kumbe imihlatshelo.' 27 Ngeyinye indlela, kuzakuba yibufakazi phakathi
kwethu lani lezizukulwane ezizalandela, ukuthi sizekhonza UTHIXO endlini yakhe
engcwele ngeminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yethu kanye leyokuthula. Ngakho
kwelakusasa izizukulwane zenu kazisoze zithi kwezethu, 'Kalilasabelo KUTHIXO.'
28 Njalo sathi, 'Bangavele batsho lokhu kithi kumbe kuzizukulwane zethu, siza-
phendula sithi: Khangelani emfanekisweni we-alithari LIKATHIXO, elakhiwa ngobaba,
hatshi eleminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, kodwa njengobufakazi phakathi
kwethu lani.'
29 Kukhatshana kithi ukuthi sihlamukele UTHIXO simfulathele lamhla ngokwakha i-
alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele lemihlatshelo, ngaphandle kwe-
alithari LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu elimi phambi kwethabanikeli lakhe."
30 Kwathi uFinehasi umphristi labakhokheli besizwe, abakhokheli bezinsendo
zako-Israyeli, sebezwe okwakutshiwo nguRubheni, uGadi loManase bathokoza.
31 UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, wathi kuRubheni, uGadi loManase,
"Lamhla siyazi ukuthi UTHIXO ulathi, ngenxa yokuthi kalizange liyekele ukwethem-
beka phambi KUKATHIXO kuloludaba. Khathesi selihlenge abako-Israyeli esandleni
SIKATHIXO."
32 UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, labakhokheli babuyela eKhenani
bevela emhlanganweni wabo labakoRubheni labakoGadi eGiliyadi basebebika
kwabako-Israyeli. 33 Bathokoza ukuzwa umbiko basebedumisa uNkulunkulu.
Kabasakhulumanga njalo ngokuya empini yokubalwisa ukwenzela ukutshabalalisa
ilizwe lapho abakoRubheni labakoGadi ababehlala khona.
34 Njalo abakoRubheni labakoGadi banika i-alithari lelibizo: UBufakazi Phakathi
Kwethu ukuthi UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu.

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UJoshuwa Uvalelisa Abakhokheli

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

endleleni yenu. Uzabasusa lina lingakafiki, njalo lina lizathatha umhlaba wabo, njengokuthembisa KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu.
6 Qinani kakhulu; linanzelele ukuthi lilalela konke okulotshwe eGwalweni lwemi-
Thetho kaMosi, lingaphambukelanga kwesokudla kumbe esenxele. 7 Lingaze lazison-
deza ezizweni lezi eziphakathi kwenu; lingaze labiza amagama abonkulunkulu bazo
kumbe lifunge ngabo. Akumelanga ukuthi libasebenzele lokubakhothamela. 8 Kodwa
kumele libambelele KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu eselikwenze kwaze
kwaba khathesi.
9 UTHIXO usezixotshile phambi kwenu izizwe ezilamandla; kuze kube lamhla
kakho owenelisa ukumelana lani. 10 Oyedwa wenu uyenelisa ukwehlula abantu
abayinkulungwane eyodwa ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uyalilwela
njengokuthembisa kwakhe. 11 Ngakho-ke nanzelelani ukuthi liyamthanda UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu.
12 Kodwa lingabaleka beselisiba lobungane lalabo abasindileyo phakathi kwezizwe
lezi ezizasala phakathi kwenu njalo lingavumelana lokuthathana lokudlelana lazo,
13 lapho lingaba leqiniso lokuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kasoze azixotshe izizwe
phambi kwenu. Kodwa-ke zizakuba yimijibila lezithiyo kini, zizakuba yiziswebhu
emihlane yenu lameva emehlweni enu, lize libhujiswe elizweni leli elihle UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.
14 Khathesi sengizahamba ngendlela yomhlaba wonke. Liyazi ngezinhliziyo
zenu lemiphefumulo ukuthi kasikho isithembiso lasinye esihle phakathi kwalezo
elazinikwa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu esehlulekayo. Zonke izithembiso seza-
gcwaliswa; kasikho lesisodwa esehlulekayo. 15 Kodwa njengoba zonke izithembiso
ezinhle ZIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu seziphumelele, kunjalo UTHIXO uzalilethela
bonke ububi alethusela ngabo, aze alibhubhise elizweni leli elihle alinike lona.
16 Lingephula isivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, owalilayayo ngaso
liyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele, ulaka LUKATHIXO luzavutha kini,
njalo lizabhubha ngokuphangisa elizweni elihle alinike lona."

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Ukuvuselelwa Kwesivumelwano EShekhemu

1 Ngakho uJoshuwa wabuthanisa zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli eShekhemu.
Wamema bonke abadala, abakhokheli, abahluleli leziphathamandla zako-Israyeli,
njalo bazethula phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
2 UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini bonke, "UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli uthi:
'Kudala okhokho benu, okugoqela uThera uyise ka-Abhrahama loNahori, babehlala
ngaphetsheya koMfula njalo bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu. 3 Kodwa ngathatha
uyihlo u-Abhrahama elizweni elingaphetsheya koMfula ngamkhokhelela eKhenani
ngamnika izizukulwane ezinengi. Ngamnika u-Isaka, 4 njalo u-Isaka ngamnika
uJakhobe lo-Esawu. Nganika ilizwe lonke elilamaqaqa eleSeyiri ku-Esawu, kodwa
uJakhobe lamadodana akhe baya eGibhithe.
5 Ngasengithuma uMosi lo-Aroni, njalo ngajezisa amaGibhithe ngalokho engak-
wenza khonale ngasengilikhupha khona. 6 Ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu
eGibhithe, beza olwandle njalo amaGibhithe axotshana labo ngezinqola lamabhiza
baze bayafika eLwandle Olubomvu. 7 Kodwa bakhala KUTHIXO befuna uncedo yena
waseletha umnyama phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe; waletha ulwandle phezu kwabo
wabembesa ngalo. Lazibonela ngamehlo enu lokho engakwenza kumaGibhithe.
Laselihlala enkangala okwesikhathi eside.
8 Ngaliletha elizweni lama-Amori ayehlala empumalanga yeJodani. Balwisana lani,
kodwa mina ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. Ngababhubhisa phambi kwenu njalo

laselithatha ilizwe labo. 9 Lapho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi yaseMowabi,
alungiselela ukulwisana lo-Israyeli, wathumela uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori
ukuthi aliqalekise. 10 Kodwa ngala ukulalela uBhalamu, ngakho walibusisa njalonjalo
mina ngasengilihlenga esandleni sakhe.
11 Laselichapha uJodani leza eJerikho. Izakhamizi zeJerikho zalwisana lani njen-
galokho okwenziwa ngama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaGigashi,
amaHivi lamaJebusi, kodwa ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. 12 Ngathumela olonyovu
phambi kwenu, olwabaxotsha phambi kwenu kanye lamakhosi amabili ama-Amori.
Kalizange likwenze ngenkemba yenu langedandili lenu. 13 Ngakho ngalinika ilizwe
elingazanga liliginqele lamadolobho elingazange liwakhe; njalo lihlala phakathi
kwawo njalo lisidla ezivinini zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga.'
14 Ngakho mesabeni UTHIXO limkhonze ngokuthembeka konke. Lahlani onku-
lunkulu ababekhonzwa ngokhokho benu ngaphetsheya koMfula laseGibhithe,
likhonze UTHIXO. 15 Kodwa nxa ukukhonza UTHIXO kukhanya kungathandeki kini,
khethani phakathi kwenu namhlanje lowo elizamkhonza, kumbe ngonkulunkulu
okhokho benu ababebakhonza ngaphetsheya koMfula kumbe onkulunkulu bama-
Amori, lawo elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu yami sizakhonza UTHIXO."
16 Abantu basebephendula besithi, "Akube khatshana lathi ukuthi silahle UTHIXO
ukuze sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu! 17 KWAKUNGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu ngok-
wakhe owasikhuphayo thina kanye labobaba eGibhithe sisuka elizweni lobugqili,
wasesenza izimanga ezinkulu emehlweni ethu. Wasivikela kulolonke uhambo
lwethu lakuzo zonke izizwe. 18 Njalo UTHIXO wazixotsha phambi kwethu zonke
izizwe, okugoqela ama-Amori ayehlala elizweni. Lathi sizamkhonza UTHIXO ngoba
unguNkulunkulu wethu."
19 UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini, "Kalenelisi ukumkhonza UTHIXO. UnguNkulunkulu
ongcwele; unguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. Kasoze alixolele ekuhlamukeni kwenu
lezonweni zenu. 20 Nxa lingatshiya UTHIXO beselikhonza abanye onkulunkulu
bezizweni uzaliphendukela alehlisele umonakalo aliqede du, yena ubelungile."
21 Kodwa abantu bathi kuJoshuwa, "Hatshi! Sizamkhonza UTHIXO."
22 UJoshuwa wathi, "Yini elizifakazelayo ukuthi selikhethe ukukhonza UTHIXO.
" Baphendula bathi, "Yebo singofakazi."
23 UJoshuwa wathi kubo, "Ngakho-ke lahlani bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni
abaphakathi kwenu beselinikela inhliziyo zenu KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wako-
Israyeli."
24 Abantu bathi kuJoshuwa, "Sizamkhonza UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu simlalele."
25 Ngalelolanga uJoshuwa wenzela abantu isivumelwano, njalo wabenzela imi-
thetho lemilayo khonapho eShekhemu. 26 UJoshuwa waloba konke lokhu oGwalweni
lwemiThetho kaNkulunkulu. Wasethatha ilitshe elikhulu walimisa phansi kwesih-
lahla som'Okhi eduzane lendawo engcwele KATHIXO.
27 Wathi ebantwini bonke, "Khangelani! Ilitshe leli lizakuba yibufakazi kithi
sonke. Selizwile wonke amazwi akhulunywe NGUTHIXO kithi. Lizakuba ngofakazi
wokulilahla nxa lingakhulumi iqiniso kuNkulunkulu."
28 UJoshuwa wasetshela abantu ukuba bahambe, yilowo esiya elifeni lakhe.

Ungcwatshelwa Elizweni Lesithembiso

29 Ngemva kwezinto lezi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku KATHIXO wafa
eseleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. 30 Njalo bamngcwaba elizweni alizuza njengelifa,
eThimnathi-Sera elizweni elilamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi enyakatho yentaba yeGashi.
31 Abako-Israyeli bamkhonza UTHIXO ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaJoshuwa labadala
kulaye ababesele bephila njalo bebone zonke izinto UTHIXO ayezenzele abako-Israyeli.

32 Njalo amathambo kaJosefa, abako-Israyeli ababesuke lawo eGibhithe, angcwatshelwa eShekhemu esiqintini somhlaba leso uJakhobe asithenga ngenhlamvu ezilikhulu zesiliva emadodaneni kaHamori, uyise kaShekhemu. Leli laba yilifa lezizukulwane zikaJosefa.
33 U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wafa wasengcwatshelwa eGibhiya, eyayabelwe indodana yakhe uFinehasi elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi.

Abahluleli

U-Israyeli Ulwa Lensalela YamaKhenani

1 Emva kokufa kukaJoshuwa, abako-Israyeli babuza uTHIXO bathi, “Pho ngubani
ozahamba kuqala ukuba ayesilwela lamaKhenani na?”
2 UTHIXO waphendula wathi, “NguJuda ozahamba; ilizwe sengilinikele ezandleni
zabo.”
3 Lapho-ke abantu bakoJuda bathi kwabakoSimiyoni abafowabo, “Hambani lathi
elizweni esalabelwayo, ukuyakulwa lamaKhenani. Lathi sizakwenanisa ngokuhamba
lani kwelenu.” Ngakho abakoSimiyoni ahamba labo.
4 Kwathi uJuda esehlasele, uTHIXO wanikela amaKhenani lamaPherizi ezandleni
zabo, wabulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi eBhezekhi. 5 Kukhonapho
abafica khona u-Adoni-Bhezekhi balwa laye, baqothula amaKhenani kanye lama-
Pherizi. 6 U-Adoni-Bhezekhi wabaleka, kodwa baxotshana laye baze bambamba,
bamquma izithupha zakhe lamazwane amakhulu.
7 U-Adoni-Bhezekhi wasesithi, “Amakhosi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ayequn-
ywe izithupha zawo lamazwane amakhulu ayedobha imvuthuluka ngaphansi kweta-
fula yami. Khathesi uNkulunkulu usephindisele kimi ngalokho engakwenza kuwo.”
Bamusa eJerusalema lapho afela khona.
8 Abantu bakoJuda bahlasela leJerusalema bayithumba. Bahlasela idolobho
ngezinkemba balithungela ngomlilo.
9 Emva kwalokho, abantu bakoJuda bahamba bayakulwa lamaKhenani ayehlala
elizweni lezintaba, iNegebi kanye lamawatha ezintaba angasentshonalanga.
10 Baqhubeka bayahlasela amaKhenani ayehlala eHebhroni (kuqala eyayithiwa
yiKhiriyathi Aribha) banqoba uSheshayi, u-Ahimani kanye loThalimayi. 11 Besuka
lapho baqhubeka bayahlasela abantu ababehlala eDebhiri (kuqala eyayithiwa
yiKhiriyathi-Sefa).
12 UKhalebi wathi, “Ngizakwendisela indodakazi yami u-Akhisa endodeni
ezahlasela ithumbe iKhiriyathi-Sefa.” 13 U-Othiniyeli, indodana kaKhenazi, um-
nawakhe kaKhalebi, wayithumba; ngakho uKhalebi wendisela indodakazi yakhe u-
Akhisa kuye.
14 Ngelinye ilanga u-Akhisa wafika ku-Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu
kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhemi wakhe uKhalebi wambuza wathi, “Kuyini
engingakwenzela khona?”
15 Waphendula wathi, “Ngicela ungenzele umusa obalulekileyo. Njengoba unginike
umhlaba eNegebi, ngicela unginike lemithombo yamanzi.” Ngakho uKhalebi
wamnika imithombo eyayingaphezulu leyayingaphansi.
16 Abayinzalo kayisezala kaMosi, amaKheni, bahamba labantu bakoJuda besuka
edolobheni laMalala besiyahlala phakathi kwabantu basenkangala yakoJuda eNegebi
eduze le-Aradi.
17 Emva kwalokho abantu bakoJuda bahamba labakoSimiyoni abafowabo bahlasela
amaKhenani ayehlala eZefathi, idolobho basebelichitha ngokupheleleyo. Ngakho
lathiwa yiHoma. 18 Abantu bakoJuda bathumba njalo iGaza, i-Ashikheloni kanye le-
Ekroni, idolobho linye ngalinye kanye lelizwe lalo.
19 UTHIXO wayelabantu bakoJuda. Bathumba ilizwe lezintaba, kodwa behluleka
ukuxotsha abantu ababesemagcekeni ngoba babelezinqola zempi ezenzwe ngen-
simbi. 20 Njengokuthembisa kukaMosi, iHebhroni yaphiwa uKhalebi, owaxotsha
kuyo amadodana amathathu ka-Anakhi. 21 Kodwa abakoBhenjamini behluleka

ukususa amaJebusi ayehlala eJerusalema; lalamhlanje amaJebusi ahlala khona labakoBhenjamini.

22 Ngalesosikhathi abendlu kaJosefa bahlasela iBhetheli, njalo UTHIXO wayelabo.
23 Ekuthumeni kwabo abantu ukuba bayehlola iBhetheli (kuqala idolobho lelo
lalithiwa yiLuzi), 24 inhloli zabona umuntu ephuma edolobheni zasezisithi kuye, "Sit-
shengise ukuthi singangena njani edolobheni, thina-ke sizabona ukuthi uphatheka
kuhle." 25 Ngakho wazitshengisa, zasezihlasela idolobho ngenkemba kodwa umuntu
lowo zamyekela kanye labendlu yakhe bonke. 26 Ngakho-ke waya elizweni lamaHithi,
lapho akha khona idolobho alibiza ngokuthi yiLuzi, okulokhe kuyilo ibizo lalo
lalamhlanje.
27 Kodwa uManase kabaxotshanga abantu baseBhethi-Shani loba eThanakhi
kumbe eDori loba e-Ibhiliyami kumbe eMegido kanye lasemizaneni yabo ese-
duzane, ngoba amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala kulelolizwe. 28 Kwathi abako-
Israyeli sebelamandla bawabamba ngamandla amaKhenani ukuba abasebenzele
kodwa kabazange bawaxotshe wonke. 29 Labako-Efrayimi kabawaxotshanga
amaKhenani ayehlala eGezeri, kodwa amaKhenani aqhubeka ehlala khona labo.
30 LabakoZebhuluni kabawaxotshanga amaKhenani ayehlala eKhithironi kanye lase-
Nahaloli, asala ephakathi kwabo; kodwa bawabamba ngamandla ukuba abasebe-
nzele. 31 Labako-Asheri kababaxotshanga labo ababehlala e-Akho, kumbe eSidoni,
kumbe e-Ahilabi loba e-Akhizibhi kumbe eHelibha loba e-Afekhi kumbe eRe-
hobhi, 32 njalo ngenxa yalokhu abantu bako-Asheri bahlala lamaKhenani ayeyakhe
elizweni. 33 LabakoNafithali kababaxotshanga labo ababehlala eBhethi-Shemeshi
kumbe eBhethi-Anathi; kodwa abakoNafithali labo bahlala lamaKhenani ayeyakhe
elizweni, kwathi lawo ayehlala eBhethi-Shemeshi kanye leBhethi-Anathi abanjwa
ngamandla ukuba abe yizisebenzi zabo. 34 Ama-Amori ancindezela abakoDani
ukuba bahlale elizweni lezintaba, angabavumeli ukuba behlele phansi emagcekeni.
35 Njalo ama-Amori ayezimisele ukuhlala kokuphela eNtabeni iHeresi, le-Ayijaloni
kanye leShalibhimi, kodwa kwathi amandla abendlu kaJosefa esemakhulu, lawo
abanjwa ngamandla ukuba abe yizisebenzi. 36 Umngcele wama-Amori wawusekela
uMkhandlu weNkume usiya eSela kanye langaphetsheya.

2

Ingilosi KATHIXO EBhokhimi

1 Ingilosi KATHIXO yahamba isuka eGiligali isiya eBhokhimi yathi, "Ngalikhupha
eGibhithe ngaliholela elizweni engafunga ukulinika okhokho benu. Ngathi,
'Angiyikusephula isivumelwano sami lani, 2 njalo kaliyikwenza isivumelwano la-
bantu balelilizwe, kodwa lizabhidliza ama-alithare abo.' Kodwa lina kalingilalelanga.
Likwenzeleni lokhu na? 3 Ngakho khathesi-ke ngiyalitshela ukuthi angiyikubaxotsha
phambi kwenu, bazakuba yizifu kini njalo onkulunkulu babo bazakuba yimijibila
kini."
4 Kwathi ingilosi KATHIXO isizikhulumile zonke lezizinto kubo bonke abako-Israyeli,
abantu bakhala kakhulu, 5 indawo leyo bayibiza ngokuthi yiBhokhimi. Banikela
imihlatshelo KUTHIXO khonapho.

Ukungalaleli Lokwehlulwa

6 Emva kokuba uJoshuwa esebadedele abako-Israyeli, bahamba bayalithatha
ilizwe, lowo lalowo endaweni eyilifa lakhe. 7 Abantu bamkhonza UTHIXO ngezin-
suku zokuphila kukaJoshuwa labadala kulaye ababesele bephila njalo beyibonile
imisebenzi emikhulu UTHIXO ayeyenzele abako-Israyeli.

8 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku kaTHIXO, wafa eseleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. 9 Bamngcwaba emhlabeni oyilifa lakhe, eThimnathi-Heresi, elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, enyakatho kwentaba iGashi.

10 Kwathi emva kokuba sonke isizukulwane leso sesiphelile, kwavela esinye isizukulwane esasingamazi uTHIXO kanye lalokho ayekwenzele abako-Israyeli. 11 Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli benza okubi emehlweni kaTHIXO, bakhonza uBhali. 12 Bamdela uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu waboyise, owayebakhuphe eGibhithe. Balandela njalo bakhonza onkulunkulu abehlukeneyo babantu ababehlala phakathi kwabo. Bamthukuthelisa uTHIXO 13 ngoba bamdela bakhonza uBhali labo-Ashithorethi. 14 Ekubathukutheleleni kwakhe uTHIXO wabanikela ezandleni zababahlaselayo lababaphangayo. Wabanikela ezitheni zabo ezazibahanqile, ababengasenelisi ukumelana lazo. 15 Zonke izikhathi lapho abako-Israyeli bephuma ukuyakulwa, isandla sikaTHIXO samelana labo ukuba behlulwe, njengokufunga kwakhe kubo. Basebephakathi kohlupho olukhulu.

16 Kulapho-ke uTHIXO abeka khona abahluleli ababahlengayo ezandleni zabaphangi laba. 17 Belo kababalalelanga abahluleli babo kodwa baqhubeka bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu. Kabenzanga njengabokhokho babo, kodwa bona baphanga baphuma endleleni oyise ababehambe ngayo, indlela yokulalela imilayo kaTHIXO. 18 Ngasosonke isikhathi lapho uTHIXO ebabekela khona umahluleli, wayemthungamela umahluleli abahlenge ezandleni zezitha zabo lapho esaphila; ngoba uTHIXO waba lesihawu kubo lapho bebubula ngaphansi kwalabo ababebancindezele lababebahlukuluza. 19 Kodwa lapho umahluleli esefile, abantu babuyela ezindleleni zokuxhwala okwedlula ezaboyise, belandela abanye onkulunkulu, bebasebenzele njalo bebakhonza, besala ukudela izenzo zabo ezimbi lezindlela zobuqholo.

20 Ngakho uTHIXO wamthukuthelela kakhulu u-Israyeli wathi, “Njengoba isizwe lesi sesephule isivumelwano engasimisela okhokho baso njalo kasingilalelanga, 21 kangisayikuxotsha phambi kwaso iloba yisiphi isizwe phakathi kwezatshiywa nguJoshuwa ekufeni kwakhe. 22 Ngizasebenzisa zona ukuhlola abako-Israyeli ngibone ukuthi bazayigcina yini indlela kaTHIXO, bahambe kuyo njengokwenziwa ngokhokho babo.” 23 UTHIXO wayevumele ukuthi lezozizwe zisale; kazixotshanga masinyane ngokuzinikela ezandleni zikaJoshuwa.

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1 Nanzi izizwe ezatshiywa nguTHIXO ukuze abahlole bonke abako-Israyeli ababengazibonanga izimpi eKhenani 2 (wenza lokhu ukuba azifundise izizukulwane zako-Israyeli ukulwiwa kwezimpi lezo ezazingazange zikubone ukulwa ngaphambilini): 3 ababusi abahlanu bamaFilistiya, amaKhenani wonke, amaSidoni, lamaHivi ahlala ezintabeni zaseLebhanoni kusukela eNtabeni iBhali-Hemoni kusiya eLebho Hamathi. 4 Babetshiyelwe ukuhlola abako-Israyeli ukuba kubonakale ukuthi bayayilalela na imilayo kaTHIXO, ayeyinike okhokho babo ngoMosi.

5 Abako-Israyeli babehlala phakathi kwamaKhenani, lamaHithi, lama-Amori, lama-Pherizi, lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi. 6 Bathatha amadodakazi awo aba ngomkabo njalo bendisela amadodakazi abo emadodaneni awo, bakhonza labonkulunkulu bawo.

U-Othiniyeli

7 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi emehlweni kaTHIXO; bamkhohlwa uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo bakhonza oBhali labo-Ashera. 8 Ulaka lukaTHIXO lwavuthela abako-Israyeli waze wabanikela ezandleni zikaKhushani-Rishathayimi inkosi yase-Aramu Naharayimu, lapho abantu bako-Israyeli ababangaphansi kombuso wayo iminyaka

eyisificaminwembili. 9 Kodwa ekukhaleni kwabo kuTHIXO, wabalethela umhlengi, u-Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi, umnawakhe kaKhalebi, owabakhululayo. 10 Umoya kaTHIXO wehlela kuye, wasesiba ngumahluleli wako-Israyeli waya empini. UTHIXO wanikela uKhushani-Rishathayimi inkosi ye-Aramu ezandleni zika-Othiniyeli, wamnqoba. 11 Ngakho ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane, u-Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi waze wafa.

U-Ehudi

12 Abako-Israyeli baphinda benza okubi emehlweni kaTHIXO, kwathi ngenxa yokuthi babenze lobububi uTHIXO wanika u-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi amandla phezu kuka-Israyeli. 13 Esenze ama-Amoni lama-Amaleki amanyana laye, u-Egiloni wayahlasela u-Israyeli, basebethumba idolobho laMalala. 14 Abako-Israyeli babangaphansi kombuso ka-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi iminyaka elitshumi layisificaminwembili.

15 Abako-Israyeli bakhala futhi kuTHIXO, wasebapha umhlengi u-Ehudi, indoda eyayilinxele indodana kaGera owakoBhenjamini. Abako-Israyeli bamthuma lesipho ku-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi. 16 U-Ehudi wayenze inkemba esika inxa zombili eyayingaba yingalo lengxenye ubude bayo, ayibophela ethangazini lakhe lwesokudla ngaphansi kwezigqoko zakhe. 17 Wasethula isipho ku-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi, owayengumuntu oqatha kakhulu. 18 Emva kokuba u-Ehudi esesethule isipho, walaya abantu ababesithwele ukuba bazihambele. 19 Ezithombeni eduze leGiligali yena uqobo wabuyela emuva, wathi, “Oh nkosi, ngilelizwi lakho eliyimfihlo.

” Inkosi yathi, “Thula!” Zonke izikhonzi zayo zasuka kuyo.

20 U-Ehudi wayilanda isihlezi yodwa ekamelweni langaphezulu elipholileyo endlini yayo yobukhosi wathi, “Ngilelizwi lakho elivela kuNkulunkulu.” Kwathi inkosi isukuma esihlalweni sayo, 21 u-Ehudi wafinyelela ngesandla sakhe senxele, wahwatsha inkemba ethangazini lakhe kwesokudla wayithela esiswini senkosi. 22 Inkemba yatshona yasala ngesilanda, amathumbu akhe agcwala phansi. U-Ehudi kayingcothulanga inkemba, idanga layemboza. 23 U-Ehudi waphuma phandle, wavala iminyango yekamelo langaphezulu wayihluthulela.

24 Esehambile kweza izinceku zathola iminyango yekamelo langaphezulu ihluthulelwe. Zathi, “Kutsho ukuthi iye ngaphandle ekamelweni elingaphakathi kwendlu.” 25 Zalinda zaze zakhathazeka, kodwa ngoba ingasavulanga iminyango yekamelo lelo, zathatha ikhiye zayivula. Lapho-ke zabona inkosi yazo iwele phansi, isifile.

26 Zisalindile, u-Ehudi wasuka wahamba. Wedlula eduzane lezithombe wabalekela eSeyira. 27 Esefike lapho wakhalisa icilongo elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, abako-Israyeli basebesehla laye ezintabeni, yena ebakhokhele.

28 Wabalaya wathi, “Ngilandelani, ngoba uTHIXO usenikele uMowabi, isitha senu, ezandleni zenu.” Ngakho behlela laye phansi bemlandela, kwathi sebethumbe amazibuko eJodani ayewelela eMowabi, kabaze bavumela muntu ukuba achaphele ngaphetsheya. 29 Ngalesosikhathi babulala amaMowabi ayengaba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, wonke ayeqinile elamandla; akukho muntu owaphunyukayo. 30 Ngalolosuku iMowabi yanqotshwa yi-Israyeli, ilizwe laselisiba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

UShamigari

31 Emva kuka-Ehudi kwaba loShamigari indodana ka-Anathi owabulala amaFilistiya angamakhulu ayisithupha ngesijujo senkabi. Laye wamkhulula u-Israyeli.

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UDibhora

1 Abako-Israyeli baphinda benza okubi phambi kukaTHIXO, emva kokuba u-
Ehudi esefile. 2 Ngakho uTHIXO wabanikela ezandleni zikaJabhini, inkosi
yaseKhenani, owayebusa eHazori. Umlawuli webutho lakhe wayenguSisera,
owayehlala eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi. 3 Ngoba wayelezinqola zempi ezensimbi ezinga-
makhulu ayisificamunwemunye munye njalo encindezele abako-Israyeli kabuhlungu
okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, bacela usizo kuTHIXO.

4 Ngalesosikhathi u-Israyeli wayekhokhelwa nguDibhora umphrofethikazi,
umkaLaphidothi. 5 Wayethonisela amacala ngaphansi kwesihlahla seLala
likaDibhora phakathi kweRama leBhetheli elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, njalo
abantu bako-Israyeli baya kuye ukuba kwenziwe izinqumo ngemibono yabo.
6 Wabiza uBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami waseKhedeshi koNafithali wathi
kuye, "UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uyakulaya uthi: 'Suka, uhambe labantu
bakoNafithali labakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi ubakhokhelele
eNtabeni iThabhori. 7 Ngizahugela uSisera, umlawuli webutho likaJabhini, lezinqola
zakhe zempi kanye lamabutho emfuleni uKhishoni ngimnikele ezandleni zakho.' "

8 UBharakhi wathi kuye, "Nxa uhamba lami, ngizahamba; kodwa nxa ungahambi
lami, kangiyikuhamba."

9 UDibhora wathi, "Kulungile, ngizahamba lawe. Kodwa ngenxa yendlela
oqhuba ngayo lokhu udumo kaluyikuba ngolwakho, ngoba uTHIXO uzanikela uSisera
kowesifazane." Ngakho uDibhora wahamba loBharakhi eKhedeshi 10 lapho abizela
khona uZebhuluni loNafithali. Abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi bamlandela.
UDibhora laye wahamba labo.

11 Ngalesosikhathi uHebheri umKheni wayetshiye amanye amaKheni, izizukulwane
zikaHobhabhi, uyisezala kaMosi, wamisa ithente lakhe phansi kwesihlahla som'Okhi
eZananimi eduze leKhedeshi.

12 Kwathi uSisera sebemtshelile ukuthi uBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami
wayeseye eNtabeni iThabhori, 13 uSisera waqoqela ndawonye izinqola zakhe zempi
ezensimbi ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye munye lawo wonke amadoda
ayelaye, kusukela eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi kusiya emfuleni uKhishoni.

14 UDibhora wasesithi kuBharakhi, "Hamba! Lolu yilo usuku uTHIXO anikele ngalo
uSisera ezandleni zakho. Kanti uTHIXO kahambanga phambi kwakho na?" Ngakho
uBharakhi wehlela eNtabeni iThabhori elandelwa ngabantu abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi. 15 UBharakhi wathi esesondela uTHIXO wamhlasela uSisera lezinqola
zakhe zonke zempi kanye lebutho ngenkemba, njalo uSisera watshiya izinqola zakhe
zempi wabaleka ngezinyawo.

16 Kodwa uBharakhi waxotshana lezinqola zempi lebutho waze wafika
eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi. Wonke amabutho kaSisera abulawa ngenkemba, akukho
muntu owasilayo. 17 Kodwa uSisera wabaleka ngezinyawo waze wayafika ethenteni
likaJayeli, umkaHebheri umKheni, ngoba kwakulobudlelwano obuhle phakathi
kukaJabhini inkosi yaseHazori lomndeni kaHebheri umKheni.

18 UJayeli waphuma wahlangabeza uSisera wasesithi kuye, "Woza nkosi yami,
ngena phakathi sibili. Ungesabi." Ngakho uSisera wangena ethenteni likaJayeli,
wasemembesa ngengubo.

19 Wasesithi, "Ngomile. Ake unginathise." Wavula umxhaka wesikhumba sochago,
wamnathisa, wasemembesa.

20 USisera wasesithi, "Mana emnyango wethente. Kungaba lomuntu ofika akubuze
athi, 'Kulomuntu lapha na?' wena kumele uthi 'Hatshi.' "

21 Kodwa uJayeli, umkaHebheri, wathatha isikhonkwane sethente lesando,
wamnyenyela ephakathi kobuthongo obukhulu, ngoba wayediniwe. Wabethela
isikhonkwane enhlafunweni sangena saze sayafika emhlabathini, wafa.
22 UBharakhi wafika exotshana loSisera, uJayeli waphuma wayamhlangabeza.
Wathi, “Woza, ngizakutshengisa umuntu omdingayo.” Ngakho wangena laye
khonapho, uSisera wayelele isikhonkwane sethente singene satshona enhlafunweni
yakhe esefile.
23 Ngalolosuku uNkulunkulu wamnqoba uJabhini, inkosi yamaKhenani, phambi
kwabako-Israyeli. 24 Amandla abako-Israyeli okumelana loJabhini inkosi ya-
maKhenani akhula, aze amchitha.

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Ingoma KaDibhora

1 Ngalolosuku uDibhora loBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami bahlabela ingoma le:
2 “Lapho amakhosana ko-Israyeli esekhokhela,
lapho abantu bezinikela ngokuzithandela,
dumisani uTHIXO!

3 Zwanini lokhu lina makhosi! Lalelani lina babusi!
Ngizahlabelela kuTHIXO,
ngizahlabelela;
ngizahubela ihubo,
kuTHIXOuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

4 Awu THIXO, ekuqhamukeni kwakho eSeyiri,
lapho usuka elizweni lase-Edomi,
umhlaba wanyikinyeka, amazulu athululeka,
amayezi athululela amanzi phansi.
5 Izintaba zazamazama phambi kukaTHIXO, yena owaseSinayi,
phambi kukaTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

6 Ensukwini zikaShamigari indodana ka-Anathi,
ensukwini zikaJayeli, imigwaqo yayideliwe;
izihambi zithatha izindledlana ezimazombe.
7 Izakhamizi zako-Israyeli kazizange zilwe,
zahlehlela emuva kwaze kwavela mina Dibhora,
kwavela umama ko-Israyeli.
8 UNkulunkulu wakhetha abakhokheli abatsha
lapho impi isifike emasangweni edolobho,
kodwa akulahawu kumbe umkhonto owabonakalayo
phakathi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane ko-Israyeli.
9 Inhliziyo yami ikanye lamakhosana ako-Israyeli,
kanye labazinikela ngokuzithandela phakathi kwabantu.
Dumisani uTHIXO!

10 Lina eligada obabhemi abamhlophe,
lihlezi ezihlalweni zenu zengubo,
lani elihamba emgwaqweni
cabangani 11 ilizwi labahlabeleli ezindaweni zamanzi okunathisa.
Bahuba ngokulunga kukaTHIXO,

ukunqoba kwezakhamizi zako-Israyeli.

Lapho-ke abantu BAKATHIXO
behlela emasangweni edolobho.
12 'Vuka, vuka, Dibhora!
Vuka, vuka, uhlabele ingoma!
Vuka weBharakhi!
Uthumbe abathunjiweyo bakho, wena ndodana ka-Abhinowami.'

13 Ngakho abantu ababesele bafika ezikhulwini;
abantu BAKATHIXO beza kimi labalamandla.
14 Abanye bavela ko-Efrayimi, abamdabuko wabo use-Amaleki;
uBhenjamini wayelabantu abakulandelayo.
Izinduna zamabutho zavela eMakhiri,
koZebhuluni labo abaphatha intonga yomlawuli webutho.
15 Amakhosana ako-Isakhari ayeloDibhora;
yebo, u-Isakhari wayeloBharakhi
emxhuma ngesiqubu ezigodini.
Eziqintini zakoRubheni
kwaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwezinhliziyo.
16 Lahlalelani ezibayeni
ukuzwa amakhwelo enqanda izimvu na?
Eziqintini zakoRubheni,
kwaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwezinhliziyo.
17 UGiliyadi wahlala ngaphetsheya kweJodani.
LoDani wasalelani ngasemikhunjini na?
U-Asheri wasala ngasokhunjini
wahlala emathekwini akhe olwandle.
18 Abantu bakoZebhuluni bafaka impilo yabo uqobo engozini;
wenza njalo loNafithali emiqolweni yeganga.

19 Amakhosi afika, alwa;
amakhosi aseKhenani alwa,
eThanakhi ngasemachibini aseMegido,
kodwa kawazathwala isiliva, lempango.
20 Izinkanyezi zalwa zisemazulwini,
zalwa loSisera zisezindleleni zazo.
21 Umfula uKhishoni wabakhukhula,
umfula wendulo, umfula uKhishoni.
Phambili, mphefumulo wami; Qina!
22 Kwaduma amasondo amabhiza ematha,
ematha ehamba amabhiza akhe alamandla.
23 'Iqalekiseni iMerozi,' kwatsho ingilosi KATHIXO,
'Baqalekiseni kabuhlungu abantu bayo,
ngoba kabezanga ukuzencedisa UTHIXO,
ukuzasiza UTHIXO emelane labalamandla.'

24 Kabe ngobusiswe kakhulu kwabesifazane uJayeli,
umkaHebheri umKheni,
obusiswe kakhulu kwabesifazane abahlala emathenteni.
25 Wacela amanzi, yena wamnika uchago,

wamlethela amasi ngomganu ofanele izikhulu.
26 Wathatha isikhonkwane sethente ngesandla sakhe,
isandla sakhe sokudla sathatha isando somkhandi.
Watshaya uSisera, wachoboza ikhanda lakhe,
waphahaza wabhoboza inhlafuno yakhe.
27 Wawohlokela ezinyaweni zakhe,
wawa; wabhazalala khonapho.
Wawohlokela ezinyaweni zakhe wawa;
lapho awohlokela khona, wawela khonapho esefile.

28 UnakaSisera walunguza ngefasitela;
ngemva kwewindi wanqolonga wathi,
'Kungani inqola yakhe yempi iphuze kangaka ukufika?
Kungani ukugodlozela kwezinqola zakhe zempi kuphuzile?'
29 Ohlakaniphe kakhulu kumakhosazana akhe wamphendula;
impela yena uhlezi ezitshela esithi,
30 'Kanti kabafumani mpango bayabelane na;
intombazana loba amabili indoda nganye,
izigqoko ezimibalabala eziyimpango kaSisera,
izigqoko ezimibalabala ezicecisiweyo,
izigqoko ezicеciswe kakhulu zentamo yami,
konke lokhu kuyimpango?'

31 Ngakho sengathi zingabhubha zonke izitha zakho, Oh THIXO!
Kodwa sengathi labo abakuthandayo bangaba njengelanga
lapho liphuma ngamandla alo."
Kwasekusiba lokuthula elizweni iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

6

UGidiyoni

1 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi futhi emehlweni kaTHIXO, wabanikela ezandleni
zamaMidiyani iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 2 Ngenxa yokuthi umbuso wamaMidiyani
wawuncindezela kakhulu, abako-Israyeli bazakhela amadumba ezingoxweni zez-
intaba, lasezimbalwini kanye lasezinqabeni. 3 Kwakusithi abako-Israyeli bangalima
izilimo zabo, amaMidiyani lama-Amaleki kanye labanye abantu basempumalanga
bahlasele ilizwe labo. 4 Bahlala elizweni bachitha izilimo umango wonke kusiya
eGaza kabaze bamtshiyela lutho oluphilayo u-Israyeli, loba izimvu kumbe inkomo
loba obabhemi. 5 Beza lezifuyo zabo lamathente abo benjengemitshitshi yezintethe
ngobunengi. Ubunengi babantu lamakamela abo kwakungabaleki; bahlasela ilizwe
balichithiza. 6 AmaMidiyani abaphundla abako-Israyeli baze bakhala kuTHIXO ukuba
abasize.
7 Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebekhalile kuTHIXO ngenxa yamaMidiyani, 8 wabathumela
umphrofethi, owathi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Nga-
likhupha eGibhithe, ngalikhupha elizweni lobugqili. 9 Ngalihluthuna emandleni eGib-
hithe lasezandleni zabancindezeli benu bonke. Ngabaxotsha phambi kwenu ngalipha
ilizwe labo. 10 Ngathi kini, 'Mina nginguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, lingabakhonzi
onkulunkulu bama-Amori, elihlala elizweni lawo.' Kodwa kalingilalelanga."
11 Ingilosi kaTHIXO yafika yahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla som'Okhi e-Ofira esasin-
gesikaJowashi um'Abhiyezeri lapho indodana yakhe uGidiyoni eyayibhula khona

amabele esikhamelweni sewayini ukuze iwafihlele amaMidiyani. 12 Ingilosi kaTHIXO
isibonakele kuGidiyoni yathi kuye, "UTHIXO ulawe, butho elilamandla."
13 UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, "Kodwa nkosi, nxa uTHIXO elathi, pho kungani
konke lokhu kwenzakele kithi? Zingaphi izimanga zakhe zonke obaba abasitshela
ngazo besithi, 'UTHIXO kasikhuphanga eGibhithe na?' Kodwa khathesi uTHIXO
usesidelile wasinikela ezandleni zamaMidiyani."
14 UTHIXO waphendukela kuye wathi, "Hamba ngamandla olawo uhlenge u-Israyeli
ezandleni zamaMidiyani. Kanti kangikuthumi na?"
15 UGidiyoni wabuza wathi, "Kodwa nkosi yami, u-Israyeli ngingamhlenga kanjani
na? Usendo lwakwethu koManase kalulamandla, njalo mina ngingomncinyane
emulini yakwethu."
16 UTHIXO waphendula wathi, "Ngizakuba lawe, njalo uzawacakazela phansi wonke
amaMidiyani, ungatshiyi lamunye wabo."
17 UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, "Nxa khathesi sengithole umusa emehlweni akho,
nginika isibonakaliso sokuthi impela nguwe sibili okhuluma lami. 18 Ngiyakucela
ukuba ungahambi ngize ngiphenduke ngilethe umnikelo wami ngiwubeke phambi
kwakho."
UTHIXO wathi, "Ngizahlala uze uphenduke."
19 UGidiyoni wangena phakathi wahlaba izinyane lembuzi, wasesenza isinkwa
esingelamvubelo ngehefa yefulawa. Esebeke inyama esitsheni lomhluzi wayo
embizeni, waphuma lakho wayakunikela kuye ngaphansi kom'Okhi.
20 Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yathi kuye, "Thatha inyama lesinkwa esingelamvubelo
ukubeke phezu kwedwala leli, uthele umhluzi." UGidiyoni wenza njalo. 21 Ngesihloko
somqwayi eyayiwuphethe ingilosi kaTHIXO yathinta inyama lesinkwa esinge-
lamvubelo. Umlilo walavuka edwaleni watshisa inyama lesinkwa. Ingilosi kaTHIXO
yasinyamalala. 22 Kwathi uGidiyoni esenanzelele ukuthi kwakuyingilosi kaTHIXO,
wamemeza wathi, "Awu, THIXO Wobukhosi! Ngibone ingilosi kaTHIXO ubuso
ngobuso!"
23 Kodwa uTHIXO wathi kuye, "Ukuthula! Ungesabi. Kawuyikufa."
24 Ngakho uGidiyoni wakhela uTHIXO i-alithari khonapho walibiza ngokuthi uTHIXO
uyiKuthula. Kuze kube lamhla likhona e-Ofira lama-Abhiyezeri.
25 Ngalobobusuku uTHIXO wathi kuye, "Thatha inkunzi yesibili emhlambini kayihlo,
eleminyaka eyisikhombisa ubudala. Udilize i-alithari likayihlo alakhela uBhali,
ugamule lezinsika zika-Ashera eziphansi kwalo. 26 Emva kwalokho wakhele uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wakho umhlobo we-alithari oluyilo engqongeni yalinqaba. Unikele
inkunzi yesibili njengomnikelo wokutshiswa usebenzisa inkuni zensika zika-Ashera
ozigamuleyo."
27 Ngakho uGidiyoni wathatha izinceku zakhe ezilitshumi wenza njengokutshelwa
kwakhe nguTHIXO. Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayesesaba abemuli yakwabo labantu
basedolobheni, wakwenza ebusuku kulokuba kube semini.
28 Ekuseni kwathi abantu bedolobho lelo bevuka babona i-alithari likaBhali
lidiliziwe, lezinsika zika-Ashera emaceleni alo ziganyulwe lenkunzi yesibili inikelwe
phezu kwe-alithari elalisanda kwakhiwa!
29 Babuzana besithi, "Ngubani owenze lokhu?"
Kwathi sebebuzisise kakuhle babatshela ukuthi, "Kwenziwe nguGidiyoni indodana
kaJowashi."
30 Abantu bakulelodolobho bathonisa uJowashi bathi, "Ikhuphe indodana yakho.
Kumele ife, ngoba idilize i-alithari likaBhali yagamula lezinsika zika-Ashera emace-
leni alo."
31 Kodwa uJowashi waphendula ixuku lelo elalifuthelene limhanqile wathi, "Liza-
khulumela uBhali na? Lizama ukumhlenga na? Loba ngubani omlwelayo uzabulawa

ekuseni! Nxa uBhali engunkulunkulu sibili, angazivikela nxa umuntu ediliza i-alithari lakhe.” 32 Ngakho ngalelolanga uGidiyoni bambiza ngokuthi “Jerubhi-Bhali,” besithi, “UBhali kalwe laye,” ngoba wadiliza i-alithari likaBhali.

33 Ngalesosikhathi wonke amaMidiyani, lama-Amaleki kanye labanye abantu basempumalanga bamanyana bachapha iJodani, bamisa eSigodini saseJezer-ili. 34 Umoya kaThixo wafika kuGidiyoni, wasetshaya icilongo emema ama-Abhiyezeri ukuba amlandele. 35 Wathuma izithunywa kulolonke elakoManase, ebatshela ukuba bahlome, lako-Asheri, koZebhuluni kanye lakoNafithali, ukuze labo bayebahlangabeza.

36 UGidiyoni wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Nxa uzasindisa u-Israyeli ngesandla sami njengoba uthembisile, 37 khangela ngizabeka uboya bewulu esizeni. Kungaba lamazolo eboyeni bewulu kuphela iphansi lomile, ngizakwazi ukuthi uzamsindisa u-Israyeli ngesandla sami njengoba utshilo.” 38 Lokho yikho okwenzakalayo. Kusisa uGidiyoni wavuka ekuseni wakhama uboya wahluza amazolo, umganu wagcwala amanzi.

39 UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Ungangithukutheleli. Ngivumela ngenze esinye isicelo esisodwa. Ngivumela ukuhlola kanye futhi ngoboya. Khathesi yomisa uboya kuthi iphansi ligcwale amazolo.” 40 Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wenza njalo. Uboya kuphela yibo obabomile; iphansi lonke ligcwele amazolo.

7

UGidiyoni Wehlula AmaMidiyani

1 Ekuseni kakhulu uJerubhi-Bhali (lowo nguGidiyoni) labantu bakhe bonke bamisa emthonjeni waseHarodi. Izihonqo zamaMidiyani zazingasenyakatho kwabo esigodini eduzane lentaba yaseMore. 2 uThixo wathi kuGidiyoni, “Abantu olabo banengi kakhulu ukuba nginikele amaMidiyani ezandleni zabo. Ukuze u-Israyeli angazincomi kimi esithi amandla akhe amsindisile, 3 memezela ebantwini khathesi nje uthi, ‘Lowo othuthumelayo ngenxa yokwesaba angabuyela emuva asuke eNtabeni iGiliyadi.’ ” Ngakho abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili babuyela, kwathi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi basala.

4 Kodwa uThixo wathi kuGidiyoni, “Abantu balokhu bebanengi kakhulu. Behlisele emanzini, ngizakuhlolela bona khonale. Ngingathi, ‘Lo uzahamba lawe,’ uzahamba; kodwa ngingathi, ‘Lo kazukuhamba lawe,’ akayikuhamba.”

5 Ngakho uGidiyoni wabathatha abantu wabasa ngasemanzini. Khonapho uThixo wathi kuGidiyoni, “Yehlukanisa labo abaxhapha amanzi ngolimi lwabo njengenja kulabo abaguqa phansi ukuba banathe.” 6 Abantu abangamakhulu amathathu bakhaphazela amanzi emilonyeni yabo ngezandla zabo. Abanye bonke baguqa phansi ngamadolo abo ukuba banathe.

7 uThixo wasesithi kuGidiyoni, “Ngamadoda angamakhulu amathathu anathe equthile ngizakusindisa nginikele amaMidiyani ezandleni zakho. Amanye wonke adedele aye emizini yabo.” 8 Ngakho uGidiyoni wabuyisela inengi labako-Israyeli emathenteni abo wasala labangamakhulu amathathu, abayibo abathatha ukudla lamacilongo abanye.

Izihonqo zamaMidiyani zazingaphansi kwakhe esigodini. 9 Ngalobobusuku uThixo wathi kuGidiyoni, “Vuka, yehla uyehlasela izihonqo ngoba ngizazinikela ezandleni zakho. 10 Nxa usesaba ukuhlasela, yehlela ezihonqweni lenceku yakho uPhura 11 ulalele abakutshoyo. Emva kwalokho uzakuba lesibindi sokuhlasela izihonqo.” Ngakho yena loPhura inceku yakhe behlela emaphethelweni ezihonqo. 12 AmaMidiyani lama-Amaleki kanye labanye bonke abasempumalanga babemise

esigodini, bebanengi njengentethe. Amakamela abo ayengeke abalwe njengetshebetshebe okhunjini lolwandle.

13 UGidiyoni wafika omunye umuntu esatshela umngane wakhe iphupho lakhe. Wathi, “Ngiphuphe iphupho. Isinkwa sebhali esiyindilinga size sigiqikela ezihonqweni zamaMidiyani. Sitshaye ithente ngamandla amakhulu ithente lagenquka lawohlokela phansi.”

14 Umngane wakhe waphendula wathi, “Lokhu akungeke kube ngolunye ulutho ngaphandle kwenkemba kaGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi, um’Israyeli. UNkulunkulu usenikele amaMidiyani lezihonqo zonke ezandleni zakhe.”

15 Kwathi uGidiyoni esezwe iphupho lelo lengcazelo yalo, wakhonza. Wabuyela ezihonqweni zako-Israyeli wamemeza esithi, “Vukani! UTHIXO usenikele izihonqo zamaMidiyani ezandleni zenu!” 16 Esehlukanise abantu abangamakhulu amathathu baba ngamaviyo amathathu, bonke wabanika amacilongo lezimbizanyana ezingelalutho, zilezibane phakathi.

17 Wathi kubo, “Ngikhangelani. Lingilandele. Lapho sengifike emaphethelweni ezihonqo, lenze engizabe ngikwenza. 18 Nxa mina labo bonke abalami sesitshaya amacilongo ethu, lina ezindaweni zonke zezihonqo likhalise awenu limemeza lisithi, ‘NGEKATHIXO lekaGidiyoni.’ ”

19 UGidiyoni lamadoda alikhulu ayelaye bafika emaphethelweni ezihonqo ekuqaliseni komlindo waphakathi, besanda kuntshintsha abalindi. Bakhalisa amacilongo abo babulala lenkonxa ababeziphethe. 20 Amaviyo amathathu akhalisa amacilongo abulala inkonxa. Bephethe izibane ngezandla zabo zenxele, ezandleni zokudla bephethe amacilongo ababezawakhalisa, bamemeza bathi, “Inkemba KATHIXO lekaGidiyoni!” 21 Umuntu munye ngamunye wayemi endaweni yakhe behanqe izihonqo, amaMidiyani wonke agijima, ehlaba umkhosi ebaleka.

22 Kwathi amacilongo angamakhulu amathathu esekhala, UTHIXO wenza ukuthi abantu ababesezindaweni zonke ezihonqweni bahlaselane ngezinkemba zabo. Ibutho labalekela eBhethi-Shitha ngokuya eZerera kusiyafika emngceleni we-Abheli-Mehola eduzane leThabathi. 23 Abako-Israyeli labakoNafithali, labako-Asheri labo bonke abakoManase babizwa, baxotshana lamaMidiyani. 24 UGidiyoni wathuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi, esithi, “Yehlani lihlasele amaMidiyani lithumbe iziziba zaseJodani phambi kwawo kusiyafika eBhethi-Bhara.”

Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Efrayimi babizwa bazithumba iziziba zaseJodani kusiyafika eBhethi-Bhara. 25 Bathumba labakhokheli bamaMidiyani ababili, u-Orebhi loZebhi. U-Orebhi bambulalela edwaleni lika-Orebhi, uZebhi esikhamelweni sewayini sikaZebhi. Baxotshana lamaMidiyani, amakhanda ka-Orebhi loZebhi bawasa kuGidiyoni owayeseJodani.

8

UZebha LoZalimuna

1 Abako-Efrayimi babuza uGidiyoni bathi, “Kungani usiphathe kanje na? Kungani ungasibizanga lapho ususiyakulwa lamaMidiyani?” Bamsola kakhulu.

2 Kodwa yena wabaphendula wathi, “Kuyini mina engikufezileyo okulingana lokwenu na? Amagrebisi ako-Efrayimi aseleyo ekuvuneni kawangcono kulamagrebisi esivuno esipheleleyo sako-Abhiyezeri na? 3 UNkulunkulu unikele u-Orebhi loZebhi, abakhokheli bamaMidiyani, ezandleni zenu. Kuyini lokho engikwenzileyo lapho ngiqathaniswa lani?” Ngalokhu ukuthukuthela kwabo kwadeda.

4 UGidiyoni labantu bakhe abangamakhulu amathathu sebediniwe kodwa belokhu bexotshana lawo, bafika eJodani bayichapha. 5 Wasesithi ebantwini baseSukhothi,

“Phanini amabutho ami izinkwa; akhathele, njalo ngisaxotshana loZebha kanye loZalimuna, amakhosi aseMidiyani.”

6 Kodwa izikhulu zaseSukhothi zathi, “Usulazo mathupha yini izandla zikaZebha
loZalimuna? Kungani amabutho akho kumele siwanike izinkwa?”

7 UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, “Ngenxa yalokho, lapho UTHIXO esenikele uZebha
loZalimuna esandleni sami, ngizaklaya imizimba yenu ngameva asenkangala.”

8 Esuka lapho waya ePheniweli, wenza isicelo esifanayo kubo, kodwa baphendula
njengabantu beSukhothi. 9 Ngakho wathi ebantwini basePheniweli, “Ekuphendukeni
kwami senginqobile, ngizawudiliza umphotshongo lo.”

10 Ngalesosikhathi uZebha loZalimuna babeseKhakhori lebutho labantu
ababephosa babe zinkulungwane ezilitshumi lanhlanu, ababesele emabuthweni
asempumalanga; izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili zababesilwa
ngenkemba zasezifile. 11 UGidiyoni wahamba ngendlela yamasili empumalanga
kweNobha leJogibheha wahlasela ibutho elalilibele. 12 UZebha loZalimuna, amakhosi
womabili aseMidiyani, babaleka, kodwa waxotshana labo wababamba, wawachitha
wonke amabutho abo.

13 Emva kwalokho uGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wabuyela evela empini ngoKhalo
lwaseHeresi. 14 Wabamba ijaha laseSukhothi walibuzabuza, ijaha lelo lamlobela
amabizo eziphathamandla zaseSukhothi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, abadala
bomuzi. 15 UGidiyoni wafika wathi ebantwini baseSukhothi, “Nangu uZebha loZa-
limuna elalingichothoza ngabo lisithi, ‘Usulazo yini izandla zikaZebha loZalimuna?
Kungani amabutho akho akhatheleyo kumele siwanike izinkwa na?’ ” 16 Wathatha
abadala bomuzi wasefundisa amadoda aseSukhothi isifundo ngokubajezisa ngameva
asenkangala. 17 Wadiliza lomphotshongo wasePheniweli wabulala amadoda aku-
lowomuzi.

18 Wabuza uZebha loZalimuna wathi, “Ngabantu abanjani labo elababulalayo
eThabhori?”

Baphendula bathi, “Ngabantu abanjengawe, lowo lalowo efana lenkosana.”

19 UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, “Labobantu babengabafowethu, amadodana
kamama. Ngeqiniso njengoba UTHIXO ephila, aluba labayekela bephila, kade
bengingeyikulibulala.” 20 Wasephendukela kuJetha, indodana yakhe endala, wathi,
“Babulale!” Kodwa uJetha kayihwatshanga inkemba yakhe, ngoba wayengum-
fanyana esesaba.

21 UZebha loZalimuna bathi, “Woza, usibulale wena ngokwakho. ‘Njengoba indoda
injalo, anjalo lamandla ayo.’ ” Ngakho uGidiyoni wasondela phambili wababulala,
wasethatha imiceciso entanyeni zamakamela abo.

Isithombe SikaGidiyoni

22 Abako-Israyeli bathi kuGidiyoni, “Sibuse wena, lendodana yakho kanye lendo-
dana yendodana yakho ngoba usisindisile ezandleni zamaMidiyani.”

23 Kodwa uGidiyoni wathi kubo, “Mina kangiyikulibusa, lendodana yami
kayiyikulibusa. UTHIXO uzalibusa.” 24 Wabuya wathi, “Ngilesicelo esisodwa, ukuthi
omunye lomunye wenu angiphe icici esabelweni sempango yenu.” (Ukufaka amacici
egolide kwakungumkhuba wama-Ishumayeli.)

25 Baphendula bathi, “Sizathaba ukukunika wona.” Ngakho bendlala ingubo,
kwathi umuntu ngamunye waphosela kuyo icici lempango yakhe. 26 Isisindo
samacici egolide ayewacelile saba ngamashekeli angamakhulu alitshumi lesikhom-
bisa, kungabalwa izigqizo lemigaxo lezembatho eziyibubende ezigqokwa ngamakhosi
aseMidiyani loba amaketane ayesezintanjeni zamakamela awo. 27 UGidiyoni wenza
isithombe ngegolide lelo, wasibeka e-Ofira, umuzi wakibo. Bonke abako-Israyeli

bazingcolisa ngokusikhonza khonapho, njalo saba ngumjibila kuGidiyoni labendlu yakhe.

Ukufa KukaGidiyoni

28 IMidiyani yanqotshwa kanjalo ngabako-Israyeli njalo kayizange ivuse ikhanda futhi. Ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaGidiyoni ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane.
29 UJerubhi-Bhali indodana kaJowashi wabuyela ekhaya ukuyahlala khona.
30 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa angawakhe ngoba wayelabafazi abanengi. 31 Umkakhe weceleni, owayehlala eShekhemu, laye wamzalela indodana ayithi ngu-Abhimelekhi. 32 UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wafa eseluphele kakhulu wangcwatshwa ethuneni likayise uJowashi e-Ofira yama-Abhiyezeri.
33 Masinyane nje uGidiyoni esanda kufa abako-Israyeli bazingcolisa njalo ngokukhonza oBhali. Bamisa uBhali-Bherithi njengonkulunkulu wabo 34 kabaze bamkhumbula uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo owayebahlenge ezandleni zezitha zabo ezinhlangothini zonke. 35 Njalo kababanga lomusa kwabendlu kaJerubhi-Bhali (uGidiyoni) ngezinto zonke ezinhle ayebenzele zona.

9

U-Abhimelekhi

1 U-Abhimelekhi indodana kaJerubhi-Bhali waya kubomalumakhe eShekhemu lakubo bonke abosendo lukanina wathi kubo, 2 “Buzani bonke abantu baseShekhemu ukuthi, ‘Yikuphi okungcono kini: ukubuswa yiwo wonke amadodana kaJerubhi-Bhali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa kumbe indoda eyodwa?’ Likhumbule ukuthi mina ngingumzimba legazi lenu.”
3 Kwathi abanewabo bakanina sebekutshilo konke lokhu ebantwini baseShekhemu, bafuna ukumlandela u-Abhimelekhi, ngoba bathi, “Ungumfowethu.” 4 Bamnika amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, athathwa ethempelini likaBhali-Bherithi, u-Abhimelekhi aqhatsha ngawo izigebenga ezingakhathaliyo, ezaba ngabalandeli bakhe. 5 Waya emzini kayise e-Ofira kwathi abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, amadodana kaJerubhi-Bhali, wababulalela phezu kwedwala linye. Kodwa uJothamu, indodana encane kaJerubhi-Bhali waphepha ngokucatsha. 6 Emva kwalokho bonke abantu baseShekhemu labeBhethi Milo babuthana ngaphansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi ensikeni eShekhemu ukuba u-Abhimelekhi bamfake abe yinkosi.
7 Kwathi uJothamu esetshelwe lokhu wakhwela waya esiqongweni seNtaba iGerizimu wanqolonga esithi kubo, “Ngilalelani, bantu baseShekhemu, ukuze uNkulunkulu alilalele. 8 Ngelinye ilanga izihlahla zasuka zayazigcobela inkosi yazo. Zathi esihlahleni se-oliva, ‘Woba yinkosi yethu.’
9 Kodwa isihlahla se-oliva saphendula sathi, ‘Kambe ngingadela amafutha ami, okudunyiswa ngawo onkulunkulu labantu, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?’
10 Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni somkhiwa, ‘Woza ube yinkosi yethu.’
11 Kodwa isihlahla somkhiwa saphendula sathi, ‘Kambe ngingadela izithelo zami ezinhle kangaka njalo zimnandi, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?’
12 Lapho-ke izihlahla zathi esihlahleni sevini, ‘Woza ube yinkosi yethu.’
13 Kodwa isihlahla sevini saphendula sathi, ‘Kambe ngingadela iwayini lami elithokozisa onkulunkulu labantu, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?’
14 Ekucineni zonke izihlahla zathi esihlahleni sameva, ‘Woza ube yinkosi yethu.’
15 Isihlahla sameva sathi ezihlahleni, ‘Nxa lifuna ngempela ukuthi lingigcobe ukuba ngibe yinkosi yenu, wozani lizecatsha emthunzini wami, kodwa nxa kungenjalo, akuphume umlilo esihlahleni sameva uqothule imsedari yaseLebhanoni!’

16 Nxa lenze okubongekayo njalo ngobuqotho ekubekeni kwenu u-Abhimelekhi
ukuba abe yinkosi, njalo nxa lenze okulungileyo kuJerubhi-Bhali labendlu yakhe,
njalo nxa limphathe ngendlela emfaneleyo, 17 ngoba ubaba walilwela, wabeka impilo
yakhe engozini ukuba alihlenge ezandleni zamaMidiyani 18 kodwa lamuhla selivukele
abendlu kababa, kwathi amadodana akhe angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lawabulalela
phezu kwedwala linye, kwathi u-Abhimelekhi, indodana yesigqilikazi sakhe, lamenza
waba yinkosi yabantu baseShekhemu ngoba engumfowenu, 19 ngakho nxa lenzenjalo
ngobuqotho kuJerubhi-Bhali labendlu yakhe lamuhla, thokozani ngo-Abhimelekhi,
kube njalo laye ngani futhi! 20 Kodwa nxa lingenzanga njalo, akuphume umlilo
ku-Abhimelekhi uliqothule, bantu baseShekhemu labaseBhethi Milo, njalo kuphume
umlilo kini bantu baseShekhemu labaseBhethi Milo, uqothule u-Abhimelekhi!”
21 Emva kwalokhu uJothamu wabaleka, waya eBheri, wahlala khona ngoba
wayesesaba umfowabo u-Abhimelekhi.
22 Kwathi u-Abhimelekhi esebuse abako-Israyeli iminyaka emithathu
23 uNkulunkulu wathumela umoya omubi phakathi kuka-Abhimelekhi labantu
baseShekhemu bamhlamukela u-Abhimelekhi. 24 UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu
ukuze ububi obenziwa emadodaneni kaJerubhi-Bhali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
ukuchithwa kwegazi lawo, buphindiselwe kumfowabo u-Abhimelekhi lasebantwini
baseShekhemu, ababemsizile ekubulaleni kwakhe abafowabo. 25 Ekumelaneni
kwabo laye abantu baseShekhemu laba babeka abantu ezingqongeni zezintaba
ukuba bacathamele bonke abadlula lapho babaphange, njalo lokhu kwabikwa
ku-Abhimelekhi.
26 UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi wathuthela eShekhemu labafowabo, njalo abantu
bakhona bamethemba. 27 Kwathi sebeye emasimini babutha amagrebisi bawagxoba,
baba ledili ethempelini likankulunkulu wabo. Kwathi besidla njalo benatha,
bamthuka u-Abhimelekhi. 28 Lapho-ke uGali indodana ka-Ebhedi, wathi, “Ungubani
u-Abhimelekhi, loShekhemu ungubani, ukuba asibuse na? Akasindodana kaJerubhi-
Bhali yini, njalo uZebhuli kasimsekeli wakhe na? Khonzani abantu baseHamori, yise
kaShekhemu! Kungani kumele sikhonze u-Abhimelekhi na? 29 Sengathi ngabe abantu
laba balawulwa yimi! Kade ngizamsusa. Kade ngizakuthi ku-Abhimelekhi, ‘Libize
lonke ibutho lakho.’ ”
30 Kwathi uZebhuli umbusi wedolobho esizwa okwatshiwo nguGali indodana ka-
Ebhedi, wathukuthela kakhulu. 31 Wathuma izithunywa ngasese ku-Abhimelekhi,
esithi, “UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi kanye labafowabo sebeze eShekhemu njalo
badunga idolobho ukuba likuvukele. 32 Ngakho wena labantu bakho kumele lize
phakathi kobusuku limcathamele egangeni. 33 Ekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga,
lisondele ukuba lilihlasele idolobho. Lapho uGali labantu bakhe bephuma ukuba
balihlasele, lenze loba yini isandla senu esanelisa ukukwenza.”
34 Ngakho-ke u-Abhimelekhi lamabutho akhe wonke basuka ebusuku bacathama
ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo eduze leShekhemu bengamaviyo amane. 35 UGali in-
dodana ka-Ebhedi wayephumile emi ekungeneni kwesango ledolobho kwathi u-
Abhimelekhi lamabutho akhe baphuma lapho ababecatshe khona.
36 Kwathi uGali ebabona wathi kuZebhuli, “Khangela nampayana abantu bayehla
besuka ezingqongeni zezintaba!”
UZebhuli waphendula wathi, “Ubona amathunzi ezintaba kube angathi ngabantu.”
37 Kodwa uGali wakhuluma futhi wathi, “Khangela, nampayana abantu bayehla
besuka phakathi kwelizwe, njalo leviyo lamabutho liyeza livelela ngokuya esihlahleni
sezangoma.”
38 UZebhuli wasesithi kuye, “Kungaphi ukukloloda kwakho manje, wena owathi,
‘Ungubani u-Abhimelekhi ukuba asibuse na?’ Laba kabasibo yini abantu
owawubahleka? Phuma uyekulwa labo!”

39 Ngakho uGali waphuma labantu baseShekhemu walwa lo-Abhimelekhi. 40 U-
Abhimelekhi wamxotsha, kwathi abanengi bafa belimele ekubalekeni, ibanga lonke
kusiya ekungeneni kwesango. 41 U-Abhimelekhi wahlala e-Aruma, kwathi uZebhuli
wamdudula uGali labafowabo eShekhemu.
42 Ngelanga elalandelayo abantu baseShekhemu basuka baya egangeni, njalo lokhu
kwabikwa ku-Abhimelekhi. 43 Ngakho wathatha abantu bakhe, wabehlukanisa baba
ngamaviyo amathathu wathi kabacathanyelwe egangeni. Kwathi ebona abantu
bephuma edolobheni wavuka ukuba abahlasele. 44 U-Abhimelekhi lamaviyo ayelaye
bagijimela phambili endaweni esekungeneni kwesango ledolobho. Amaviyo amabili
agijimela kulabo ababesegangeni ababulala. 45 Ngalo lonke lolosuku u-Abhimelekhi
waqinisa ukulihlasela kwakhe idolobho lelo waze walithumba wabulala labantu balo.
Idolobho walidiliza wasehaza itswayi phezu kwalo.
46 Besizwa lokhu, abantu abasemphotshongweni weShekhemu bayangena en-
qabeni yethempeli lase-Eli-Bherithi. 47 Kwathi u-Abhimelekhi esizwa ukuthi basebe-
buthene lapho, 48 yena labantu bakhe bakhwela intaba iZalimoni. Wathatha ihloka
wagamula amahlahla, wawetshata emahlombe akhe. Walaya abantu ababelaye
wathi, “Phangisani! Yenzani lokhu elibone ngikwenza!” 49 Ngakho abantu bagamula
amahlahla bamlandela u-Abhimelekhi. Bawabuthelela enqabeni leyo bayithungela
ngomlilo abantu bephakathi. Ngakho bonke abantu ababephakathi komphotshongo
waseShekhemu, amadoda labesifazane ababengaba yinkulungwane bafa.
50 Emva kwalokho u-Abhimelekhi waya eThebhezi wayivimbezela wayithumba.
51 Kodwa phakathi kwedolobho lelo kwakulomphotshongo oqinileyo lapho wonke
amadoda labesifazane, abantu bakulelodolobho ababebalekele khona. Bazikhiyela
phakathi bakhwela phezu kophahla lomphotshongo. 52 U-Abhimelekhi waya emphot-
shongweni lowo wawuhlasela. Kodwa wathi esebanga emnyango womphotshongo
ukuba awuthungele ngomlilo, 53 owesifazane othile wawisela imbokodo phezu
kwekhanda lakhe yadabula ukhakhayi lwakhe.
54 Waphanga wabiza umthwali wezikhali zakhe wathi, “Hwatsha inkemba yakho
ungibulale, ukuze bangathi, ‘Wabulawa ngowesifazane.’ ” Ngakho inceku yakhe
yamgwaza, wafa. 55 Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi u-Abhimelekhi wayesefile,
babuyela ekhaya.
56 UNkulunkulu wabuphindisela kanje ububi u-Abhimelekhi ayebenze kuyise
ngokubulala abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. 57 UNkulunkulu wenza
ukuthi labantu baseShekhemu babuhlawulele ububi babo. Isiqalekiso sikaJothamu
indodana kaJerubhi-Bhali sehlela phezu kwabo.

10

UThola

1 Ngemva kwensuku zika-Abhimelekhi kwavela umuntu wako-Isakhari, uThola
indodana kaPhuwa, indodana kaDodo ukuba ahlenge u-Israyeli. Wayehlala eShamiri,
elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi. 2 Wakhokhela u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lantathu; wasesifa, wangcwatshwa eShamiri.

UJayiri

3 Walandelwa nguJayiri owaseGiliyadi, owakhokhela u-Israyeli iminyaka enga-
matshumi amabili lambili. 4 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu, ayegada
obabhemi abangamatshumi amathathu. Ayephethe amadolobho angamatshumi
amathathu eGiliyadi, lalamhlanje abizwa ngokuthi Havothi Jayiri. 5 Ekufeni kwakhe
uJayiri wangcwatshwa eKhamoni.

UJeftha

6 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi futhi emehlweni kaThixo. Bakhonza oBhali labo-
Ashithorethi, labonkulunkulu base-Aramu, labonkulunkulu baseSidoni, labonku-
lunkulu baseMowabi, labonkulunkulu bama-Amoni, kanye labonkulunkulu bamaFil-
istiya. Ngenxa yokuthi abako-Israyeli bamdela uThixo kabaze babe besamkhonza,
7 wabathukuthelela kakhulu. Wabanikela ezandleni zamaFilistiya lama-Amoni,
8 okwathi ngalowomnyaka abachitha abanqoba. Ancindizela abako-Israyeli bonke
okweminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili ngasempumalanga kweJodani eGiliyadi,
ilizwe lama-Amori. 9 Ama-Amoni futhi achapha iJodani ukuba alwe loJuda,
loBhenjamini kanye lendlu ka-Efrayimi; u-Israyeli wayephakathi kohlupho olukhulu.
10 Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli bakhala kuThixo bathi, “Senze isono kuwe, sadela
uNkulunkulu wethu sakhonza oBhali.”
11 UThixo waphendula wathi, “Lapho amaGibhithe, lama-Amori, lama-Amoni,
lamaFilistiya, 12 lamaSidoni, lama-Amaleki kanye lamaMawoni alincindezela
lakhulekela usizo kimi, kangilihlenganga ezandleni zawo na? 13 Kodwa selingidelile
lakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, ngakho angisayikulisindisa. 14 Hambani liyekhala
kubonkulunkulu elibathembileyo. Kabalisindise nxa seliphakathi kokuhlupheka!”
15 Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathi kuThixo, “Senze isono. Yenza kithi lokho okubona
kulungile kuwe, kodwa ake usihlenge khathesi nje.” 16 Ngakho basusa onkulunkulu
bezizweni phakathi kwabo bakhonza uThixo. Wayengeke alumele futhi usizi luka-
Israyeli.
17 Kwathi ama-Amoni esebizelwe empini njalo emise eGiliyadi, abako-Israyeli
abuthana amisa eMizipha. 18 Abakhokheli babantu baseGiliyadi bathi omunye
komunye, “Lowo ozaqalisa ukuhlasela ama-Amoni uzakuba yinduna yabo bonke
abahlala eGiliyadi.”

11

1 UJeftha umGiliyadi wayelibutho elilamandla. Uyise wayenguGiliyadi; unina
wayeyisifebe. 2 UmkaGiliyadi wamzalela amadodana, okwathi esekhulile asexotsha
uJeftha. Athi kuye, “Wena akulalifa ozalithola emulini yakwethu ngoba uyindodana
yomunye umfazi.” 3 Ngakho uJeftha wabaleka kubafowabo wayahlala elizweni
laseThobhi, lapho abuthanelwa khona lixuku lezigebenga zamlandela.
4 Emva kwalokho, kwathi ama-Amoni esesilwa labako-Israyeli, 5 abadala
baseGiliyadi bahamba bayathatha uJeftha elizweni laseThobhi. 6 Bathi kuye, “Woza
ube ngumlawuli wamabutho ethu ukuze silwe lama-Amoni.”
7 UJeftha wathi kubo, “Kalingizondanga yini langixotsha endlini kababa na?
Kungani lisiza kimi khathesi seliphakathi kohlupho?”
8 Abadala baseGiliyadi bathi kuye, “Lanxa kunjalo, khathesi sesiphendukela kuwe;
hamba lathi ekulweni lama-Amoni, njalo uzakuba yinduna yabo bonke abahlala
eGiliyadi.”
9 UJeftha waphendula wathi, “Nxa lingabuyela lami ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni
uThixo awanikele kimi, ngizakuba yinduna yenu sibili na?”
10 Abadala baseGiliyadi baphendula bathi, “UThixo ungufakazi wethu; sizakwenza
njengoba usitsho impela.” 11 Ngakho uJeftha wahamba labadala baseGiliyadi, abantu
bamenza waba yinduna lomlawuli wabo. Wawaphinda wonke amazwi akhe phambi
kukaThixo eMizipha.
12 Emva kwalokho uJeftha wathuma izithunywa enkosini yama-Amoni lombuzo
othi: “Kuyini osibangisa khona uze uhlasele ilizwe lethu na?”
13 Inkosi yama-Amoni yaphendula izithunywa zikaJeftha yathi, “Abako-Israyeli
sebesukile eGibhithe bathatha ilizwe lami kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya eJabhoki,
umango wonke kusiya eJodani. Khathesi libuyiseleni ngokuthula.”

14 UJeftha wazibuyisela izithunywa enkosini yama-Amoni 15 esithi,
"Nanku okutshiwo nguJeftha: U-Israyeli kazange athathe ilizwe laseMowabi loba
ilizwe lama-Amoni. 16 Kodwa ekusukeni kwakhe eGibhithe, u-Israyeli wadabula
enkangala esiya oLwandle oluBomvu eqonda eKhadeshi. 17 U-Israyeli wathuma
izithunywa enkosini yase-Edomi esithi, 'Ake usinike imvumo yokudabula phakathi
kwelizwe lakho,' kodwa inkosi yase-Edomi kayilalelanga. Bathumela lasenkosini
yaseMowabi, layo yala. Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlala eKhadeshi.
18 Emva kwalokho bahamba bedabula phakathi kwenkangala, beceza ilizwe
lase-Edomi lelaseMowabi, badlula beseceleni elingasempumalanga kwelizwe lase-
Mowabi, bamisa ngakwelinye icele le-Arinoni. Kabangenanga elizweni lase-
Mowabi, ngoba i-Arinoni yayingumngcele walo.
19 U-Israyeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa
eHeshibhoni, wathi kuye, 'Akusivumele sidlule phakathi kwelizwe lakho sisiya
endaweni yethu.' 20 Kodwa uSihoni kamthembanga u-Israyeli ukuba adlule
phakathi kwelizwe lakhe. Wabutha abantu bakhe bonke wamisa eJahazi walwa
lo-Israyeli.
21 Ngakho UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wanikela uSihoni labantu bakhe
bonke ezandleni zika-Israyeli, wabehlula. U-Israyeli walithatha lonke ilizwe lama-
Amori ayehlala kulelolizwe, 22 walithumba lonke elama-Amori kusukela e-Arinoni
kusiya eJabhoki lokusuka enkangala kusiya eJodani.
23 Njengoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ewaxotshile ama-Amori
phambi kwabantu bakhe u-Israyeli, wena ulelungelo bani lokulithatha
na? 24 Kawuyikuthatha lokho okuphiwa ngunkulunkulu wakho uKhemoshi
na? Ngokunjalo, yiloba yikuphi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu asiphe khona,
sizakuthatha. 25 Wena ungcono yini kuloBhalaki indodana kaZiphori, inkosi
yaseMowabi? Wake waxabana lo-Israyeli loba walwa laye na? 26 U-Israyeli
wahlala eHeshibhoni iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu, e-Aroweri, lasemizaneni
eseduzane kanye lakuyo yonke imizi elinganisane le-Arinoni. Kungani
ungazihlangulanga lezondawo ngalesosikhathi? 27 Kangikonelanga, kodwa wena
wenza okubi kimi ngokungihlasela ngempi. Akuthi UTHIXO, uMahluleli, ahlulele
umbango ngalolosuku phakathi kwabako-Israyeli lama-Amoni."
28 Kodwa inkosi yama-Amoni kayilinakanga ilizwi eyayilithunyelwe nguJeftha.

29 Lapho-ke uMoya KATHIXO wehlela kuJeftha. Wadabula eGiliyadi kanye lako-
Manase, wedlula eMizipha yaseGiliyadi, kuthe esuka lapho waqhubekela kuma-
Amoni. 30 Njalo uJeftha wafunga isifungo KUTHIXO wathi, "Unganikela ama-Amoni
ezandleni zami, 31 loba kuyini okuphuma emnyango wendlu yami ukuba kungih-
langabeze lapho ngibuya nginqobile ngivela kuma-Amoni kuzakuba NGOKUKATHIXO,
njalo ngizakunikela njengomnikelo wokutshiswa."

32 UJeftha waya ngaphetsheya ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni, njalo UTHIXO wawanikela
ezandleni zakhe. 33 Watshabalalisa imizi engamatshumi amabili kusukela e-Aroweri
kusiya eduze leMinithi, kusiyafika e-Abheli-Kheramimi. U-Israyeli wayinqoba kanjalo
i-Amoni.
34 UJeftha esebuyele emzini wakhe eMizipha, ngubani owaphuma wamhlangabeza
ngaphandle kwendodakazi yakhe, igida kukhala amagedla! Yayiyiyo yodwa umn-
tanakhe. Ngaphandle kwakhe wayengelandodana loba indodakazi. 35 Kwathi eyi-
bona wadabula izigqoko zakhe wakhala esithi, "Oh! Ndodakazi yami! Usungidabule
wangenza ngaba lusizi, ngoba ngifunge isifungo KUTHIXO engingeke ngisephule."

36 Yona yaphendula yathi, "Baba, wethule ilizwi lakho KUTHIXO. Kimi yenza
njengoba uthembisile, njengoba UTHIXO esephindisele ezitheni zakho, ama-Amoni."

37 Wasesithi, “Kodwa ngicela ungivumele kulokhu okukodwa nje. Nginika izinyanga
ezimbili ukuba ngizulazule ezintabeni ngilile labangane bami, ngoba angiyikwenda.”
38 Yena wathi, “Ungahamba.” Wayivumela ukuba ihambe okwezinyanga ezimbili.
Yona lamantombazana lawo baya ezintabeni balila ngoba yayingasoze yende.
39 Emva kwezinyanga ezimbili yabuyela kuyise wasesenza lokho ayekufungile ngayo.
Yayiyintombi egcweleyo.

Kulokhu yikho okuvela khona umkhuba wama-Israyeli 40 wokuthi minyaka yonke
izintombi zako-Israyeli ziyaphuma okwensuku ezine ukuba zikhumbule indodakazi
kaJeftha umGiliyadi.

12

UJeftha Lo-Efrayimi

1 Abantu bako-Efrayimi babiza amabutho abo, bachaphela eZafoni basebesithi
kuJeftha, “Kungani wena wayakulwa lama-Amoni ungasibizanga ukuba sihambe
lawe na? Sizakutshisela endlini yakho.”

2 UJeftha waphendula wathi, “Mina labantu bami sasilengxabano enkulu lama-
Amoni njalo, lanxa nje ngalibiza, kalingihlenganga ezandleni zawo. 3 Kwathi
sengibona ukuthi lalingeke lingisize, ngabeka impilo yami engozini ngachaphela
ngaphetsheya ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni, uTHIXO wawanikela esandleni sami. Pho
kungani lina lamhla selizekulwa lami?”

4 UJeftha wabuthanisa amadoda aseGiliyadi balwa lo-Efrayimi. AbaseGiliyadi
babacakazela phansi ngoba abako-Efrayimi babethe, “Lina maGiliyadi labhazuka ko-
Efrayimi lakoManase.” 5 AbaseGiliyadi bathumba amazibuko aseJodani awokuya
ko-Efrayimi, njalo kwakusithi owako-Efrayimi osindileyo angathi, “Ngivumelani
ngichaphele ngaphetsheya,” abantu baseGiliyadi babembuza bathi, “Ungowako-
Efrayimi na?” Angaphendula athi, “Hayi,” 6 bathi, “Kulungile, wothi, ‘Shibholethi.’ ”
Nxa angathi, “Sibholethi,” ngoba engeke alitsho kuhle, babemphuthuma bambu-
lalele emazibukweni aseJodani. Abako-Efrayimi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lambili babulawa ngalesosikhathi.

7 UJeftha wakhokhela u-Israyeli iminyaka eyisithupha. UJeftha wafa,
wangcwatshwa emzini waseGiliyadi.

U-Ibhizani, U-Eloni Lo-Abhidoni

8 Ngemva kwakhe, u-Ibhizani waseBhethilehema wakhokhela abako-Israyeli.
9 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu lamadodakazi angamatshumi am-
athathu. Amadodakazi akhe wawendisela kwabangaphandle komhlobo wakibo
kwathi amadodana akhe wawalethela izintombi ezingamatshumi amathathu ezinga-
sizo zomhlobo wakibo ukuba zibe ngomkawo. U-Ibhizani wakhokhela abako-Israyeli
iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 10 U-Ibhizani wafa, wangcwatshwa eBhethilehema.

11 Ngemva kwakhe, u-Eloni umZebhuluni wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka
elitshumi. 12 U-Eloni wafa, wangcwatshwa e-Ayijaloni elizweni lakoZebhuluni.

13 Ngemva kwakhe, u-Abhidoni indodana kaHileli, owasePhirathoni, wakhokhela
abako-Israyeli. 14 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amane labazukulu besilisa
abangamatshumi amathathu, ayegada obabhemi abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa.
Wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka eyisitshiyagalombili. 15 U-Abhidoni indodana
kaHileli wafa, wangcwatshwa ePhirathoni ko-Efrayimi, elizweni lezintaba elama-
Amaleki.

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Ukuzalwa KukaSamsoni

1 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi njalo emehlweni kaThixo, ngakho uThixo wabanikela
ezandleni zamaFilistiya okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.
2 Umuntu othile waseZora, owayethiwa nguManowa, owosendo lwakoDani,
wayelomfazi owayeyinyumba engelamntwana. 3 Ingilosi kaThixo yabonakala kuye
yathi, “Uyinyumba kawulamntwana, kodwa uzathatha isisu ube lendodana. 4 Ngakho
nanzelela ukuthi kawunathi wayini loba okunye okunathwayo okulemvubelo kanye
lokuthi ungadli ukudla okungcolileyo, 5 ngoba uzathatha isisu uzale indodana.
Akungabi lempuco ezasetshenziswa ekhanda layo, ngoba umfana uzakuba ngum-
Naziri, owahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu kusukela ekuzalweni, njalo uzakukhulula
abako-Israyeli ezandleni zamaFilistiya.”
6 Emva kwalokho owesifazane lowo waya kumkakhe wamtshela wathi, “Kufike
umuntu kaNkulunkulu kimi. Ubefana lengilosi kaNkulunkulu, esesabeka kakhulu.
Angimbuzanga ukuthi ubevela ngaphi, njalo laye kangitshelanga ibizo lakhe. 7 Kodwa
uthe kimi, ‘Uzathatha isisu uzale indodana. Ngakho-ke unganathi iwayini loba
okunye okunathwayo okulemvubelo, njalo ungadli lutho olungcolileyo, ngoba
umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela ekuzalweni kuze kube lusuku
lokufa kwakhe.’ ”
8 UManowa wasekhuleka kuThixo esithi, “Awu Nkosi, ngiyakucela, umuntu
kaNkulunkulu omthumileyo kabuye futhi azesifundisa ukuthi umfana ozazalwa
wondliwa njani.”
9 UNkulunkulu wamuzwa uManowa, ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yafika njalo kowesi-
fazane lowo esegangeni; kodwa umkakhe uManowa wayengekho. 10 Owesifazane
lowo wagijima wayatshela umkakhe wathi, “Ukhona lapha! Umuntu engimbone
mhlalokhuyana!”
11 UManowa wasuka walandela umkakhe. Esefikile kulowomuntu, wathi, “Unguwe
yini lowo owakhuluma lomkami?”
Yena wathi, “Nginguye.”
12 Ngakho uManowa wambuza wathi, “Lapho amazwi akho esegcwalisekile,
umfana kuzamele aphile njani njalo lomsebenzi wakhe uzakuba ngowani?”
13 Ingilosi kaThixo yaphendula yathi, “Umkakho kumele enze konke engimtshele
khona. 14 Kangadli lutho oluvela evinini, loba anathe iwayini loba okunye
okunathwayo okulemvubelo loba adle ukudla okungcolileyo. Kumele enze konke
engimlaye khona.”
15 UManowa wathi engilosini kaThixo, “Sifuna ukuba uhlale size sikuhlabele
izinyane lembuzi.”
16 Ingilosi kaThixo yaphendula yathi, “Loba lingangibamba ngamandla ukuba
ngihlale, angiyikukudla ukudla kwenu. Kodwa nxa lilungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa,
unikeleni kuThixo.” (UManowa kananzelelanga ukuthi kwakuyingilosi kaThixo.)
17 UManowa waseyibuza ingilosi kaThixo esithi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho, ukuze
sikubonge lapho ilizwi lakho seligcwalisekile?”
18 Yaphendula yathi, “Kungani ungibuza ibizo lami? Kaliqedisiseki.” 19 Lapho-ke
uManowa wathatha izinyane lembuzi, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele wakunikela
kuThixo phezu kwedwala. Njalo uThixo wenza into emangalisayo uManowa
lomkakhe bekhangele: 20 Kwathi ilangabi libhebha lisuka e-alithareni lisiya ezul-
wini, ingilosi kaThixo yenyukela phezulu iphakathi kwelangabi. Bebona lokhu
uManowa lomkakhe bathi mbo phansi ngobuso. 21 Kwathi ingilosi kaThixo
ingasazibonakalisanga futhi kuManowa lomkakhe, uManowa wananzelela ukuthi
kwakuyingilosi kaThixo.
22 Wasesithi kumkakhe, “Silahliwe, sizakufa. Sibone uNkulunkulu!”

23 Kodwa umkakhe waphendula wathi, “Aluba UTHIXO ubeqonde ukusibulala,
ubengasoze amukele umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wamabele ezandleni zethu,
loba asitshengise zonke lezizinto kumbe asitshele lokhu asitshele khona.”
24 Owesifazane wazala umfana wamuthi nguSamsoni. Wakhula LOTHIXO wambu-
sisa, 25 loMoya KATHIXO waqala ukuqubuka phakathi kwakhe eseseMahane Dani,
phakathi kweZora le-Eshithawoli.

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Ukuthatha KukaSamsoni

1 USamsoni waya eThimina wabona intombi engumFilistiya. 2 Esebuyele, wathi
kuyise lonina, “Ngibone intombi engumFilistiya eThimina; ake liyengithathela yona
ukuba ibe ngumkami.”
3 Uyise lonina baphendula bathi, “Kanti akulantombi eyamukelekayo yini phakathi
kwezihlobo zakho loba phakathi kwabantu bonke bakithi? Usungaze uye kumaFilis-
tiya angasokanga ukuba uthathe umfazi na?”
Kodwa uSamsoni wathi kuyise, “Ngithathela yena. Nguye ongifaneleyo.” 4 (Uyise
lonina babengazi ukuthi lokhu kwakuvela KUTHIXO, owayefuna ithuba lokumelana
lamaFilistiya; ngoba ngalesosikhathi ayebusa abako-Israyeli.)
5 USamsoni waya eThimina eloyise lonina. Bathe sebebanga ezivinini zeThimina
kwathutsha ibhuklwana lesilwane libhonga liqonde yena. 6 Umoya KATHIXO wafika
kuye ngamandla wasidabula ngezandla zakhe njengayengakwenza edabula izinyane
lembuzi. Kodwa uyise lonina kabatshelanga ayekwenzile. 7 Emva kwalokho
wahamba wayakhuluma lowesifazane lowo, wezwa emthanda.
8 Emva kwesikhathi esithile, esebuyele ukuba ayemthatha, waphambuka ukuba
abone isidumbu sesilwane. Phakathi kwaso kwasekulomtshitshi wezinyosi ziloluju,
9 waluthapha ngezandla zakhe, wahamba eludla. Esefike ebazalini bakhe, wabapha
olunye kodwa kabatshelanga ukuthi wayeluthaphe esidunjini sesilwane.
10 Uyise wahamba ukuyabona owesifazane lowo. USamsoni wenza idili khona,
njengokwakungumkhuba wezinsizwa ezithathayo. 11 Ekufikeni kwakhe waphiwa
abakhaphi abangamatshumi amathathu.
12 USamsoni wasesithi kubo, “Lalelani ngilitshele ilibho. Lingangitshela ukuthi
litshoni phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zedili, ngizalinika izembatho zeli-
neni ezingamatshumi amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu. 13 Nxa
lingehluleka ukungitshela ukuthi litshoni, kumele linginike izembatho zelineni
ezingamatshumi amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu.”
Bona bathi, “Sitshele ilibho lakho. Litsho silizwe.”
14 Waphendula wathi,

“Kokudlayo, kwaphuma okudliwayo;
kokulamandla kwaphuma okumnandi.”

Behluleka ukuyitsho impendulo okwensuku ezintathu.
15 Ngosuku lwesine bathi kumkaSamsoni, “Ncenga umkakho asichazele ilibho, hlezi
sikutshise wena labendlu yakwenu life. Kanti usinxusele ukuzasiphanga lapha na?”
16 Lapho-ke umkaSamsoni waziphosela phezu kwakhe, ebubula esithi, “Uyan-
gizonda. Kawungithandi ngeqiniso. Unike abantu bakithi ilibho; kodwa mina
kawungitshelanga ukuthi litshoni.”
Yena waphendula wathi, “Angilichazanga lakubaba lomama, pho ngingalichazelani
kuwe na?” 17 Owesifazane lowo wakhala zonke lezinsuku eziyisikhombisa zedili.
Ngakho ngosuku lwesikhombisa wamtshela, ngoba wayelokhu emphikelela. Laye-ke
walichaza ilibho ebantwini bakibo.

18 Kwathi ilanga lingakatshoni ngosuku lwesikhombisa abantu bakulowomuzi bathi
kuye,
“Kuyini okumnandi kuloluju na?
Kuyini okulamandla kulesilwane na?”
USamsoni wathi kubo,
“Aluba kalilimanga ngethokazi lami,
belingeke lilichaze ilibho lami.”
19 UMoya kaThixo wasusehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla. Waya e-Ashikheloni,
wabulala abantu bakhona abangamatshumi amathathu, wabemuka konke aba-
belakho kwathi izigqoko zabo wazinika labo ababechaze ilibho lakhe. Waya endlini
kayise evutha ulaka. 20 UmkaSamsoni wasesendiselwa komunye wabakhaphi bakhe
owayekhona edilini.

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Ukuphindisela KukaSamsoni KumaFilistiya

1 Emva kwalokho, ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi, uSamsoni wathatha izinyane
lembuzi wethekelela umkakhe. Wathi, “Ngiya endlini yomkami.” Kodwa uyisezala
wamalela ukuba angene.
2 Wathi, “Ngangileqiniso lokuthi wawusumzonda kakhulu, ngasengimendisela
kumkhaphi wakho. Umnawakhe kamuhle kulaye na? Thatha yena.”
3 USamsoni wathi kubo, “Khathesi sengilelungelo lokuphindisela okubi kumaFil-
istiya. Ngizawalimaza impela.” 4 Ngakho wasuka wabamba amakhanka anga-
makhulu amathathu wawabophanisa imisila ngambilimbili. Wasebophela uluthi
lomlilo emisileni yonke ayeyibophanisile, 5 walumathisa izinti zomlilo wawayekela
amakhanka angena emabeleni amiyo amaFilistiya. Watshisa ayesezizeni lamabele
amiyo, lezivini kanye lezivande zama-oliva.
6 Kwathi amaFilistiya ebuza ukuthi, “Ngubani owenze lokhu na?” atshelwa ukuthi,
“NguSamsoni, umkhwenyana womThimina ngoba umkakhe wendiselwa kumkhaphi
wakhe.”
Ngakho amaFilistiya ahamba ayatshisa umkaSamsoni kanye loyise, bafa.
7 USamsoni wathi kubo, “Njengoba selenze lokhu, angiyikukhawula engikwenzayo
ngize ngiphindisele kini.” 8 Wabahlasela kakubi wabulala abanengi babo. Emva
kwalokho wahamba wayahlala ebhalwini edwaleni lase-Ethamu.
9 AmaFilistiya ahamba ayamisa koJuda, asabalala eduze leLehi. 10 Abantu bakoJuda
babuza bathi, “Lizesihlaselelani na?”
Bona baphendula bathi, “Silande ukuzabopha uSamsoni, senze kuye lokhu
akwenzayo kithi.”
11 Abantu bakoJuda abazinkulungwane ezintathu baya ebhalwini edwaleni lase-
Ethamu bathi kuSamsoni, “Kawazi yini ukuthi amaFilistiya ayasibusa? Kuyini
osusenzele khona ngempela?”
Waphendula wathi, “Ngimane ngenza kuwo lokho akwenza kimi.”
12 Bathi kuye, “Thina silande ukuzakubopha sikunikele kuwo.”
USamsoni wathi, “Fungani kimi ukuthi kaliyikungibulala lina ngokwenu.”
13 Baphendula bathi, “Siyavuma. Thina sizakubopha nje kuphela besesikunikela
kuwo. Kasiyikukubulala.” Ngakho bambopha ngemichilo emibili emitsha, basebe-
suka laye edwaleni. 14 Esebanga eLehi, amaFilistiya amhlangabeza eklabalala.
UMoya kaThixo wehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla. Imichilo ezingalweni zakhe
yaba njengesikusha esitshileyo, izibopho zawa ezandleni zakhe. 15 Esethole ithambo
lomhlathi kababhemi elitsha, walithatha wabulala ngalo abantu abayinkulungwane.
16 USamsoni wasesithi,

“Ngethambo lomhlathi kababhemi,
ngibenze baba ngobabhemi.
Ngethambo lomhlathi kababhemi
ngibulele amadoda ayinkulungwane.”
17 Eseqedile ukukhuluma walilahla ithambo lomhlathi; indawo leyo yasithiwa yiRamathi-Lehi.
18 Ngenxa yokuthi wayesome kakhulu, wakhala kuThixo wathi, “Uyiphile inceku yakho ukunqoba okukhulu. Pho sekumele ngibulawe yikoma yini njalo ngiwele ezandleni zabangasokanga na?” 19 UNkulunkulu wasevula umthonjana eLehi, kwaphuma amanzi kuwo. USamsoni esenathile, amandla akhe aphenduka, wavuseleleka. Ngakho umthombo lowo wathiwa yi-Eni Hakhore, njalo ulokhu ukhona eLehi.
20 USamsoni wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngesikhathi samaFilistiya.

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USamsoni LoDelila

1 Ngelinye ilanga uSamsoni waya eGaza, lapho abona khona isifebe. Walala lalo ngalobobusuku. 2 Abantu beGaza batshelwa ukuthi, “USamsoni ulapha!” Ngakho indawo leyo bayihonqolozela bamcathamela ubusuku bonke esangweni ledolobho. Kabenzanga lutho ebusuku, besithi, “Sizambulala emadabukakusa.”
3 Kodwa uSamsoni walala lapho kwaze kwaba phakathi kwamabili kuphela. Lapho-ke wavuka wabamba izivalo zesango ledolobho, ndawonye lezinsika ezimbili, wakusiphula, umgoqo lakho konke. Wakwetshata emahlombe akhe, wakuthwalela phezu kwentaba ekhangele iHebhroni.
4 Ngemva kwesikhathi, wathandana lowesifazane esiGodini saseSoreki owayethiwa nguDelila. 5 Ababusi bamaFilistiya baya kuye bathi, “Mncenge ukuthi akutshengise imfihlo yamandla akhe amakhulu kanye lokuthi singamehlula njani ukuze simbophe simnqobe. Omunye lomunye wethu uzakupha amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye.”
6 Ngakho uDelila wathi kuSamsoni, “Ngitshela imfihlo yamandla akho amakhulu kanye lokuthi ungabotshwa unqotshwe njani.”
7 USamsoni waphendula wathi, “Nxa umuntu angangibopha ngemichilo eyisikhombisa engonyiswanga, ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.”
8 Ababusi bamaFilistiya basebemlethela imichilo eyisikhombisa emitsha eyayingonyiswanga, wambopha ngayo. 9 Kwakulabantu ababecatshile endlini, wasembiza wathi kuye, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!” Kodwa yena waqamula imichilo kalula njengesiqa sentambo lapho sisondele eduzane lelangabi. Ngakho imfihlo yamandla akhe ayazakalanga.
10 UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni, “Udlale ngami; ungiqambele amanga. Khathesi-ke ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa njani.”
11 Yena wathi, “Umuntu angangibopha aqinise ngamagoda amatsha angakaze asetshenziswe, ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.”
12 Ngakho uDelila wathatha amagoda amatsha wambopha ngawo. Esela-bantu ababecatshe endlini, wambiza wathi kuye, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!” Kodwa yena waqamula amagoda ezingalweni zakhe kungathi ayeluhali nje.
13 UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni, “Kuze kube khathesi ulokhu udlala ngami njalo ungiqambela amanga. Ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa njani.
” Yena waphendula wathi, “Ungelukela izixha zenwele zami eziyisikhombisa elenjini ngosungulo zibe yisibhebhedu, ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.”

Ngakho kwathi eselele, uDelila wathatha izixha eziyisikhombisa ekhanda lakhe,
14 wazelukela elenjini ngosungulo.
Wambiza njalo wathi kuye, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!” Wavuka ebuthongweni wadonsa isibhebhedu losungulo kanye lelembu.
15 UDelila wasesithi, kuye, “Ungatsho njani uthi, ‘Ngiyakuthanda,’ wena ungangithembi na? Lokhu ngokwesithathu udlala ngami njalo kawungitshelanga imfihlo yamandla akho amakhulu.” 16 Ngokubelesela okunje wamncenga insuku zonke waze wacina esenengeka kakhulu.
17 Ngakho wamtshela konke wathi, “Akulampuco eseyake yasetshenziswa ekhanda lami ngoba ngingumNaziri owahlukaniselwa uNkulunkulu kusukela ekuzalweni. Nxa ikhanda lami lingaphucwa, amandla ami angasuka kimi, njalo ngingaba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.”
18 Kwathi uDelila ebona ukuthi wayesemtshele konke, wathumela ilizwi kubabusi bamaFilistiya elithi, “Wozani futhi; usengitshele konke.” Ngakho ababusi bamaFilistiya babuyela bephethe isiliva ngezandla zabo. 19 Kwathi esemlalisile ethangazini lakhe, wabiza umuntu ukuba aphuce izixha eziyisikhombisa zezinwele zakhe, ngakho waqalisa ukumnqoba. Amandla akhe aphela kuye.
20 Wasememeza wathi, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!
” Wavuka ebuthongweni bakhe wacabanga wathi, “Ngizaphuma njengakuqala ngizikhulule.” Kodwa wayengazi ukuthi uTHIXO wayesemtshiyile.
21 AmaFilistiya ambamba, amkopola amehlo asehamba laye eGaza. Esembophe ngamaketane ethusi, amupha umsebenzi wokuchola entolongweni. 22 Kodwa inwele ekhanda lakhe zaqalisa ukukhula futhi emva kokuphucwa.

Ukufa KukaSamsoni

23 Ababusi bamaFilistiya babuthana ukuba banikele umhlatshelo omkhulu kuDagoni uNkulunkulu wabo njalo bathokoze besithi, “Unkulunkulu wethu unikele uSamsoni, isitha sethu, ezandleni zethu.”
24 Kwathi abantu bembona, badumisa unkulunkulu wabo besithi,
“Unkulunkulu wethu unikele isitha sethu
ezandleni zethu,
sona esachitha ilizwe lethu
sabulala abanengi bethu.”
25 Bephakathi kokuthokoza, baklabalala bathi, “Lethani uSamsoni azesilibazisa.” Ngakho uSamsoni bayambiza entolongweni, wazabadlalela.
Kwathi sebemise phakathi kwezinsika, 26 uSamsoni wathi encekwini eyayimbambe isandla, “Ngibeka lapho engizathinta khona izinsika ezisekele ithempeli, ukuze ngeyame kuzo.” 27 Ithempeli laligcwele abesilisa labesifazane; bonke ababusi bamaFilistiya babekhonapho, njalo phezu kophahla kwakulabesilisa labesifazane ababephose babe zinkulungwane ezintathu bebukele uSamsoni egida. 28 USamsoni wasekhuleka kuTHIXO esithi, “Oh THIXO Wobukhosi, ake ungikhumbule. Oh Nkulunkulu, ake ungiqinise kanye nje futhi, kuthi ngokugalela okukodwa ngiphindisele kumaFilistiya amehlo ami amabili.” 29 USamsoni wasebamba izinsika ezimbili eziphakathi, ithempeli elaligxile kuzo. Waziqinisa ngokweyama kuzo, isandla sakhe sokudla sikwenye lesenxele sikwenye, 30 uSamsoni wathi, “Kangife lamaFilistiya!” Wafuqa ngamandla akhe wonke, ithempeli lawela phezu kwababusi labantu bonke ababephakathi kwalo. Ngalokho wabulala abantu abanengi ekufeni kwakhe kulalapho esaphila.
31 Emva kwalokho abafowabo labo bonke abendlu kayise bamlanda. Babuya laye bamngcwaba phakathi kweZora le-Eshithawoli ethuneni likaManowa uyise. Wayekhokhele abako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

17

Izithombe ZikaMikha

1 Indoda eyayithiwa nguMikha eyayivela elizweni lamaqaqa ako-Efrayimi 2 yathi
kunina, “Amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye athathwa kuwe njalo
engakuzwa uwaqalekisa, sikimi lesosiliva; yimi engasithathayo.
” Unina wathi, “UTHIXO kakubusise, ndodana yami!”
3 Esewabuyisele kunina amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye, unina
wathi, “Isiliva sami ngisahlukanisela UTHIXO ngokuqinisekileyo ukuba indodana yami
yenze isithombe esibaziweyo, sahuqwa ngesiliva. Ngizasibisela kuwe.”
4 Ngakho esesibisele kunina isiliva, unina wasethatha amashekeli angamakhulu
amabili esiliva wawanika umkhandi wesiliva, wenza isithombe ngaso. Sabekwa
endlini kaMikha.
5 UMikha lo wayelendawo yokukhonzela, njalo wenza isembatho semahlombe
kanye lezithombe, wasebeka enye yamadodana akhe ukuba ngumphristi wakhe.
6 Ngalezonsuku u-Israyeli wayengelankosi; umuntu wonke ezenzela ayekubona
kulungile kuye.
7 Ijaha laseBhethilehema koJuda elalingumLevi, elalihlala phakathi kwabosendo
lukaJuda, 8 lasuka kulowomuzi lidinga enye indawo yokuhlala. Ekuhambeni kwalo
lafika endlini kaMikha elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi.
9 UMikha walibuza wathi, “Uvela ngaphi na?”
Lona lathi, “NgingumLevi ovela eBhethilehema koJuda, ngidinga indawo yokuh-
lala.”
10 UMikha wasesithi kulo, “Hlala lami ube ngubaba lomphristi wami, njalo
ngizakupha amashekeli esiliva alitshumi ngomnyaka, izigqoko zakho kanye lokudla
kwakho.” 11 Ngakho umLevi wavuma ukuhlala laye, njalo ijaha lelo lalinjengenye
yamadodana akhe. 12 UMikha wabeka umLevi ukuba ngumphristi wakhe, njalo ijaha
lelo lahlala endlini yakhe. 13 UMikha wasesithi, “Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi UTHIXO
uzakwenza okulungileyo kimi, njengoba umLevi lo esebe ngumphristi wami.”

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AbakoDani Bakhela ELayishi

1 Ngalezonsuku u-Israyeli wayengelankosi.
Njalo ngalezonsuku abosendo lukaDani babedinga indawo engeyabo, lapho
ababengahlala khona, ngoba babengakabi sendaweni eyilifa labo phakathi kwez-
izwana zako-Israyeli. 2 Ngakho abakoDani bathuma amabutho amahlanu avela eZora
lase-Eshithawoli ukuyahlola ilizwe lokulibona. Amadoda la ayemele zonke insendo
zakibo. Zathi kubo, “Hambani liyehlola ilizwe.
” Amadoda lawo angena elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi ayafika endlini kaMikha,
lapho alala khona. 3 Kwathi eseseduze lendlu kaMikha alazi ilizwi lejaha elingum-
Levi; ngakho aphendukela khona alibuza athi, “Ngubani owakuletha lapha? Wenzani
kule indawo? Ufunani lapha?”
4 Lawatshela elalikwenziwe nguMikha, laselisithi, “Ungiqatshile njalo
ngingumphristi wakhe.”
5 Asesithi kulo, “Ake usibuzele kuNkulunkulu ukuthi uhambo lwethu luza-
phumelela na.”
6 Umphristi wawaphendula wathi, “Hambani ngokuthula. Uhambo lwenu luvun-
yelwe NGUTHIXO.”
7 Ngakho amadoda amahlanu lawo asuka aya eLayishi, lapho abona ukuthi abantu
bakhona babezihlalele bevikelekile njengamaSidoni, belokuthula njalo bevikelekile.
Njalo babehlezi khatshana lamaSidoni njalo bengelabuhlobo lomunye umuntu.

8 Esebuyele eZora lase-Eshithawoli, abafowabo bawabuza bathi, “Libone kunjani?”

9 Aphendula athi, “Phangisani, kasibahlaseleni! Sibonile ukuthi ilizwe lelo lihle
kakhulu. Kaliyikwenza lutho na? Lingazilazili ukuya khonale lilithathe. 10 Ekufikeni
khonale lizathola abantu abanganqinekeli lutho lelizwe elibanzi uNkulunkulu
aselifake ezandleni zenu, ilizwe elingasweli lutho.”

11 Lapho-ke amadoda osendo lwakoDani angamakhulu ayisithupha ahlomela
ukulwa, asesuka eZora kanye le-Eshithawoli. 12 Ekuhambeni kwawo amisa iz-
ihonqo eduze leKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi koJuda. Yikho-nje indawo esentshonalanga
kweKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi ithiwa yiMahane Dani kuze kube lamhla. 13 Esuka lapho aya
elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi afika endlini kaMikha.

14 Amadoda amahlanu ayehambe ukuyahlola ilizwe leLayishi athi kubafowabo
bakoDani, “Liyakwazi yini ukuthi enye yalezizindlu ilesembatho semahlombe,
labanye onkulunkulu basendlini, lesithombe esihuqwe ngesiliva? Khathesi selikwazi
okumele likwenze.” 15 Ngakho-ke aphambukela khona aya endlini yejaha elingum-
Levi koMikha, alibingelela. 16 AbakoDani abangamakhulu ayisithupha, ababehlomele
ukulwa, bema entubeni yesango. 17 Abahlanu ababeyehlola ilizwe bangena phakathi
bathatha isithombe esibaziweyo, lesembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu
basendlini, umphristi lamadoda ahlomileyo angamakhulu ayisithupha bemi entubeni
yesango.

18 Kwathi amadoda la esengene endlini kaMikha athatha isithombe esibaziweyo,
lesembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini kanye lesithombe esibun-
jiweyo, umphristi wathi kubo, “Lenzani na?”

19 Amphendula athi, “Thula! Ungatsho lutho. Woza uhambe lathi, ube ngubaba
lomphristi wethu. Akungcono yini ukuthi usebenzele isizwana losendo lwako-
Israyeli njengomphristi kulabendlu yomuntu oyedwa?” 20 Umphristi wathokoza.
Wathatha isembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini kanye lesithombe
esibaziweyo wahamba labantu. 21 Sebefake abantwababo abancane, lezifuyo zabo
kanye lempahla zabo phambi kwabo, baphenduka bahamba.

22 Sebehambe isibanga esithize besuka endlini kaMikha, abantu ababehlala
eduzane lendlu kaMikha babizelwa ndawonye baxhuma abakoDani. 23 Kwathi
bebamemeza, abakoDani baphendula bathi kuMikha, “Kungani ubize abantu bakho
ukuba balwe?”

24 Yena waphendula wathi, “Lithethe onkulunkulu engabenzayo lomphristi wami,
lahamba. Kuyini okunye engilakho? Lingangibuza kanjani lisithi, ‘Uhlutshwa yini
na?’ ”

25 AbakoDani baphendula bathi, “Ungaphikisani lathi, hlezi abanye abantu
abalolaka bakuhlasele, kuthi wena labendlu yakho lilahlekelwe yikuphila kwenu.”
26 Ngakho abakoDani bazihambela, kwathi uMikha ebona ukuthi babelamandla
kakhulu kulaye, waphenduka wabuyela emzini wakhe.

27 Bathatha okwakwenziwe nguMikha, lomphristi wakhe, baya eLayishi, ebantwini
ababelokuthula njalo bengethuki lutho. Babahlasela ngenkemba batshisa ledolobho
labo. 28 Kakho owayengabahlenga ngoba babehlezi khatshana kakhulu leSidoni
bengelabuhlobo lamuntu. Idolobho lalisesigodini eduze leBhethi-Rehobhi.

AbakoDani balakha kutsha idolobho lelo bahlala kulo. 29 Balibiza ngokuthi yiDani
ibizo likakhokho wabo uDani, owayezalwa ngu-Israyeli, lanxa idolobho lalikade
lithiwa yiLayishi. 30 AbakoDani bazimisela izithombe khona, njalo uJonathani indo-
dana kaGeshomu, indodana kaMosi, lamadodana akhe babengabaphristi besizwana
sikaDani kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sokuthunjwa kwelizwe. 31 Baqhubeka basebenzisa
izithombe ezazenziwe nguMikha, ngasosonke isikhathi indlu kaNkulunkulu iseShilo.

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UmLevi Lomkakhe Weceleni

1 Ngalezonsuku abako-Israyeli babengelankosi.
UmLevi othile owayehlala esiqintini esikhatshana, elizweni lamaqaqa elako-
Efrayimi wathatha umfazi weceleni eBhethilehema koJuda. 2 Kodwa wayengath-
embekanga kuye. Wamtshiya wabuyela endlini kayise eBhethilehema, koJuda.
Esehlale khona okwezinyanga ezine, 3 indoda yamlandela ukuyamncenga ukuba
abuye. Indoda yayilenceku yayo labobabhemi ababili. Umfazi wamngenisa endlini
kayise, njalo kwathi uyise embona wamamukela ngokuthokoza. 4 Uyisezala, uyise
wentombi, wamncenga ukuba ahlale; ngakho wahlala laye insuku ezintathu, esidla
enatha, njalo elala khona.
5 Ngelanga lesine bavuka ekuseni, walungiselela ukusuka, kodwa uyise wentombi
wathi kumkhwenyana wakhe, "Qinisa umzimba wakho ngongakudla; ubusuhamba."
6 Ngakho bobabili bahlala phansi badla banatha. Emva kwalokho uyise wentombi
wathi, "Ake ulale ubusuku balamuhla uzithokozise." 7 Kwathi umuntu lowo
evuka ukuba ahambe, uyisezala wamncenga, ngakho walala khona ngalobobusuku.
8 Ekuseni ngosuku lwesihlanu, wathi evuka ukuba ahambe, uyise wentombi wathi,
"Phumula. Hlala kuze kube ngemva kwemini." Ngakho bobabili badla ndawonye.
9 Kwathi lapho umuntu lowo, lomkakhe weceleni kanye lenceku yakhe belungise-
lela ukusuka, uyisezala, uyise wentombi wathi, "Khangela, sekuzakuhlwa. Lala
lapha; ilanga selizatshona. Hlala uzithokozise. Kusasa ekuseni kakhulu uzavuka
uthathe indlela yakho yokuya ekhaya." 10 Kodwa umuntu lowo engasafuni ukulala
obunye ubusuku lapho, wasuka waqonda eJebusi (leyo yiJerusalema), labobabhemi
bakhe ababili ababebotshelwe izihlalo kanye lomkakhe weceleni.
11 Kwathi sebebanga eJebusi ilanga laselitshona, inceku yathi enkosini yayo,
"Uyabona, kasime kulelidolobho lamaJebusi silale."
12 Inkosi yayo yathi, "Hayi. Kasiyikungena edolobheni elilabantu abangasibako-
Israyeli. Sizaqhubeka siye eGibhiya." 13 Wengeza wathi, "Kasambeni, sizame
ukuyafika eGibhiya loba eRama, silale kwenye yalezizindawo." 14 Ngakho baqhubeka,
ilanga latshona sebebanga eGibhiya koBhenjamini. 15 Bema lapho ukuba balale
khona. Bahamba bayahlala egcekeni ledolobho, kodwa kakho owabangenisa endlini
yakhe ukuba balale khona.
16 Ngalokhokuhlwa ixhegu laselizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi, elalihlala eGibhiya
(abantu bakuleyondawo babengabakoBhenjamini), lafika livela emsebenzini walo
emasimini. 17 Selikhangele labona isihambi egcekeni ledolobho, ixhegu labuza lathi,
"Liya ngaphi? Livela ngaphi?"
18 Yena waphendula wathi, "Siphakathi kohambo lwethu sivela eBhethilehema
koJuda siya esiqintini esikhatshana elizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi lapho engihlala
khona. Kade ngiseBhethilehema koJuda kodwa khathesi sengisiya endlini kaThixo.
Akulamuntu ongingenise endlini yakhe. 19 Silotshani lokudla kwabobabhemi bethu
lesinkwa kanye lewayini lethu thina zinceku zakho, mina lencekukazi yakho kanye
lejaha esilalo. Kasisweli lutho."
20 Ixhegu lathi, "Lamukelekile endlini yami. Ngizalinika konke elikuswelayo.
Kodwa lingalali egcekeni." 21 Ngakho lamngenisa endlini yalo, lanika labobabhemi
bakhe ukudla. Sebegeze inyawo zabo, badla banatha.
22 Besazitika, abanye babantu abaxhwalileyo bakulelodolobho bahanqa indlu leyo.
Batshaya isivalo, bamemeza ixhegu elalingumnikazi wendlu besithi, "Mkhuphele
phandle umuntu ongene endlini ukuze siye emacansini laye."
23 Umnikazi wendlu waya phandle wathi kubo, "Hayi, bangane bami, lingenzi
okubi kangaka. Njengoba umuntu eyisethekeli sami, lingenzi into elihlazo kanje.

24 Khangelani, nansi indodakazi yami eyintombi egcweleyo, kanye lomfazi weceleni walindoda. Ngizabaletha phandle kini, lingabasebenzisa lenze kubo konke elikufisayo. Kodwa lingenzi ihlazo elinjalo kule indoda."
25 Kodwa abantu labo kabamlalelanga. Ngakho indoda leyo yathatha umkayo weceleni yamusa phandle kubo, bamdlova njalo bamphatha kubi ubusuku bonke, kwathi emadabukakusa bamyekela wahamba. 26 Ekuseni owesifazane lowo waya endlini lapho umkakhe ayehlezi khona, wawela emnyango, walala khonapho kwaze kwakhanya.
27 Esevukile umkakhe ekuseni, wavula umnyango wendlu waphuma ukuba aqhubeke ngohambo lwakhe, wabona umkakhe weceleni ewele emnyango wendlu, izandla zakhe zisentubeni yomnyango. 28 Wathi kuye, "Vuka; kasihambe." Kodwa kamphendulanga. Ngakho umuntu lowo wambeka phezu kukababhemi wakhe wasuka waya emzini wakhe.
29 Esefikile ekhaya wathatha ingqamu waquma umkakhe weceleni iziqayiqa ezilitshumi lambili wazithumela kuzozonke izigaba zako-Israyeli. 30 Umuntu wonke owakubonayo lokho wathi, "Into enje kayikaze ibonakale loba yenziwe, selokhu u-Israyeli waphuma eGibhithe. Cabangani ngakho! Likuhlole! Litsho okungenziwa!"

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Abako-Israyeli Balwa LabakoBhenjamini

1 Ngalesosikhathi bonke abako-Israyeli baphuma njengomuntu munye kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha kanye laselizweni leGiliyadi, babuthana phambi kukaThixo eMizipha. 2 Abakhokheli babantu bonke bezizwana zako-Israyeli bathatha izindawo zabo ebandleni labantu bakaNkulunkulu, amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane ehlome ngezinkemba. 3 (AbakoBhenjamini bezwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babeye eMizipha.) Abako-Israyeli basebesithi, "Sitsheleni ukuthi into le embi yenzakale njani."
4 Ngakho umLevi, indoda yowesifazane lowo owayebulewe, wathi, "Mina lomkami weceleni safika eGibhiya koBhenjamini ukuba silale khona. 5 Ebusuku abantu beGibhiya bangivukela bahanqa indlu, behlose ukungibulala. Badlova umkami weceleni waze wafa. 6 Ngathatha umkami weceleni, ngamquma waba yiziqayiqa, ngathumela isiqa esisodwa esigabeni ngasinye selifa lako-Israyeli, ngoba amanyala lalesisenzo sokuxhwala basenzela ko-Israyeli. 7 Khathesi lonke lina abako-Israyeli, khulumani litsho isinqumo senu."
8 Abantu bonke basukuma njengomuntu munye, besithi, "Akakho kithi ozakuya ekhaya. Hathi, akakho kithi ozabuyela endlini yakhe. 9 Kodwa khathesi esizakwenza eGibhiya yilokhu: Sizakuyayihlasela ngokwenza inkatho. 10 Sizathatha abantu abalitshumi phakathi kwabalikhulu kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, labalikhulu kwabayinkulungwane, labayinkulungwane kwaba zinkulungwane ezilutshumi ukuba badingele ibutho ukudla. Ekufikeni kwalo ibutho eGibhiya koBhenjamini, lizabanika okubafaneleyo ngamanyala lokuxhwala abakwenze ko-Israyeli."
11 Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlangana, bamanyana njengomuntu munye bamelana ledolobho.
12 Izizwana zako-Israyeli zathumela abantu kusosonke isizwana sakoBhenjamini, zisithi, "Yibudlova bani lobu obenziwayo phakathi kwenu na? 13 Khathesi-ke, banikeleni labobantu baseGibhiya abagangileyo ukuze sibabulale siqede ububi ko-Israyeli.
" Kodwa abakoBhenjamini kababalalelanga abafowabo bako-Israyeli. 14 Baqoqana eGibhiya bevela emadolobheni akibo ukuba balwe labako-Israyeli. 15 Ngasikhathi sinye abakoBhenjamini babutha izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha

zabahlome ngezinkemba emadolobheni akibo, phezu kwabantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abakhethwa kulabo abahlala eGibhiya. 16 Phakathi kwamabutho la kwakulabantu abakhethiweyo abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa ababengamanxele, bonke bengakhuthi abakunxwaneleyo ngesavutha.

17 Abako-Israyeli, ngaphandle kwabakoBhenjamini, babutha abantu abalwa ngezinkemba abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, bonke bengabantu bempi.

18 Abako-Israyeli baya eBhetheli babuza uNkulunkulu. Bathi, “Ngubani wethu ozahamba kuqala ukuyakulwa labakoBhenjamini?

” UTHIXO wathi, “NguJuda ozahamba kuqala.”

19 Kusisa ekuseni, abako-Israyeli bavuka bamisa izihonqo eduzane leGibhiya. 20 Abantu bako-Israyeli baphuma ukuyakulwa labakoBhenjamini bema ezindaweni ezilungele ukubahlasela eGibhiya. 21 AbakoBhenjamini baphuma eGibhiya babulala abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili endaweni yokulwela mhlalokho. 22 Kodwa abantu bako-Israyeli banikana isibindi babuyela njalo ezindaweni zabo lapho ababekhona ngelanga lakuqala. 23 Abako-Israyeli bahamba bayakhala phambi KUKATHIXO kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, njalo babuza UTHIXO bathi, “Singahamba njalo yini siyekulwa labakoBhenjamini, abafowethu na?

” UTHIXO waphendula yathi, “Hambani liyebahlasela.”

24 Abako-Israyeli basondela koBhenjamini ngosuku lwesibili. 25 Ngalesisikhathi, kwathi abakoBhenjamini sebephumile eGibhiya ukuba bamelane labo, babulala abanye njalo abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, bonke behlome ngezinkemba.

26 Lapho-ke, abako-Israyeli bonke lebutho lonke baya eBhetheli, bahlala khona bekhala phambi KUKATHIXO. Ngalelolanga bazila kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, banikela leminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yobudlelwano KUTHIXO. 27 Abako-Israyeli basebebuza UTHIXO. (Ngalezonsuku umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wawukhonapho, 28 uloFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, indodana ka-Aroni, ekhonza phambi kwawo.) Babuza bathi, “Singahamba njalo yini siyekulwa loBhenjamini umfowethu loba hatshi na?”

UTHIXO waphendula wathi, “Hambani, ngoba kusasa ngizabanikela ezandleni zenu.”

29 Ngakho abako-Israyeli bacathama bezungeze iGibhiya. 30 Bahamba bayahlasela abakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwesithathu, balungela ukuhlasela iGibhiya njengebabekwenze kuqala. 31 AbakoBhenjamini baphuma babahlangabeza baholelwa kude ledolobho. Baqalisa ukubabulala abako-Israyeli njengakuqala, kwathi ababephosa babengamatshumi amathathu bafela egcekeni emgwaqweni oya eBhetheli lomunye oya eGibhiya. 32 Kwathi abakoBhenjamini besithi, “Siyabehlula njengakuqala,” abako-Israyeli bona besithi, “Kasihlehleleni emuva sibaholele kude ledolobho emigwaqweni.”

33 Bonke abantu bako-Israyeli basuka ezindaweni zabo baya eBhali-Thamari, kwathi abako-Israyeli ababecatheme bahlasela bephuma endaweni yabo ngasentshonalanga kweGibhiya. 34 Izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zabantu bako-Israyeli abakhethiweyo bahlasela iGibhiya mathupha. Ukulwa kwakunzima kakhulu ngakho kwenza abakoBhenjamini bangananzeleli ukuthi ingozi yayisisondele. 35 UTHIXO wamnqoba uBhenjamini phambi kuka-Israyeli, njalo ngalelolanga abako-Israyeli babulala abakoBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lekhulu (25,100), bonke behlome ngezinkemba. 36 Lapho-ke abakoBhenjamini babona ukuthi babenqotshiwe.

Khonapho abako-Israyeli basebevulele abakoBhenjamini isikhala, ngoba babethembe ababecatheme eduze leGibhiya. 37 Abantu ababecatheme bagijimela eGibhiya ngokuphangisa, basabalala idolobho lonke balihlasela ngenkemba. 38 Abantu bako-Israyeli babehlele labacathamayo ukuthi benze iyezi elikhulu lentuthu phakathi kwedolobho, 39 lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli babezaphendukela ekulweni empini.

AbakoBhenjamini basebeqalisile ukubulala abako-Israyeli (babephosa babengamatshumi amathathu), njalo bathi, “Siyabehlula njengempini yakuqala.” 40 Kodwa kwathi izikhatha zentuthu seziqalise ukuphakama edolobheni, abakoBhenjamini baphenduka babona intuthu yedolobho lonke iqonga isiya phezulu emkhathini. 41 Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli babaphendukela, abantu bakoBhenjamini batshaywa luvalo, ngoba babona ukuthi ingozi yayisibehlele. 42 Ngakho babaleka phambi kwabako-Israyeli beqonda enkangala kodwa behluleka ukuyibalekela impi. Abako-Israyeli abaphuma emizini bababulalela khonapho. 43 Babahanqa abakoBhenjamini, baxotshana labo, bababhuqela eduze leGibhiya kalula ngasempumalanga. 44 Kwafa abakoBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, bonke bengamaqhawe. 45 Sebephenduke babaleka beqonda enkangala edwaleni laseRimoni, abako-Israyeli babulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu kulandela imigwaqo. Baqhubeka bexotshana labakoBhenjamini baze bayafika eGidomu babulala abanye njalo abazinkulungwane ezimbili.

46 Ngalelolanga kwafa abakoBhenjamini abalwa ngenkemba abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, bonke bengamaqhawe. 47 Kodwa abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha baphenduka babalekela enkangala edwaleni laseRimoni, lapho abahlala khona izinyanga ezine. 48 Abantu bako-Israyeli babuyela koBhenjamini bahlasela imizi yonke ngenkemba, kubalwa izifuyo lakho konke okunye abakutholayo. Yonke imizi abafika kuyo bayithungela ngomlilo.

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Abafazi Babantu BakoBhenjamini

1 Abantu bako-Israyeli babefunge isifungo eMizipha bathi, “Akukho lamunye wethu ozakwendisela indodakazi yakhe emuntwini wakoBhenjamini.”

2 Abantu baya eBhetheli, lapho abahlala khona phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, bephakamise amazwi abo bekhala kabuhlungu besithi, 3 “Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kungani lokhu kwenzakale ku-Israyeli na? Kungani esinye isizwana singekho ko-Israyeli lamhla na?”

4 Ngakusasa ekuseni abantu bakha i-alithari banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano.

5 Basebebuza abako-Israyeli besithi, “Yisiphi kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli esingabuthananga phambi kukaTHIXO na?” Ngoba babefunge isifungo esiqinileyo bathi lowo owayengayikuba khona ekubuthaneni phambi kukaTHIXO eMizipha kwakuzamele abulawe.

6 Abako-Israyeli bezwa ubuhlungu ngabafowabo bakoBhenjamini. Bathi, “Lamuhla esinye isizwana kasisekho ko-Israyeli. 7 Labo abaseleyo singabanika njani abafazi, njengoba thina sifunge isifungo ngoTHIXO ukuba kasiyi kubendisela amadodakazi ethu?” 8 Babuye babuza bathi, “Yisiphi sezizwana zako-Israyeli esingabuthananga phambi kukaTHIXO eMizipha na?” Bafumana ukuthi akulamuntu waseJabheshi Giliyadi owayefikile ezihonqweni elande umbuthano lowo. 9 Ngoba bathi bebala abantu, bathola ukuthi kwakungelamuntu waseJabheshi Giliyadi owayekhona.

10 Ngakho ibandla lathuma abantu bempi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili belaywa ukuthi baye eJabheshi Giliyadi babahlasele ngenkemba labo abahlala khona, kubalwa abesifazane labantwana. 11 Bathi, “Kumele libulale wonke owesilisa

lowesifazane ongasintombi egcweleyo.” 12 Phakathi kwabantu ababehlala eJabheshi
Giliyadi bathola izintombi ezigcweleyo ezingamakhulu amane, bazisa ezihonqweni
eShilo kweleKhenani.
13 Ibandla lonke lathumela ilizwi lokuthula kwabakoBhenjamini edwaleni laseRi-
moni. 14 Ngakho abakoBhenjamini babuyela ngalesosikhathi sebephiwe abesifazane
baseJabheshi Giliyadi ababephephisiwe. Kodwa kabawanelanga amadoda wonke.
15 Abantu bezwa ubuhlungu ngabakoBhenjamini, ngoba UTHIXO wayesenze
isikhexe phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli. 16 Abadala bebandla bathi, “Njengoba
abesifazane bakoBhenjamini beqothuliwe, amadoda aseleyo siwazuzela njani abafazi
na? 17 AbakoBhenjamini abasindayo kumele babe lezindlalifa, ukuze isizwana
sako-Israyeli singatshabalali. 18 Asingeke sibendisele amadodakazi ethu ngoba
thina abako-Israyeli safunga isifungo lesi sathi: ‘Kaqalekiswe lowo owendisela
umBhenjamini umfazi.’ 19 Kodwa khangelani, kulomkhosi weminyaka yonke KATHIXO
eShilo, enyakatho kweBhetheli, ngasempumalanga komgwaqo osuka eBhetheli usiya
eShekhemu, ngeningizimu kweLebhona.”
20 Ngakho balaya abakoBhenjamini bathi, “Hambani liyecatsha ezivinini 21 lilinde.
Lapho izintombi zaseShilo ziphuma ukuba zingene ekugideni, sukani ezivinini
ligijima kuthi lowo lalowo wenu azibambele umfazi ezintombini zaseShilo libe
selisiya elizweni lakoBhenjamini. 22 Oyise labanewabo bangakhonona kithi, thina
sizakuthi kubo, ‘Ake lisenzele umusa ngokubasiza, ngoba kasibatholelanga abafazi
ngesikhathi sempi. Kaliyikuba lacala ngokwephula isifungo, ngoba amadodakazi enu
kaliwendiselanga kubo.’ ”
23 Ngakho lokho yikho okwenziwa ngabakoBhenjamini. Kwathi izintombi zigida,
indoda yabamba intombi yahamba layo ukuba ibe ngumkayo. Babuyela-ke elifeni
labo bayakha kutsha imizi, bahlala kuyo.
24 Ngalesisikhathi abako-Israyeli basuka kuleyondawo babuyela emakhaya ezizwa-
neni lasezinsendweni zabo, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe.
25 Ngalezonsuku abako-Israyeli babengelankosi; umuntu wonke ezenzela
ayekubona kulungile kuye.

URuthe

UNawomi Ulahlekelwa Ngumkakhe Lamadodana Akhe

1 Ngezinsuku kubusa abahluleli, kwaba lendlala elizweni. Ngakho indoda
ethile yaseBhethilehema koJuda kanye lomkayo lamadodana abo amabili, basuka
bayahlala elizweni lamaMowabi okwesikhatshana. 2 Ibizo lalindoda lalingu-
Elimeleki, elomkakhe linguNawomi, amadodana akhe amabili ayengoMaheloni
loKhiliyoni. Babengama-Efrathi aseBhethilehema koJuda. Baya eMowabi bayahlala
khona.
3 U-Elimeleki, umkaNawomi wafa, wasesala lamadodana akhe womabili. 4 Athatha
abafazi baseMowabi, omunye wayethiwa ngu-Opha omunye ethiwa nguRuthe.
Sebehlale lapho okweminyaka elitshumi, 5 bobabili uMaheloni loKhiliyoni labo bafa,
uNawomi wasesala engaselamadodana kanye lomkakhe.

Ukubuyela KukaNawomi LoRuthe EBhethilehema

6 Wathi esizwa eseMowabi ukuthi UTHIXO wayesesize abantu bakhe ngokubapha
ukudla, uNawomi kanye labomalukazana bakhe balungisela ukubuyela kibo.
7 Wasuka endaweni ayekade ehlala kuyo, labomalukazana bakhe bobabili, wangena
indlela eyayizabasa emuva elizweni lamaJuda.
8 UNawomi wasesithi kubomalukazana bakhe bobabili, “Buyelani emuva, ngulowo
lalowo aye emzini kanina. Engani UTHIXO angalenzela umusa onjengalowo elin-
gitshengise wona kanye labomkenu asebedlule. 9 Sengathi UTHIXO angenza ukuba
ngulowo lalowo athole inhlalo enhle nxa esendele kwenye indoda.”
Wasebanga, basebekhala kakhulu 10 bathi kuye, “Sizahamba lawe ebantwini
bakini.”
11 Kodwa uNawomi wathi, “Buyelani ngekhaya madodakazi ami. Kambe lingabe li-
hambelani lami? Ngingazala amanye amadodana na angaba ngomkenu? 12 Buyelani
ngekhaya madodakazi ami. Sengigugile, angingeke ngibe ngisazuza enye indoda.
Loba bekungabe kulethemba lokuthi ngende loba bengingaba lendoda ngabona
lobubusuku ngizale amadodana, 13 lingawamelela aze akhule na? Lingahlala
lingendanga lilindele wona na? Hatshi, madodakazi ami. Kubuhlungu kakhulu lokho
kimi okwedlula kini ngoba ingalo kaTHIXO isingihlanekele!”
14 Bekuzwa lokho bakhala njalo. U-Opha wasesanga uninazala wamvalelisa, kodwa
uRuthe wabambelela kuye.
15 UNawomi wathi, “Khangela, unyanewenu usebuyela kwabakibo kanye labonku-
lunkulu bakhe. Buyela laye.”
16 URuthe waphendula wathi, “Ungangincengi ukuba ngikutshiye loba ukuba
ngikufulathele. Lapho oya khona ngizakuya khona, lalapho ozahlala khona
ngizahlala khona. Abantu bakini bazakuba ngabakithi loNkulunkulu wakho uza-
kuba nguNkulunkulu wami. 17 Lapho ozafela khona lami ngizafela khona njalo
ngizangcwatshelwa khona. Sengathi UTHIXO angangihlanekela nxa ngingehlukana
lawe ngenxa yolunye ulutho olungesikufa.” 18 Kwathi uNawomi esebonile ukuthi
uRuthe uzimisele ukuhamba laye, waseyekela ukumcindezela.
19 Basebehamba bobabili baze bayafika eBhethilehema. Bathi befika eBhethile-
hema, umuzi wonke waba lokuxokozela ngabo, kwathi abesifazane bababaza besithi,
“Angabe enguNawomi lo na?”
20 Yena wathi kubo, “Lingangibizi ngokuthi nginguNawomi. Wothani nginguMara,
ngoba uSomandla wenze impilo yami yaba munyu. 21 Ngasuka lapha ngigcwele,

kodwa UTHIXO usengibuyise ngingelalutho. Lingangibizelani ngokuthi nginguNawomi? UTHIXO ungehlisele uhlupho; uSomandla ungehlisele okubi.”
22 Ngakho uNawomi wabuyela ngokunjalo eBhethilehema evela eMowabi. Wafika ephelekezelwa nguRuthe umalukazana wakhe waseMowabi. Bafika ngesikhathi sokuqalisa ukuvuna ibhali.

2

URuthe Uhlangana LoBhowazi Emasimini

1 UNawomi wayelesihlobo sakwabozala, indoda eyayinothile osendweni luka-Elimeleki, ibizo layo linguBhowazi.
2 URuthe um’Mowabi wathi kuNawomi, “Yekela ngiye emasimini ngiyedobha inhlamvu zamabele asala emuva kulowo ozakuba lomusa kimi.”
UNawomi wathi, “Kulungile, hamba ndodakazi yami.” 3 Wasehamba, wafika wadobha amabele asala ngemuva kwabavunayo. Kwenzakala ukuthi wafika wasebenza ensimini kaBhowazi, owayengowosendo luka-Elimeleki.
4 Kwasekufika uBhowazi evela eBhethilehema, wabingelela abavuni wathi, “UTHIXO kabe lani!”
Baphendula bathi, “UTHIXO akubusise!”
5 UBhowazi wabuza inceku yakhe eyayikhangele abavunayo wathi, “Intombi le ngekabani?”
6 Yena wathi, “NgeyaseMowabi eyabuya loNawomi. 7 Uthe, ‘Ngicela ukudobha okusalayo phakathi kwezithungo ngemva kwabavunayo.’ Ulokhu efike emasimini ekuseni lokhu esebenza kuze kube khathesi, ngaphandle kokuphumula kancinyane nje emthunzini.”
8 UBhowazi wasesithi kuRuthe, “Lalela lapha-ke ndodakazi yami. Ungaze wayadobha kwenye insimu, ungasuki lapha. Hlala lapha lamantombazana az-incekukazi zami. 9 Nanzelela leyonsimu lapho amadoda avuna khona, wena ulandele amantombazana. Ngiwalayile amadoda ukuba angakuhluphi. Ungezwa usuwomile, uhambe uyenatha ezimbizeni ezikhelelwe zagcwaliswa ngamadoda.”
10 Ekuzwa lokhu uRuthe wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wambuza wathi, “Kungani ngifumane umusa ongaka kuwe uze ungizwele mina ngingowezizweni?”
11 UBhowazi wathi, “Sengitsheliwe ngakho konke owakwenzela unyokozala kusukela ekufeni komkakho lokuthi watshiya uyihlo lonyoko lelizwe lakini weza ukuzahlala labantu owawungabazi ngaphambilini. 12 Sengathi UTHIXO angakupha umvuzo ngalokhu okwenzileyo. Sengathi UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, oze ukuphephela ngaphansi kwamaphiko akhe angakupha umvuzo omkhulu.”
13 URuthe wathi, “Sengathi ngingaqhubeka ngithola umusa kuwe, nkosi yami. Usungiphe ukududuzeka njalo ukhulume ngomusa encekukazini yakho loba ngingafanele ukuba ngomunye wamantombazana azincekukazi zakho.”
14 Ngesikhathi sokudla, uBhowazi wathi kuye, “Woza lapha. Nansi isinkwa, dlana utshebe ngewayini elileviniga.”
Wahlala phansi labavunayo, uBhowazi wasemupha amabele akhanzingiweyo. Wadla wasutha waze watshiya. 15 Esesukuma ukuthi ayebutha, uBhowazi walaya amadoda wathi, “Loba angaze adobhe phakathi kwezithungo, lingaze lamhlupha. 16 Kodwa, hwatshani amanye amahlanga ezithungweni limtshiyele ukuze adobhe kuwo, lingaze lamkhuza.”
17 Ngakho uRuthe wadobha ensimini kwaze kwahwalala. Wasebhula ibhali ayeyidobhile, yagcwala phamu amagokoko amabili. 18 Wayithwala waya layo ngekhaya, uninazala wabona lokho ayekuvunile. URuthe wakhupha ayekutshiyile esedle wasutha, weza lakho wamupha.

19 Uninazala wabuza wathi, “Udobhe ngaphi lamhlanje? Usebenze ngaphi?
Ubusisiwe lowomuntu okunanzeleleyo!”
URuthe wasemtshela uninazala ngalowo lapho ayekade esebenza khona wathi,
“Ibizo lendoda engisebenze kuyo lamhla nguBhowazi.”
20 UNawomi wathi kumalukazana wakhe, “UTHIXO kambusise! Kayekelanga ukut-
shengisa umusa wakhe kwabaphilayo lakwasebafayo.” Wengeza njalo wathi, “Indoda
leyo iyisihlobo sethu esiseduze; ingomunye wezihlobo zethu ezingabahlengi.”
21 URuthe um’Mowabi wasesithi, “Uze wathi kimi, ‘Ubohlala ulandela izisebenzi
zami zize ziqede ukuvuna amabele ami.’ ”
22 UNawomi wathi kuRuthe umalukazana wakhe, “Kuzakuba kuhle, ndodakazi
yami, ukuthi uhambe lamantombazana akhe, ngoba ungahlutshwa ensimini
yomunye.”
23 Ngakho uRuthe waba seduze lamantombazana azincekukazi zikaBhowazi eku-
dobheni kwaze kwaphela ukuvuna ibhali lengqoloyi. Njalo wahlala loninazala.

3

URuthe LoBhowazi ESizeni

1 Ngelinye ilanga uNawomi, uninazala wathi kuye, “Ndodakazi yami, akungcono
ngikudingele umuzi lapho ozagcineka khona kuhle na? 2 UBhowazi lo obusebenza
lamantombazana akhe, yisihlobo sethu. Ngobusuku balamhlanje uzabe esela ibhali
esizeni. 3 Geza, uziqhole ngamakha, ugqoke izigqoko zakho zokuceca. Ubususiya
esizeni, kodwa ungaze waziveza kuye aze aqede ukudla lokunatha. 4 Nxa eselala,
uqaphelise indawo alala kuyo, ubusufika wambule ezinyaweni zakhe ulale lapho.
Uzakutshela ukuthi wenzeni.”
5 URuthe wathi, “Ngizakwenza lokho ongitshela khona.” 6 Wasesuka waya esizeni,
wenza konke ayekutshelwe nguninazala.
7 Kwathi uBhowazi esethabe kakhulu ngemva kokudla lokunatha, wasuka wayalala
ekucineni kwenqumbi yamabele. URuthe wasondela ngokuthula, wembula inyawo
zakhe, waselala lapho. 8 Kwathi phakathi kobusuku indoda yethuswa ngokuthile,
yasiphenduka yathola owesifazane elele ezinyaweni zayo.
9 Yabuza yathi, “Ungubani wena?”
Yena waphendula wathi, “NginguRuthe, incekukazi yakho. Ngembathisa ngesem-
batho sakho, njengoba uyisihlobo sethu esingumhlengi.”
10 Yena wathi, “UTHIXO akubusise, ndodakazi yami. Umusa wakho lo mkhulu
ukwedlula lokho okwenze kuqala. Awuzange ukhethe ukulandelana lamajaha,
ingabe nganothileyo loba angabayanga. 11 Ngakho-ke, ungesabi ndodakazi yami.
Ngizakwenzela konke okucelayo. Bonke abantu bakulo umuzi bayakwazi ukuthi
wena ungowesifazane oqotho. 12 Lanxa kuliqiniso ukuthi mina ngiyisihlobo
esihlengayo, kodwa ukhona oyisihlobo esiseduze okwedlula mina. 13 Hlala lapha
lobubusuku, kuthi ekuseni nxa efuna ukukuhlenga; uzakwenza njalo. Kodwa nxa
engakavumi lokho, mina ngizakwenza lokho njengoba UTHIXO ephila. Lala lapha
kuze kuse.”
14 Ngakho walala kwaze kwasa, wasevuka engakananzelelwa muntu; uBhowazi
wathi kuye, “Ungaze watshela muntu ukuthi ukhona owesifazane oke weza esizeni.”
15 Wengeza wathi, “Letha kimi isembatho leso osembetheyo usivule.” Kwathi
esenzenjalo, wathela kuso ibhali eyizilinganiso eziyisithupha wamethesa. Wasesuka
wabuyela ngekhaya.
16 URuthe wathi efika kuninazala, uNawomi wabuza wathi, “Kuhambe njani
ndodakazi yami?”

Yena wamtshela konke ayekwenzelwe nguBhowazi, 17 wengeza esithi, “Ungiphe
izilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali wathi, ‘Ungaze wabuyela kunyokozala ungela-
lutho.’ ”
18 UNawomi wasesithi, “Mana ndodakazi yami, uze ubone okuzakwenzakala.
Umuntu lo kasoke aphumule indaba le ize ilungiswe lamhlanje.”

4

UBhowazi Uthatha URuthe

1 Kusenjalo uBhowazi waya esangweni ledolobho wahlala lapho. Kwathi isihlobo
esihlengayo ayekhulume ngaso sisedlula lapho, uBhowazi wathi, “Woza lapha
mngane wami, uhlale phansi.” Waya kuye wahlala phansi.
2 UBhowazi wabiza abadala bakulelodolobho abalitshumi wathi, “Hlalani lapha,”
benza njalo. 3 Wasesithi esihlotsheni esihlengayo, “UNawomi osebuyile evela
eMowabi uthengisa isiqinti esasingesomnewethu u-Elimeleki. 4 Ngibone kufanele
ukuthi ngilethe loludaba kuwe njalo ngicebise ukuthi usithenge phambi kwabo laba
abahlezi lapha laphambi kwabadala bakithi. Nxa usihlenga, yenza njalo. Kodwa nxa
ungasihlengi ungazise. Phela kakho olelungelo lokwenza lokho ngaphandle kwakho,
besekulandela mina.”
Yena wathi, “Ngizasihlenga.”
5 UBhowazi wasesithi, “Mhla uthenga umhlabathi kuNawomi loRuthe um’Mowabi,
uzazuza lomfelokazi womufi, ukuze umise ibizo lomufi kanye lempahla yakhe.”
6 Sikuzwa lokho, isihlobo esingumhlengi sathi, “Angingeke-ke ngisihlenge ngoba
sekungonakala okwelifa lami. Sihlenge wena ngokwakho. Mina anganelisi.”
7 (Ngalezonsuku zakuqala ko-Israyeli, ukuze umkhuba wokuhlenga impahla zisuka
komunye zisiya komunye uphelele, oyedwa wayekhupha inyathela lakhe aliphe
omunye. Le yayiyindlela yokuqinisa isivumelwano ko-Israyeli.)
8 Ngakho isihlobo esihlengayo sakhupha inyathela laso sathi kuBhowazi, “Sithenge
wena.”
9 UBhowazi wasebika ebadaleni lakubo bonke abantu wathi, “Lamhlanje lingo-
fakazi bokuthi sengithengile kuNawomi yonke impahla ka-Elimeleki, loKhiliyoni
loMaheloni. 10 LoRuthe um’Mowabi, umfelokazi kaMaheloni sengimzuzile ukuba abe
ngumkami, ukuze kugcinakale ibizo lomufi kanye lempahla yakhe, lokuze ibizo lakhe
linganyamalali emulini loba embalini yomuzi. Lingofakazi lamhlanje!”
11 Abadala kanye labo bonke ababesesangweni bathi, “Singofakazi. Sengathi
uTHIXO angenza owesifazane ozayo emzini wakho abe njengoRasheli loLeya,
abayakhayo indlu ka-Israyeli bendawonye. Sengathi ungahlonitshwa e-Efrathi ube
lodumo eBhethilehema. 12 Ngenzalo uTHIXO azakunika yona ngalo owesifazane,
sengathi imuli yakho ingaba njengekaPherezi, uThamari ayizalela uJuda.”

UNaomi Uthola Indodana

13 UBhowazi wamthatha uRuthe waba ngumkakhe. Wembatha laye, uTHIXO wenza
wakhulelwa, wasezala indodana. 14 Abesifazane bathi kuNawomi, “Kadunyiswe
uTHIXO, yena ongakutshiyanga wasala ungelasihlobo esihlengayo. Sengathi angaba
lodumo kulolonke elako-Israyeli! 15 Uzakwenza impilo yakho ibentsha, akulondoloze
ebudaleni bakho. Ngoba umalukazana wakho, yena okuthandayo njalo ongcono
kulamadodana ayisikhombisa, usemuphe inzalo.”
16 UNawomi wasethatha umntwana, wamanga, wamondla. 17 Abesifazane
ababehlala lapho bathi, “UNawomi uselendodana.” Bamutha ibizo bathi ngu-Obhedi.
Nguye owaba nguyise kaJese, uyise kaDavida.

Usendo LukaDavida

18 Lesi yiso isizukulwane sikaPherezi:

uPherezi wayenguyise kaHezironi,
19 uHezironi enguyise kaRamu,
uRamu enguyise ka-Aminadabi,
20 u-Aminadabi enguyise kaNahashoni,
uNahashoni enguyise kaSalimoni,
21 uSalimoni enguyise kaBhowazi,
uBhowazi enguyise ka-Obhedi,
22 u-Obhedi enguyise kaJese,
uJese enguyise kaDavida.

Ugwalo Lwakuqala
LukaSamuyeli

Ukuzalwa KukaSamuyeli

1 Kwakulendoda ethile yaseRamathayimi, umZufi owayevela elizweni lamaqaqa
elako-Efrayimi, ibizo layo lalingu-Elikhana indodana kaJerohamu, indodana ka-
Elihu, indodana kaThohu, indodana kaZufi, um'Efrayimi. 2 Wayelabafazi ababili;
omunye wayethiwa nguHana omunye enguPhenina. UPhenina wayelabantwana
kodwa uHana engelabo.
3 Ngeminyaka yonke indoda le yayisuka emzini wakibo isiyakhonza, inikela
lomhlatshelo kuThixo uSomandla eShilo, lapho uHofini loFinehasi, amadodana
amabili ka-Eli, ababengabaphristi bakaThixo khona. 4 Kwakusithi kungafika isikhathi
sokuthi u-Elikhana anikele umhlatshelo, wayenika umkakhe uPhenina lawo wonke
amadodana lamadodakazi akhe izabelo zenyama. 5 Kodwa uHana wayemnika isabelo
esiphindwe kabili ngoba wayemthanda, kodwa uThixo wayesivalile isibeletho sakhe.
6 Njalo ngenxa yokuthi uThixo wayesivalile isibeletho sakhe, unyanewabo wayehlala
emgolomba ukuze amcaphule. 7 Lokhu kwaqhubeka iminyaka yonke. Ngezikhathi
zonke lapho uHana eye endlini kaThixo, unyanewabo wayemgolomba aze akhale
njalo ehluleke lokudla. 8 U-Elikhana umkakhe, wayesithi kuye, "Hana, ukhalelani
na? Kungani ungadli na? Kungani udanile? Kuwe angiqakathekanga ukwedlula
amadodana alitshumi na?"
9 Kwake kwathi sebeqede ukudla lokunatha eShilo, uHana wasukuma. Ngale-
sosikhathi u-Eli umphristi wayehlezi esihlalweni phansi kwensika yomnyango
wethempeli likaThixo. 10 Ngobuhlungu bomoya uHana wakhala kakhulu njalo
wakhuleka kuThixo. 11 Wafunga esithi, "Awu, Thixo Somandla, nxa ungakhangela
nje usizi lwencekukazi yakho ungikhumbule, njalo ungayikhohlwa incekukazi yakho
kodwa uyiphe indodana, lapho-ke ngizayinika uThixo okwensuku zonke zokuphila
kwayo, njalo akulampuco ezasetshenziswe ekhanda layo."
12 Ekuqhubekeni kwakhe uHana ekhuleka kuThixo, u-Eli wananzelela umlomo
wakhe. 13 UHana wayekhulekela enhliziyweni yakhe, izindebe zakhe zinyikinyeka
kodwa ilizwi lakhe lingezwakali. U-Eli wacabanga ukuthi wayedakiwe, 14 ngakho
wathi kuye, "Koze kube nini ulokhu udakwa na? Yekela iwayini lakho."
15 "Akunjalo nkosi yami," uHana waphendula. "Ngingowesifazane ohlupheke
kakhulu. Kangizange nginathe iwayini kumbe utshwala. Kade ngisethula umphefu-
mulo wami kuThixo. 16 Ungathathi incekukazi yakho njengowesifazane ogangileyo;
kade ngikhuleka lapha ngenxa yosizi lwami olukhulu kanye lobuhlungu."
17 U-Eli waphendula wathi, "Hamba ngokuthula, sengathi uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli
angakupha lokho okucele kuye."
18 UHana wathi, "Sengathi incekukazi yakho ingathola umusa emehlweni akho."
Lapho-ke wasuka wahamba, wadla, njalo ubuso bakhe babungasadananga.
19 Ekuseni okwalandelayo bavuka bayakhonza phambi kukaThixo basebebuyela
emzini wabo eRama. U-Elikhana walala loHana umkakhe, uThixo wamkhum-
bula. 20 Ngakho ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uHana wathatha isisu wazala indodana.
Wayetha ibizo wathi nguSamuyeli, esithi, "Ngoba ngamcela kuThixo."

UHana Unikela USamuyeli

21 Kwathi lapho u-Elikhana ehamba labendlu yakhe bonke ukuyanikela umhlatsh-
elo weminyaka yonke kuThixo lokugcwalisa isifungo sakhe, 22 uHana kahambanga.

Wathi kumkakhe, “Emva kokuba umfana eselunyulwe, ngizamthatha ngiyemethula
phambi kuKaThixo, njalo uzahlala khona kokuphela.”
23 U-Elikhana umkakhe wathi kuye, “Yenza lokho okukhanya kukuhle kuwe.
Hlala khonapho uze umkhuphe ebeleni; kuphela nje sengathi uThixo angagcwalisa
ilizwi lakhe.” Ngakho owesifazane wahlala ekhaya wondla indodana yakhe waze
wayilumula.
24 Emva kokuba esekhutshiwe ebeleni, wahamba lomfana, emncane enjalo kanye
lenkunzi eyayileminyaka emithathu ubudala, lehefa lempuphu yengqoloyi kanye
lembodlela yewayini, wamusa endlini kaThixo eShilo. 25 Kwathi inkunzi sebeyih-
labile, bamhambisa umfana ku-Eli, 26 uHana wasesithi kuye, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
ukhona, nkosi yami, mina ngingulowana umfazi owema phansi kwakho ekhuleka
kuThixo. 27 Ngakhulekela umntwana lo, njalo uThixo usengiphile engakucelayo.
28 Ngakho khathesi sengimnika uThixo. Uzanikwa uThixo impilo yakhe yonke.”
Wakhonza uThixo khonapho.

2

Umkhuleko KaHana

1 UHana wasekhuleka esithi:
“Inhliziyo yami iyathokoza kuThixo;
kuThixo uphondo lwami luphakeme.
Umlomo wami uyaziklolodela izitha zami,
ngoba ngiyathokoza ekusindiseni kwakho.

2 Kakho ongcwele njengoThixo;
kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakho;
akulaDwala elinjengo-Nkulunkulu wethu.

3 Lingabe lisakhuluma ngokuzigqaja kanje
loba uyekele umlomo wakho ukhuluma ukuzikhukhumeza okunje,
ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu owaziyo,
njalo izenzo zilinganiswa nguye.

4 Amadandili amabutho ephukile,
kodwa labo abakhubekayo bahlonyiswe ngamandla.
5 Labo ababesuthi baziqhatshisa ngokudla,
kodwa labo ababelambile kabalambi futhi.
Lowo owayeyinyumbakazi usezele abantwana abayisikhombisa,
kodwa lowo owayelamadodana amanengi uyacikizeka.

6 Uthixo uletha ukufa njalo enze ukuphila,
wehlisela phansi engcwabeni njalo avuse.
7 Uthixo uthumela ubuyanga kanye lenotho;
uyathobekisa njalo uyaphakamisa.
8 Uvusa abayanga ethulini
aphakamise abaswelayo esilotheni;
abahlalise lamakhosana.
Enze bathole isihlalo sodumo sibe yilifa labo.

Ngoba izisekelo zomhlaba ngezikaThixo;
umise umhlaba phezu kwazo.
9 Uzalondoloza inyawo zabathembekileyo bakhe,

kodwa ababi bazathuliselwa emnyameni.

Akusikho ngamandla ukuthi umuntu ehlule;
10 labo abaphikisa UTHIXO bazaphahlazwa.
OPhezukonke uzaduma amelane labo esezulwini;
UTHIXO uzakwahlulela imikhawulo yomhlaba.

Uzayinika amandla inkosi yakhe
aphakamise lophondo logcotshiweyo wakhe.”
11 Emva kwalokho u-Elikhana wabuyela ekhaya eRama, kodwa umfana wakhonza phambi KUKATHIXO ngaphansi kuka-Eli umphristi.

Amadodana Ka-Eli Axhwalileyo

12 Amadodana ka-Eli ayengabantu abaxhwalileyo, ayengamnanzi UTHIXO.
13 Kwakungumkhuba wabaphristi labantu ukuthi kokuphela nxa loba ngubani enikele umhlatshelo, njalo lapho inyama isaphekwa, inceku yomphristi yayisiza iphethe ifologwe elencijo ezintathu. 14 Yayihlaba ngayo epaneni loba egedleleni loba ebhodweni kumbe embizeni, umphristi abe esezithathela loba kuyini okuphume lefologwe. Le yiyo indlela abaphatha ngayo bonke abako-Israyeli abafika eShilo.
15 Kodwa lalapho amahwahwa engakatshi, inceku yomphristi yayisiya emuntwini onikelayo ithi, “Nika umphristi inyama yokosa; kasoze ayamukele kuwe inyama ephekiweyo, kodwa eluhlaza kuphela.”
16 Lapho umuntu ethe kuyo, “Yekela amahwahwa aqale atshe, ube usuthathake lokho okufunayo,” inceku yayiphendula ithi, “Hatshi, ngiqhubela yona khathesi; nxa ungenzi njalo, ngizayihluthuna ngamandla.”
17 Lesisono samajaha sasisikhulu kakhulu emehlweni KATHIXO, ngoba babephatha umnikelo KATHIXO ngokwedelela.
18 Kodwa uSamuyeli wayekhonza phambi KUKATHIXO engumfana egqoka isembatho samahlombe selineni. 19 Minyaka yonke unina wayemenzela ingubo encane ayise kuye lapho esiya khonale lomkakhe ukuyanikela umhlatshelo weminyaka yonke. 20 U-Eli wayebusisa u-Elikhana lomkakhe, esithi, “Sengathi UTHIXO angalipha abantwana ngalo owesifazane ukuba bathathe isikhundla salowo amkhulekelayo wasemnika UTHIXO.” Emva kwalokho babebuyela ekhaya. 21 UTHIXO waba lomusa kuHana; wakhulelwa wazala amadodana amathathu lamadodakazi amabili. Kusenjalo, umfana uSamuyeli wakhula phambi KUKATHIXO.
22 Ngalesosikhathi u-Eli, owayesemdala kakhulu, wezwa ngakho konke okwakusenziwa ngamadodana akhe ku-Israyeli wonke kanye lokuthi ayelala njani labesifazane ababesebenza esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 23 Ngakho wathi kuwo, “Kungani lisenza izinto ezinje na? Ngizizwa ngabantu bonke lezizenzo zenu ezimbi. 24 Hatshi, madodana ami; akusimbiko omuhle engiwuzwa usanda phakathi kwabantu BAKATHIXO. 25 Nxa umuntu esona komunye umuntu, uNkulunkulu angaba ngumeli wakhe kodwa nxa umuntu esona KUTHIXO, ngubani ongamkhulumela na?” Kodwa amadodana akhe kawakulalelanga ukukhuza kukayise, ngoba kwakuyisifiso SIKATHIXO ukuba awabulale.
26 Umfana uSamuyeli waqhubeka ekhula ngomzimba langokuthandeka KUTHIXO lasebantwini.

Isiphrofethi Esibi Ngendlu Ka-Eli

27 Ngalesosikhathi umuntu kaNkulunkulu wafika ku-Eli wathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO ukuthi: ‘Kangizibonakalisanga ngokubalulekileyo endlini kayihlo lapho babeseGibhithe ngaphansi kukaFaro na? 28 Ngakhetha uyihlo phakathi kwezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli ukuba abe ngumphristi wami, ukuba aye e-alithareni

lami, ukuba atshise impepha, lokuba agqoke isembatho samahlombe phambi kwami. Njalo nganika indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo eyenziwa ngomlilo ngabako-Israyeli. 29 Pho kungani useyisa imihlatshelo yami kanye leminikelo engayiphawulela indlu yami yokuhlala na? Kungani uhlonipha amadodana akho okudlula mina ngokuzikhuluphalisa lina ngokwenu ngezingxenye zekhethelo zeminikelo yonke eyenziwa ngabantu bako-Israyeli na?'

30 Ngakho-ke UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Ngathembisa ukuthi indlu yakho lendlu kayihlo zizakhonza phambi kwami nini lanini.' Kodwa khathesi UTHIXO uthi, 'Akusenjalo kimi!' Labo abangihloniphayo ngizabahlonipha, kodwa labo abangeyisayo bazakweyiswa. 31 Isikhathi siyeza lapho engizaphungula khona amandla akho lamandla endlu kayihlo, ukuze kungabi lomuntu omdala kusendo lwakwenu 32 njalo uzabona usizi lapho engihlala khona. Lanxa okuhle kuzakwenziwa ku-Israyeli, kwabosendo lwakho akuyikuba lomuntu omdala. 33 Lowo lalowo wakini engingayikumsusa e-alithareni lami uzayekelwa nje ukuba amehlo akhe afiphale lokuba azwise inhliziyo yakho ubuhlungu, njalo yonke inzalo yakho izakufa kuyikhona isephakathi kwempilo.

34 'Njalo okwenzakala emadodaneni akho amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, kuzakuba yisiboniso kuwe, bobabili bazakufa langa linye. 35 Ngizakuzimisela umphristi othembekileyo ozakwenza mayelana lokusenhliziyweni yami lengqondweni yami. Ngizamisa indlu yakhe iqine, njalo uzakhonza phambi kogcotshiweyo wami kokuphela. 36 Lapho-ke bonke abosendo lwakho abaseleyo bazakuza bakhothame kuye becela uhlamvu lwesiliva loqweqwe lwesinkwa njalo bakhalaze besithi, "Ake ungibeke kwesinye isikhundla sobuphristi ukuze ngithole ukudla ngidle." ' "

3

UTHIXO Ubiza USamuyeli

1 Umfana uSamuyeli wakhonza phambi KUKATHIXO engaphansi kuka-Eli. Ngalezonsuku ilizwi LIKATHIXO lalingandanga; kwakungelamibono eminengi.

2 Ngobunye ubusuku u-Eli, amehlo akhe ayesefiphala esebona kalufifi, wayelele endaweni yakhe yansuku zonke. 3 Isibane sikaNkulunkulu sasingakacitshi, njalo uSamuyeli wayelele phansi ethempelini LIKATHIXO, lapho okwakulebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu khona. 4 UTHIXO wasembiza uSamuyeli.

USamuyeli wasabela wathi, "Ngilapha." 5 Wagijimela ku-Eli wathi, "Ngilapha; ungibizile."

Kodwa u-Eli wathi, "Angikubizanga; buyela uyelala." Ngakho wabuyela wayalala.

6 UTHIXO wambiza futhi wathi, "Samuyeli!" USamuyeli wavuka waya ku-Eli wathi, "Ngilapha; ungibizile."

U-Eli wathi, "Ndodana yami, Angikubizanga; buyela uyelala."

7 Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wayengakamazi UTHIXO: Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lalingakavezwa kuye.

8 UTHIXO wambiza uSamuyeli okwesithathu, njalo uSamuyeli wavuka waya ku-Eli wathi, "Ngilapha; ungibizile."

Lapho-ke u-Eli wabona ukuthi NGUTHIXO owayebiza umfana. 9 Ngakho u-Eli watshela uSamuyeli wathi, "Hamba uyelala, njalo nxa ekubiza wena uthi, 'Khuluma THIXO, ngoba inceku yakho ilalele.' " Ngakho uSamuyeli wahamba wayalala endaweni yakhe.

10 UTHIXO weza wema khonapho, ebiza njengakuqala esithi, "Samuyeli! Samuyeli!"

USamuyeli wathi, "Khuluma, ngoba inceku yakho ilalele."

11 UTHIXO wasesithi kuSamuyeli, "Khangela, sekuseduze ukuba ko-Israyeli ngenze into ezakwenza indlebe zomuntu wonke okuzwayo lokho zincencethe.

12 Ngalesosikhathi ngizamelana lo-Eli, ngenze konke engakukhuluma mayelana
lendlu yakhe kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni. 13 Ngoba ngamtshela ukuthi
ngizakwahlulela indlu yakhe okulaphakade ngenxa yesono ayesazi; amadodana akhe
ayehlambaza uNkulunkulu, yena wehluleka ukuwakhuza. 14 Ngakho, ngayifungela
indlu ka-Eli ngathi, 'Icala lendlu ka-Eli kaliyikuhlawulwa ngomhlatshelo loba
ngomnikelo.' "
15 USamuyeli walala phansi kwaze kwaba sekuseni wasevula iminyango yendlu
kaThixo. Wayesesaba ukutshela u-Eli umbono, 16 kodwa u-Eli wambiza wathi,
"Samuyeli, ndodana yami."
USamuyeli wasabela wathi, "Ngilapha."
17 U-Eli wabuza wathi, "Kuyini akutshiloyo kuwe na? Ungangifihleli. Sengathi
uNkulunkulu angakujezisa, kube buhlungu kakhulu, nxa uzangifihlela loba kuyini
akutshele khona." 18 Ngakho uSamuyeli wamtshela konke, engamfihlelanga lutho.
U-Eli wasesithi, "UnguThixo; kenze lokho akubona kukuhle emehlweni akhe."
19 UThixo wayeloSamuyeli ekukhuleni kwakhe, njalo kayekelanga lalinye lamazwi
akhe liwela phansi. 20 Njalo u-Israyeli wonke kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha
wakwazi ukuthi uSamuyeli wayebekwe ukuba ngumphrofethi kaThixo. 21 UThixo
waqhubeka ebonakala eShilo, njalo khonapho waziveza kuSamuyeli ngelizwi lakhe.

4

1 Ilizwi likaSamuyeli lafika ku-Israyeli wonke.

AmaFilistiya Athumba Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano

Ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli baphuma ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Abako-Israyeli
bamisa e-Ebhenezeri, amaFilistiya e-Afekhi. 2 AmaFilistiya ahlela amabutho awo
ukuba ayohlangana labako-Israyeli, kwathi ekumemethekeni kwempi, u-Israyeli
wehlulwa ngamaFilistiya, abulala abaphosa babe zinkulungwane ezine enkundleni
yokulwela. 3 Kwathi esebuyele ezihonqweni, abadala bako-Israyeli bathi, "Kungani
uThixo esilethele ukwehlulwa lamhla phambi kwamaFilistiya na? Kasiyenithatha
ibhokisi lesivumelwano sika Thixo eShilo, ukuze lihambe lathi lisisindise esandleni
sezitha zethu."
4 Ngakho abantu bathuma amadoda eShilo, abuya lebhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaThixo uSomandla, ehlezi ebukhosini phakathi kwamakherubhi. Lamadodana ka-
Eli amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, ayekhona lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.
5 Kwathi lapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lifika ezihonqweni, wonke u-
Israyeli wenza umsindo omkhulu iphansi laze lanyikinyeka. 6 Esizwa ukuxokozela
amaFilistiya abuza athi, "Utshoni umsindo wonke lo ezihonqweni zamaHebheru na?"
Kwathi esezwile ukuthi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo laselikhona ezihon-
qweni, 7 amaFilistiya esaba. Athi, "Unkulunkulu usefikile ezihonqweni. Siphakathi
kohlupho. Akulanto enje eseyake yenzakala ngaphambili. 8 Maye kithi! Ngubani
ozasikhulula esandleni sabonkulunkulu laba abalamandla abatshaya amaGibhithe
ngenhlobo zonke zezifo enkangala? 9 Qinani, maFilistiya! Wobani ngamadoda hlezi
libe yizichaka zamaHebheru, njengalokhu ababeyikho kini. Wobani ngamadoda,
lilwe!"
10 Ngakho amaFilistiya alwa, abako-Israyeli behlulwa njalo amadoda wonke
abalekela emathenteni awo. Ababulawayo babebanengi kakhulu; u-Israyeli
walahlekelwa ngamabutho ezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu.
11 Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lathunjwa, lamadodana amabili ka-Eli,
Hofini loFinehasi, afa.

Ukufa Kuka-Eli

12 Ngalelolanga umuntu wakoBhenjamini wagijima esuka empini waya eShilo,
izigqoko zakhe zazidabukile elothuli ekhanda. 13 Ekufikeni kwakhe, kwakulo-Eli
ehlezi esihlalweni eceleni komgwaqo, elindile, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayisesabela
ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. Kwathi umuntu lowo esengenile emzini
wabika okwasekwenzakele, umuzi wonke waqhinqa isililo.
14 U-Eli wezwa umsindo wokukhala wabuza wathi, "Ukuxokozela lokhu kutshoni
na?"
Umuntu lowo watshitshela ku-Eli, 15 owayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisifica-
munwemunye munye lasificaminwembili mibili ubudala, njalo amehlo akhe ayese-
fiphele, engasaboni. 16 Watshela u-Eli wathi, "Ngisanda kufika ngivela empini;
ngibalekile kuyo ngalonaleli ilanga."
U-Eli wabuza wathi, "Kutheni ndodana yami?"
17 Umuntu owaletha umbiko waphendula wathi, "U-Israyeli ubalekile phambi
kwamaFilistiya njalo ibutho lilahlekelwe kakhulu. Njalo lamadodana akho amabili,
uHofini loFinehasi, afile njalo lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lithunjiwe."
18 Kwathi esethinte ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, u-Eli wawa nge-
siphundu esihlalweni sakhe eceleni kwesango. Intamo yakhe yephuka, wafa,
ngoba wayesengumuntu omdala njalo emkhulu. Wayekhokhele u-Israyeli iminyaka
engamatshumi amane.
19 Umalukazana wakhe, umkaFinehasi, wayekhulelwe njalo esezabeletha. Kwathi
esizwa izindaba zokuthi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lalithunjiwe lokuthi
uyisezala lomkakhe basebefile, wahelelwa wabeletha, kodwa wakhulelwa yibuh-
lungu bomhelo wakhe. 20 Esesifa, abesifazane ababembelethisa bathi kuye, "Un-
galahli ithemba; uzele indodana." Kodwa yena kaphendulanga loba anake.
21 Wametha ibizo umfana wathi ngu-Ikhabhodi, esithi, "Udumo lusukile ko-
Israyeli" ngenxa yokuthunjwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lokufa
kukayisezala kanye lomkakhe. 22 Wathi, "Udumo lusukile ko-Israyeli, ngoba ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lithunjiwe."

5

Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano E-Ashidodi Kanye Le-Ekroni

1 Emva kokuba amaFilistiya esethumbe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu,
alithatha e-Ebhenezeri alisa e-Ashidodi. 2 Aphinda alithwala alisa ethempelini
likaDagoni. 3 Kwathi abantu base-Ashidodi bevuka ekuseni kakhulu okwalandelayo,
nango uDagoni, ewele phansi ngobuso phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO!
Bamthatha uDagoni bambeka endaweni yakhe. 4 Kodwa ngakusasa ekuseni bathi
bevuka, nango uDagoni, ewele phansi ngobuso phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano
SIKATHIXO! Ikhanda lakhe lezandla kwakugumukile kuthe qekele eduze lomnyango;
kwakusele umzimba wakhe kuphela. 5 Ngalokho-ke kuze kube lamhla abaphristi
bakaDagoni labanye nje abangena ethempelini likaDagoni kabanyatheli ekuqaliseni
komnyango.
6 Isandla SIKATHIXO sasinzima phezu kwabantu base-Ashidodi laseduze kwayo;
wehlisela incithakalo phezu kwabo yabahlupha langamathumba. 7 Kwathi abantu
base-Ashidodi bebona okwakusenzakala, bathi, "Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikanku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli akumelanga lihlale lathi lapha, ngoba isandla sakhe sinzima
phezu kwethu laphezu kukaDagoni unkulunkulu wethu." 8 Ngakho babiza bonke
ababusi bamaFilistiya bababuza bathi, "Sizakwenzani ngebhokisi lesivumelwano
sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli na?"
Baphendula bathi, "Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli liseni
eGathi." Ngakho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu balisa eGathi.

9 Kodwa kwathi sebelihambisile, isandla SIKATHIXO samelana lalelodolobho, okwenza kwaba lokuthuthumela okukhulu kulo. Wahlupha abantu bedolobho lelo, abatsha labadala, ngokuphihlika kwamathumba. 10 Ngakho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lasiwa e-Ekroni.

Kwathi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lifika e-Ekroni, abantu base-Ekroni bakhala besithi, "Sebelethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli kithi lapha ukuzasibulala kanye labantu bakithi." 11 Ngakho babiza bonke ababusi bamaFilistiya, bathi, "Susani ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli; kalibuyele emuva endaweni yalo, hlezi lisibulale thina kanye labantu bakithi." Ngoba ukufa kwakwenze kwaba lokuthuthumela edolobheni; isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasinzima kakhulu phezu kwalo. 12 Labo abangafanga baphunywa ngamathumba, njalo umkhosi wedolobho waya phezulu ezulwini.

6

Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano Libuyiselwa Ko-Israyeli

1 Kwathi ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO selihlale elizweni lamaFilistiya izinyanga eziyisikhombisa, 2 amaFilistiya abiza abaphristi labahlahluli athi, "Sizakwenzani ngebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO na? Sitsheleni ukuthi singalibuyisela njani emuva endaweni yalo."

3 Baphendula bathi, "Nxa libuyisela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lingalibuyiseli lingelalutho, kodwa impela thumelani umnikelo wecala kuye. Ngalokho lizasila, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi kungani isandla sakhe singasuswanga kini."

4 AmaFilistiya abuza athi, "Ngumnikelo bani wecala okumele siwuthumele kuye na?"

Baphendula bathi, "Amathumba egolide amahlanu lamagundwane egolide amahlanu, kusiya ngenani lababusi bamaFilistiya, ngoba isifo sinye sihlasele lina kanye lababusi benu." 5 Yenzani izifanekiso zamathumba lamagundwane achitha ilizwe, lidumise unkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Mhlawumbe uzasusa isandla sakhe kini lakubonkulunkulu benu kanye laselizweni lenu. 6 Kungani lisenza inhliziyo zenu zibe lukhuni njengalokhu okwenziwa ngamaGibhithe loFaro na? Lapho unkulunkulu wama-Israyeli esebaphethe kalukhuni kabawavumelanga ama-Israyeli ukuba ahambe na?

7 "Ngakho-ke khathesi, lungisani inqola entsha lamankomokazi amabili azeleyo njalo angakaze afakwe ijogwe. Bophelani amankomokazi enqoleni, kodwa lisuse amankonyane awo liwavalele esibayeni. 8 Thathani ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lilibeke enqoleni, kuthi emxhakeni oseceleni kwalo lifake izinto zegolide elizithumela kuye njengomnikelo wecala. Ikhupheni izihambele ngendlela yayo, 9 kodwa liyiqaphelisise. Ingaya elizweni lakibo, iqonde eBhethi-Shemeshi, kuyabe KUNGUTHIXO olethe incithakalo le enkulu phezu kwethu. Kodwa nxa ingenzi njalo, sizakwazi ukuthi kade kungasisosandla sakhe esisitshayileyo kanye lokuthi kuzenzakalele kodwa nje kithi."

10 Ngakho-ke bakwenza lokhu. Bathatha amankomokazi amabili anjalo bawabophela enqoleni kwathi amankonyane awo bawavalela esibayeni. 11 Babeka ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO enqoleni ndawonye lomxhaka owawulamagundwane egolide lezifanekiso zamathumba. 12 Emva kwalokho amankomokazi ahamba eqonde eBhethi-Shemeshi, elokhu esemgwaqweni njalo ebhonsa indlela yonke; kawazange aphambukele kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele. Ababusi bamaFilistiya bawalandela baze bayafika emngceleni weBhethi Shemeshi.

13 Ngalesosikhathi abantu beBhethi-Shemeshi babevuna ingqoloyi yabo esigodini, njalo bathi lapho bekhangela babona ibhokisi lesivumelwano, bathokoza

ukulibona. 14 Inqola yafika ensimini kaJoshuwa waseBhethi-Shemeshi, yasisima khonapho phansi kwedwala elikhulu. Abantu babanda inqola yaba zinkuni basebehlaba amankomokazi ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuTHIXO. 15 AbaLevi bethula ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO, kanye lomxhaka owawulezinto zegolide, bakubeka phezu kwedwala elikhulu. Ngalelolanga abantu baseBhethi-Shemeshi banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa benza lemihlatshelo kuTHIXO. 16 Ababusi abahlanu bamaFilistiya bakubona konke lokhu basebebuyela e-Ekroni ngalelolanga.

17 Amathumba egolide amaFilistiya awathumela kuTHIXO njengomnikelo wecala yila, elilodwa ele-Ashidodi, leleGaza, lele-Ashikheloni, leleGathi kanye lele-Ekroni. 18 Lenani lamagundwane egolide lalisiya ngenani lamadolobho amaFilistiya ayengawababusi abahlanu, amadolobho ayevikelwe alemizi yawo yasemaphandleni. Idwala elikhulu ababebeke ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO phezu kwalo, liyibufakazi lalamhlanje ensimini kaJoshuwa waseBhethi-Shemeshi.

19 Kodwa uNkulunkulu watshaya abanye babantu baseBhethi-Shemeshi, wabulala abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa babo ngoba babelunguze phakathi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. Abantu balila ngenxa yokugadla okunzima uTHIXO ayekwenze kubo, 20 njalo abantu baseBhethi-Shemeshi babuza bathi, “Pho ngubani ongema phambi kukaTHIXO, uNkulunkulu lo ongcwele na?”

21 Emva kwalokho bathumela izithunywa ebantwini baseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, besithi, “AmaFilistiya aselibuyisile ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO. Wozani lizolithatha lilise endaweni yenu.”

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1 Ngakho abantu baseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi beza balithatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO. Balisa endlini ka-Abhinadabi eqaqeni bangcwelisa u-Eliyazari indodana yakhe ukuba agcine ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaTHIXO.

2 Kwakuyisikhathi eside, iminyaka engamatshumi amabili isiyonke, ibhokisi lesivumelwano liseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi.

USamuyeli Unqoba AmaFilistiya EMizipha

Njalo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bakhala befuna uTHIXO. 3 USamuyeli wasesithi kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli, “Nxa libuyela kuTHIXO ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke zehlukaniseni labonkulunkulu bezizweni labo-Ashithorethi lizinikele kuTHIXO njalo likhonze yena kuphela, uzalikhulula esandleni samaFilistiya.” 4 Ngakho abako-Israyeli babalahla oBhali babo labo-Ashithorethi, bakhonza uTHIXO kuphela.

5 USamuyeli wasesithi, “Buthanisani u-Israyeli wonke eMizipha mina ngizalikhulekela kuTHIXO.” 6 Kwathi sebebuthene eMizipha, bakha amanzi bawathela phambi kukaTHIXO. Ngalolosuku bazila njalo bavuma izono zabo khonapho besithi, “Sonile.” Njalo uSamuyeli wahlulela abantu bako-Israyeli eMizipha.

7 Kwathi amaFilistiya esizwa ukuthi u-Israyeli wayebuthene eMizipha, ababusi bamaFilistiya baya khona ukuyabahlasela. Kwathi abako-Israyeli bekuzwa, besaba ngenxa yamaFilistiya. 8 Bathi kuSamuyeli, “Ungayekeli ukusikhalela kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu ukuba asihlenge esandleni samaFilistiya.” 9 USamuyeli wathatha iwundlu elimunyayo walinikela kuTHIXO njengomnikelo opheleleyo wokutshiswa. Wamkhulekela kuTHIXO u-Israyeli, uTHIXO wamphendula.

10 Kwathi uSamuyeli enikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, amaFilistiya asondela eduze ukuba alwe lo-Israyeli. Kodwa mhlalokho uTHIXO waduma ngomdumo omkhulu emelane lamaFilistiya wawenza athuthumela kangangoba aze achithwachithwa phambi kwabako-Israyeli. 11 Abantu bako-Israyeli bagijima bephuma eMizipha baxotshana lamaFilistiya bewabulala endleleni baze bayafika endaweni engaphansi kweBhethi-Khari.

12 USamuyeli wasethatha ilitshe walimisa phakathi kweMizipha leSheni. Walibiza
ngokuthi yi-Ebhenezeri, esithi, “Kuze kube khathesi UTHIXO usisizile.”
13 Ngakho amaFilistiya anqotshwa njalo kawazange ahlasele ilizwe lako-Israyeli
futhi. Kuyo yonke impilo kaSamuyeli, isandla SIKATHIXO sasimelane lamaFilistiya.
14 Amadolobho kusukela e-Ekroni kusiya eGathi ayethunjwe ngamaFilistiya ku-
Israyeli abuyiselwa kuye, njalo u-Israyeli wakhulula ilizwe eliseduze emandleni
amaFilistiya. Njalo kwaba lokuthula phakathi kuka-Israyeli lama-Amori.
15 USamuyeli waqhubeka engumahluleli ka-Israyeli kuzozonke insuku zokuphila
kwakhe. 16 Iminyaka ngeminyaka wayenquma esuka eBhetheli aye eGiligali
leMizipha, esahlulela u-Israyeli kuzozonke lezindawo. 17 Kodwa wayehlezi ebuyela
eRama lapho okwakulomuzi wakhe khona, lakhona wahlulela u-Israyeli. Njalo
wakhela UTHIXO i-alithari.

8

U-Israyeli Ucela Inkosi

1 USamuyeli eseluphele wabeka amadodana akhe ukuba ngabahluleli baka-Israyeli.
2 Ibizo lezibulo lakhe lalinguJoweli, ibizo leyesibili lingu-Abhija, njalo ayesebenza
eBherishebha. 3 Kodwa amadodana akhe kawahambanga ezindleleni zakhe. Apham-
bukela eceleni emva kokuthola inzuzo yenkohliso amukela lemfumbathiso, onakalisa
lokwahlulela ngemfanelo.
4 Ngakho bonke abadala bako-Israyeli babuthana ndawonye basebesiya kuSamuyeli
eRama. 5 Bathi kuye, “Usuluphele, njalo amadodana akho kawahambi ezindleleni
zakho, ngakho sibekele inkosi ezasikhokhela, njengezinye izizwe zonke ezilayo.”
6 Kodwa kwathi besithi, “Sinike inkosi ezasikhokhela,” lokhu kwamcunula uS-
amuyeli; ngakho wakhuleka KUTHIXO. 7 Njalo UTHIXO wathi kuye: “Lalela konke lokho
abantu abakutshoyo kuwe; akusuwe abamalayo, kodwa bale mina njengeNkosi yabo.
8 Njengalokhu abakwenzayo kusukela ngosuku engabakhupha ngalo eGibhithe kuze
kube lamhlanje, bangala bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, lokhu yikho abakwenzayo
kuwe. 9 Ngakho balalele; kodwa ubaxwayise kakhulu njalo ubazise okuzakwenziwa
kubo yinkosi ezababusa.”
10 USamuyeli wabatshela wonke amazwi KATHIXO abantu ababecela inkosi kuye.
11 Wathi, “Nanku okuzakwenziwa yinkosi ezalibusa: Izathatha amadodana enu
iwasebenzise lezinqola zayo zempi lamabhiza, njalo azagijima phambi kwezinqola
zayo zempi. 12 Amanye uzawenza abe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli
bamatshumi amahlanu; njalo amanye azalima amasimu ayo avune kanye lamabele
ayo, amanye njalo azakwenza izikhali zayo zempi kanye lempahla zezinqola zayo
zempi. 13 Izathatha amadodakazi enu ukuba abe ngabenzi bamakha labapheki
kanye labapheki bezinkwa. 14 Izathatha amasimu enu avundileyo lezivini kanye
lezivande zama-oliva ikunike izinceku zayo. 15 Izathatha okwetshumi emabeleni enu
lokwesivuno samavini ikunike izikhulu zayo. 16 Izisebenzi zenu ezesilisa lezesifazane
lenkomo zenu ezinhle kanye labobabhemi izakuthatha ikusebenzise. 17 Izathatha
okwetshumi emihlambini yenu njalo lina ngokwenu lizakuba yizigqili zayo. 18 Nxa
lolosuku selufikile lizakhalela ukukhululwa enkosini eliyikhethileyo, kodwa UTHIXO
kayikuliphendula ngalolosuku.”
19 Kodwa abantu bala ukumlalela uSamuyeli. Bathi, “Hatshi! Sifuna inkosi
ezasibusa. 20 Lapho-ke sizakuba njengezinye izizwe zonke, silenkosi esikhokhelayo
njalo ihambe phambi kwethu ilwe izimpi zethu.”
21 Kwathi uSamuyeli esekuzwile konke okwakutshiwo ngabantu, wakubika
KUTHIXO. 22 UTHIXO waphendula wathi, “Lalela ilizwi labo ubaphe inkosi.”

USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini bako-Israyeli, “Umuntu wonke kabuyele emzini wakibo.”

9

USamuyeli Ugcoba USawuli

1 Kwakulomuntu wakoBhenjamini, indoda elesithunzi, ibizo layo lalinguKhishi indodana ka-Abhiyeli, indodana kaZerori, indodana kaBhekhorathi, indodana ka-Afiya owakoBhenjamini. 2 Wayelendodana ethiwa nguSawuli, ijaha elilesithunzi kungekho ongalinganiswa lalo phakathi kwama-Israyeli, edlula abantu bonke ngobude kusukela emahlombe kusiya ekhanda.

3 Ngalesisikhathi obabhemi bakaKhishi uyise kaSawuli balahleka, uKhishi wasesithi kuSawuli indodana yakhe, “Thatha enye yezinceku uhambe layo ukuyadinga obabhemi.” 4 Ngakho wadabula elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi lasemangweni ozungeze iShalisha, kodwa kababatholanga. Baqhubeka baya esifundeni saseShalimi, kodwa obabhemi babengekho. Wadabula phakathi kwelizwe lakoBhenjamini, kodwa kabawatholanga.

5 Kwathi sebefikile esifundeni saseZufi, uSawuli wathi encekwini eyayilaye, “Woza, kasibuyele, hlezi ubaba ekele ukucabanga ngabobabhemi aqalise ukukhathazeka ngathi.”

6 Kodwa inceku yaphendula yathi, “Khangela, kulumuzi kulomuntu kaNkulunkulu; uyahlonitshwa kakhulu, njalo konke akutshoyo kuyenzakala. Kasiye khona khathesi nje. Mhlawumbe angasitshela ukuthi siqonde ngaphi.”

7 USawuli wasesithi encekwini, “Singaya kuye, sizamnikani umuntu lowo na? Ukudla kakusekho emigodleni yethu. Kasilasipho esingahamba laso emuntwini kaNkulunkulu. Kuyini esilakho na?”

8 Inceku yaphendula njalo yathi, “Khangela, ngilokwesine kweshekeli elesiliva. Ngizakunika umuntu kaNkulunkulu ukuze asitshele ukuthi siqonde ngaphi.” 9 (Ngaphambilini ko-Israyeli, lapho umuntu esiyabuza uNkulunkulu, wayesithi, “Woza, kasiye kumboni,” ngoba umphrofethi wakhathesi wayethiwa ngumboni.)

10 USawuli wasesithi encekwini yakhe, “Kuhle. Woza kasihambe.” Ngakho basuka baya emzini okwakuhlala khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu.

11 Besaqansa uqaqa besiya kulowomuzi bahlangana lamantombazana ayephume ukuyakukha amanzi basebewabuza besithi, “Kulomboni lapha na?”

12 Aphendula athi, “Ukhona. Uphambidlana kwenu. Phangisani khathesi; usanda kufika emzini wethu lamhla, ngoba abantu balomhlatshelo endaweni ephakemeyo. 13 Khonokho nje lingena umuzi, lizamfica engakaqanseli phezulu endaweni ephakemeyo ukuyakudla. Abantu kabayikuqalisa ukudla aze afike, ngoba kumele abusise umhlatshelo; emva kwalokho bazakudla-ke labo abanxusiweyo. Hambani-ke, lizamthola khathesi nje.”

14 Baya kulowomuzi, kwathi lapho bengena kuwo, babona uSamuyeli esiza kubo eqansela endaweni ephakemeyo.

15 Ngosuku uSawuli engakafiki, UTHIXO wayeveze lokhu kuSamuyeli wathi, 16 “Ngesikhathi esingaba yisonalesi kusasa ngizaletha kuwe umuntu ovela elizweni lakoBhenjamini. Mgcobe ukuba ngumkhokheli wabantu bami u-Israyeli; uzakhulula abantu bami esandleni samaFilistiya. Ngibakhangele abantu bami, ngoba ukukhala kwabo sekufikile kimi.”

17 Kwathi uSamuyeli ebona uSawuli, UTHIXO wathi kuye, “Lo nguye umuntu engikhulume kuwe ngaye; uzabusa abantu bami.”

18 USawuli wasondela kuSamuyeli wabuza wathi, “Ake ungitshele ukuthi indlu yomboni ingaphi.”

19 USamuyeli waphendula wathi, “Umboni yimi. Hamba phambi kwami uye
endaweni ephakemeyo, ngoba lamhla uzakudla lami, ekuseni ngizakuyekela uhambe
njalo ngizakutshela konke okusenhliziyweni yakho. 20 Obabhemi abalahlekileyo
ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo, ungakhathazeki ngabo; sebebonakele. Njalo
kungubani izifiso zonke zika-Israyeli ezikhangele kuye nxa kungasuwe lendlu yonke
kayihlo na?”
21 USawuli waphendula wathi, “Kodwa mina kangisuye yini wakoBhenjamini,
isizwana esincinyane kulazo zonke ko-Israyeli, njalo lendlu yakwethu kayincinyane
kulazo zonke izindlu zesizwe sakoBhenjamini na?”
22 USamuyeli wasengenisa uSawuli lenceku yakhe endlini enkulu wabahlalisa
phambi kwalabo ababenxusiwe babengaba ngamatshumi amathathu ubunengi babo.
23 USamuyeli wasesithi kumpheki wakhe, “Letha iqatha lenyama engikuphe lona,
leliyana engithe uligcine.”
24 Ngakho umpheki wathatha umlenze lalokho okwakuphezu kwawo, wakubeka
phambi kukaSawuli. USamuyeli wasesithi, “Nanku okube kugcinelwe wena. Dlana,
ngoba kade kubekelwe wena kulelithuba, kusukela ngesikhathi ngisithi, ‘Ngilabe-
mzini abanxusiweyo.’ ” USawuli wadla loSamuyeli ngalolosuku.
25 Sebehlile endaweni ephakemeyo ukuya emzini, uSamuyeli wakhuluma loSawuli
bephezu kophahla lwendlu yakhe. 26 Bavuka ngezikhathi zemadabukakusa, uS-
amuyeli wabiza uSawuli phezu kophahla wathi, “Lunga ngikuqhube ohanjweni
lwakho.” USawuli eselungile, yena loSamuyeli baphuma bonke. 27 Ekuhambeni
kwabo besehlela emaphethelweni omuzi, uSamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, “Tshela inceku
yakho iqhubeke phambi kwethu” lakanye inceku yenza njalo “kodwa wena sala lapha
okwesikhatshana ukuze ngikutshele ilizwi elivela kuNkulunkulu.”

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1 USamuyeli wasethatha umfuma wamafutha wawathela ekhanda likaSawuli wase-
manga, esithi, “UTHIXO kakugcobanga ukuba ngumbusi welifa lakhe na? 2 Ekusukeni
kwakho kimi lamhla, uzahlangana lamadoda amabili eduze kwengcwaba likaRasheli,
eliseZeliza esemngceleni wakoBhenjamini. Azakuthi kuwe, ‘Obabhemi obuyebadinga
sebetholakele. Khathesi uyihlo kasacabangi ngabo kodwa usekhathazeka ngawe.
Uyabuza esithi, “Ngizakwenzanjani ngendodana yami na?” ’
3 Uzahamba-ke usuka lapho uze ufike esihlahleni esikhulu saseThabhori. Amadoda
amathathu aya kuNkulunkulu eBhetheli azahlangana lawe khonapho. Enye iza-
thwala amazinyane embuzi amathathu, enye izinkwa ezintathu lenye umgodla
wewayini. 4 Azakubingelela akuphe izinkwa ezimbili, ozazamukela kuwo.
5 Emva kwalokho, uzakuya eGibhiya kaNkulunkulu lapho okulesilindo sebutho
lamaFilistiya khona. Lapho usubanga emzini, uzahlangana lodwendwe lwabaphro-
fethi besehla bevela endaweni ephakemeyo, phambi kwabo kutshaywa imiqangala
lamagedla lemifece kanye lemihubhe, njalo bazakuba bephrofetha. 6 UMoya KATHIXO
uzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngamandla, lawe uzaphrofetha labo, njalo uzaguqulwa
ube ngomunye umuntu. 7 Izibonakaliso lezi zingagcwaliseka, yenza loba yini
okubona kufanele ukuba ukwenze, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe.
8 Hamba ungandulele eGiligali. Ngizakuza kuwe impela ngizenikela umhlatshelo
weminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobuzalwane. Kodwa kuzamele ulinde insuku
eziyisikhombisa ngize ngifike kuwe ngikutshele okumele ukwenze.”

USawuli Wenziwa Inkosi

9 Kwathi uSawuli ephenduka esesuka kuSamuyeli, uNkulunkulu waguqula
inhliziyo kaSawuli, njalo zonke izibonakaliso lezi zagcwaliseka mhlalokho. 10 Bathi
befika eGibhiya, udwendwe lwabaphrofethi lwabahlangabeza; uMoya kaNkulunkulu

wehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla, laye wahlanganyela ekuphrofitheni kwabo.
11 Kwathi labo ababevele bemazi bembona esephrofitha labaphrofethi, babuzana
besithi, “Kuyini kanti lokhu osekwenzakale endodaneni kaKhishi? USawuli laye
ungomunye wabaphrofethi na?”
12 Umuntu owayehlala lapho waphendula wathi, “Uyise wabo ngubani na?”
Ngakho kwaba yisitsho ukuthi: “USawuli laye ungomunye wabaphrofethi na?”
13 Kwathi uSawuli eseyekele ukuphrofetha, wasesiya endaweni ephakemeyo.
14 Ngalesosikhathi uyise omncane kaSawuli wambuza kanye lenceku yakhe wathi,
“Kanti kade lingaphi?”
USawuli waphendula wathi, “Kade sidinga obabhemi. Kodwa kuthe sibona ukuthi
kabatholakali, sasesisiya kuSamuyeli.”
15 Uyise omncane kaSawuli wasesithi, “Ngitshela ukuthi uSamuyeli utheni kuwe.”
16 USawuli waphendula wathi, “Uqinise kithi ukuthi obabhemi sebebonakele.”
Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise omncane okwakutshiwo nguSamuyeli ngobukhosi.
17 USamuyeli wabizela abantu bako-Israyeli kuTHIXO eMizipha 18 wathi kubo,
“Nanku okutshiwo yiTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: ‘Ngakhupha u-Israyeli eGib-
hithe, njalo ngalikhulula esandleni seGibhithe lakuyo yonke imibuso eyayilincin-
dezela.’ 19 Kodwa khathesi selimalile uNkulunkulu wenu, olihlengayo ezingozini
zenu zonke lasezinsizini. Njalo selithe, ‘Hatshi, sibekele inkosi ezasibusa.’ Ngakho-ke
khathesi zibonakaliseni phambi kukaTHIXO ngezizwana zenu langezinsendo zenu.”
20 Kwathi uSamuyeli esezilethe eduze zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, isizwana sikaB-
henjamini sakhethwa. 21 Emva kwalokho waletha isizwana sikaBhenjamini phambili,
usendo ngosendo, kwakhethwa usendo lukaMathiri. Ekucineni kwakhethwa uSawuli,
indodana kaKhishi. Kodwa kwathi sebemdinga akaze abonakala. 22 Ngakho babuza
njalo kuTHIXO bathi, “Umuntu lo uke wafika lapha na?”
UTHIXO wathi, “Ye, usezifihle phakathi kwezimpahla.”
23 Bagijima bayamkhipha, njalo kwathi esemi phakathi kwabantu, wayemude
kulabo bonke. 24 USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini bonke, “Liyambona yini umuntu
osekhethwe nguTHIXO? Kakho lamunye onjengaye phakathi kwabantu bonke bako-
Israyeli.”
Abantu baklabalala besithi, “Impilo ende enkosini!”
25 USamuyeli wachaza ebantwini imithetho yobukhosi. Wayiloba emqulwini
wayibeka phambi kukaTHIXO. Emva kwalokho wabachitha abantu, ngulowo lalowo
waya emzini wakhe.
26 USawuli laye waya kibo eGibhiya ephelekezelwa ngabantu abangamaqhawe
uNkulunkulu ayethinte inhliziyo zabo. 27 Kodwa ezinye izidlwangudlwangu zathi,
“Umuntu lo angasikhulula kanjani na?” Zameyisa kazaze zamlethela zipho. Kodwa
uSawuli wazithulela.

11

USawuli Uhlenga Idolobho LaseJabheshi

1 UNahashi um’Amoni wasuka wayivimbezela iJabheshi Giliyadi. Bonke abantu
baseJabheshi bathi kuye, “Yenza isivumelwano lathi, thina sizakuba ngaphansi
kwakho.”
2 Kodwa uNahashi um’Amoni waphendula wathi, “Ngizakwenza isivumelwano
lani kuphela nxa kuyikuthi ngizakhupha ilihlo lesandla sokunene emuntwini wonke
wakini ukuze u-Israyeli wonke ngimlethele ihlazo.”
3 Abadala baseJabheshi bathi kuye, “Sinike insuku eziyisikhombisa ukuze sithume
izithunywa kulolonke elako-Israyeli; nxa engekho ozasihlenga sizazinikela kuwe.”

4 Kwathi izithunywa sezifike eGibhiya kaSawuli njalo zabika izimiso lezi ebantwini
bonke bakhala kakhulu. 5 Ngalesosikhathi uSawuli wayevela emasimini, engemuva
kwenkabi zakhe, wasebuza esithi, “Kuyini okonakeleyo ebantwini? Kungani
bekhala?” Bamlandisela okwakutshiwo ngabantu baseJabheshi.
6 Kwathi uSawuli esezwe amazwi abo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu
kwakhe ngamandla, wathukuthela kakhulu. 7 Wathatha inkabi ezimbili, waziquma
zaba yiziqayiqa, wathumela iziqa lezithunywa kulolonke elako-Israyeli, zimemezela
zisithi, “Lokhu yikho okuzakwenziwa enkabini zikabani lobani ongalandeli uSawuli
loSamuyeli.” Ukwesabeka KUKATHIXO kwehlela ebantwini, baphuma sebenjengo-
muntu munye. 8 Kwathi uSawuli esebaqoqile eBhezekhi, abantu bako-Israyeli
babezinkulungwane ezintathu, abakoJuda bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi am-
athathu.
9 Batshela izithunywa ezazifikile bathi, “Tshelani abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi
ukuthi, ‘Kuzakuthi ilanga selitshisa kusasa, lina lizakuba selihlengiwe.’ ” Kwathi
izithunywa sezihambe zayabika lokhu ebantwini baseJabheshi, bathokoza.
10 Basebesithi kuma-Amoni, “Kusasa sizazinikela kini, njalo lingenza kithi loba
kuyini okukhanya kukuhle kini.”
11 Ngelanga elalandelayo uSawuli wehlukanisa abantu bakhe baba ngamaviyo
amathathu; kwathi ngomlindo wokucina ebusuku bafohlela ezihonqweni zama-
Amoni bawabulala ilanga laze latshisa. Lawo aphephayo ahlakazeka, akwaze kwaba
lamabili awo asala endawonye.

USawuli Wemukelwa Njengenkosi

12 Abantu basebesithi kuSamuyeli, “Ngubani owabuza wathi, ‘USawuli uzasibusa
na?’ Balethe kithi labobantu sibabulale.”
13 Kodwa uSawuli wathi, “Kakho ozabulawa lamhla, ngoba ngalolusuku UTHIXO
umhlengile u-Israyeli.”
14 USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini, “Wozani, kasiyeni eGiligali siyeqinisa ubukhosi
khona.” 15 Ngakho abantu bonke baya eGiligali bambeka uSawuli ukuba yinkosi
phambi KUKATHIXO. Bahlaba khona imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula, njalo uSawuli
labantu bonke bako-Israyeli baba lomkhosi omkhulu wokuthokoza.

12

Inkulumo KaSamuyeli Yokuvalelisa

1 USamuyeli wathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, “Ngikuzwile konke elikukhulumileyo
kimi njalo sengilibekele inkosi. 2 Khathesi selilenkosi engumkhokheli wenu.
Mina sengiluphele lenwele sezimpunga, lamadodana ami lilawo khonapha. Kade
ngingumkhokheli wenu kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube lamhla. 3 Ngikhonapha.
Fakazani okubi ngami phambi KUKATHIXO logcotshiweyo wakhe. Ngubani engake
ngathatha inkabi yakhe na? Ngubani engake ngathatha ubabhemi wakhe na?
Ngubani engake ngamqilibezela? Ngubani engake ngamncindezela na? Kukwezik-
abani izandla engake ngamukela isivalamlomo ukuba ngivale amehlo ami na? Nxa
ngake ngenza okunye kwalokhu, ngizakubuyisela.”
4 Baphendula bathi, “Kawuzange usiqilibezele loba usincindezele. Kawuthathanga
lutho esandleni somuntu.”
5 USamuyeli wasesithi kubo, “UTHIXO ungufakazi umelane lani, logcotshiweyo
wakhe ungufakazi ngalelilanga, ukuthi kalitholanga lutho esandleni sami.”
Bona bathi, “Yena ungufakazi.”
6 USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini, “NGUTHIXO owakhetha uMosi lo-Aroni wakhupha
oyihlomkhulu eGibhithe. 7 Khathesi-ke, manini khonapha, ngoba ngizamelana lani

ngobufakazi phambi kukaThixo ngazozonke izenzo ezilungileyo uThixo owazenzela lina laboyihlo.
8 Emva kokuba uJakhobe esefikile eGibhithe, bakhalela usizo kuThixo, uThixo
wasethuma uMosi lo-Aroni, abakhupha okhokho benu eGibhithe bazabahlalisa kule
indawo.
9 Kodwa bamkhohlwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo; ngakho wabanikela esan-
dleni sikaSisera, umlawuli webutho laseHazori, lasezandleni zamaFilistiya kanye
lasenkosini yamaMowabi, balwa labo. 10 Bakhala kuThixo bathi, 'Sonile, simdelile
uThixo sakhonza oBhali labo-Ashithorethi. Kodwa khathesi ake usikhulule ezan-
dleni zezitha zethu, sizakukhonza.' 11 Lapho-ke uThixo wathuma uJerubhi-Bhali,
loBhedani, loJeftha kanye loSamuyeli, walikhulula ezandleni zezitha zenu inxa zonke,
yikho lahlala livikelekile.
12 Kodwa kwathi lapho libona ukuthi uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wayesizalih-
lasela, lathi kimi, 'Hatshi, sifuna inkosi yokusibusa,' lanxa uThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu wayeyinkosi yenu. 13 Khathesi nansi inkosi eliyikhethileyo, yona elayicelayo;
khangelani, uThixo uselibekele inkosi phezu kwenu. 14 Nxa limesaba uThixo
limkhonze njalo limlalele lingahlamukeli imilayo yakhe, njalo nxa lina kanye lenkosi
elibusayo lilandela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, kuhle! 15 Kodwa nxa uThixo
lingamlaleli, njalo nxa lihlamukela imilayo yakhe, isandla sakhe sizamelana lani,
njengoba sasimelane laboyihlo.
16 Khathesi-ke manini lithule libone into enkulu uThixo asezayenza phambi
kwamehlo enu! 17 Kanti khathesi akusisikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi na? Ngizakhuleka
kuThixo ukuba athumele umdumo lezulu. Njalo lizabona ukuthi yinto embi njani
elayenzayo emehlweni kaThixo lapho licela inkosi."
18 Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wakhuleka kuThixo, njalo khona mhlalokho uThixo
wathumela umdumo lezulu. Ngakho abantu bonke bamesaba uThixo loSamuyeli.
19 Bonke abantu bathi kuSamuyeli, "Khulekela izinceku zakho kuThixo uNku-
lunkulu wakho ukuze singafi, ngoba sesengeze kwezinye zonke izono zethu ngobubi
bokucela inkosi."
20 USamuyeli waphendula wathi, "Lingesabi. Selibenzile bonke lobububi;
kodwa lingamfulatheli uThixo; kodwa khonzani uThixo ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke.
21 Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni ezingasizi lutho. Zingeke zilenzele lutho, kumbe
zilihlenge, ngoba kazilasizo. 22 Ngenxa yebizo lakhe elikhulu uThixo kayikubalahla
abantu bakhe, ngoba uThixo wathokoziswa yikulenza libe ngabakhe. 23 Mina-ke
kangiyikukwenza ukuthi ngenze isono kuThixo ngokungalikhulekeli. Njalo ngizal-
ifundisa indlela enhle lelungileyo. 24 Kodwa mesabeni ngeqiniso uThixo, limkhonze
ngobuqotho ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke. Khumbulani izinto ezinkulu alenzela zona.
25 Kodwa lingaphikelela ukwenza okubi, lina lenkosi yenu lizakhukhulwa."

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USamuyeli Ukhuza USawuli

1 USawuli waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu ubudala bakhe,
njalo wabusa u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane lambili.
2 USawuli wakhetha abantu abazinkulungwane ezintathu ko-Israyeli; abazinku-
lungwane ezimbili babelaye eMikhimashi laselizweni lezintaba eleBhetheli, njalo
abayinkulungwane babeloJonathani eGibhiya koBhenjamini. Bonke abasalayo
wababuyisela emakhaya abo.
3 UJonathani wahlasela inkamba yamabutho amaFilistiya eGebha, njalo amaFilis-
tiya akuzwa lokho. Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi kakukhaliswe icilongo kulolonke ilizwe
wathi, "AmaHebheru kawezwe!" 4 Ngakho u-Israyeli wonke wayizwa indaba yokuthi:

“USawuli usehlasele inkamba yamabutho amaFilistiya, njalo u-Israyeli khathesi useyisinengiso kumaFilistiya.” Njalo abantu babizwa ukuba bayehlanganyela loSawuli eGiligali.

5 AmaFilistiya abuthana ukuthi alwe lo-Israyeli ngezinqola zempi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha kanye lamabutho ayemanengi njengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle. Ahamba ayamisa eMikhimashi, empumalanga kweBhethi-Aveni. 6 Kwathi abantu bako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi umumo wabo wawusumubi lokuthi ibutho labo lalincindezelwe kanzima, bacatsha ezimbalwini lasemajukujukwini, laphakathi kwamadwala, emilindini lasemigodini. 7 Amanye amaHebheru aze achaphela elizweni lakoGadi kanye leGiliyadi.

USawuli wasala eGiligali, njalo wonke amabutho ayelaye ayeqhuqha ngenxa yokwesaba. 8 Walinda insuku eziyisikhombisa, isikhathi esasimiswe nguSamuyeli; kodwa uSamuyeli kezanga eGiligali; yikho abantu bakaSawuli baqalisa ukuchitheka. 9 Ngakho wathi, “Ngilethelani umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yobuzalwane.” USawuli wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa. 10 Kwathi khonokho nje eqeda ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, uSamuyeli wafika, uSawuli waphuma wayambingelela.

11 USamuyeli wabuza wathi, “Kuyini osukwenzile na?”

USawuli waphendula wathi, “Kuthe ngibona abantu sebechitheka, lokuthi kawufikanga ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, kanye lokuthi amaFilistiya abebuthana eMikhimashi, 12 ngacabanga ngathi, ‘Khathesi amaFilistiya azakuzangihlasela eGiligali, njalo kangicelanga umusa kuTHIXO.’ Ngakho ngizwe ngincindezeleka ukuba nginikele umnikelo wokutshiswa.”

13 USamuyeli wathi, “Wenze ubuthutha. Kawuwugcinanga umlayo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akupha wona; aluba ubukwenzile lokho, ubezamisa umbuso wakho phezu kuka-Israyeli kokuphela. 14 Kodwa umbuso wakho kawuyikuqhubeka; uTHIXO usedinge indoda emthandayo ngenhliziyo yakhe wambeka ukuba ngumbusi wabantu bakhe, ngoba wena kawuwugcinanga umlayo kaTHIXO.”

15 Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wasuka eGiligali waya eGibhiya koBhenjamini, uSawuli wasebala abantu ababelaye. Babengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha.

U-Israyeli Ongelazikhali

16 USawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani kanye labantu ayelabo babehlala eGibhiya koBhenjamini, amaFilistiya emise izihonqo eMikhimashi. 17 Amaqembu abahlaseli aphuma ezihonqweni zamaFilistiya ngezigaba ezintathu. Elinye laqonda e-Ofira eduze leShuwali, 18 elinye laqonda eBhethi-Horoni, kwathi elesithathu laqonda endaweni esemngceleni ngaphezu kweSigodi saseZebhoyimi malungana lenkangala.

19 Akulamkhandi wensimbi owayengatholakala kulolonke elako-Israyeli, ngoba amaFilistiya ayethe, “Mhlawumbe amaHebheru azakwenza izinkemba kumbe imikhonto.” 20 Ngakho u-Israyeli wonke waya kumaFilistiya ukuyalola amakhuba akhe, lamamatoki, lamahloka kanye amasikela. 21 Imbadalo yokulolisa amakhuba lamamatoki yayingokubili kokuthathu kweshekeli, njalo ingokukodwa kokuthathu kweshekeli ukulola amafologwe lamahloka kanye lokucijisa izijujo.

22 Ngakho ngosuku lwempi akulabutho elaliloSawuli loJonathani elalilenkemba kumbe umkhonto esandleni salo; uSawuli loJonathani kuphela yibo ababelakho.

UJonathani Uhlasela AmaFilistiya

23 Ngalesisikhathi amaFilistiya ayesephume aya emkhandlwini waseMikhimashi.

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1 Ngelinye ilanga uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wathi ejaheni elalithwala izikhali
zakhe, “Woza, kasiye enkambeni yebutho lamaFilistiya ngakwelinye icele.” Kodwa
kamtshelanga uyise.
2 USawuli wayehlala emaphethelweni eGibhiya ngaphansi kwesihlahla sephome-
granathi eMigironi. Amadoda ayelaye ayengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha, 3 phakathi
kwawo kulo-Ahija, owayegqoke isigqoko samahlombe. Wayeyindodana yomfowabo
ka-Ikhabhodi u-Ahithubi indodana kaFinehasi, indodana ka-Eli umphristi kaThixo
eShilo. Kakho owayesazi ukuthi uJonathani wayehambile.
4 Eceleni ngalinye lomkhandlu ayehlose ukuwuchapha ukuze ayefika enkambeni
yebutho lamaFilistiya kwakuleliwa; elinye lalithiwa yiBhozezi elinye liyiSene. 5 Elinye
iliwa lalingasenyakatho ngokuya eMikhimashi, elinye lingasezansi ngokuya eGebha.
6 UJonathani wathi ejaheni elalithwala izikhali zakhe, “Woza, siwelele enkambeni
yalabayana abantu abangasokanga. Engxenye uThixo uzasimela, ngoba akulalutho
olungavimbela uThixo ekukhululeni, loba kungabanengi kumbe abalutshwana.”
7 Umthwali wezikhali zakhe wathi, “Yenza konke olakho engqondweni yakho.
Qhubeka, mina ngilawe ngenhliziyo langomphefumulo.”
8 UJonathani wasesithi, “Ngakho-ke, woza sikhuphuke siqonde kulabaya abantu
senze ukuba basibone. 9 Bangathi kithi, ‘Manini khonapho size sifike kini,’ sizahlala
lapho esikhona singayi kubo. 10 Kodwa bangathi, ‘Wozani kithi,’ sizakhwela siye
phezulu ngoba lokho kuzakuba yisibonakaliso sethu sokuthi uThixo usebanikele
ezandleni zethu.”
11 Ngakho bobabili bazibonakalisa enkambeni yamabutho amaFilistiya. AmaFilis-
tiya athi, “Khangelani, amaHebheru asehohoba ephuma emilindini abecatshe kuyo.”
12 Amadoda ayesenkambeni yamabutho amemeza uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali
zakhe athi, “Wozani kithi sizalifundisa isifundo.”
Ngakho uJonathani wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, “Khwela ungilandele;
uThixo usebanikele esandleni sika-Israyeli.”
13 UJonathani wakhwela, esebenzisa izandla lezinyawo zakhe, lomthwali wezikhali
zakhe ekhonapho ngemva kwakhe. AmaFilistiya awa phambi kukaJonathani, njalo
umthwali wezikhali zakhe walandela ebulala abantu ngemva kwakhe. 14 Ngalokho
kuhlasela kokuqala uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe babulala abantu abanga-
matshumi amabili endaweni eyayingaba yingxenye yendima.

U-Israyeli Ubhuqa AmaFilistiya

15 Emva kwalokho ibutho lonke lathuthumela, ababesezihonqweni lababesegan-
geni, lalabo ababesezinkambeni zamabutho lamaqembu abahlaseli, iphansi
lanyikinyeka. Kwakuyikuthuthumela okwakulethwe nguNkulunkulu.
16 Abalindi bakaSawuli eGibhiya koBhenjamini babona ibutho lisabalele ez-
inhlangothini zonke. 17 USawuli wasesithi ebantwini ababelaye, “Qoqani amabutho
libone ukuthi ngubani ongekho.” Sebekwenzile, ababengekho kwakunguJonathani
lomthwali wezikhali zakhe.
18 USawuli wasesithi ku-Ahija, “Letha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.”
(Ngalesisikhathi lalikwabako-Israyeli.) 19 Kwathi uSawuli esakhuluma lomphristi,
ukuxokozela ezihonqweni zamaFilistiya kwakhula kakhulu kakhulukazi. Ngakho
uSawuli wathi kumphristi, “Susa isandla sakho.”
20 Emva kwalokho uSawuli labantu bakhe bonke babuthana basebesiya empini.
Bafica amaFilistiya ephakathi kwesiyaluyalu esipheleleyo, egalelana ngezinkemba
zawo. 21 AmaHebheru ayelamaFilistiya kuqala ehambe lawo ezihonqweni zawo
abuyela kwabako-Israyeli ababeloSawuli loJonathani. 22 Kwathi lapho bonke abako-
Israyeli ababecatshe elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi sebezwile ukuthi amaFilistiya

ayesebaleka empini bangena, baxotshana lawo. 23 UTHIXO wamhlenga kanjalo u-
Israyeli ngalolosuku, njalo ukulwa kwaya ngale kweBhethi-Aveni.

UJonathani Udla Uluju

24 Ngalolosuku abantu bako-Israyeli babedanile ngoba uSawuli wayebophe
abantu ngesifungo esithi, "Uqalekisiwe lowomuntu odla ukudla kungakahlwi, ngin-
gakaphindiseli ezitheni zami!" Ngakho akukho butho elanambitha ukudla.
25 Ibutho lonke langena ehlathini, lapho okwakuloluju phansi khona. 26 Ekungeneni
kwabo ehlathini, babona uluju lujuluka, kodwa kakho owaludlayo, ngoba babesesaba
isifungo. 27 Kodwa uJonathani wayengezwanga ukuthi uyise wayebophe abantu
ngesifungo, welula isiduku somqwayi ayewuphethe wawuhloma ohlangeni loluju.
Waphakamisela isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, amehlo akhazimula. 28 Lapho-
ke omunye wamabutho wamtshela wathi, "Uyihlo ubophe ibutho ngesifungo
esinzima, esithi, 'Uqalekisiwe lowomuntu odla ukudla lamhla!' Yikho-nje abantu
bemdambiyana."
29 UJonathani wathi, "Ubaba usedalele ilizwe uhlupho. Khangela ukuthi amehlo
ami athe dlwe ekunambitheni kwami okuncane koluju lolu. 30 Kade kuzakuba ngcono
kakhulu aluba lamhla abantu bebedlile enye yempango abayithethe ezitheni zabo.
Ukubulawa kwamaFilistiya kade kungayikuba kukhulu kulalokhu na?"
31 Ngalolosuku, emva kokuba ama-Israyeli esebulele amaFilistiya kusukela eMikhi-
mashi kusiyafika e-Ayijaloni, ayesediniwe. 32 Baphuthuma impango, kwathi sebe-
thethe izimvu lenkomo kanye lamathole, bazibulala khonapho bazidla kanye legazi.
33 Omunye wasesithi kuSawuli, "Khangela abantu benza isono KUTHIXO ngokudla
inyama elegazi."
Yena wathi, "Selephule ukuthenjwa. Giqelani ilitshe elikhulu ngapha khathesi
nje." 34 Wasesithi, "Yanini phakathi kwabantu libatshele lithi, 'Lowo lalowo wenu
kangilethele inkomo lezimvu zakhe azibulalele lapha azidle. Lingenzi isono KUTHIXO
ngokudla inyama eseselegazi.' "
Ngakho ngalobobusuku umuntu wonke waletha inkabi yakhe wayihlabela
khonapho. 35 USawuli wasesakhela UTHIXO i-alithari; wayeqala ukwenza lokhu.
36 USawuli wathi, "Kasehleni silandele amaFilistiya ebusuku siwahlasele kuze kuse,
singatshiyi lalinye lawo liphila."
Bathi, "Yenza lokho okubona kulungile kuwe."
Kodwa umphristi wathi, "Kasibuzeni uNkulunkulu lapha."
37 USawuli wabuza uNkulunkulu wathi, "Ngehle ngilandele amaFilistiya na?
Uzawanikela esandleni sika-Israyeli na?" Kodwa uNkulunkulu kamphendulanga
ngalolosuku.
38 Ngakho uSawuli wathi, "Wozani lapha, lonke lina bakhokheli bebutho, sidinge
ukuthi yisono bani esenziwe lamhla. 39 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ohlenga u-
Israyeli ephila, lanxa sisendodaneni yami uJonathani, kumele ife." Kodwa akukho
lamunye wabantu owatsho ilizwi.
40 USawuli wasesithi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, "Manini laphayana; mina lendo-
dana yami uJonathani sizakuma ngapha."
Abantu baphendula bathi, "Yenza lokho okukhanya kulungile kuwe."
41 Emva kwalokho uSawuli wakhuleka KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi,
"Kungani ungayiphendulanga inceku lamuhla? Nxa isono sikimi kumbe kuJonathani
indodana yami, inkatho kayibe yi-Urimi; kodwa nxa isono sisebantwini bako-
Israyeli, inkatho kayibe yiThumimi." UJonathani loSawuli badliwa yinkatho, abantu
bagezeka. 42 USawuli wasesithi, "Phosani inkatho phakathi kwami loJonathani
indodana yami." UJonathani wabanjwa.

43 USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani, “Ngitshela lokho okwenzileyo.”
Ngakho uJonathani wamtshela wathi, “Nginambithe uluju nje kuphela ngesihloko somqwayi wami. Khathesi-ke sokumele ngife!”
44 USawuli wathi, “UNkulunkulu kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa ungafi, Jonathani.”
45 Kodwa abantu bathi kuSawuli, “UJonathani kumele afe yini, yena olethe lokhukuhlengwa okukhulu ko-Israyeli na? Hatshi bo! Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ekhona, akulanwele lwekhanda lakhe oluzawela phansi, ngoba lokhu ukwenze lamhla ngosizo lukaNkulunkulu.” Ngakho abantu bamhlenga uJonathani, kasabulawanga.
46 USawuli wayekela ukuxotshana lamaFilistiya, njalo amaFilistiya abuyela elizweni lakibo.
47 Kwathi uSawuli esebusa ko-Israyeli, walwa lezitha zabo inxa zonke: iMowabi, ama-Amoni, i-Edomi, amakhosi aseZobha kanye lamaFilistiya. Loba kungaphi lapho aya khona, wababhuqa. 48 Walwa ngesibindi wehlula ama-Amaleki, wakhulula u-Israyeli ezandleni zalabo ababebaphangile.

Abendlu KaSawuli

49 Amadodana kaSawuli ayenguJonathani, lo-Ishivi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. Ibizo lendodakazi yakhe endala lalinguMerabi, elomcinyane linguMikhali. 50 Ibizo lomkakhe lalingu-Ahinowama indodakazi ka-Ahimazi. Umlawuli webutho likaSawuli wayengu-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, uNeri wayengumfowabo kayise kaSawuli. 51 UKhishi uyise kaSawuli, loNeri uyise ka-Abhineri babengamadodana ka-Abhiyeli.
52 Kuzozonke insuku zikaSawuli kwakulempi enzima lamaFilistiya, njalo loba kungaphi uSawuli abona khona indoda elamandla kumbe elesibindi, wayingenisa ebuthweni lakhe.

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UTHIXO Wala USawuli Njengenkosi

1 USamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, “Mina yimi engathunywa NGUTHIXO ukuthi ngikugcobe ukuba yinkosi yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli; ngakho-ke khathesi lalela ilizwi elivela kuTHIXO. 2 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: ‘Ama-Amaleki ngizawajezisa ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo ku-Israyeli lapho abacathamela ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe. 3 Khathesi hamba uyehlasela ama-Amaleki uqede du konke okungokwawo. Ungawayekeli; bulala amadoda labafazi, abantwana lensane, inkomo lezimvu, amakamela kanye labobabhemi.’ ”
4 Ngakho uSawuli wabiza abantu wababuthanisa eThelayimi, izinkulungwane ezimbili zebutho lezinyawo kanye lamadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi avela koJuda. 5 USawuli waya edolobheni lase-Amaleki bacathama edongeni. 6 Wasesithi kumaKheni, “Sukani, tshiyani ama-Amaleki ukuze ngingaliqothuli kanye lawo; ngoba lina latshengisa umusa kuwo wonke ama-Israyeli ekuphumeni kwawo eGibhithe.” Ngakho amaKheni asuka kuma-Amaleki.
7 Lapho-ke uSawuli wahlasela ama-Amaleki umango wonke kusukela eHavila kusiya eShuri, empumalanga kweGibhithe. 8 Wathumba u-Agagi inkosi yama-Amaleki ephila, kodwa bonke abantu bakhe wabaqothula ngokupheleleyo, ngenkemba. 9 Kodwa uSawuli lebutho kabambulalanga u-Agagi lezimvu ezinhle lenkomo, amathole anonileyo lamawundlu lakho konke okwakukuhle. Lokhu babengafisi ukukuqeda ngokupheleleyo, konke okwakuseyiseka lokungelasizo bakuqeda du.
10 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuSamuyeli lisithi, 11 “Ngilusizi ngokuthi ngibeke uSawuli waba yinkosi, ngoba usengifulathele njalo kalandelanga imilayo yami.” USamuyeli wakhathazeka, wakhuleka kuTHIXO bonke lobobusuku.

12 USamuyeli wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuba ayebonana loSawuli, kodwa watshelwa ukuthi, “USawuli uye eKhameli. Uzibekele ilitshe lesikhumbuzo sakhe khonale wasephenduka esehlela eGiligali.”
13 Kwathi uSamuyeli esemficile, uSawuli wathi, “UTHIXO kakubusise! Sengikwenzile engikulaywe NGUTHIXO.”
14 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, “Pho ukukhala kwezimvu ezindlebeni zami lokhu kuyini na? Kuyini ukubhonsa kwezinkomo lokhu engikuzwayo na?”
15 USawuli waphendula wathi, “Amabutho azilethe zivela kuma-Amaleki; agcine izimvu ezinhle lenkomo ukuba azenze umhlatshelo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, kodwa ezinye sizikhucule.”
16 USamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, “Mana! Wothi ngikutshele okutshiwo NGUTHIXO kimi ebusuku obedluleyo.”
USawuli waphendula wathi, “Ngitshela.”
17 USamuyeli wasesithi, “Lanxa wazibona umncane, kawuzange ube yinhloko yezizwana zako-Israyeli na? UTHIXO wakugcoba ukuba ube yinkosi ko-Israyeli.
18 Njalo wakuthuma emsebenzini, esithi, ‘Hamba uyeqothula abantu labayana ababi, ama-Amaleki, uvuse impi labo uze ubaqede du.’ 19 Pho kungani ungalalelanga UTHIXO? Kungani uzithathele impango wenza okubi phambi KUKATHIXO na?”
20 USawuli wathi, “Kodwa mina ngimlalele UTHIXO. Ngihambile emsebenzini UTHIXO anginike wona. Ama-Amaleki ngiwaqede du, ngabuya lo-Agagi inkosi yawo. 21 Amabutho athatha izimvu lenkomo empangweni, ezinhle zalezo ezazahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu, ukuze zenziwe umhlatshelo KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho eGiligali.”
22 Kodwa uSamuyeli waphendula wathi:

“Kambe UTHIXO uthokozela
iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo
ngokunjengokulalela ilizwi LIKATHIXO na?
Ukulalela kungcono kulomhlatshelo,
lokukhathalela kungcono kulamahwahwa enqama.
23 Ngoba ukuhlamuka kufana lesono sokuhlahlula,
lobuqholo bufana lobubi bokukhonza izithombe.
Ngoba ilizwi LIKATHIXO ulalile,
usekwalile njengenkosi.”

24 USawuli wasesithi kuSamuyeli, “Ngenzile isono. Ngephule umlayo KATHIXO leziqondiso zakho. Ngesabe abantu ngavumela okwabo. 25 Khathesi-ke ngiyakucela, thethelela isono sami ubuyele emuva lami, ukuze ngikhonze UTHIXO.”
26 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi kuye, “Angiyikubuyela emuva lawe. Ilizwi LIKATHIXO ulalile, njalo UTHIXO usekwalile njengombusi wako-Israyeli!”
27 Kwathi uSamuyeli ephenduka ukuba asuke, uSawuli wabamba umphetho wesembatho sakhe, sasesidabuka. 28 USamuyeli wathi kuye, “UTHIXO usewudabule kuwe lamhla umbuso wako-Israyeli, njalo usewunike omunye wabomakhelwane bakho, lowo ongcono kulawe. 29 Yena oyiNkazimulo ka-Israyeli kaqambi manga kumbe aguqule ingqondo yakhe, ngoba kasumuntu ukuba aguqule ingqondo yakhe.”
30 USawuli waphendula wathi, “Ngenzile isono. Kodwa ake ungihloniphe phambi kwabadala babantu bami laphambi kuka-Israyeli; buyela lami, ukuze ngiyekhonza UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho.” 31 Ngakho uSamuyeli wabuyela loSawuli wasekhonza UTHIXO.
32 USamuyeli wasesithi, “Ngilethelani u-Agagi inkosi yama-Amaleki.”
U-Agagi waya kuye ngokwethemba ecabanga esithi, “Impela intukuthelo yokufa isiphelile.”

33 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi,
“Njengoba inkemba yakho yenze abesifazane baswela abantwana,
ngokunjalo unyoko kazukuba lomntwana phakathi kwabesifazane.”
USamuyeli wambulala u-Agagi phambi kuKaThixo eGiligali.
34 Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wasuka waya eRama, kodwa uSawuli waya emzini wakhe eGibhiya yakoSawuli. 35 USamuyeli kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe engazange ayembona uSawuli futhi, lanxa uSamuyeli wamlilela uSawuli. UThixo wakhathazeka ngokuthi wayenze uSawuli waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli.

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USamuyeli Ugcoba UDavida

1 UThixo wathi kuSamuyeli, “Koze kube nini ulilela uSawuli, lokhu mina ngimalile ekubeni yinkosi yako-Israyeli? Gcwalisa uphondo lwakho ngamafutha uhambe; ngiyakuthuma kuJese eBhethilehema. Sengikhethe enye yamadodana akhe ukuba yinkosi.”
2 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, “Ngingahamba kanjani na? USawuli uzakuzwa ngakho angibulale.”
UThixo wathi, “Thatha ithokazi uhambe lalo uthi, ‘Ngilande ukuzahlabela uThixo.’
3 Biza uJese eze emhlatshelweni, mina ngizakutshengisa ozakwenza. Uzangigcobela lowo engizamphawula.”
4 USamuyeli wenza lokho okwakutshiwo nguThixo. Kwathi efika eBhethilehema abadala bomuzi bamhlangabeza beqhaqhazela. Bambuza bathi, “Uza ngokuthula na?”
5 USamuyeli waphendula wathi, “Ye, ngokuthula; ngilande ukuzanikela umhlatshelo kuThixo. Zingcweliseni lihambe lami emhlatshelweni.” Emva kwalokho wangcwelisa uJese lamadodana akhe wasebabizela emhlatshelweni.
6 Ekufikeni kwabo uSamuyeli wabona u-Eliyabi wacabanga wathi, “Impela ogcotshiweyo kaThixo umi lapha phambi kuKaThixo.”
7 Kodwa uThixo wathi kuSamuyeli, “Ungakhangeli isimo sakhe loba ubude bakhe, ngoba ngimalile. UThixo kakhangeli izinto ezikhangelwa ngabantu. Abantu bakhangela isimo somuntu, kodwa uThixo ukhangela inhliziyo.”
8 UJese wabiza u-Abhinadabi wamdlulisa phambi kukaSamuyeli. Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, “Lalo uThixo kamkhethanga.” 9 UJese wedlulisa uShama eduzane, kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, “Layenalo uThixo kamkhethanga.” 10 UJese wadlulisa amadodana akhe ayisikhombisa phambi kukaSamuyeli, kodwa uSamuyeli wathi kuye, “Laba uThixo kabakhethanga.” 11 Ngakho wabuza uJese wathi, “La yiwo wonke amadodana olawo na?”
UJese waphendula wathi, “Kusekhona encinyane, kodwa yelusa izimvu.”
USamuyeli wathi, “Thuma omunye ayembiza; kasiyikuhlala phansi aze afike.”
12 Ngakho wathuma omunye wayalethwa. Wayebomvana, ebukeka njalo elesimo esihle.
UThixo wasesithi, “Sukuma umgcobe; nguye.”
13 Ngakho uSamuyeli wathatha uphondo lwamafutha wamgcoba labanewabo bekhona; njalo kusukela ngalelolanga kusiya phambili, uMoya kaThixo wafika kuDavida ulamandla. Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli waya eRama.

UDavida Emsebenzini KaSawuli

14 Ngalesosikhathi uMoya kaThixo wawususukile kuSawuli, umoya omubi owavela kuThixo usumhlukuluza.
15 Izinceku zikaSawuli zathi kuye, “Khangela, umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu uyakuhlukuluza. 16 Akuthi inkosi yethu ilaye izinceku zayo ezilapha ukuba

ziyidingele umuntu okwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho. Uzalitshaya lapho umoya omubi
ovela kuNkulunkulu ufika kuwe; uzakuzwa ngcono."
17 Ngakho uSawuli wathi ezincekwini zakhe, "Dingani umuntu otshaya kuhle
limlethe kimi."
18 Enye yezinceku zakhe yaphendula yathi, "Ngibone indodana kaJese waseB-
hethilehema ekwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho. Iyindoda elesibindi elibutho futhi.
Ikhuluma kuhle njalo ilijaha elibukekayo. LoTHIXo uyivikele."
19 USawuli wathuma izithunywa kuJese wathi, "Thumela kimi indodana yakho
uDavida, owelusa izimvu." 20 Ngakho uJese wathatha ubabhemi ethwele izinkwa,
umgodla wewayini lezinyane lembuzi wakuthumela lendodana yakhe uDavida
kuSawuli.
21 UDavida wafika kuSawuli wangena emsebenzini wakhe uSawuli wamthanda
kakhulu, njalo uDavida waba ngomunye wabathwali bezikhali zakhe. 22 USawuli
wathumela ilizwi kuJese, elithi, "Vumela uDavida ukuba ahlale emsebenzini wami,
ngoba ngiyathokoza ngaye."
23 Kwakusithi umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu ungafika kuSawuli, uDavida
athathe ichacho lakhe alitshaye. Lapho-ke uSawuli wayephumula; ezwe ngcono,
lomoya omubi usuke kuye.

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UDavida LoGoliyathi

1 Ngalesosikhathi amaFilistiya aqoqa amabutho awo ukuba alwe impi, asebuthana
eSokho koJuda. Enza izihonqo e-Efesi Damimi, phakathi kweSokho le-Azekha.
2 USawuli labako-Israyeli bamisa izihonqo eSigodini sase-Ela, bahlela ukuba balwe
impi lamaFilistiya. 3 AmaFilistiya ayemi kolunye uqaqa abako-Israyeli labo bekol-
unye, kulesigodi phakathi kwabo.
4 Iqhawe elalithiwa nguGoliyathi, owayevela eGathi, waphuma ezihonqweni
zamaFilistiya. Ubude bakhe babuzingalo eziyisithupha lesandla. 5 Wayelengowane
yethusi ekhanda lakhe, egqoke ibhatshi lokuvikela elethusi elaliyizinkulungwane
ezinhlanu zamashekeli ubunzima balo, 6 emibaleni yakhe wayegqoke imigwamazi
yethusi, emhlane egaxe umkhonto wethusi. 7 Uluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjen-
gogodo lomaluki, ubunzima besihloko sawo sensimbi bungamashekeli angamakhulu
ayisithupha. Umthwali wehawu lakhe wayehamba phambidlana kwakhe.
8 UGoliyathi wema wamemezela emaviyweni ako-Israyeli esithi, "Kungani li-
phumele ukuzakulwa impi na? KangisumFilistiya yini, njalo lina kalisizo zinceku
zikaSawuli na? Khethani umuntu azeqondana lami. 9 Nxa ezakulwa angibulale,
sizakuba yizigqili zenu; kodwa ngingamehlula ngimbulale, lizakuba yizigqili zethu
lisikhonze." 10 UmFilistiya wabuya wathi, "Lamhlanje ngiyaweyisa amaviyo ako-
Israyeli! Ngiphani umuntu siqondane silwe." 11 Ekuzweni amazwi omFilistiya,
uSawuli labo bonke abako-Israyeli besaba bathuthumela.
12 UDavida wayeyindoda yom'Efrathi owayethiwa nguJese, owayengowase
Bhethilehema koJuda. UJese wayelamadodana ayisificaminwembili, njalo ngezin-
suku zikaSawuli wayesemdala eseluphele kakhulu. 13 Amadodana amathathu
amadala kaJese ayelandele uSawuli empini: Izibulo kwakungu-Eliyabi; owesibili
kungu-Abhinadabi; owesithathu kunguShama. 14 UDavida wayengomncane wabo.
Abathathu abadala balandela uSawuli, 15 kodwa uDavida wasuka kuSawuli wabuyela
ukuba ayekwelusa izimvu zikayise eBhethilehema.
16 Okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane umFilistiya wayesiya phambili nsuku zonke
ekuseni lakusihlwa ajame.

17 UJese wasesithi kuDavida indodana yakhe, “Thathela abanewenu ihefa lomumbu
okhanzingiweyo kanye lezinkwa lezi ezilitshumi uzise masinyane ezihonqweni zabo.
18 Hamba lalezizinkwa zetshizi ezilitshumi kumlawuli weviyo labo. Bona ukuthi
abanewenu banjani, ubuye lesiqiniselo esivela kubo. 19 BaloSawuli kanye labantu
bonke bako-Israyeli eSigodini sase-Ela, besilwa lamaFilistiya.”
20 Ekuseni kakhulu uDavida watshiya umhlambi wezimvu ulomelusi, wathwala
umthwalo wasuka wahamba, njengokulaya kukaJese. Wafika ezihonqweni ibutho
liphuma ukuba liye ezindaweni zalo zempi, limemeza isaga sempi. 21 U-Israyeli
lamaFilistiya babedweba imikhandlu yabo bekhangelene. 22 UDavida watshiya
izinto zakhe kumgcini wezimpahla, wagijimela emaviyweni empi wayabingelela
abanewabo. 23 Esabakhulumisa, uGoliyathi, iqhawe lamaFilistiya elaseGathi, wa-
phuma kuviyo lakhe, wamemezela ukweyisa kwakhe kwenjayelo, loDavida wakuzwa.
24 Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona umuntu lowo, bonke bambalekela ngokwesaba
okukhulu.
25 Abako-Israyeli babekade besithi, “Liyambona yini umuntu lo ukuthi uqhubeka
njani elokhu ephuma? Uyaphuma ukuba eyise u-Israyeli. Inkosi izamnika inotho
enengi umuntu ozambulala. Izamnika lendodakazi yayo ukuba ayithathe, ikhulule
labendlu kayise emithelweni ko-Israyeli.”
26 UDavida wabuza indoda eyayimi phansi kwakhe wathi, “Kuyini okuzakwenzelwa
umuntu obulala umFilistiya lo asuse lehlazo leli ku-Israyeli na? Ungubani umFilistiya
lo ongasokanga oweyisa amabutho kaNkulunkulu ophilayo na?”
27 Bakutsho futhi kuye ababekade bemtshela khona bathi, “Nanku okuzakwenzelwa
umuntu ombulalayo.”
28 Kwathi lapho u-Eliyabi, umnewabo omdala kaDavida, emuzwa ekhuluma
lalawomadoda, wamthukuthelela kakhulu wambuza wathi, “Uzefunani lapha na?
Njalo izimvu leziyana ezilutshwane uzitshiye lobani enkangala na? Ngiyakwazi
ukuthi uzikhukhumeza njani kanye lokuthi inhliziyo yakho imbi kanjani, ulande
ukuzabona impi nje kuphela.”
29 UDavida wathi, “Manje sengenzeni kanti? Angivunyelwa yini ukukhuluma?”
30 Emva kwalokho waphendukela komunye, watsho lutho lunye, umuntu lowo
wamphendula njengakuqala. 31 Okwakutshiwo nguDavida kwazwakala njalo
kwabikwa kuSawuli, uSawuli wathi kabizwe.
32 UDavida wathi kuSawuli, “Akungabi lomuntu ophelelwa lithemba ngenxa
yomFilistiya lo; inceku yakho izakuyakulwa laye.”
33 USawuli waphendula wathi, “Kawanelisi ukuyamelana lomFilistiya lo ulwe laye;
wena ungumfana nje, yena kade waba ngumuntu wokulwa kusukela ebutsheni
bakhe.”
34 Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli, “Inceku yakho yayiselusa izimvu zikayise.
Kwathi kufike isilwane kumbe ibhele lajwamula imvu emhlambini, 35 ngalilandela,
ngalitshaya ngahlenga imvu emlonyeni walo. Lathi liyangihlasela ngalidumela
ngoboya balo, ngalitshaya ngalibulala. 36 Inceku yakho seyabulala kokubili isilwane
lebhele; umFilistiya lo ongasokanga uzakuba njengokunye kwakho, ngoba weyise
amabutho kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. 37 UTHIXO owangikhululayo enzitsheni zesilwane
lasenzitsheni zebhele uzangikhulula esandleni somFilistiya lo.”
USawuli wathi kuDavida, “Hamba, UTHIXO kabe lawe.”
38 Emva kwalokho uSawuli wagqokisa uDavida ibhatshi lakhe. Wamgqokisa
lesivikelo sensimbi kanye lengowane yethusi ekhanda lakhe. 39 UDavida wabophela
inkemba yakhe phezu kwesembatho setshunika wazama ukuhambahamba, ngoba
wayengazejwayelanga.

Wathi kuSawuli, “Angingeke ngihambe ngigqoke lokhu, ngoba angikwejwayelanga.” Ngakho wakukhupha. 40 Emva kwalokho wathatha umqwayi
wakhe, wakhetha amatshe abutshelezi amahlanu esifuleni. Wawabeka esikhwameni somxhaka wakhe wokwelusa, njalo ephethe isavutha wamlanda umFilistiya.
41 Ngasikhathi sinye, umFilistiya, umthwali wehawu lakhe ephambi kwakhe,
wayelokhu esondela eduze kukaDavida. 42 Wamkhangela uDavida wabona ukuthi
wayengumfana nje, ebomvana emuhle, wameyisa. 43 Wasesithi kuDavida, “Kanti
ngiyinja yini, usiza kimi uphethe izinti?” UmFilistiya waqalekisa uDavida ngabonkulunkulu bakibo. 44 Wathi, “Woza lapha, ngizanika izinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga inyama yakho!”
45 UDavida wathi kumFilistiya, “Wena uzemelana lami ngenkemba lomkhonto
kanye lomdikadika, kodwa mina ngizemelana lawe ngebizo LIKATHIXO uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu wamabutho ka-Israyeli wena omeyisayo. 46 Lamhla UTHIXO uzakunikela
kimi, ngizakulahla phansi ngiqume ikhanda lakho. Lamhlanje izinyoni zasemoyeni
lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni ngizazinika izidumbu zebutho lamaFilistiya, njalo
umhlaba wonke uzakwazi ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli. 47 Bonke labo
ababuthene lapha bazakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO kahlengi ngenkemba loba ngomkhonto,
ngoba impi ngekaThixo, njalo lonke uzalinikela ezandleni zethu.”
48 Kwathi umFilistiya esondela eduze ukuba amhlasele, uDavida ngokuphangisa
wagijimela phambili endaweni yokulwela ukuba amhlangabeze. 49 UDavida wangenisa isandla sakhe emxhakeni wakhe wathatha ilitshe, waliphosa ngesavutha
latshaya umFilistiya ebunzini. Ilitshe latshona ebunzini lakhe, wawela phansi
ngobuso.
50 UDavida wamnqoba kanjalo umFilistiya ngesavutha langelitshe; engelankemba
esandleni sakhe wamlahla phansi umFilistiya wambulala.
51 UDavida wagijima wema phezu kwakhe. Wabamba inkemba yomFilistiya
wayihwatsha esikhwameni sayo. Esembulele, waquma ikhanda lakhe ngenkemba.
Kwathi amaFilistiya ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo laselifile, aphenduka abaleka.
52 Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda balangathela besiya phambili bememeza, baxotshana lamaFilistiya baze bayafika entubeni lasemasangweni aseEkroni. Abafileyo bakibo babegcwele emgwaqweni waseShaharayimu kusiya eGathi
lase-Ekroni. 53 Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebephendukile ekuxotsheni amaFilistiya,
baphanga izihonqo zawo.
54 UDavida wathatha ikhanda lomFilistiya, walisa eJerusalema, wabeka izikhali
zomFilistiya ethenteni lakhe.
55 Kwathi uSawuli ekhangele uDavida esiyahlangana lomFilistiya, wathi kuAbhineri, umlawuli webutho, “Abhineri, ijaha leliyana liyindodana kabani na?”
U-Abhineri waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, nkosi, angazi.”
56 Inkosi yasisithi, “Buza ukuthi ijaha leli liyindodana kabani.”
57 Kwathi khonokho nje uDavida esevela ekubulaleni umFilistiya, u-Abhineri
wamthatha wamusa kuSawuli, uDavida elokhu ephethe ikhanda lomFilistiya.
58 USawuli wambuza wathi, “Uyindodana kabani, jaha?”
UDavida wathi, “Ngiyindodana yenceku yakho uJese waseBhethilehema.”

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Umhawu KaSawuli NgoDavida

1 Emva kokuba uDavida eseqedile ukukhuluma loSawuli, uJonathani waba moya
munye loDavida, wamthanda njengoba ezithanda yena ngokwakhe. 2 Kusukela
ngalolosuku uSawuli wahlala loDavida akaze amvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise.
3 Njalo uJonathani wenza isivumelwano loDavida ngoba wayemthanda njengoba

ezithanda yena ngokwakhe. 4 UJonathani wakhupha isembatho ayesigqokile
wasinika uDavida, lebhatshi lakhe, lenkemba yakhe, idandili lakhe kanye lebhanti
lakhe.
5 Loba kuyini uSawuli amthuma ukuba akwenze, uDavida wakwenza ngoku-
phumelela uSawuli waze wamnika isikhundla esikhulu ebuthweni. Lokhu
kwathokozisa abantu bonke, kanye lezikhulu zikaSawuli.
6 Kwathi abantu sebebuyela ekhaya emva kokuba uDavida esebulele umFilistiya,
abesifazane baphuma kuyo yonke imizi yako-Israyeli bahlangabeza inkosi uSawuli
ngokuhlabela lokugida, ngezingoma zokuthokoza lamagedla kanye lemitshingo.
7 Ekugideni kwabo bahlabela besithi:
“USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe,
kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe.”
8 USawuli wazonda kakhulu, amazwi la amthukuthelisa. Wacabanga wathi,
“Badumisa uDavida ngamatshumi ezinkulungwane, kodwa mina ngezinkulungwane
kuphela nje. Kuyini okunye angakuzuza ngaphandle kombuso na?” 9 Kusukela
ngalelolanga kusiya phambili uSawuli wakhangela uDavida ngelihlo elilomhawu.
10 Ngelanga elalandelayo umoya omubi wavela kuNkulunkulu wehlela phezu
kukaSawuli ngamandla. Wayephrofetha endlini yakhe, lapho uDavida wayetshaya
ichacho njengenjwayelo yakhe. USawuli wayephethe umkhonto ngesandla sakhe,
11 wawuphosa esithi, “UDavida ngizambambanisa lomduli.” Kodwa uDavida wavika
kwaze kwaba kabili.
12 USawuli wayemesaba uDavida ngoba uTHIXO wayeloDavida kodwa esemdelile
uSawuli. 13 Ngakho wamsusa uDavida kuye wamenza umlawuli wabantu abayinku-
lungwane; njalo uDavida wakhokhela amabutho ekuhlaseleni kwawo. 14 Kukho
konke akwenzayo waphumelela kakhulu, ngoba uTHIXO wayelaye. 15 Kwathi
uSawuli ebona ukuphumelela kwakhe, wamesaba. 16 Kodwa wonke u-Israyeli loJuda
wamthanda uDavida, ngoba wabakhokhela ekuhlaseleni kwabo.
17 USawuli wasesithi kuDavida, “Nansi indodakazi yami endala uMerabi;
ngizakwendisela yona ukuba ibe ngumkakho; wena ungisebenzele ngesibindi
kuphela njalo ulwe izimpi zikaTHIXO.” Ngoba uSawuli wakhuluma yedwa wathi,
“Kangiyikumphakamisela isandla. AmaFilistiya kawenze lokho!”
18 Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli, “Ngingubani mina labendlu yakwethu bayini,
loba isizwana sikababa ko-Israyeli, ukuba ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi na?”
19 Kodwa kwathi isikhathi sesifikile esokuba uMerabi, indodakazi kaSawuli, aphiwe
uDavida, waphiwa u-Adiriyeli waseMehola ukuba abe ngumkakhe.
20 Ngalesosikhathi uMikhali, indodakazi kaSawuli, wayemthanda uDavida, njalo
kwathi uSawuli bemtshela ngakho, wathaba. 21 Wacabanga wathi, “Ngizamnika yena
ukuba abe ngumjibila kuye lokuze isandla samaFilistiya simelane laye.” Ngakho
uSawuli wathi kuDavida, “Khathesi usulethuba lesibili lokuba ngumkhwenyana
wami.”
22 USawuli walaya inceku zakhe wathi, “Khulumani loDavida ngasese lithi,
‘Khangela, inkosi iyathokoza ngawe, lenceku zayo zonke ziyakuthanda; ngakho woba
ngumkhwenyana wayo.’ ”
23 Zawatsho amazwi la kuDavida kodwa uDavida wathi, “Licabanga ukuthi kuyinto
encane ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi na? Mina ngingumuntukazana njalo
ongeladumo.”
24 Kwathi izinceku zikaSawuli sezimtshelile okwakutshiwo nguDavida, 25 uSawuli
waphendula wathi, “Alibokuthi kuDavida, ‘Inkosi kayifuni enye inhlawulo ya-
malobolo ngaphandle kwamajwabu ezitho zangaphambili zamaFilistiya alikhulu,
ukuba iphindisele ezitheni zayo.’ ” Icebo likaSawuli lalingelokuthi uDavida afe
ebulawa ngamaFilistiya.

26 Kwathi inceku sezimtshelile uDavida izinto lezi, wathokoza ukuba
ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. Ngakho kwathi isikhathi esasibekiwe singakedluli,
27 uDavida labantu bakhe basuka bayabulala amaFilistiya angamakhulu amabili.
Weza lamajwabu emiphambili yawo waqhubela inkosi inani elipheleleyo ukuze abe
ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. USawuli wamendisela-ke indodakazi yakhe uMikhali
ukuba ngumkakhe.
28 Kwathi uSawuli ebona ukuthi UTHIXO wayeloDavida kanye lokuthi indodakazi
yakhe, uMikhali, yayimthanda uDavida, 29 uSawuli wabuye wamesaba kakhulu, njalo
waba yisitha sakhe impilo yakhe yonke.
30 Abalawuli bamaFilistiya baqhubeka besiyakulwa izimpi, njalo izikhathi zonke
bephuma, uDavida waba lokuphumelela okwedlula ezinye izikhulu zikaSawuli,
lebizo lakhe laba lodumo.

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USawuli Ufuna Ukubulala UDavida

1 USawuli watshela indodana yakhe uJonathani kanye lezinceku zonke ukuba
babulale uDavida. Kodwa uJonathani wayemthanda uDavida 2 ngakho wamxwayisa
wathi, "Ubaba uSawuli udinga ithuba lokukubulala. Qaphela kusasa ekuseni; hamba
uyecatsha uhlale khona. 3 Mina ngizaphuma ngiyekuma lobaba egangeni lapho
okhona. Ngizakhuluma laye ngawe njalo ngizakutshela lokho engizakuthola."
4 UJonathani wakhuluma kuhle ngoDavida kuSawuli uyise wathi kuye, "Inkosi
kayingenzi okubi encekwini yayo uDavida, konanga lutho kuwe, njalo akwenzileyo
kukusize kakhulu. 5 Wadela impilo yakhe ekubulaleni kwakhe umFilistiya. UTHIXO
wazuzela u-Israyeli ukunqoba okukhulu, lawe wakubona njalo wathaba. Pho
kungani ungenza okubi emuntwini omsulwa njengoDavida ngokumbulala kungela-
sizatho na?"
6 USawuli wamlalela uJonathani wasefunga isifungo lesi esithi, "Ngeqiniso elinjen-
goba UTHIXO ekhona, uDavida kayikubulawa."
7 Ngakho uJonathani wabiza uDavida wamtshela inkulumo yonke. Wamusa
kuSawuli, uDavida wahlala loSawuli njengakuqala.
8 Kwabuya kwaba lempi futhi, uDavida waphuma ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya.
Wawatshaya ngamandla amakhulu aze abaleka.
9 Kodwa umoya omubi owavela kUTHIXO wafika kuSawuli ehlezi endlini yakhe
ephethe umkhonto wakhe ngesandla. Kwathi uDavida etshaya ichacho, 10 uSawuli
wazama ukumnamathisela emdulini ngomkhonto wakhe, kodwa uDavida wavika
uSawuli wagwaza umduli ngomkhonto. Ngalobobusuku uDavida waphunyuka
wabaleka.
11 USawuli wathuma izithunywa endlini kaDavida ukuba bayilinde njalo bambulale
ekuseni. Kodwa uMikhali, umkaDavida, wamxwayisa wathi, "Nxa ungabaleki
ngalobubusuku ukuba uvikele impilo yakho kusasa uzabulawa." 12 Ngakho uMikhali
wehlisela uDavida phansi emkhuphe ngefasitela, wabaleka-ke waphepha. 13 Emva
kwalokho uMikhali wathatha isithombe wasilalisa embhedeni, wasembesa ngengubo
ebeke uboya bembuzi ekhanda.
14 USawuli esethume abantu ukuba bayethumba uDavida, uMikhali wathi, "Uyag-
ula."
15 USawuli wababuyisela abantu labo ukuba bayebona uDavida esithi kubo,
"Mletheni kimi ngombheda wakhe ukuze ngimbulale." 16 Kodwa kwathi amadoda
lawo engena, embhedeni kwakulesithombe, ekhanda kuloboya bembuzi.
17 USawuli wathi kuMikhali, "Kungani ungikhohlise kanje wabalekisa isitha sami
ukuze siphephe?"

UMikhali wathi kuye, “Uthe kimi, ‘Yekela ngibaleke. Ngingakubulalelani na?’ ”
18 UDavida esebaleke waphepha, waya kuSamuyeli eRama wamtshela konke okwakwenziwe nguSawuli kuye. Ngakho yena loSamuyeli baya eNayothi bahlala khona.
19 Ilizwi lafika kuSawuli lisithi: “UDavida useNayothi eRama.” 20 Ngakho wathuma abantu ukuba bayemthumba. Kodwa bathi bebona ixuku labaphrofethi liphrofitha, loSamuyeli emi khonapho njengomkhokheli wabo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela ebantwini bakaSawuli labo baphrofetha. 21 USawuli wakutshelwa lokho wasethuma abanye abantu, labo baphrofetha. USawuli wathuma abantu okwesithathu, labo futhi baphrofetha. 22 Ekucineni, yena ngokwakhe wasuka waya eRama, wasesiya emgodini omkhulu eSekhu. Wabuza wathi, “USamuyeli loDavida bangaphi?”
Bathi, “Le eNayothi eRama.”
23 Ngakho uSawuli waya eNayothi eRama. Kodwa uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela lakuye, wahamba ephrofitha waze wayafika eNayothi. 24 Wakhulula izigqoko zakhe laye waphrofitha uSamuyeli ekhona. Walala enjalo ilanga lonke lobusuku bonke. Yikho-nje abantu besithi, “Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaphrofethi na?”

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UDavida LoJonathani

1 UDavida wabaleka eNayothi eRama waya kuJonathani wabuza wathi, “Kanti ngenzeni na? Icala lami ngelani na? Uyihlo ngimone kanjani, okwenza afune ukungibulala?”
2 UJonathani waphendula wathi, “Hatshi bo! Kawuyikufa! Khangela, ubaba kenzi lutho, olukhulu loba oluncane, engangitshelanga. Kungani engangifihlela lokhu na? Akunjalo!”
3 Kodwa uDavida wenza isifungo wathi, “Uyihlo ukwazi kakuhle ukuthi mina sengithole umusa kuwe njalo usezitshele wathi, ‘UJonathani akumelanga akwazi lokhu hlezi ezwe ubuhlungu.’ Ikanti ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ekhona lanjengoba lawe ukhona, kulenyathelo elilodwa nje phakathi kwami lokufa.”
4 UJonathani wathi kuDavida, “Loba kuyini ofuna ukuthi ngikwenze, ngizakwenzela khona.”
5 Ngakho uDavida wathi, “Khangela, kusasa kuledili lokuThwasa kweNyanga, njalo kumele ngidle lenkosi; kodwa yekela ngiyecatsha egangeni kuze kube kusihlwa phambi kwakusasa. 6 Nxa uyihlo ezangiswela, mtshele uthi, ‘UDavida ucele imvumo kimi ngokutshiseka ukuba ake agijimele eBhethilehema, idolobho lakibo, ngoba umhlatshelo wesizwana sonke sakibo uyenziwa khona.’ 7 Angathi, ‘Kulungile,’ inceku yakho kayiyikuba sengozini. Kodwa angavuka ulaka woba leqiniso ukuthi uzimisele ukwenza okubi kimi. 8 Kodwa wena, bonakalisa isisa encekwini yakho ngoba uyenzise isivumelwano lawe phambi kUKATHIXO. Nxa ngilecala, ngibulala wena ngokwakho! Kungani ungiqhubela kuyihlo na?”
9 UJonathani wathi, “Hatshi bo! Kambe aluba bengilolwazi oluncane ukuthi ubaba uzimisele ukwenza okubi kuwe, kade ngingasoze ngikutshele na?”
10 UDavida wabuza wathi, “Ngubani ozangitshela nxa uyihlo ekuphendula kubi na?”
11 UJonathani wathi, “Woza, kasiye egangeni.” Ngakho baya khonale bobabili.
12 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, “Ngifunga NGOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngempela ubaba ngizakuba sengimzwile ngalesisikhathi ngomhlomunye! Nxa elomusa kuwe, kambe kangiyikuthumela ilizwi ngikwazise na? 13 Kodwa nxa ubaba ehlose ukwenza okubi kuwe, uTHIXO kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa ngingakwazisi njalo ngikususe kungekho ngozi. Sengathi uTHIXO angaba lawe njengoba kade elobaba. 14 Kodwa ngibonise umusa ongapheliyo ONJENGOKATHIXO

isikhathi sonke ngisaphila, ukuze ngingabulawa, 15 njalo ungasusi umusa wakho
kwabendlu yakwethu lanxa UTHIXO eseziqede du zonke izitha zikaDavida ebusweni
bomhlaba."
16 Ngakho uJonathani wenza isivumelwano labendlu kaDavida, esithi, "Sengathi
UTHIXO angazethesa amacala izitha zikaDavida." 17 UJonathani wabuya wamfungisa
futhi uDavida isifungo sakhe ngenxa yothando lwakhe kuye, ngoba wayemthanda
njengokuzithanda kwakhe.
18 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, "Kusasa kuledili lokuThwasa kweNyanga.
Uzaswelakala ngoba isihlalo sakho sizabe singelamuntu. 19 Phambi kwakusasa,
sekuzakuhlwa, yana lapho owacatsha khona ekuqaliseni kwaloluhlupho, ulinde
elitsheni e-Ezeli. 20 Mina ngizatshokela imitshoko emithathu eceleni kwalo angathi
ngitshokela kwengihlose kukho. 21 Emva kwalokho ngizathuma umfana ngithi,
'Hamba uyedinga imitshoko.' Ngingathi kuye, 'Khangela, imitshoko ingakuleli
icele lakho, ilethe lapha,' lapho-ke woza, ngoba ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO
ekhona, uphephile, akulangozi. 22 Kodwa ngingathi emfaneni, 'Khangela, imitshoko
ingale kwakho,' lapho-ke kumele uhambe, ngoba UTHIXO uthe suka uhambe.
23 Njalo mayelana lalindaba esiyikhulumileyo mina lawe, khumbula ukuthi UTHIXO
ungufakazi phakathi kwakho lami nini lanini."
24 Ngakho uDavida wacatsha egangeni, njalo kwathi idili lokuThwasa kweNyanga
selifikile, inkosi yahlala phansi yadla. 25 Yayihlezi endaweni yayo yezikhathi
zonke phansi komduli, maqondana loJonathani, u-Abhineri ehlezi eduze loSawuli,
kodwa indawo kaDavida yayingelamuntu. 26 USawuli katshongo lutho mhlalokho,
ngoba wacabanga wathi, "Mhlawumbe kulento ethile eyehlele kuDavida yamenza
waba ngongahlambulukanga ngokomkhuba, ngeqiniso kahlambulukanga." 27 Kodwa
ngelanga elilandelayo, ilanga lesibili lenyanga, indawo kaDavida yayingelamuntu
futhi. Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi endodaneni yakhe uJonathani, "Kungani indodana
kaJese ingezanga ekudleni, izolo kumbe lamuhla na?"
28 UJonathani waphendula wathi, "UDavida ucele imvumo kimi ngokutshiseka
ukuba aye eBhethilehema. 29 Uthe, 'Ngivumela ngihambe ngoba abendlu yakwethu
balomkhosi womhlatshelo edolobheni njalo umnewethu ungilaye ukuba ngibe khona.
Nxa ngithole umusa kuwe, ngivumela ngihambe ngiyebona abafowethu.' Yikho-nje
engezanga ukuzakudla lenkosi."
30 Ulaka lukaSawuli lwavutha kuJonathani wathi kuye, "Wena ndodana yomfazi
olihlongandlebe lolenkani! Uthi kangazi yini ukuthi wena ususekelane lendodana
kaJese okulihlazo kuwe njalo okulihlazo lakunyoko owakuzalayo na? 31 Nxa indodana
kaJese isekhona kulo umhlaba, wena kawuyikuma kumbe umbuso wakho. Ngakho
thumela ilizwi umlethe kimi, ngoba umele afe!"
32 UJonathani wabuza uyise wathi, "Kungani kumele abulawe? Wenzeni na?"
33 Kodwa uSawuli waphosa umkhonto wakhe kuye ukuba ambulale. Ngakho
uJonathani wakwazi ukuthi uyise wayehlose ukubulala uDavida.
34 UJonathani wasuka etafuleni ethukuthele kakhulu; ngosuku lwesibili lwedili
kazange adle, ngoba wayebuhlungu ngehlazo uyise ayephatha ngalo uDavida.
35 Ekuseni uJonathani waphuma waya egangeni ukuyahlangana loDavida.
Wayelomfana omncinyane, 36 njalo wathi emfaneni, "Gijima uyedobha imitshoko en-
giyitshokayo." Umfana esagijima, watshokela umtshoko ngale kwakhe. 37 Kwathi um-
fana esefike lapho umtshoko kaJonathani owawuwele khona, uJonathani wamemeza
wathi, "Umtshoko kawukho ngale kwakho na?" 38 Wabuye wamemeza wathi,
"Phangisa! Ukhawuleze! Ungemi!" Umfana wadobha umtshoko wabuyela enkosini
yakhe. 39 (Umfana wayengazi lutho ngakho konke lokhu; kusazi uJonathani loDavida

kuphela.) 40 Emva kwalokho uJonathani wanika umfana izikhali zakhe wathi,
“Hamba, zithwale ubuyele lazo edolobheni.”
41 Umfana esehambile uDavida wasukuma eceleni langaseningizimu kwelitshe,
wakhothama kathathu phambi kukaJonathani, ubuso bakhe bukhangele phansi.
Emva kwalokho bangana, bakhala bendawonye kodwa uDavida wakhala kakhulu.
42 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, “Hamba ngokuthula, ngoba sifungelane ubun-
gane omunye komunye ebizweni LIKATHIXO sisithi, ‘UTHIXO ungufakazi phakathi
kwami lawe, laphakathi kwenzalo yakho leyami nini lanini.’ ” UDavida wasesuka,
loJonathani wasebuyela edolobheni.

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UDavida ENobhi

1 UDavida waya eNobhi ku-Ahimeleki umphristi. U-Ahimeleki wathuthumela
ekuhlanganeni kwakhe laye, wasebuza esithi, “Kungani uwedwa na? Kungani
kungekho olawe na?”
2 UDavida waphendula u-Ahimeleki umphristi wathi, “Inkosi ingiphathise ud-
aba oluthize, wathi kimi, ‘Akungabikhona ozakwazi ngenjongo yakho langalokho
okuthunyiweyo.’ Abantu bami ngibatshele ukuba bahlangane lami endaweni ethize.
3 Manje-ke, kuyini olakho? Ngipha izinkwa ezinhlanu, loba kuyini ongakuthola.”
4 Kodwa umphristi waphendula uDavida wathi, “Kangilasinkwa esejwayeleki-
leyo; kodwa-ke kulesinkwa esingcwelisiweyo lapha kodwa kuya ngokuthi amadoda
abezigcinile esifazaneni na.”
5 UDavida waphendula wathi, “Impela abesifazane babevinjelwe kithi, njen-
genjwayelo lapho ngiphuma. Imizimba yamadoda ingcwele lasemikhankasweni
engengcwele. Pho ingaba njalo okungakanani lamhla!” 6 Ngakho umphristi wamnika
isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo ngoba kwakungelasinkwa lapho ngaphandle kwesinkwa
esiNgcwele sikaThixo esasisuswe phambi KUKATHIXO kwasekubekwa esitshisayo
endaweni yaso ngosuku esasuswa ngalo.
7 Ngalolosuku omunye wezinceku zikaSawuli wayekhonapho, ekhonza phambi
KUKATHIXO; wayenguDoyegi um’Edomi, induna yabelusi bakaSawuli.
8 UDavida wabuza u-Ahimeleki wathi, “Kawulamkhonto kumbe inkemba lapha
na? Kangizanga lenkemba yami loba nje esinye isikhali, ngoba umsebenzi wenkosi
ubungophuthumayo.”
9 Umphristi waphendula wathi, “Inkemba kaGoliyathi umFilistiya owambulalayo
eSigodini sase-Ela, ilapha; igoqelwe ngelembu ngemva kwesembatho semahlombe.
Nxa uyifuna, ithathe; kakukho enye inkemba lapha ngaphandle kwaleyo.”
UDavida wasesithi, “Kayikho enjengayo; ngipha yona.”

UDavida EGathi

10 Ngalolosuku uDavida wabalekela uSawuli waya ku-Akhishi inkosi yaseGathi.
11 Kodwa izinceku zika-Akhishi zathi kuye, “Lo kasuDavida inkosi yelizwe na? Kasuye
yini abahlabela ngaye emigidweni yabo besithi:
‘USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe,
kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe’?”
12 UDavida wawagcina amazwi la enhliziyweni yakhe wamesaba kakhulu u-Akhishi
inkosi yaseGathi. 13 Ngakho wazenza ophambeneyo kubo; njalo kwathi lapho ekubo
wenza njengomuntu ohlanyayo, edwebadweba ezivalweni zesango njalo wayekela
lendenda zehlela endevini zakhe.
14 U-Akhishi wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Khangelani umuntu lo! Uphambene!
Kungani limletha kimi na? 15 Lithi ngiziswele yini inhlanya lize lilethe umuntu lo

lapha ukuba aqhubeke kanje phambi kwami na? Umuntu lo kumele angene endlini yami na?”

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UDavida E-Adulami Kanye LaseMizipha

1 UDavida wasuka eGathi wabalekela ebhalwini lwase-Adulami. Kwathi abafowabo
labendlu kayise sebekuzwile, baya kuye khonale. 2 Bonke labo ababelosizi loba
ababelemilandu kumbe ababelensolo babuthana kuye, wasesiba ngumkhokheli
wabo. Abantu ababelaye babengaba zinkulungwane ezine.
3 Esuka lapho uDavida waya eMizipha kwelaseMowabi wathi enkosini ye-Mowabi,
“Ungabavumela yini ubaba lomama ukuba bazehlala lawe ngize ngazi uNkulunkulu
azangenzela khona na?” 4 Ngakho wabatshiya enkosini yaseMowabi njalo bahlala
layo sonke isikhathi uDavida esenqabeni.
5 Kodwa umphrofethi uGadi wathi kuDavida, “Ungahlali enqabeni. Yana elizweni
lakoJuda.” Ngakho uDavida wasuka waya ehlathini laseHerethi.

USawuli Ubulala AbaPhristi BaseNobhi

6 Ngalesosikhathi uSawuli wezwa ukuthi uDavida labantu bakhe babebonakele.
Njalo uSawuli, ephethe umkhonto ngesandla, wayehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla
somthamarisiki phezu koqaqa eGibhiya, lazozonke izikhulu zakhe zimi zimhanqile.
7 USawuli wathi kuzo, “Lalelani bantu bakoBhenjamini! Kambe indodana kaJese
izalipha lonke amasimu lezivini na? Kambe lonke izalenza libe ngabalawuli
bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu na? 8 Kungenxa yalokho lonke selicebe
okubi ngami na? Kakho ongitshelayo nxa indodana yami isenza isivumelwano
lendodana kaJese. Kakho owenu okhathazekayo ngami loba angitshele ukuthi
indodana yami itshotshozela izinceku zami ukuba zingicathamele, njengalokhu
ekwenzayo lamhla.”
9 Kodwa uDoyegi, um’Edomi, owayemi lezikhulu zikaSawuli wathi, “Mina ngibone
indodana kaJese isiya ku-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi eNobhi. 10 U-Ahimeleki
umbuzele kuThixo; waphinda wamnika ukudla lenkemba kaGoliyathi umFilistiya.”
11 Lapho-ke inkosi yathumela ilizwi lokubiza umphristi u-Ahimeleki indodana ka-
Ahithubi labo bonke abendlu kayise, ababengabaphristi eNobhi, yikho bonke baya
enkosini. 12 USawuli wasesithi, “Khathesi-ke lalela, ndodana ka-Ahithubi.”
Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, nkosi yami.”
13 USawuli wasesithi kuye, “Kungani licebe okubi ngami, wena lendodana kaJese,
wayinika isinkwa lenkemba njalo wayibuzela kuNkulunkulu, okwenze yangihla-
mukela njalo yangicathamela, njengalokhu ekwenzayo lamhla na?”
14 U-Ahimeleki waphendula wathi, “Ngubani kuzozonke izinceku zakho othembeke
njengoDavida, umkhwenyana wenkosi, induna yabakulindayo njalo lohlonitshwa
kakhulu endlini yakho na? 15 Ngalelolanga ngangiqala ukumbuzela kuNkulunkulu
na? Hatshi impela! Inkosi kayingethesi inceku yakho icala loba omunye wabendlu
kayise, ngoba inceku yakho kayazi lutho lakancane ngodaba lonke lolu.”
16 Kodwa inkosi yathi, “Ngeqiniso uzakufa, Ahimeleki, wena labo bonke abendlu
kayihlo.”
17 Inkosi yasilaya abalindi ababephansi kwayo yathi, “Phendukani libulale
abaphristi baka Thixo ngoba labo basekele uDavida. Babekwazi ukuthi uyabaleka,
kodwa kabangitshelanga.”
Kodwa izikhulu zenkosi zazingafuni ukuphakamisa izandla ukuba zigalele
abaphristi baka Thixo.

18 Ngakho inkosi yalaya uDoyegi yathi, “Phenduka ugalele abaphristi!” UDoyegi
um’Edomi waphenduka wabagongoda. Mhlalokho wabulala abantu abanga-
makhulu ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu ababegqoka izembatho zemahlombe eze-
lineni. 19 Wabuye wahlasela iNobhi ngenkemba, umuzi wabaphristi, lamadoda
ayo kanye labesifazane, abantwana bayo lensane, lenkomo zayo, obabhemi kanye
lezimvu.
20 Kodwa u-Abhiyathari, indodana ka-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi, waphun-
yuka wabaleka wayamanyana loDavida. 21 Watshela uDavida ukuthi uSawuli
wayebulele abaphristi BAKATHIXO. 22 UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhiyathari, “Nga-
loluyana usuku, lapho uDoyegi um’Edomi wayekhona, ngakwazi ukuthi uzamtshela
ngempela uSawuli. Ngilecala lokufa kwabendlu kayihlo bonke. 23 Hlala lami;
ungesabi; umuntu ofuna ukukubulala lami futhi ufuna ukungibulala. Uvikelekile
nxa ulami.”

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UDavida Uhlenga IKheyila

1 Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi, “Khangela, amaFilistiya ahlasela iKheyila
njalo aphanga leziza,” 2 wabuza UTHIXO, esithi, “Ngingahamba ukuyahlasela amaFil-
istiya la na?”
UTHIXO wamphendula wathi, “Hamba uyehlasela amaFilistiya uhlenge iKheyila.”
3 Kodwa abantu bakaDavida bathi kuye, “Lapha koJuda thina siyesaba. Pho kuza-
kuba kukhulu kangakanani nxa sizakuyamelana lamabutho amaFilistiya eKheyila!”
4 UDavida waphinda wambuza futhi UTHIXO, njalo UTHIXO wamphendula wathi,
“Hamba eKheyila, ngoba amaFilistiya ngizawanikela ezandleni zakho.” 5 Ngakho
uDavida labantu bakhe baya eKheyila, walwa lamaFilistiya wathumba izifuyo zawo.
Wabulala amaFilistiya amanengi kakhulu wahlenga abantu baseKheyila. 6 (U-
Abhiyathari indodana ka-Ahimeleki wayeze lesembatho semahlombe ekubalekeleni
kwakhe kuDavida eKheyila.)

USawuli Uxotshana LoDavida

7 USawuli watshelwa ukuthi uDavida wayeseye eKheyila, ngakho wathi, “UN-
kulunkulu usemnikele kimi, ngoba uDavida usezifake entolongweni ngokungena
edolobheni elilamasango lemigoqo.” 8 USawuli wamemeza amabutho akhe wonke
empini ukuba aye eKheyila ukuyavimbezela uDavida labantu bakhe.
9 Kwathi uDavida esizwa ukuthi uSawuli wayeceba okubi ngaye, wathi ku-
Abhiyathari umphristi, “Letha isembatho samahlombe.” 10 UDavida wasesithi, “Awu
THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, inceku yakho isizwile impela ukuthi uSawuli uceba
ukuza eKheyila achithe idolobho ngenxa yami. 11 Abantu baseKheyila banganginikela
kuye na? USawuli uzakuza na njengalokhu inceku yakho ekuzwileyo? Awu THIXO
Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, itshele inceku yakho.”
UTHIXO wathi, “Uzakuza.”
12 UDavida wabuza njalo wathi, “Abantu baseKheyila bazanginikela labantu bami
kuSawuli na?”
UTHIXO wathi, “Bazakunikela.”
13 Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe, ababengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha ubunengi
babo, basuka eKheyila baqhubeka behamba besuka kwenye indawo baye kwenye.
USawuli esezwile ukuthi uDavida wayesebalekile eKheyila kasayanga khona.
14 UDavida wahlala ezinqabeni zasenkangala lasezintabeni zeNkangala yaseZifi.
Nsuku zonke uSawuli wamdinga, kodwa uNkulunkulu kamnikelanga uDavida
ezandleni zakhe.

15 Kwathi uDavida eseHoreshi eNkangala yaseZifi, wezwa ukuthi uSawuli waye-
phumele ukuyambulala. 16 Njalo indodana kaSawuli uJonathani waya kuDavida
eHoreshi wamsiza ukuba athole amandla kuNkulunkulu. 17 Wathi kuye, “Ungesabi.
Ubaba uSawuli kasoze abeke isandla phezu kwakho. Wena uzakuba yinkosi yako-
Israyeli, njalo mina ngizakuba ngumsekeli wakho. Lobaba uSawuli uyakwazi lokhu.”
18 Bobabili benza isivumelwano phambi kukaThixo. Emva kwalokho uJonathani
waya ekhaya, kodwa uDavida wasala eHoreshi.
19 Abantu baseZifi baya kuSawuli eGibhiya bathi kuye, “Kanti uDavida kacatshanga
phakathi kwethu ezinqabeni eHoreshi, entabeni yaseHakhila, eningizimu kweJeshi-
moni na? 20 Ngakho-ke woza Nkosi nxa kukuthokozisa ukwenzanjalo, thina sizakuba
yithi esizamnikela enkosini.”
21 USawuli waphendula wathi, “Uthixo alibusise ngokungikhathalela kwenu.
22 Hambani liyekwenza amanye amalungiselelo. Dingani ukwazi lapho uDavida
ajayele ukuya khona lokuthi ngubani owambonayo khonapho. Bangitshela ukuthi
uliqili kakhulu. 23 Funani ukwazi ngazozonke izindawo zokucatsha azisebenzisayo
beselibuya kimi lilolwazi oluqinisekileyo. Emva kwalokho ngizahamba lani; nxa
ekhona esigabeni, ngizamdinga phakathi kwezizwana zonke zakoJuda.”
24 Ngakho-ke basuka baya eZifi besandulela uSawuli. Ngalesosikhathi uDavida
labantu bakhe babeseNkangala yaseMawoni, e-Arabha eningizimu kweJeshimoni.
25 USawuli labantu bakhe baqalisa ukudinga, njalo kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe
ngakho wehlela edwaleni wahlala eNkangala yaseMawoni. Kwathi uSawuli es-
ekuzwile lokhu, waya eNkangala yaseMawoni elandela uDavida.
26 USawuli wayehamba ngakwelinye icele lentaba, uDavida labantu bakhe ben-
gakwelinye icele bephangisa ukuba babalekele uSawuli. Kwathi uSawuli lamabutho
akhe sebezamfica uDavida labantu bakhe ukuba babathumbe, 27 kwafika isithunywa
kuSawuli, sisithi, “Woza ngokuphangisa! AmaFilistiya ahlasela ilizwe.” 28 Lapho-
ke uSawuli wayekela ukulandela uDavida wasesiyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Yikho-nje
indawo le beyibiza ngokuthi Sela Hamalekhothi. 29 UDavida wahamba esuka lapho
wayahlala ezinqabeni zase-Eni-Gedi.

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UDavida Uphephisa Impilo KaSawuli

1 Kwathi uSawuli esebuyile ekuxotsheni amaFilistiya watshelwa ukuthi, “UDavida
useNkangala yase-Eni-Gedi.” 2 Ngakho uSawuli wathatha abantu abazinkulungwane
ezintantu abakhethwa ko-Israyeli waphuma ukuyadinga uDavida labantu bakhe
eduze kwamadwala amaGogo.
3 Wafika ezibayeni zezimvu endleleni; kwakulobhalu khonapho, yikho uSawuli
wasengena phakathi ukuba aye ngaphandle. UDavida labantu bakhe babekhatshana
emuva phakathi kobhalu. 4 Abantu bathi, “Leli yilo ilanga uThixo akhuluma ngalo
lapho wathi kuwe, ‘Ngizanikela izitha zakho ezandleni zakho ukuba uziphathe
njengokufisa kwakho.’ ” UDavida wanyenya egaqa waquma umphetho wesembatho
sikaSawuli.
5 Muva uDavida wakhathazeka ngokuquma umphetho wesembatho sikaSawuli.
6 Wathi ebantwini bakhe, “Uthixo kakwenqabele ukwenza into enje enkosini yami,
ogcotshiweyo kaThixo.” 7 Ngala amazwi uDavida wabakhuza abantu bakhe akaze
wabavumela ukuthi bahlasele uSawuli. USawuli waphuma ebhalwini wazihambela.
8 Lapho-ke uDavida waphuma ebhalwini wamemeza uSawuli esithi, “nkosi, nkosi
yami!” Kwathi lapho uSawuli ekhangela emuva kwakhe, uDavida wakhothama wase-
lala phansi ethe mbo phansi ngobuso. 9 Wathi kuSawuli, “Kungani ulalela nxa abantu
besithi, ‘UDavida ujonge ukwenza okubi kuwe’? 10 Lamhla uzibonele ngamehlo

akho ukuthi uTHIXO ukunikele ezandleni zami ebhalwini. Abanye bangikhuthaze
ukuthi ngikubulale, kodwa ngikuphephisile, ngithe, 'Angiyikuphakamisa isandla
sami ngimelana lenkosi yami, ngoba ingogcotshiweyo kaTHIXO.' 11 Khangela, baba,
khangela isiqa sesembatho sakho lesi esisesandleni sami! Ngisiqume emphethweni
wesembatho sakho, kodwa kangikubulalanga. Ngakho zwisisa ubone ukuthi
kangilacala lokwenza okubi loba ukuhlamuka. Kangonanga lutho kuwe, kodwa
wena uyangizingela ufuna ukungibulala. 12 Sengathi uTHIXO angahlulela phakathi
kwami lawe. Njalo sengathi uTHIXO angaphindisela ububi obenze kimi, kodwa esami
isandla kasiyikukuthinta. 13 Njengoba isitsho sendulo sisitsho ukuthi, 'Kwabenza
okubi kuvela izenzo ezimbi,' ngakho esami isandla kasiyikukuthinta.
14 Inkosi yako-Israyeli iphume ukuyamelana lobani na? Ngubani oxotshana laye?
Yinja efileyo na? Yindwebundwebu na? 15 Sengathi uTHIXO angaba ngumahluleli
wethu ahlulele phakathi kwethu. Sengathi angahlola injongo yami ayisekele; sengathi
angangikhulula ngokungisindisa esandleni sakho."
16 Kwathi uDavida eseqedile ukutsho lokhu, uSawuli wabuza wathi, "Lelo yilizwi
lakho, Davida ndodana yami na?" Wasekhala kakhulu. 17 Wasesithi, "Wena ulungile
kakhulu kulami. Ungiphathe kuhle, kodwa mina ngikuphathe kubi. 18 Usungitshelile
khathesi nje okuhle okwenze kimi; uTHIXO unginikele ezandleni zakho, kodwa
kawungibulalanga. 19 Kanje nxa umuntu efica isitha sakhe, uyasiyekela sihambe
singenziwanga lutho olubi na? Sengathi uTHIXO angakunika umvuzo omuhle ngenxa
yendlela ongiphathe ngayo lamhla. 20 Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi impela
kanye lokuthi umbuso wako-Israyeli uzamiswa ezandleni zakho. 21 Khathesi-ke funga
kimi ngo THIXO ukuthi kawuyikubulala inzalo yami loba wesule ibizo lami kwabendlu
kababa."
22 UDavida wafunga kuSawuli. Emva kwalokho uSawuli wabuyela ekhaya, kodwa
uDavida labantu bakhe baya enqabeni.

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UDavida, UNabhali Lo-Abhigeli

1 Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wafa, kwathi u-Israyeli wonke wabuthana wamlilela;
njalo bamngcwaba emzini wakhe eRama. Lapho-ke uDavida wehlela eNkangala
yasePharani.
2 Umuntu othile waseMawoni, owayelempahla khonale eKhameli, wayenothe
kakhulu. Wayelenkulungwane yembuzi lezinkulungwane ezintathu zezimvu ayezi-
gunda eKhameli. 3 Ibizo lakhe lalinguNabhali lebizo lomkakhe lingu-Abhigeli.
Wayengumfazi okhaliphileyo njalo emuhle, kodwa umkakhe, um'Khalebi, waye-
lenhliziyo embi kwabanye abantu.
4 UDavida esenkangala wezwa ukuthi uNabhali wayegunda izimvu. 5 Ngakho
wathuma amajaha alitshumi wathi kuwo, "Hambani kuNabhali eKhameli limbin-
gelele ngebizo lami. 6 Lithi kuye, 'Impilo ende kuwe! Impilo enhle kanye labendlu
yakho! Impilo enhle kukho konke okungokwakho!
7 Khathesi ngizwa kuthiwa yisikhathi sokugunda izimvu. Lapho abelusi bakho
babelathi, kasibaphathanga kubi, njalo isikhathi sonke beseKhameli akukho lutho
olwacatshayo. 8 Buza izinceku zakho zizakutshela. Ngakho ake ube lomusa
ezinsizweni zami, njengoba size ngesikhathi somkhosi. Ake unike izinceku zakho
lendodana yakho uDavida loba kuyini ongabatholela khona.' "
9 Kwathi abantu bakaDavida sebefikile, bamnika uNabhali umbiko lo ngebizo
likaDavida. Emva kwalokho balinda.
10 UNabhali waphendula izinceku zikaDavida wathi, "Ungubani uDavida lowo?
Ingubani indodana kaJese leyo na? Ngalezizinsuku izinceku ezinengi ziyawabalekela

amakhosi azo. 11 Kungani kumele ngithathe isinkwa sami lamanzi, lenyama
engiyihlabele abagundi bami, nginike abantu abavela lapho engingazi khona na?”

12 Abantu bakaDavida baphenduka babuyela emuva. Sebefikile babika amazwi
wonke. 13 UDavida wasesithi ebantwini bakhe, “Hlomani ngezinkemba zenu!”
Ngakho bahloma ngezinkemba zabo, loDavida wahloma ngeyakhe. Abantu
ababengaba ngamakhulu amane bahamba loDavida, kwathi abangamakhulu amabili
basala lempahla.

14 Omunye wezinceku watshela umkaNabhali u-Abhigeli wathi, “UDavida wathuma
izithunywa esenkangala ukuzabingelela inkosi yethu, kodwa yona yazithethisa.
15 Ikanti abantu laba thina basiphatha kuhle. Kabazange basiphathe kubi, njalo
isikhathi sonke sisegangeni phansi kwabo akulalutho olwacatshayo. 16 Emini
lebusuku babengumduli osihonqolozelayo isikhathi sonke siselusela izimvu zethu
phansi kwabo. 17 Kucabange ubone ongakwenza ngoba ingozi iyalenga ngaphezu
kwenkosi yethu labendlu yayo bonke. Ingumuntu omubi kangaka okungelamuntu
ongakhuluma layo.”

18 U-Abhigeli kasachithanga sikhathi. Wathatha izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili,
izikhumba ezimbili zewayini, izimvu ezinhlanu ezihlinziweyo, amagokoko amahlanu
amabele akhanzingiweyo, amakhekhe alikhulu amagrebisi awonyisiweyo, lamakhulu
amabili amakhekhe omkhiwa okhanyiweyo, wakuthwalisa obabhemi. 19 Wasesithi
ezincekwini zakhe, “Hambani phambili; ngizalilandela.” Kodwa umkakhe uNabhali
kamtshelanga.

20 Wathi esiza egade ubabhemi wakhe phakathi kodonga lwentaba, wabona
uDavida labantu bakhe besehla beqonde kuye, wasebahlangabeza. 21 UDavida
wayesanda kuthi, “Kakusizanga lutho konke ukugcina kwami impahla yomuntu lo
enkangala ukuze kungabi lalutho lwakhe olulahlekayo. Ungibhadale okuhle ngokubi.
22 Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaphatha uDavida kabuhlungu nxa ekuseni ngitshiya
indoda eyodwa iphila kubo bonke abangabakhe!”

23 U-Abhigeli esebone uDavida, wehla ngokuphangisa kubabhemi wakhe
wakhothamela phansi phambi kukaDavida ubuso bakhe buthe mbo emhlabathini.
24 Wawela ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, “Nkosi yami, insolo kayibe phezu kwami
ngedwa. Ake uyivumele incekukazi yakho ikhulume lawe; zwana lokho incekukazi
yakho efuna ukukutsho. 25 Sengathi inkosi yami ingayekela ukumnaka umuntu
omubi lowana uNabhali. Ufuze ibizo lakhe, ibizo lakhe lithi Sithutha, njalo
ubuwula buhamba laye. Kodwa-ke mina, incekukazi yakho, angizibonanga insizwa
inkosi yami ezithumileyo. 26 Khathesi njengoba uTHIXO ekugcinile, nkosi yami,
ekuchithekeni kwegazi lasekuphindiseleni ngezandla zakho, ngeqiniso elinjengoba
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ekhona lanjengoba lawe uphila, sengathi izitha zakho
labo bonke abafuna ukwenza okubi kuwe nkosi yami bangaba njengoNabhali.
27 Njalo isipho lesi, incekukazi yakho esilethe enkosini yami, kasiphiwe insizwa
ezikulandelayo.

28 Ake uthethelele ukona kwencekukazi yakho, ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
impela uzakwenzela inkosi yami inzalo yamakhosi engapheliyo, ngoba ilwela izimpi
zikaTHIXO. Akungabi lokona okutholwa kuwe kukho konke ukuphila kwakho.
29 Lanxa omunye exotshana lawe ukuba akubulale, ukuphila kwenkosi yami, uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wakho uzakubophela kuqine elixheni labaphilayo. Kodwa ukuphila
kwezitha zakho uzakuphosela khatshana kungathi kuphuma esikhwameni sesavutha.
30 Lapho uTHIXO eseyenzele inkosi yami zonke izinto ezinhle azithembisayo mayelana
layo, njalo eseyibekile ukuba ngumkhokheli wako-Israyeli, 31 inkosi yami kayiyikuba

lesazela somthwalo ohloniphisayo sokuchithwa kwegazi esingaswelekiyo loba esokuphindisela. Njalo lapho UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu eselethele inkosi yami ukuphumelela, uyikhumbule incekukazi yakho."

32 UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhigeli, "Kadunyiswe UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okuthumileyo lamhla ukuzabonana lami. 33 Sengathi ungabusiswa ngenxa yokwahlulela kwakho okuhle lokuvimbela kwakho ekuchitheni igazi lamhla kanye lasekuphindiseleni kwami ngezandla zami. 34 Ngoba, ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ekhona, yena ongivimbele ekwenzeni okubi kuwe, aluba kawufikanga masinyane ukuzabonana lami, akukho lamunye owesilisa ongokaNabhali obezasala ephila ekudabukeni kokusa."

35 Emva kwalokho uDavida wamukela esandleni sika-Abhigeli lokho ayemlethele khona wasesithi, "Buyela ekhaya ngokuthula. Ngiwazwile amazwi akho ngasivuma isicelo sakho."

36 U-Abhigeli esebuyele kuNabhali, wayesendlini eledili elinjengelenkosi. Wayejabula njalo edakwe kakhulu. Ngakho u-Abhigeli kamtshelanga lutho kwaze kwasa. 37 Kwathi ekuseni, uNabhali engasadakwanga, umkakhe wamtshela zonke lezizinto, watshaywa luvalo woma qha. 38 Emva kwensuku ezazingaba litshumi, UTHIXO wamtshaya uNabhali wafa.

39 Kwathi uDavida esizwa ukuthi uNabhali wayefile, wathi, "Kabongwe UTHIXO, yena osekele injongo yami yokumelana loNabhali ngenxa yokungeyisa. Uvimbele inceku yakhe ekwenzeni okubi njalo wehlisela uNabhali izenzo zakhe ezimbi phezu kwelakhe ikhanda."

Emva kwalokho uDavida wathumela ilizwi ku-Abhigeli emcela ukuba abe ngumkakhe. 40 Izinceku zakhe zaya eKhameli zathi ku-Abhigeli, "UDavida usithume kuwe ukuba sizekuthatha ukuze ube ngumkakhe."

41 U-Abhigeli wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wathi, "Nansi incekukazi yakho, ilungele ukukusebenzela lokugezisa inyawo zezinceku zenkosi yami." 42 U-Abhigeli waphanga wagada ubabhemi, ephelekezelwa yizisebenzikazi zakhe ezinhlanu, wahamba lezithunywa zikaDavida wasesiba ngumkakhe. 43 UDavida wayethethe njalo u-Ahinowama waseJezerili, bobabili-ke baba ngomkakhe. 44 Kodwa uSawuli, indodakazi yakhe uMikhali, umkaDavida, wayeseyinike uPhalithiyeli indodana kaLayishi, owayengowaseGalimi.

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UDavida Uphephisa Impilo KaSawuli Okwesibili

1 AmaZifi aya kuSawuli eGibhiya athi kuye, "UDavida kacatshanga entabeni yaseHakhila, ekhangele eJeshimoni na?"

2 Ngakho uSawuli waya eNkangala yaseZifi, elezinkulungwane ezintathu zabantu bakhe abakhethiweyo bako-Israyeli, ukuyadinga uDavida khona. 3 USawuli wenza isihonqo phansi komgwaqo entabeni yaseHakhila ekhangele eJeshimoni, kodwa uDavida wahlala enkangala. Kwathi ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesemlandele khonale, 4 wathuma inhloli wasekwazi ukuthi uSawuli wayefikile impela.

5 Ngakho uDavida wasuka waya lapho uSawuli ayemise khona wabona lapho okwakulele khona uSawuli lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli webutho. USawuli wayelele phakathi kwesihonqo, ibutho lisezihonqweni limhanqile.

6 UDavida wasebuza u-Ahimeleki umHithi lo-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi, wathi, "Ngubani ozahamba lami phakathi kwesihonqo kuSawuli na?"

U-Abhishayi wathi, "Ngizahamba lawe."

7 Ngakho uDavida lo-Abhishayi baya ebuthweni ebusuku babona uSawuli elele
ubuthongo phakathi kwesihonqo umkhonto wakhe ugwaze phansi eduzane lekhanda
lakhe. U-Abhineri lamabutho babelele bemhanqile.
8 U-Abhishayi wasesithi kuDavida, “Lamhla uNkulunkulu unikele isitha sakho
ezandleni zakho. Khathesi-ke kahle ngimgwazele phansi kanye nje ngomkhonto
wami; kangiyi kugalela kabili.”
9 Kodwa uDavida wathi ku-Abhishayi, “Ungambulali. Ngubani ongabeka isandla
kogcotshiweyo kaThixo angabi lecala na?” 10 Wasesithi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
uThixo ekhona, uThixo yena ngokwakhe uzamtshaya; mhlawumbe isikhathi sakhe
sizafika afe, loba aye empini abhubhe. 11 Kodwa uThixo kanqabele ukuba ngibeke
isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo. Thatha umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi okuphansi
kwekhanda lakhe, sihambe.”
12 Ngakho uDavida wathatha umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi okwakuphansi
kwekhanda likaSawuli, basebehamba. Bonke babelele ngoba uThixo wayebehlisele
ubuthongo obukhulu.
13 UDavida wachaphela ngakwelinye icele wema phezu kwentatshana khatshana;
kwakulebanga elibanzi phakathi kwabo. 14 Wamemeza ibutho lo-Abhineri indodana
kaNeri, wathi, “Kanti kawungiphenduli, Abhineri na?”
U-Abhineri waphendula wathi, “Ungubani wena omemeza inkosi na?”
15 UDavida wathi, “Uyindoda, kawusiyo na? Njalo ngubani onjengawe ko-Israyeli
na? Kungani ungayilindanga inkosi yakho na? Umuntu othile ufikile ukuba abulale
inkosi yakho. 16 Okwenzileyo kakukuhle. Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila,
wena labantu bakho lifanele ukufa, ngoba kaliyilindanga inkosi yenu, ogcotshiweyo
kaThixo. Khangelani emaceleni enu. Ungaphi umkhonto wenkosi lesigxingi samanzi
okube kuphansi kwekhanda layo na?”
17 USawuli walazi ilizwi likaDavida, wasesithi, “Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, Davida
ndodana yami?”
UDavida waphendula wathi, “Yebo yilo, nkosi, nkosi yami.” 18 Wengeza wathi,
“Kanti kungani inkosi yami ixotshana lenceku yayo na? Kuyini engikwenzileyo,
njalo licala bani engilalo na? 19 Khathesi-ke nkosi, nkosi yami, lalela amazwi enceku
yakho. Nxa uThixo ekuqubule ukuba umelane lami, kamkele umhlatshelo. Kodwa
nxa kwenziwe ngabantu, kabathukwe phambi kukaThixo! Khathesi sebengixotshile
esabelweni sami elifeni likaThixo njalo bathi, ‘Hamba uyekhonza abanye onku-
lunkulu.’ 20 Ungenzi igazi lami lichithekele phansi khatshana lobukhona bukaThixo.
Inkosi yako-Israyeli iphumile ukuzadinga insikizi njengomuntu ozingela isikhwehle
ezintabeni.”
21 Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi, “Ngenze isono. Buya Davida, ndodana yami. Ngenxa
yokuthi ukhangele impilo yami njengegugu lamhla, kangiyikuzama futhi ukwenza
okubi kuwe. Ngempela ngenze ubuwula njalo ngiphambanise kakhulu.”
22 UDavida waphendula wathi, “Nanku umkhonto wenkosi. Wothi omunye
wezinsizwa zakho keze ngapha azewuthatha. 23 UThixo uyamnika umvuzo umuntu
wonke ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe. UThixo ukunikele ezan-
dleni zami lamhla, kodwa kade ngingeke ngibeke isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo.
24 Ngeqiniso njengoba ngiqakathekise ukuphila kwakho lamhla, sengathi kanjalo-ke
uThixo angaqakathekisa ukuphila kwami angisindise kukho konke ukuhlupheka.”
25 Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi kuDavida, “Sengathi ungabusiseka, ndodana yami
Davida; uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu njalo unqobe.”
UDavida wasuka wazihambela, uSawuli wasebuyela ekhaya.

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UDavida Phakathi KwamaFilistiya

1 Kodwa uDavida wacabanga wathi, “Ngolunye lwalezi insuku uSawuli uzangibulala. Into engcono engingayenza yikubalekela elizweni lamaFilistiya. Lapho-ke uSawuli uzadela ukungidinga loba kungaphi ko-Israyeli, njalo ngizaphunyuka esandleni sakhe.”
2 Ngakho uDavida labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha basuka laye baya ku-Akhishi indodana kaMawokhi inkosi yaseGathi. 3 UDavida labantu bakhe bahlala eGathi lo-Akhishi. Umuntu ngamunye wayelabendlu yakhe, uDavida elabomkakhe ababili: u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli waseKhameli, umfelokazi kaNabhali.
4 Kwathi uSawuli esetsheliwe ukuthi uDavida wayebalekele eGathi kasamdinganga futhi.
5 UDavida wasesithi ku-Akhishi, “Nxa ngithole umusa emehlweni akho ngabela indawo komunye wemizi yasemaphandleni, ukuze ngiyehlala khona. Inceku yakho ingahlalelani lawe edolobheni lobukhosi na?”
6 Ngakho ngalelolanga u-Akhishi wamnika iZikhilagi, njalo seyaba ngeyamakhosi akoJuda kusukela lapho. 7 UDavida wahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya umnyaka lezinyanga ezine.
8 UDavida labantu bakhe basuka bayahlasela amaGeshuri, amaGirizi kanye lama-Amaleki. (Kusukela ezikhathini zasendulo abantu laba babehlale elizweni elalifika eShuri kanye laseGibhithe.) 9 Lapho uDavida ehlasele indawo, wayengatshiyi ndoda kumbe umfazi ephila, kodwa wayethatha izimvu lenkomo, obabhemi lamakamela, kanye lezigqoko. Wabuyela ku-Akhishi.
10 Lapho u-Akhishi embuza esithi, “Lamhla ubuyehlasela ngaphi na?” UDavida wayesithi, “Besimelane leNegebi yakoJuda,” loba athi, “Besimelane leNegebi yase-Jerameli,” loba athi, “Besimelane leNegebi yama-Kheni.” 11 Katshiyanga ndoda kumbe umfazi ephila ukuba asiwe eGathi ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Bangasiceba bathi, ‘Lokhu yikho okwenziwe nguDavida.’ ” Lokhu yikho ayekwenza sonke isikhathi sokuhlala kwakhe elizweni lamaFilistiya. 12 U-Akhishi wayemthemba uDavida njalo wazitshela wathi, “Usezondakala kangaka ebantwini bakibo, ama-Israyeli, usezakuba yinceku yami kuze kube nininini.”

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1 Ngalezonsuku amaFilistiya aqoqa amabutho awo ukuba alwe lo-Israyeli. U-Akhishi wathi kuDavida, “Kumele uzwisise ukuthi wena labantu bakho lizahamba lami empini.”
2 UDavida wathi, “Lapho-ke uzazibonela okungenziwa yinceku yakho.”
U-Akhishi wathi, “Kulungile, ngizakwenza ube ngumlindi wami impilo yakho yonke.”

USawuli Lowesifazane Oyisanuse E-Endori

3 Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wayesewafa, njalo u-Israyeli wonke wayemlilele wamgcwaba emzini wakibo eRama. USawuli wayesewaxotsha zonke izanuse labemimoya elizweni.
4 AmaFilistiya abuthana eza amisa izihonqo zawo eShunemi, lapho uSawuli wabutha ama-Israyeli wonke wamisa izihonqo eGilibhowa. 5 USawuli ebona ibutho lamaFilistiya wesaba, inhliziyo yakhe yaba lokuthuthumela. 6 Wabuza UTHIXO, kodwa UTHIXO kamphendulanga ngamaphupho loba nge-Urimi kumbe ngabaphrofethi.
7 USawuli wasesithi encekwini zakhe, “Ngidingelani owesifazane oyisanuse ukuze ngiyebuza kuye.”
Bona bathi, “Kulomunye e-Endo.”

8 Ngakho uSawuli waziguqula, wafaka ezinye izigqoko, kwathi ebusuku yena
labantu ababili baya kulowomfazi. Wathi kuye, “Ngibuzela umoya, njalo ungilethele
lowo engizamutsho.”
9 Kodwa owesifazane wathi kuye, “Impela uyakwazi ukuthi uSawuli wenzeni.
Useziqedile izanuse labemimoya elizweni. Kungani uthiya impilo yami ngomjibila
ukuba ngibulawe na?”
10 USawuli wafunga kuye NGOTHIXO wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ekhona,
kawuyikujeziselwa lokhu.”
11 Owesifazane lowo wasesithi, “Ngikuvusele bani na?”
Yena wathi, “Ngilethela uSamuyeli.”
12 Kwathi owesifazane lowo ebona uSamuyeli, wakhala ngelizwi eliphezulu
wasesithi kuSawuli, “Kungani ungikhohlisile na? Wena unguSawuli.”
13 Inkosi yasisithi, “Ungesabi. Kuyini okubonayo?”
Owesifazane wathi, “Ngibona umoya ophuma phansi.”
14 USawuli wathi, “Ukhangeleka njani?”
Owesifazane wathi, “Kuphuma ixhegu eligqoke ingubo.”
Lapho-ke uSawuli wakwazi ukuthi kwakunguSamuyeli, wakhothama wasesithi
mbo phansi ngobuso.
15 USamuyeli wasesithi kuSawuli, “Ungikhathazelani ngokungivusa na?”
USawuli wathi, “Mina ngiphakathi kohlupho olukhulu. AmaFilistiya alwa lami,
njalo uNkulunkulu usengifulathele. Kasangiphenduli, ngabaphrofethi loba ngama-
phupho. Ngakho ngibize wena ukuba ungitshele ukuthi ngenzeni.”
16 USamuyeli wathi, “Ungibizelani, njengoba UTHIXO esekufulathele njalo esebe
yisitha sakho na? 17 UTHIXO usekwenzile lokhu akutsho ngaphambili ngami. UTHIXO
usewuhluthunile umbuso ezandleni zakho wawunika omunye wabomakhelwane
bakho, uDavida. 18 Ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO kawumlalelanga kumbe wafeza ulaka
lwakhe olwesabekayo kuma-Amaleki, UTHIXO wenze lokhu kuwe lamhla. 19 UTHIXO
uzanikela u-Israyeli kanye lawe kumaFilistiya, njalo kusasa wena lamadodana akho
lizakuba lami. UTHIXO uzanikela lebutho lako-Israyeli kumaFilistiya.”
20 Khonokho nje uSawuli wawela phansi wathi daca emhlabathini, esegcwele
ukwesaba ngenxa yamazwi kaSamuyeli. Wayengaselamandla, ngoba wayengadlanga
lutho ilanga lonke mhlalokho lobusuku bonke.
21 Kwathi owesifazane esesondele kuSawuli wabona ukuthi wayethuthumele
kakhulu, wathi kuye, “Khangela, incekukazi yakho ikulalele. Ngibeke ukuphila
kwami engozini ngenza lokho othe ngikwenze. 22 Khathesi-ke ake ulalele incekukazi
yakho uvume ukuba ngikuphe ukudla ukuze udle ube lamandla uzihambele.”
23 Yena wala wathi, “Kangiyikudla.”
Kodwa abantu bakhe baphathisana lowesifazane ukumncenga, waze wabalalela.
Wavuka phansi wahlala esihlalweni.
24 Owesifazane wayelethole elinonisiweyo endlini, alihlaba khonokho nje.
Wathatha impuphu yengqoloyi, wayivuba wenza isinkwa esingelamvubelo.
25 Wasibeka phambi kukaSawuli labantu bakhe, badla. Ngalobobusuku bavuka
bahamba.

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U-Akhishi Ubuyisela UDavida EZikhilagi

1 AmaFilistiya aqoqela wonke amabutho awo e-Afekhi, kwathi u-Israyeli wamisa
emthonjeni weJezerili. 2 Kwathi ababusi bamaFilistiya befola lamabutho abo
angamakhulu lazinkulungwane, uDavida labantu bakhe babefola emuva lo-Akhishi.

3 Umlawuli wamaFilistiya wabuza wathi, “AmaHebheru la-ke?” U-Akhishi waphendula wathi, “Kanti lo kasuDavida yini owayeyisikhulu sikaSawuli inkosi yako-Israyeli na? Usebe lami okudlula umnyaka, njalo kusukela mhla etshiya uSawuli kuze kube khathesi, angikaboni sici kuye.”
4 Kodwa abalawuli bamaFilistiya bamthukuthelela bathi kuye, “Buyisela umuntu lo emuva, ukuze abuyele endaweni owamabela yona. Akumelanga aye empini lathi, hlezi asiphendukele lapho sekulwiwa. Angawuthola ngcono kanjani futhi umusa wenkosi yakhe kulokuthatha amakhanda abantu bakithi na? 5 Kasuyenalo yini uDavida abahlabela ngaye emigidweni yabo besithi:
‘USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe,
kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe’?”
6 Ngakho u-Akhishi wabiza uDavida wathi kuye, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ekhona, ubuthembekile, njalo kade ngingathokoza ukuba lawe usebenze lami empini. Kusukela ngelanga owafika ngalo kimi kuze kube khathesi, angibonanga sici kuwe, kodwa ababusi kabakufuni. 7 Ngakho phenduka uhambe ngokuthula; ungenzi lutho oluzacunula ababusi bamaFilistiya.”
8 UDavida wabuza wathi, “Kanti ngenzeni na? Kuyini okubi okubone encekwini yakho kusukela ngelanga engafika ngalo kuwe kuze kube khathesi na? Kungani ngingeze ngayakulwa lezitha zenkosi yami na?”
9 U-Akhishi waphendula wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ube uthokozisa emehlweni ami njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; kodwa-ke abalawuli bamaFilistiya sebethe, ‘Kafanelanga ukuhamba lathi empini.’ 10 Ngakho vuka ekuseni, kanye lezinceku zenkosi yakho ezeza lawe, lisuke ekuseni lapho kuqalisa ukukhanya.”
11 Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe bavuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuba babuyele elizweni lamaFilistiya, kwathi amaFilistiya aya eJezerili.

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UDavida Uchitha Ama-Amaleki

1 UDavida labantu bakhe bafika eZikhilagi ngelanga lesithathu. Ama-Amaleki ayehlasele iNegebi leZikhilagi. Ayehlasele iZikhilagi ayitshisa, 2 njalo ayethumbe abesifazane labo bonke ababekuyo, abatsha labadala. Kawabulalanga lamunye wabo, kodwa ahamba labo ekuhambeni kwawo.
3 Kwathi uDavida labantu bakhe befika eZikhilagi, bayifica iqothulwe ngomlilo njalo omkabo lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi abo bethunjiwe. 4 Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe bakhala kakhulu baze baphela amandla okukhala. 5 Abafazi baka-Davida bobabili babethunjiwe, u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli, umfelokazi kaNabhali waseKhameli. 6 UDavida wayesekhathazeke kakhulu ngoba abantu babekhuluma ngokumkhanda ngamatshe, lowo lalowo efuthelene emoyeni ngenxa yamadodana akhe lamadodakazi. Kodwa uDavida wathola amandla kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe.
7 UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhiyatha umphristi, indodana ka-Ahimeleki, “Ngilethela isembatho samahlombe.” U-Abhiyathari wasiletha kuye, 8 uDavida wasebuza kuTHIXO esithi, “Ngililandele yini lelixuku elihlaselayo? Ngizalifica na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Lilandele. Uzalifica impela njalo uzaphumelela ekuhlengeni.”
9 UDavida labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ababelaye bafika eDongeni lwaseBhesori, lapho abanye abasala khona, 10 ngoba abangamakhulu amabili basebedinwe kakhulu ukuba bachaphe udonga. Kodwa uDavida labantu abangamakhulu amane baqhubeka belandela.
11 Bafica umGibhithe egangeni bamusa kuDavida. Bamnika amanzi okunatha lokudla ukuba adle, 12 ingxenye yekhekhe lemikhiwa ekhanyiweyo lekhekhe lamavini

awonyisiweyo. Wadla wathola amandla, ngoba wayengadlanga lutho njalo enganathanga manzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.
13 UDavida wambuza wathi, “Ungokabani wena, njalo uvela ngaphi na?”
Yena wathi, “NgingumGibhithe, isigqili som’Amaleki. Inkosi yami ingitshiyile sengigula ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo. 14 Sihlasele iNegebi yamaKherethi lelizwe likaJuda kanye leNegebi yamaKhalebi. Njalo iZikhilagi siyitshisile.”
15 UDavida wambuza wathi, “Ungangisa kulelixuku elihlaselayo na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Funga kimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungibulala kumbe unginikele enkosini yami, besengikusa-ke kubo.”
16 Wakhokhela uDavida, bababona begcwele indawana yonke, besidla, benatha njalo bejabula ngenxa yobunengi bempango ababeyithumbile elizweni lamaFilistiya kanye lakoJuda. 17 UDavida walwa labo kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa ngelanga elilandelayo, njalo kakho owabo owaphunyukayo ngaphandle kwamajaha angamakhulu amane agada amakamela abaleka. 18 UDavida wakuthatha njalo konke okwakuthunjwe ngama-Amaleki kanye labomkakhe ababili. 19 Akukho lutho olwaswelakalayo: omutsha kumbe omdala, umfana kumbe inkazana, impango kumbe olunye nje ulutho ababeluthethe. UDavida wabuyisa konke. 20 Wathatha izimvu zonke lenkomo, abantu bakhe baziqhuba ziphambi kwezinye izifuyo, besithi, “Le yimpango kaDavida.”
21 Emva kwalokho uDavida wafika ebantwini abangamakhulu amabili ababedinwe kakhulu baze behluleka ukumlandela ababesele emuva eDongeni lwaseBhesori. Baphuma bahlangabeza uDavida kanye labantu ababelaye. Kwathi uDavida esesondela labantu bakhe, wababingelela. 22 Kodwa bonke abantu ababi labahlokozi bohlupho abaphakathi kwabalandeli bakaDavida, bathi, “Ngenxa yokuthi kabahambanga lathi kasiyikwabelana labo impango esiyithumbileyo. Kodwa yileyo laleyo indoda ingathatha umkayo labantwabayo ihambe.”
23 UDavida waphendula wathi, “Hatshi, bafowethu, akumelanga lenzenjalo ngalokho uTHIXO asiphe khona. Usivikele wawanikela kithi amabutho abesihlasela. 24 Pho ngubani ozalalela lokhu elikutshoyo na? Isabelo somuntu osele lempahla sizafana lesalowo ohambileyo ekulweni impi. Bonke bazakwabelwa ngokufanayo.”
25 UDavida wenza lokhu kwaba yisimiso lomthetho ko-Israyeli kusukela ngalelolanga kuze kube yileli.
26 UDavida esefikile eZikhilagi, wathumela enye impango ebadaleni bakoJuda, ababengabangane bakhe, esithi, “Nansi isipho senu esivela empangweni yezitha zikaTHIXO.”
27 Wayithumela kulabo ababeseBhetheli, leRamothi Negebi leJathiri, 28 lakulabo abase-Aroweri, eSifimothi, e-Eshithemowa 29 leRakhali; kulabo ababesemizini yamaJerameli lamaKheni. 30 Kulabo ababeseHoma, eBhori-Ashani, e-Athakhi 31 laseHebhroni; lakubo ababekuzo zonke ezinye izindawo lapho uDavida labantu bakhe ababeke bazulazula kuzo.

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USawuli Uyazibulala

1 AmaFilistiya alwa lo-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, njalo abanengi bafela eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. 2 AmaFilistiya axotshana kanzima loSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. 3 Impi yatshisa macele wonke kuSawuli, njalo kwathi abatshoki bemitshoko sebemxhumile, bamlimaza kubi.
4 USawuli wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, “Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungigwaze, hlezi abantu laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze bangenze ihlazo.”

Kodwa umphathi wezikhali zakhe wesaba, akaze akwenza lokho; ngakho uSawuli
wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. 5 Kwathi umphathi wezikhali
ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe wafa
kanye laye. 6 Ngakho uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu lomphathi wezikhali
zakhe kanye labantu bakhe bonke bafa ndawonye ngalo lolosuku.
7 Kwathi abako-Israyeli ababesekele isigodi lalabo ababengaphetsheya kweJodani
bebona ukuthi ibutho lako-Israyeli lalibalekile lokuthi uSawuli kanye lamadodana
akhe basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo babaleka. AmaFilistiya afika ahlala kuyo.
8 Ngelanga elalandelayo, amaFilistiya esefikile ukuba akhuthuze abafileyo, afica
uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. 9 Amquma
ikhanda lakhe athatha lezikhali zakhe, basebethuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe
lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele lindaba ethempelini lezithombe zawo lasebantwini
bakibo. 10 Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini lama-Ashithorethi. Kwathi isidumbu
sakhe asibethela emdulini weBhethi-Shani.
11 Kwathi abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi sebezwile ngokwakwenziwe ngamaFilistiya
kuSawuli, 12 wonke amaqhawe abo alezibindi ahamba ubusuku bonke esiya eBhethi-
Shani. Ethula isidumbu sikaSawuli lezamadodana akhe emdulini weBhethi-Shani aya
eJabheshi, lapho azitshisela khona. 13 Athatha amathambo abo awembela ngaphansi
kwesihlahla somthamarisiki eJabheshi, asezila insuku eziyisikhombisa.

Ugwalo Lwesibili
LukaSamuyeli

UDavida Uzwa Ngokufa KukaSawuli

1 Emva kokufa kukaSawuli, uDavida wabuya evela ekunqobeni ama-Amaleki
wahlala eZikhilagi insuku ezimbili. 2 Ngosuku lwesithathu kwafika umuntu evela
ezihonqweni zikaSawuli, izigqoko zakhe zidabukile njalo egcwele uthuli ekhanda
lakhe. Kwathi esefikile kuDavida waziwisela phansi emhlonipha.
3 UDavida wambuza wathi, "Uvela ngaphi?"
Yena waphendula wathi, "Ngibalekile ezihonqweni zabako-Israyeli."
4 UDavida wabuza wathi, "Kutheni? Ngitshela."
Yena wathi, "Abantu babalekile empini. Inengi labo lifile. USawuli lendodana
yakhe uJonathani labo bafile?"
5 UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elamlethela umbiko, "Wazi njani ukuthi uSawuli
lendodana yakhe uJonathani bafile?"
6 Ijaha lelo lathi, "Kwenzakele ukuthi mina kade ngiphezu kweNtaba iGilibhowa
ngabona uSawuli eyame umkhonto wakhe, izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza
sebebanga kuye. 7 Uthe etshibilika wangibona, wasengibiza, mina ngathi, 'Kuyini
engingakwenza?'
8 Ungibuzile wathi, 'Ungubani wena na?'
Ngiphendule ngathi, 'Ngingum'Amaleki.'
9 Wasesithi kimi, 'Sondela eduze ungibulale! Sengiseduze lokufa, kodwa
ngisaphila.'
10 Ngakho ngisondele kuye ngambulala, ngoba ngazile ukuthi emva kwalokho
ubengeke aphile. Njalo ngithethe umqhele obusekhanda lakhe lesongo ebelisengal-
weni yakhe okuyikho engikulethe lapha enkosini yami."
11 Lapho-ke uDavida labantu bonke ababelaye babamba izigqoko zabo bazid-
abula. 12 Babakhalela, babalilela, babazilela kwaze kwahlwa uSawuli lendodana
yakhe uJonathani kanye lebutho LIKATHIXO lendlu ka-Israyeli, ngoba babebulewe
ngenkemba.
13 UDavida wasesithi ejaheni elalimlethele umbiko, "Wena ungowangaphi na?"
Lona laphendula lathi, "Ngiyindodana yezizweni, um'Amaleki."
14 UDavida waselibuza esithi, "Kungani ungesabanga ukuphakamisa isandla sakho
ukuba ubulale ogcotshiweyo KATHIXO na?"
15 UDavida wabiza omunye wabantu bakhe wathi, "Sondela umgongode!" Ngakho
wamgongoda wafa. 16 Ngoba uDavida wayethe kuye, "Igazi lakho kalibe phezu
kwekhanda lakho. Umlomo wakho ufakaze okubi ngawe lapho wena uthe,
'Ngimbulele ogcotshiweyo KATHIXO.' "

UDavida Ulilela USawuli LoJonathani

17 UDavida walila isililo lesi ngoSawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani, 18 walaya
ukuthi abantu bakoJuda basifundiswe isililo sedandili lesi (silotshiwe eNcwadini
kaJashari):
19 "Udumo lwakho, We Israyeli, lubulewe ezingqongweni zakho.
Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe!

20 Lingabokutsho eGathi,
lingakumemezeli ezindleleni zase-Ashikheloni,

hlezi amadodakazi amaFilistiya athabe,
hlezi amadodakazi abangasokanga athokoze.

21 We zintaba zaseGilibhowa,
kalingabi lamazolo loba izulu,
kumbe amasimu athela amabele eminikelo.
Ngoba khonapho ihawu leqhawe langcoliswa,
ihawu likaSawuli, lingasagcotshwa ngamafutha.

22 Egazini lababuleweyo,
enyameni yamaqhawe
umtshoko kaJonathani kawuphendukanga,
umtshoko kaSawuli kawuphendukanga ungasuthanga.
23 USawuli loJonathani,
ekuphileni babethandeka bengababukekayo,
lekufeni kabehlukaniswanga.
Babelesiqubu kulengqungqulu,
belamandla kulezilwane.

24 Awu madodakazi ako-Israyeli,
mlileleni uSawuli,
owaligqokisa okubomvu lokuhle kakhulu,
owacecisa izembatho zenu ngemiceciso yegolide.

25 Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe empini!
UJonathani ulele efile ezingqongweni zakho.
26 Ngilusizi ngawe Jonathani, mfowethu;
ubuthandeka kakhulu kimi.
Ukungithanda kwakho kade kumangalisa,
kumangalisa okudlula okwabesifazane.

27 Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe!
Izikhali zempi zitshabalele!”

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UDavida Ugcotshwa Ukuba Yinkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uDavida wabuza uTHIXO wathi, “Ngingaya yini kwelinye lamadolobho akoJuda na?”
UTHIXO wathi, “Hamba.”
UDavida wabuza wathi, “Ngiye ngaphi na?”
UTHIXO waphendula wathi, “EHebhroni.”
2 Ngakho uDavida waya khonale labafazi bakhe ababili, u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli, umfelokazi kaNabhali waseKhameli. 3 UDavida wathatha amadoda ayelaye, leyo laleyo labendlu yayo, bayahlala eHebhroni lasemizini yakhona. 4 Ngakho abantu bakoJuda bafika eHebhroni bamgcobela khona uDavida ukuba yinkosi yendlu kaJuda.
Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi yibo ababengcwabe uSawuli, 5 wathuma izithunywa ebantwini baseJabheshi Giliyadi ukuba bayekuthi kubo, “UTHIXO kalibusise ngokubonakalisa umusa lo kuSawuli inkosi yenu ngokumgcwaba. 6 Sengathi khathesi uTHIXO angalitshengisa umusa lokwethembeka, njalo lami futhi ngizalitshengisa lona lolothando ngoba lenze lokhu.

7 Khathesi-ke qinani libe lesibindi, ngoba uSawuli inkosi yenu usefile, njalo indlu
yakoJuda isigcobe mina ukuba yinkosi yabo."

Impi Phakathi Kwendlu KaDavida LekaSawuli

8 Ngalesisikhathi, u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli webutho likaSawuli,
wayethethe u-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli wamletha ngaseMahanayimi.
9 Wamenza waba yinkosi yaseGiliyadi, e-Ashuri kanye leJezerili, eyako-Efrayimi,
lakoBhenjamini kanye lo-Israyeli wonke.
10 U-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eleminyaka
engamatshumi amane ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusa iminyaka emibili. Kodwa indlu
kaJuda yalandela uDavida. 11 Isikhathi uDavida eyinkosi yendlu yakoJuda eHebhroni
saba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha.
12 U-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, ekanye labantu baka-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana
kaSawuli, basuka eMahanayimi baya eGibhiyoni. 13 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya
kanye labantu bakaDavida baphuma bayahlangana labo echibini laseGibhiyoni.
Elinye ixuku lahlala phansi ngakwelinye icele lechibi kwathi elinye lalo ixuku lahlala
ngakwelinye icele.
14 U-Abhineri wasesithi kuJowabi, "Ezinye zezinsizwa kazisukume zilwe mathupha
phambi kwethu."
UJowabi wathi, "Kulungile, kazikwenze lokho."
15 Ngakho zasukuma zabalwa, abantu abalitshumi lambili bakoBhenjamini ngaku-
Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli letshumi lambili abakoDavida. 16 Indoda ngayinye
yabamba lowo eyayisilwa laye ngekhanda yatshonisa inkemba yayo emhlubulweni
walowo eyayisilwa laye, bawela phansi bonke. Ngakho indawo leyo eGibhiyoni
yathiwa yiHelikhathi Hazurimi.
17 Impi ngalolosuku yayinzima, njalo u-Abhineri labantu bako-Israyeli behlulwa
ngabantu bakaDavida.
18 Amadodana amathathu kaZeruya ayekhona: uJowabi, lo-Abhishayi kanye
lo-Asaheli. U-Asaheli wayelejubane njengomziki. 19 Waxotshana lo-Abhineri,
engaphambukeli kwesokudla loba kwesenxele lapho emxhuma. 20 U-Abhineri
wakhangela emuva kwakhe wabuza wathi, "Kanti nguwe, Asaheli?"
Yena waphendula wathi, "Yimi."
21 U-Abhineri wasesithi kuye, "Phambukela eceleni kwesokudla loba kwesenxele;
ubambe enye yezinsizwa uyithathele izikhali zayo." Kodwa u-Asaheli kayekelanga
ukuxotshana laye.
22 U-Abhineri wamxwayisa futhi wathi, "Yekela ukuxotshana lami. Kungani kumele
ngikulahle phansi na? Ngingamkhangela njani ebusweni umfowethu uJowabi na?"
23 Kodwa u-Asaheli wala ukuyekela ukuxotshana laye; ngakho u-Abhineri wamg-
waza esiswini ngomcijo womkhonto wakhe, umkhonto waze wayathutsha emhlane
wakhe. Wawela khonapho, wafela khonapho. Amadoda afika ema nxa efika
endaweni lapho u-Asaheli ayewe wafela kuyo.
24 Kodwa uJowabi lo-Abhishayi baxotshana lo-Abhineri, kwathi ilanga selitshona
bafika eqaqeni lwase-Ama, eduzane leGiya endleleni yenkangala yaseGibhiyoni.
25 Lapho-ke abantu bakoBhenjamini bema ngemva kuka-Abhineri. Benza ixuku
bayajama phezu koqaqa.
26 U-Abhineri wabiza uJowabi wathi, "Kanti inkemba sekumele idle kokuphela na?
Kawuboni ukuthi kuzaphetha kabuhlungu na? Koze kube nini phambi kokuba ulaye
abantu bakho ukuba bayekele ukuxotshana labafowabo na?"
27 UJowabi waphendula wathi, "Ngeqiniso njengoba uNkulunkulu ekhona, aluba
kawukhulumanga, amadoda la abezaxotshana labafowabo kuze kube sekuseni."

28 Ngakho uJowabi watshaya icilongo, bonke abantu bakhe basebesima, kabasaxotshananga lo-Israyeli, kumbe babuye balwe futhi.

29 Ngalobobusuku bonke u-Abhineri labantu bakhe bahamba badabula i-Arabha. Bachapha iJodani, baqhubeka bedabula iBhethironi yonke baze bayafika eMahanayimi.

30 UJowabi waphenduka ekuxotshaneni lo-Abhineri wasebuthanisa abantu bakhe bonke. Ngaphandle kuka-Asaheli abantu bakaDavida abalitshumi lasificamunwemunye batholakala bengekho. 31 Kodwa abantu bakaDavida babebulele abakoBhenjamini ababelo-Abhineri abangamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha. 32 Bathatha u-Asaheli bayamngcwaba ethuneni likayise eBhethilehema. Emva kwalokho uJowabi labantu bakhe bahamba ubusuku bonke bafika eHebhroni emadabukakusa.

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1 Impi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida yathatha isikhathi eside. UDavida wathuthuka elokhu esiba lamandla, kodwa indlu kaSawuli yaqhubeka ilokhu iphela amandla.

2 UDavida wazala amadodana la eHebhroni:

Izibulo lakhe lalingu-Amnoni indodana ka-Ahinowama owaseJezerili;
3 eyesibili kunguKhileyabi indodana ka-Abhigeli umfelokazi kaNabhali waseKhameli;
eyesithathu kungu-Abhisalomu indodana kaMahakha indodakazi kaThalimayi inkosi yaseGeshuri;
4 eyesine kungu-Adonija indodana kaHagithi;
eyesihlanu kunguShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali;
5 eyesithupha kungu-Ithireyamu indodana yomkaDavida u-Egila.

La uDavida wawazalela eHebhroni.

U-Abhineri Uya KuDavida

6 Ngesikhathi sempi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida, u-Abhineri wayeqinisa isikhundla sakhe endlini kaSawuli. 7 Kunjalo-nje uSawuli wayekade elomfazi weceleni owayethiwa nguRizipha indodakazi ka-Ayiya. U-Ishi-Bhoshethi wasesithi ku-Abhineri, “Kungani wembathe lomkababa owangaphandle na?”

8 U-Abhineri wazonda kakhulu ngenxa yalokho okwatshiwo ngu-Ishi-Bhoshethi, wasephendula esithi, “Kanti ngilikhanda lenja eceleni lakoJuda na? Lanamuhla ngithembekile endlini kayihlo uSawuli lasemulini yakhe lakubangane bakhe. Angikunikelanga kuDavida. Kodwa khathesi usungethesa icala ngowesifazane lo! 9 UNkulunkulu kamjezise u-Abhineri ngokunzima kakhulu, nxa uDavida nginga-menzeli lokho uTHIXO amthembisa khona ngesifungo 10 ngisuse umbuso endlini kaSawuli ngimise isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida ko-Israyeli lakoJuda kusukela koDani kusiyafika eBherishebha.” 11 U-Ishi-Bhoshethi kasatshongo elinye ilizwi ku-Abhineri, ngoba wayemesaba.

12 Emva kwalokho u-Abhineri wathuma izithunywa zimele yena ukuba ziyekuthi kuDavida, “Kanti ilizwe ngelikabani na? Yenza isivumelwano lami, mina ngizakusiza ekuletheni u-Israyeli wonke kuwe.”

13 UDavida wathi, “Kulungile, ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe. Kodwa ngi-
funa into eyodwa kuwe: Ungezi kimi ngaphandle kokuba uze loMikhali indo-
dakazi kaSawuli lapho usizangibona.” 14 UDavida wasethuma izithunywa ku-Ishi-
Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli ebamba ngamandla esithi, “Ngipha umkami uMikhali,
engazendisela yena kimi ngentengo yamajwabu emiphambili yamaFilistiya alikhulu.”
15 Ngakho u-Ishi-Bhoshethi wakhupha imilayo uMikhali wahlubulwa kumkakhe
uPhalithiyeli indodana kaLayishi. 16 Kodwa umkakhe wahamba laye ekhala ngemva
kwakhe indlela yonke kusiya eBhahurimi. U-Abhineri wasesithi kuye, “Buyela
ekhaya!” Ngakho wabuyela.
17 U-Abhineri wakhuluma labadala bako-Israyeli wathi, “Sekulesikhathi esithile
lifuna ukwenza uDavida abe yinkosi yenu. 18 Khathesi-ke kwenzeni! Ngoba UTHIXO
wathembisa uDavida wathi, ‘Ngenceku yami uDavida ngizahlenga abantu bami u-
Israyeli esandleni samaFilistiya lasesandleni sezitha zabo zonke.’ ”
19 U-Abhineri wakhuluma njalo labakoBhenjamini yena ngokwakhe. Emva
kwalokho waya eHebhroni ukuyatshela uDavida konke u-Israyeli kanye lendlu
yonke kaBhenjamini ababefuna ukukwenza. 20 Kwathi u-Abhineri, owayelabantu
abangamatshumi amabili, efika kuDavida eHebhroni, uDavida wamenzela idili kanye
labantu bakhe. 21 U-Abhineri wasesithi, “Yekela ngihle ngihambe ngiyebuthanisela
inkosi, inkosi yami, u-Israyeli wonke, ukuze benze isivumelwano lawe, lokuthi
ungabusa konke okufiswa yinhliziyo yakho.” Ngakho uDavida wathi u-Abhineri
kahambe, wahamba ngokuthula.

UJowabi Ubulala U-Abhineri

22 Khonokho nje abantu bakaDavida loJowabi babuya bevelahlasela njalo beze
lempango enengi kakhulu. Kodwa u-Abhineri wayesesukile kuDavida eHebhroni,
ngoba uDavida wayethe kahambe, njalo wayehambe ngokuthula. 23 Kwathi uJowabi
lamabutho wonke ayelaye befika, watshelwa ukuthi u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri
wayeze enkosini lokuthi inkosi yayithe kahambe njalo ahambe ngokuthula.
24 Ngakho uJowabi waya enkosini wathi, “Kuyini okwenzileyo? Khangela, u-
Abhineri ufikile kuwe. Kungani umyekele wahamba? Khathesi usehambile!
25 Uyamazi u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri; ulande ukuzakukhohlisa lokubona ukuham-
bahamba kwakho kanye lokwazi konke okwenzayo.”
26 UJowabi wasuka kuDavida wasethuma izithunywa ukuba zilandele u-Abhineri,
njalo zayabuya laye zivela emthonjeni waseSira. Kodwa uDavida kakwazanga lokho.
27 Khathesi-ke Abhineri, esebuyele eHebhroni, uJowabi wamusa eceleni esangweni,
kungani uzakhuluma laye ngasese. Khonapho-ke ukuba aphindisele igazi lomfowabo
u-Asaheli, uJowabi wamgwaza esiswini, wafa.
28 Muva, uDavida esekuzwile lokhu, wathi, “Mina lombuso wami kasilacala lanini
phambi KUKATHIXO mayelana legazi lika-Abhineri indodana kaNeri. 29 Sengathi
igazi lakhe lingehlela phezu kwekhanda likaJowabi laphezu kwendlu yonke kayise.
Sengathi endlini kaJowabi akungasweleki lanininini omunye olenxeba elibhibhidlayo
loba ubulephero, loba edondolozela ngodondolo kumbe obulawa ngenkemba loba
oswela ukudla.”
30 (UJowabi lomfowabo u-Abhishayi bambulala u-Abhineri ngoba wayebulele
umfowabo u-Asaheli empini eGibhiyoni.)
31 UDavida wasesithi kuJowabi lakubo bonke abantu ababelaye, “Dabulani izigqoko
zenu ligqoke amasaka lihambe ngokulila phambi kuka-Abhineri.” Inkosi uDavida
yena ngokwakhe wahamba ngemva kwethala lesidumbu. 32 U-Abhineri bamgcwaba
eHebhroni, njalo inkosi yakhala yaphumisela ethuneni lika-Abhineri. Abantu bonke
labo bakhala.
33 Inkosi yahlabelela u-Abhineri isililo lesi:

“U-Abhineri bekumele afe njengokufa kwezixhwali na?
34 Izandla zakho kade zingabotshwanga,
inyawo zakho zingelamaketane.
Ufe ngokubulawa ngabantu ababi.”
Abantu bonke bamlilela futhi.
35 Emva kwalokho bonke beza bancenga uDavida ukuba adle okunye nje kusesemini; kodwa uDavida wafunga esithi, “UNkulunkulu kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa nginambitha isinkwa loba olunye ulutho ilanga lingakatshoni!”
36 Abantu bonke bakunanzelela njalo bathaba; impela konke okwenziwa yinkosi kwabathokozisa. 37 Ngakho ngalelolanga abantu bonke lo-Israyeli wonke bakwazi ukuthi inkosi yayingelasandla ekubulaweni kuka-Abhineri indodana kaNeri.
38 Inkosi yasisithi ebantwini bayo, “Kaliboni yini ukuthi inkosana lomuntu odumileyo ifile ko-Israyeli lamhla na? 39 Njalo lamhla, lanxa ngiyinkosi egcotshiweyo, ngibuthakathaka, njalo amadodana kaZeruya la alamandla kakhulu kulami. Sengathi UTHIXO angaphindisela umenzi wokubi mayelana lezenzo zakhe ezimbi!”

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Ukubulawa Kuka-Ishi-Bhoshethi
1 Kwathi u-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli esezwile ukuthi u-Abhineri wayefile eHebhroni, wahedezela, lo-Israyeli wonke wathithibala. 2 Indodana kaSawuli yayilabantu ababili ababezinduna zamaqembu okuhlasela. Omunye wayethiwa nguBhana omunye enguRekhabi; babengamadodana kaRimoni umBherothi owesizwana sakoBhenjamini, iBherothi ithathwa njengengxenye yakoBhenjamini, 3 ngoba abantu baseBherothi babalekela eGithayimi njalo sebahlala khona njengezizwe kuze kube lamhla.
4 (UJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayelendodana eyayiqhula inyawo zombili. Yayileminyaka emihlanu ubudala bayo ekufikeni kombiko ngoSawuli loJonathani uvela eJezerili. Umlizane wayo wayiphakamisa wabaleka, kodwa wathi ephanga ukusuka yawela phansi yagogeka. Ibizo layo lalinguMefibhoshethi.)
5 Ngalesosikhathi uRekhabi loBhana, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi, basuka baya endlini ka-Ishi-Bhoshethi, bafika khona emini enkulu ilanga livutha yena ephumula okwemini. 6 Baya phakathi kakhulu kwendlu kungathi bayathatha amabele, basebemgwaza esiswini. Emva kwalokho uRekhabi loBhana bathi nyelele bahamba.
7 Babengene endlini yena elele embhedeni ekamelweni lakhe lokulala. Emva kokuba sebemgwaze bambulala, baquma ikhanda lakhe. Balithatha, bahamba ubusuku bonke ngendlela yase-Arabha. 8 Ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhoshethi balisa kuDavida eHebhroni bathi enkosini, “Nanti ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli, isitha sakho, esazama ukukubulala. Ngalolusuku UTHIXO umphindiselele umhlekazi wami inkosi kuSawuli lenzalo yakhe.”
9 UDavida waphendula uRekhabi lomfowabo uBhana, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ukhona, yena ongihlenge kuzozonke inhlupheko, 10 kwathi umuntu engitshela ukuthi, ‘USawuli usefile,’ ecabanga ukuthi wayeletha umbiko omuhle ngamxhakalaza ngambulala eZikhilagi. Lowo waba ngumvuzo engamupha wona ngenxa yalowombiko! 11 Pho kudlula ngokungakanani nxa abantu ababi bebulele umuntu omsulwa endlini engeyakhe njalo embhedeni ongowakhe, ngingalithonisi yini khathesi igazi lakhe ezandleni zenu ngilisuse emhlabeni na!”
12 Ngakho uDavida walaya abantu bakhe, bababulala. Baquma izandla zabo lezinyawo, balengisa izidumbu phansi kwechibi eHebhroni. Kodwa bathatha ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhoshethi bayalingcwaba ethuneni lika-Abhineri eHebhroni.

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UDavida Uba Yinkosi Yako-Israyeli

1 Zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli zaya kuDavida eHebhroni zathi, “Thina siyinyama
yakho legazi lakho. 2 Esikhathini esedlulayo, uSawuli eseseyinkosi yethu, wena
nguwe owawukhokhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wakhe wezimpi. LOTHIXO wathi
kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo uzakuba ngumbusi
wabo.’ ”
3 Kwathi abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini uDavida eHebhroni,
inkosi yenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi KUKATHIXO, basebegcoba uDavida
ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli.
4 UDavida waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amane. 5 EHebhroni wabusa uJuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa
lezinyanga eziyisithupha, kwathi eJerusalema wabusa u-Israyeli wonke loJuda
iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu.

UDavida Unqoba IJerusalema

6 Inkosi labantu bayo baya eJerusalema ukuyahlasela amaJebusi ayehlala khona.
AmaJebusi athi kuDavida, “Kawuyikungena lapha; leziphofu labaqhulayo bangaku-
vimba.” Acabanga athi, “UDavida angeke angene lapha.” 7 Kodwa uDavida
wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida.
8 Ngalolosuku uDavida wathi, “Lowo onqoba amaJebusi kuzamele asebenzise
umgelo wamanzi ukuba afinyelele ‘abaqhulayo leziphofu’ labo abayizitha zika-
Davida.” Yikho-nje besithi, “Iziphofu labaqhulayo” kabayikungena esigodlweni.
9 UDavida wasehlala enqabeni waseyibiza ngokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. Wakha
enhlangothini zonke zayo kusukela emadundulwini ayelapho kusiya phakathi.
10 Waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla wayelaye.
11 Ngalesosikhathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire wathuma izithunywa kuDavida
zilezigodo zemisedari lababazi bamapulanka kanye lababazi bamatshe, bakhela
uDavida isigodlo. 12 UDavida wakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO wayembekile ukuba abe yinkosi
yako-Israyeli wawuphakamisa lombuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli.
13 Esesukile eHebhroni uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi beceleni kanye labafazi
eJerusalema, kwazalwa amanye amadodana lamadodakazi futhi. 14 Nanka amabizo
abantwana abazalelwa khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani, uSolomoni, 15 u-
Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, uNefegi, uJafiya, 16 u-Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi.

UDavida Unqoba AmaFilistiya

17 Kwathi amaFilistiya esezwe ukuthi uDavida wayegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yako-
Israyeli wonke aphuma ehlome ephelele esiyamdinga, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa
lokho wasesehlela enqabeni. 18 AmaFilistiya ayesefikile njalo esegcwele eSigodini
saseRefayi, 19 ngakho uDavida wabuza UTHIXO wathi, “Ngingayawahlasela amaFilis-
tiya na? Uzawanikela kimi na?”
UTHIXO wamphendula wathi, “Hamba, ngoba impela amaFilistiya ngizawanikela
kuwe.”
20 Ngakho uDavida waya eBhali Pherazimi, lapho awehlula khona. Wathi,
“Njengamanzi efohla, UTHIXO ufohlele ezitheni zami phambi kwami.” Ngakho
leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBhali Pherazimi. 21 AmaFilistiya abaleka atshiya
izithombe zawo khonapho, uDavida labantu bakhe bazithatha bahamba lazo.
22 AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo abuya, agcwala eSigodini saseRefayi; 23 ngakho
uDavida wabuza UTHIXO, yena waphendula wathi, “Ungayi uqondile, kodwa bhoda
ngemva kwawo uwahlasele maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu. 24 Kuzakuthi lapho
usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezihlahleni zebhalisamu, uqhubeke ngokuphangisa,

ngoba lokho kuzakutsho ukuthi UTHIXO usehambe phambi kwakho ukuyahlasela amabutho amaFilistiya.” 25 Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe NGUTHIXO, njalo amaFilistiya wawacakazela phansi umango wonke kusukela eGibhiyoni kusiya eGezeri.

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Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano Lilethwa EJerusalema

1 UDavida wabuya wabuthanisa abantu bako-Israyeli abakhethiweyo, sebebonke babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. 2 Yena labantu bakhe bonke baya eBhala yakoJuda ukuthi bayethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu khonale elibizwa ngeBizo, ibizo LIKATHIXO uSomandla, ohleziyo esihlalweni sobukhosi ephahlwe ngamakherubhi aphezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. 3 Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu balifaka phezu kwenqola entsha balisusa endlini ka-Abhinadabi eyayiseqaqeni. U-Uza lo-Ahiyo amadodana ka-Abhinadabi, babetshayela inqola entsha 4 eyayithwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, u-Ahiyo ehamba phambi kwayo. 5 UDavida lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli benza umkhosi omkhulu wokuthokoza ngamandla abo wonke phambi KUKATHIXO ngokuhlabela izingoma lokutshaya amachacho, lemihubhe, lamagedla kanye lamasimbali.

6 Bathi befika esizeni sikaNakhoni, u-Uza welulela isandla sakhe ebhokisini lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu walibamba ngoba inkabi zazikhubeka. 7 Ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha ngo-Uza ngenxa yesenzo sakhe sokungahloniphi, ngakho uNkulunkulu wamtshaya njalo wahle wafela khonapho phansi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.

8 Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza.

9 UDavida wamesaba UTHIXO ngalolosuku, wathi, “Pho ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lingeza njani kimi?” 10 Wayengasafuni ukuthatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, ukuba libe kuye eDolobheni likaDavida. Esikhundleni salokho, waliphambulela endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi. 11 Ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lahlala endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi okwezinyanga ezintathu, UTHIXO wambusisa kanye lendlu yakhe yonke.

12 Inkosi uDavida watshelwa kwathiwa, “UTHIXO useyibusisile indlu ka-Obhedi-Edomi lakho konke alakho ngenxa yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.” Ngakho uDavida wahamba wayathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi walisa eDolobheni likaDavida ngokuthokoza. 13 Kwakusithi labo ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO bangahamba izinyathelo eziyisithupha, anikele umhlatshelo wenkunzi lethole elinonisiweyo. 14 UDavida wayegqoke isigqoko samahlombe selineni, wagida phambi KUKATHIXO ngamandla akhe wonke, 15 lapho yena kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli beletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO ngokumemeza langokukhala kwamacilongo.

16 Kwathi lapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO selingena eDolobheni likaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wayebukele elunguze ngefasitela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida eseqa egida phambi KUKATHIXO, wameyisa enhliziyweni yakhe.

17 Baliletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO balibeka endaweni yalo phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele lona, njalo uDavida wenza umhlatshelo weminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano phambi KUKATHIXO. 18 Eseqedile umhlatshelo weminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano wabusisa abantu ngebizo LIKATHIXO uSomandla. 19 Umuntu ngamunye phakathi kwexuku lonke lako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, wamnika isinkwa, lekhekhe lezithelo kanye lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo. Abantu bonke baya emizini yabo.

20 Kwathi uDavida esebuyele ekhaya ukuba abusise abendlu yakhe, uMikhali
indodakazi kaSawuli waphuma wamhlangabeza, wasesithi, “Yeka ukuzibonakalisa
inkosi yako-Israyeli ekwenzileyo lamhla ihlubula phambi kwezigqilikazi zezinceku
zayo njengokungenziwa lilema!”
21 UDavida wathi kuMikhali, “Kade kuphambi kukaThixo, owangikhetha phambi
kukayihlo laphambi kwendlu yakhe yonke, wangimisa ukuba ngibe ngumbusi ko-
Israyeli bantu bakaThixo, isibili ngizathokoza phambi kukaThixo. 22 Ngizakweyiseka
kakhulu kulalokhu, njalo ngehliselwe phansi emehlweni ami. Kodwa izigqilikazi lezi
okhulume ngazo zizangihlonipha.”
23 UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli kabanga lomntwana waze wafa.

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Isithembiso SikaNkulunkulu KuDavida

1 Kwathi inkosi isihlala esigodlweni sayo uThixo eseyiphumuzile kuzozonke izitha
zayo enhlangothini zonke, 2 yathi kuNathani umphrofethi, “Mina ngilapha, ngihlala
esigodlweni semsedari, kodwa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lilokhu
lihlala ethenteni.”
3 UNathani waphendula inkosi wathi, “Loba kuyini okusengqondweni yakho,
qhubeka ukwenze, ngoba uThixo ulawe.”
4 Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuNathani, lisithi:
5 “Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
Nguwe yini omele ungakhele indlu yokuhlala kuyo? 6 Mina angikaze ngihlale
endlini kusukela ngosuku engabakhulula ngalo ama-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kube
lamuhla. Ngibe ngihamba ngisuka kwenye indawo ngisiya kwenye ithente
liyindawo yami yokuhlala. 7 Loba kungaphi engahamba khona labako-Israyeli
bonke, ngake ngatsho yini komunye wababusi babo engangibalaye ukuthi beluse
abantu bami u-Israyeli ngathi, “Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?” ’
8 Ngakho-ke, tshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu, ukuba ube ngumbusi
wabantu bami u-Israyeli. 9 Ngibe lawe loba kungaphi lapho oya khona, njalo
ngizinqobile zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Khathesi ngizakwenza ibizo
lakho libe likhulu, njengamabizo amadoda adumileyo asemhlabeni. 10 Njalo
ngizabanika indawo abantu bami u-Israyeli ngibagxumeke ukuze babe lekhaya
elingelabo bangabe besakhathazwa futhi. Abantu ababi kabasayikubancindezela
futhi njengalokhu abakwenza ekuqaliseni, 11 bakwenza futhi kusukela ngesikhathi
engamisela ngaso abantu bami u-Israyeli abakhokheli. Njalo ngizakuphumuza
kuzozonke izitha zakho.
UThixo wafunga kuwe ukuthi uThixo yena ngokwakhe uzakumisela indlu: 12 Nxa
insuku zakho seziphelile usuphumula labokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo
yakho ithathe isikhundla sakho, ozaphuma emzimbeni wakho, ngizawuqinisa
umbuso wakhe. 13 Lowo nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu, njalo ngizaqinisa
isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakhe kuze kube nininini. 14 Ngizakuba nguyise,
yena abe yindodana yami. Angenza okubi ngizamjezisa ngomqwayi wabantu,
ukuklebhula okwenziwa ngabantu. 15 Kodwa uthando lwami kaluyikususwa
kuye lanini, njengokulususa kwami kuSawuli, engamsusayo phambi kwakho.
16 Indlu yakho lombuso wakho kuzaqina nini lanini phambi kwami; isihlalo sakho
sobukhosi sizakuma kuze kube nininini.’ ”
17 UNathani wambikela uDavida wonke amazwi alesisambulelo.

Umkhuleko KaDavida

18 Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi kukaThixo wasesithi:

"Ngingubani, awu THIXO Wobukhosi, bayini abendlu yami, ukuba ungifikise lapha na? 19 Njalo sekungathi lokhu akwanelanga emehlweni akho, awu THIXO Wobukhosi, usukhulumile futhi ngesikhathi esizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Le yiyo yini indlela yakho ejayelekileyo yokuphatha abantu, awu THIXO Wobukhosi?
20 Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho kuwe? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, awu THIXO Wobukhosi. 21 Ngoba ngenxa yelizwi lakho langentando yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu njalo wayenza yazakala encekwini yakho.
22 Yeka ubukhulu bakho, awu THIXO Wobukhosi! Kakho ofanana lawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengoba sizizwele ngezindlebe zethu. 23 Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni uNkulunkulu ayazihlengela sona ukuba sibe ngabantu bakhe, lokuze azenzele udumo kanye lokwenza izimangaliso ezinkulu lezesabekayo ngokuxotsha izizwe labonkulunkulu bazo phambi kwabantu bakho owabahlenga eGibhithe na? 24 Ubeke abantu bakho u-Israyeli njengabantu bakho kuze kube nini lanini, njalo wena, THIXO, usunguNkulunkulu wabo.
25 Khathesi-ke, THIXO Nkulunkulu, sigcine kuze kube phakade isithembiso osenzileyo mayelana lenceku yakho lendlu yayo. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, 26 ukuze ibizo lakho libe likhulu kuze kube nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, 'UTHIXO uSomandla unguNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli!' Lendlu yenceku yakho uDavida izamiswa phambi kwakho.
27 Awu THIXO Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ukuvezile lokhu encekwini yakho usithi, 'Ngizakwakhela indlu.' Ngakho inceku yakho ibe lesibindi sokukhuleka umkhuleko lo kuwe. 28 THIXO Wobukhosi, unguNkulunkulu! Amazwi akho athembekile, njalo usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. 29 Khathesi-ke ake uthokoziswe yikubusisa indlu yenceku yakho, ukuze ihlale isemehlweni akho kuze kube nininini; ngoba wena, awu THIXO Wobukhosi, usukhulumile, njalo ngokubusiswa nguwe indlu yenceku yakho izabusiseka kuze kube nininini."

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Ukunqoba KukaDavida

1 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi uDavida wawehlula amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba iMethegi Ama eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya.

2 UDavida njalo wehlula amaMowabi. Wawalalisa phansi emhlabathini wawalinganisa ngobude bentambo. Zonke izilinganiso ezimbili zawo zabulawa, kwathi isilinganiso sesithathu sayekelwa siphila. Ngakho amaMowabi abuswa nguDavida athela imithelo kuye.

3 UDavida wabuya wahlasela wanqoba uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobhi, inkosi yaseZobha, lapho aya khona ukuyavuselela umbuso wakhe ngaseMfuleni iYufrathe. 4 UDavida wathumba izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili zamabutho ahamba ngenyawo. Waquma imisipha yamabhiza wonke adonsa izinqola zokulwa ngaphandle kwalikhulu.

5 Kwathi ama-Aramu aseDamaseko efika ukuzoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavida wabulala azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili zawo. 6 Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda elizweni lama-Aramu eDamaseko, kwathi ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe aletha imithelo. UTHIXO wamnika ukunqoba uDavida loba kungaphi lapho aya khona.

7 UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide eziphathamandla zikaHadadezeri wawasa eJerusalema. 8 Kusukela eThebha kanye laseBherothayi, imizi eyayingekaHadadezeri, inkosi uDavida yathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulu.
9 Lapho uTowu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi uDavida wayelehlule lonke ibutho likaHadadezeri, 10 wathumela indodana yakhe uJoramu enkosini uDavida ukuyambingelela lokuyamenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba kwakhe uHadadezeri empini, owayesilwa impi loTowu. UJoramu wamlethela izitsha zesiliva lezegolide kanye lezethusi.
11 Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisela UTHIXO lezo zinto njengalokhu ayekwenze ngesiliva legolide okwavela kuzozonke izizwe ayezehlule: 12 I-Edomi leMowabi, ama-Amoni lamaFilistiya kanye lama-Amaleki. Wanikela lempango eyathathwa kuHadadezeri indodana kaRehobhi, inkosi yaseZobha.
13 UDavida waba lodumo emva kokubuya kwakhe evela kulwa lama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili eSigodini seTswayi.
14 Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda kulolonke elase-Edomi, njalo wonke ama-Edomi abuswa nguDavida. UTHIXO wamnika ukunqoba uDavida loba kungaphi lapho aya khona.

Izikhulu ZikaDavida

15 UDavida wabusa kulolonke elako-Israyeli, esenza okuqondileyo lokulungele abantu bakhe bonke. 16 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephethe amabutho; uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi wayengumabhalane; 17 uZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi; uSeraya wayengumabhalane; 18 uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi; amadodana kaDavida ayengabaphristi.

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UDavida LoMefibhoshethi

1 UDavida wabuza wathi, “Kambe angabe ekhona yini osaseleyo endlini kaSawuli engingabonakalisa umusa wami kuye ngenxa kaJonathani na?”
2 Ngalesosikhathi kwakulenceku yendlu kaSawuli eyayithiwa nguZibha. Bambiza ukuba abonane loDavida, inkosi yasisithi kuye, “Wena unguye uZibha na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Yimi inceku yakho.”
3 Inkosi yabuza yathi, “Kakho yini osaseleyo endlini kaSawuli engingabonakalisa kuye umusa kaNkulunkulu na?”
UZibha wayiphendula inkosi wathi, “Isesekhona indodana kaJonathani; igogekile inyawo zombili.”
4 Inkosi yabuza yathi, “Ungaphi?”
UZibha waphendula wathi, “Usendlini kaMakhiri indodana ka-Amiyeli eLo-Debhari.”
5 Ngakho inkosi uDavida wathumela ukuba ayethathwa eLo-Debhari endlini kaMakhiri indodana ka-Amiyeli.
6 Kwathi uMefibhoshethi indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, esefikile kuDavida, wakhothamela phansi emhlonipha.
UDavida wasesithi, “Mefibhoshethi!”
Waphendula wathi, “Yimi inceku yakho.”
7 UDavida wathi kuye, “Ungesabi, ngoba impela ngizakutshengisa umusa ngenxa kayihlo uJonathani. Ngizawubuyisela kuwe wonke umhlaba owawungokay-ihlomkhulu uSawuli, njalo wena uzakudla etafuleni lami kokuphela.”
8 UMefibhoshethi wakhothama wathi, “Inceku yakho iyini na, ukuba unake inja efileyo njengami nje?”

9 UDavida wabiza uZibha, inceku kaSawuli, wathi kuye, “Indodana yendodana
yenkosi yakho sengiyinike konke okwakungokuka Sawuli labendlu yakhe. 10 Wena
lamadodana akho lezinceku zakho lizamlimela amasimu lilethe amabele ukuze
indodana yendodana yenkosi yakho ibe lokudla. Njalo uMefibhoshethi indodana
yendodana yenkosi yakho, izakudla etafuleni lami kokuphela.” (UZibha lo wayela-
madodana alitshumi lanhlanu kanye lezinceku ezingamatshumi amabili.)
11 UZibha wasesithi enkosini, “Inceku yakho izakwenza loba kuyini umhlekazi
wami inkosi elaya inceku yayo ukuba ikwenze.” Ngakho uMefibhoshethi wadla
etafuleni likaDavida njengomunye wamadodana enkosi.
12 UMefibhoshethi wayelendodana esengumfanyana eyayithiwa nguMikha, njalo
bonke abendlu kaZibha babezinceku zikaMefibhoshethi. 13 Njalo uMefibhoshethi
wayehlala eJerusalema, edlela etafuleni lenkosi kokuphela, njalo egogekile inyawo
zombili.

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UDavida Wehlula Ama-Amoni

1 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi, inkosi yama-Amoni yafa, kwathi uHanuni indodana
yayo waba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo. 2 UDavida wacabanga wathi, “Ngizakuba
lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi, njengoyise owayelomusa kimi.” Ngakho
uDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngoyise.
Kwathi abantu bakaDavida sebefikile elizweni lama-Amoni, 3 izikhulu zama-Amoni
zathi kuHanuni inkosi yazo, “Kambe ucabanga ukuthi uDavida uyamhlonipha uyihlo
ngokuthuma izithunywa ukuthi zizokukhalela na? UDavida kazithumanga ukuba
zizekhangela idolobho zilihlole njalo zihluthune umbuso na?” 4 Ngakho uHanuni
wabamba izithunywa zikaDavida, waziphuca ingxenye yezindevu zomunye lomunye
wabo, waquma izigqoko zazo phakathi ezinqeni, wasezixotsha.
5 Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu wathuma izithunywa ukuyahlangabeza
abantu labo ngoba babeyangiswe kakhulu. Inkosi yathi, “Hlalani eJerikho indevu
zenu zize zikhule beselibuya-ke.”
6 Kwathi ama-Amoni esebonile ukuthi ayeseliphunga elibi emakhaleni kaDavida,
aqhatsha izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili zamabutho ama-Aramu ahamba
ngezinyawo evela eBhethi-Rehobhi kanye leZobha, ndawonye lenkosi yaseMahakha
labantu abayinkulungwane, labanye abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili abavela
eThobhi.
7 Uthe ekuzwa lokho, uDavida wathumela uJowabi kanye lamabutho akhe wonke.
8 Ama-Amoni aphuma amisa impi ekungeneni kwesango ledolobho lawo, lapho ama-
Aramu aseZobha kanye leRehobhi labantu beThobhi kanye leMahakha babebodwa
egangeni.
9 UJowabi wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho phambi kwakhe langemva
kwakhe, ngakho wakhetha amanye amaqhawe athenjiweyo ko-Israyeli wabahlela
ukuba bamelane lama-Aramu. 10 Amanye amabutho ayesele wathi kawalawulwe
ngu-Abhishayi umfowabo, wabahlela ukuthi bamelane lama-Amoni. 11 UJowabi
wathi, “Nxa ama-Aramu elamandla kakhulu kulami, uzengihlenga; kodwa nxa ama-
Amoni elamandla kakhulu kulawe, ngizakuzakuhlenga. 12 Qina, kasilwe ngesibindi
silwela abantu bakithi lemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu. UTHIXO uzakwenza lokho
okufaneleyo njengokubona kwakhe.”
13 Ngakho uJowabi lamabutho ayelaye baqhubeka ukuba balwe lama-Aramu,
asebaleka phambi kwakhe. 14 Kuthe ama-Amoni ebona ukuthi ama-Aramu ayebaleka,
ebaleka phambi kuka-Abhishayi aya phakathi kwedolobho. Ngakho uJowabi
waphenduka ekulweni lama-Amoni waya eJerusalema.

15 Kwathi ama-Aramu ebona ukuthi ehlulwe ngama-Israyeli, aqoqana futhi.
16 UHadadezeri wabiza ama-Aramu ayengaphetsheya koMfula uYufrathe; aya eHelamu loShobhakhi umlawuli wamabutho kaHadadezeri lamabutho ewakhokhele.
17 Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu, waqoqa bonke abako-Israyeli, wachapha uJodani waya eHelamu. Ama-Aramu aviva ukuba ahlangane loDavida asesilwa laye.
18 Kodwa abaleka phambi kuka-Israyeli, njalo uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezinqola zabo zempi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane. Wagalela loShobhakhi umlawuli webutho lawo, wafela khonapho.
19 Kwathi amakhosi wonke ayezinceku zikaHadadezeri ebona ukuthi ayesehlulwe ngu-Israyeli, enza ukuthula labako-Israyeli aba ngaphansi kombuso wabo. Ngakho ama-Aramu esaba ukusiza ama-Amoni futhi.

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UDavida LoBhathishebha

1 Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi amakhosi ayesiyakulwa ngaso impi, uDavida wathuma uJowabi elabantu benkosi lebutho lonke lako-Israyeli. Baqothula ama-Amoni basebevimbezela iRabha. Kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema.
2 Ngelinye ilanga kusihlwa uDavida wavuka embhedeni wakhe wahambahamba phezu kophahla lwesigodlo. Esephahleni wabona owesifazane egeza. Owesifazane lowo wayemuhle kakhulu, 3 uDavida wasethuma umuntu ukuyabuza ngaye. Umuntu lowo wathi, "Kanti lo kasuBhathishebha, indodakazi ka-Eliyami umka-Uriya umHithi na?" 4 UDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyamthatha. Weza kuye, wembatha laye. (Owesifazane lo wayezihlambulule ekungcoleni kwakhe.) Emva kwalokho wabuyela ekhaya. 5 Owesifazane lowo wathatha isisu, wasethumela ilizwi kuDavida, esithi, "Sengilesisu."
6 Ngakho uDavida wathumela ilizwi leli kuJowabi elithi: "Ngilethela u-Uriya umHithi." UJowabi wamthumela kuDavida. 7 U-Uriya esefikile kuye, uDavida wambuza ukuthi uJowabi wayenjani, amabutho ayenjani kanye lokuthi impi yayiqhubeka njani. 8 UDavida wasesithi ku-Uriya, "Yehlela endlini yakho ugeze inyawo zakho." Ngakho u-Uriya wasuka esigodlweni, walandelwa yisipho esavela enkosini esasala sithunyelwa kuye. 9 Kodwa u-Uriya walala entubeni yesigodlo lezinceku zonke zenkosi yakhe akaze aya endlini yakhe.
10 Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi, "U-Uriya kayanga ekhaya," wambuza wathi, "Angithi usanda kufika nje uvela khatshana? Kungani ungayanga ekhaya?"
11 U-Uriya wathi kuDavida, "Ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lo-Israyeli loJuda kuhlezi emathenteni, inkosi yami uJowabi kanye labantu benkosi yami bamise egangeni. Pho ngingaya kanjani endlini ukuyakudla, lokunatha ngilale lomkami futhi na? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, mina angiyikwenza into enjalo!"
12 UDavida wasesithi kuye, "Hlala lapha elinye ilanga futhi, kusasa ngizakubuyisela emuva." Ngakho u-Uriya wahlala eJerusalema lolosuku kanye lolwalandelayo.
13 Esecelwe nguDavida, wadla wanatha laye, uDavida wasemdakisa. Kodwa kusihlwa u-Uriya waphuma wayalala ecansini lakhe phakathi kwezinceku zenkosi yakhe; akayanga ekhaya.
14 Ekuseni uDavida walobela uJowabi incwadi wayiphathisa u-Uriya. 15 Kuyo wayelobe ukuthi, "U-Uriya mbeke kuviyo eliphambili lapho impi evutha khona kakhulu. Lapho-ke khumukani kuye ukuze acakazelwe phansi afe."
16 Ngakho kwathi uJowabi idolobho eselivimbezele, wabeka u-Uriya lapho ayesazi khona ukuthi yikho okwakulabavikeli abalamandla kakhulu. 17 Kwathi abantu

bakulelodolobho sebephumile ukuba balwe loJowabi, abanye babantu ebuthweni likaDavida bafa; u-Uriya umHithi laye futhi wafa.
18 UJowabi wathumela uDavida umbiko opheleleyo ngempi. 19 Walaya isithunywa
wathi: "Lapho usuqedile ukwethulela inkosi umbiko wempi, 20 ulaka lwenkosi
lungavutha, ibe isibuza isithi, 'Kungani lisondele eduzane kangaka ledolobho ukuba
lilwe? Kalazanga yini ukuthi kade bengatshoka imitshoko besemdulini? 21 Ngubani
obulele u-Abhimelekhi indodana kaJerubhi-Bheshethi na? Owesifazane obephezu
komduli kamjikijelanga ngembokodo, wayafela eThebhezi na? Kungani lisondele
eduzane kangaka lomduli?' Ingakubuza lokhu, uthi kuyo, 'Lenceku yakho u-Uriya
umHithi ifile.' "
22 Isithunywa sasuka sahamba, kwathi sesifikile samtshela uDavida konke
uJowabi ayesithume ukuba siyekutsho. 23 Isithunywa sathi kuDavida, "Abantu
basikhulele, baphuma bazasihlasela etshatshalazini, kodwa sibadudulele emuva
entubeni yedolobho. 24 Lapho-ke abemitshoko batshoke izinceku zakho besemdulini,
kwathi abanye abantu benkosi bafa. Lenceku yakho, u-Uriya umHithi ifile."
25 UDavida watshela isithunywa wathi, "Yitsho lokhu kuJowabi: 'Ungakhathazwa
yilokhu; inkemba idla omunye njengoba isidla omunye. Qinisa ukuhlasela idolobho,
ulichithe.' Yitsho lokhu ukuba umise isibindi uJowabi."
26 Kwathi umka-Uriya esezwile ukuthi umkakhe usefile, wamlilela. 27 Kwathi
isikhathi sokulila sesiphelile, uDavida wamletha endlini yakhe, wasesiba ngumkakhe
wamzalela indodana. Kodwa into eyenziwa nguDavida yathukuthelisa UTHIXO.

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UNathani Ukhuza UDavida

1 UTHIXO wathuma uNathani kuDavida. Esefikile kuye wathi, "Kwakulabantu
ababili emzini othile, omunye enothile omunye engumyanga. 2 Umuntu onothileyo
wayelezimvu ezinengi kanye lenkomo, 3 kodwa umuntu ongumyanga wayengelalutho
ngaphandle kwezinyane lemvu elincinyane ayelithengile. Walondla, lakhula laye
kanye labantwana bakhe. Ladla ukudla kwakhe, lanatha enkomitshini yakhe laze
lalala ezingalweni zakhe. Kuye lalinjengendodakazi yakhe.
4 Kwafika isihambi emuntwini onothileyo, kodwa umuntu onothileyo kafunanga
ukuthatha enye yezimvu zakhe loba inkomo ukuba ahlabele isihambi esasifike kuye.
Esikhundleni salokho, yena wathatha izinyane lemvu elisikazi elalingelomuntu lowo
ongumyanga, walihlabela lowo owayefike kuye."
5 UDavida wavutha ulaka ngalowomuntu wathi kuNathani, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
UTHIXO ekhona, umuntu owenze lokhu ufanele ukufa! 6 Izinyane lelo kumele
alihlawule ngokuphindwe kane, ngoba enze into enje njalo engabanga lozwelo."
7 UNathani wasesithi kuDavida, "Unguye lowomuntu! Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Ngakugcoba ukuba ube yinkosi ko-Israyeli, ngakuh-
lenga esandleni sikaSawuli. 8 Ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho, labafazi benkosi
yakho ngabanikela ezandleni zakho. Ngakunika indlu ka-Israyeli lekaJuda. Aluba
konke lokhu kwakukuncane kakhulu ngangizakunika okunye futhi. 9 Kungani weyise
ilizwi LIKATHIXO ngokwenza okubi emehlweni akhe na? Ubulele u-Uriya umHithi
ngenkemba wasuthatha umkakhe ukuba abe ngowakho. Umbulele ngenkemba
yama-Amoni. 10 Ngakho, khathesi, inkemba kayiyikusuka endlini yakho, ngoba
ungeyisile wathatha umka-Uriya umHithi ukuba abe ngowakho.'
11 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: 'Ngizakulethela incithakalo ezavela kwabendlu
yakho. Phambi kwamehlo akho uqobo, ngizathatha omkakho ngibaphe omunye
oseduzane lawe, embathe labo emini libalele. 12 Wena wakwenza ensitha, kodwa
mina into le ngizayenza emini libalele phambi kuka-Israyeli wonke.' "

13 UDavida wasesithi kuNathani, “Ngenze isono kuTHIXO.”
UNathani waphendula wathi, “UTHIXO usesusile isono sakho. Kawuyikufa.
14 Kodwa njengoba ngokwenza lokhu wenze izitha zikaTHIXO zatshengisela ukweyisa
okupheleleyo, umntwana ozamzalelwa uzakufa.”
15 Emva kokuba uNathani esebuyele ekhaya, uTHIXO wamtshaya umntwana
umka-Uriya ayemzalele uDavida, wagula. 16 UDavida wamkhulekela umntwana
kuNkulunkulu. Wazila ukudla wangena endlini yakhe walala phansi ubusuku
ngobusuku. 17 Abadala bendlu yakwabo bema eceleni kwakhe ukuba bamvuse
phansi, kodwa wala, njalo kadlanga kudla labo.
18 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umntwana wafa. Izinceku zikaDavida zesaba ukumt-
shela ukuthi umntwana wayesefile ngoba zacabanga zathi, “Umntwana esaphila,
sikhulume loDavida kodwa kasilalelanga. Pho singamtshela njani ukuthi umntwana
usefile? Angenza into eyingozi.”
19 UDavida wananzelela ukuthi izinceku zakhe zazinyenyezelana wasebona ukuthi
umntwana wayesefile. Wabuza wathi, “Umntwana usefile na?”
Baphendula bathi, “Ye, usefile.”
20 Lapho-ke uDavida wavuka phansi. Emva kokuba esegezile, wagcoba
wantshintsha iziqgoko, waya endlini kaTHIXO wakhonza. Emva kwalokho waya
kweyakhe indlu, kwathi ngokucela kwakhe bamlethela ukudla, wadla.
21 Izinceku zakhe zambuza zathi, “Kungani uqhuba ngale indlela na? Umntwana
esaphila, uzile ukudla wakhala, kodwa khathesi umntwana esefile, uyavuka udle!”
22 Waphendula wathi, “Umntwana esaphila, ngizile ukudla ngakhala. Ngicabange
ngathi, ‘Kwazi bani? Mhlawumbe uTHIXO angaba lomusa kimi ekele umntwana
aphile.’ 23 Kodwa khathesi esefile ngingabe ngisazilelani na? Kambe ngingamvusa
na? Mina ngizakuya kuye, kodwa yena kazukubuya kimi.”
24 Emva kwalokho uDavida waduduza umkakhe uBhathishebha, waya kuye wem-
batha laye. Wazala indodana abayithi nguSolomoni. UTHIXO wayemthanda; 25 njalo
ngenxa yokuthi uTHIXO wayemthanda, wathumela ilizwi ngoNathani umphrofethi
ukuba athiwe nguJedidiya.
26 Ngasikhathi sinye uJowabi wahlasela iRabha yama-Amoni wathumba inqaba
yenkosi. 27 Emva kwalokho uJowabi wathuma izithunywa kuDavida, esithi,
“Ngihlasele iRabha ngathumba imithombo yamanzi. 28 Khathesi-ke qoqa amabutho
aseleyo uvimbezele idolobho ulithumbe. Kungenjalo mina ngizalithatha idolobho,
libe selibizwa ngami.”
29 Ngakho uDavida waqoqa ibutho lonke waya eRabha, wayihlasela wayithumba.
30 UDavida wathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lenkosi yabo, isisindo sawo sasilitha-
lenta legolide, uceciswe ngamatshe aligugu njalo wafakwa ekhanda lakhe. Wathatha
impango enengi kakhulu kulelodolobho 31 njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa
wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye
lamahloka, wabasebenzisa ekwenzeni izitina. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuyo
yonke imizi yama-Amoni. Emva kwalokho uDavida lebutho lakhe lonke babuyela
eJerusalema.

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U-Amnoni LoThamari

1 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi, u-Amnoni indodana kaDavida wathanda uThamari,
owayemuhle, engudadewabo ka-Abhisalomu indodana kaDavida.
2 U-Amnoni wabindeka waze wagula ngenxa kadadewabo uThamari, ngoba
wayeyintombi egcweleyo, njalo kwakukhanya kungeke kwenzeke ukuthi enze loba
yini kuye.

3 U-Amnoni wayelomngane wakhe owayethiwa nguJehonadabi indodana
kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida. UJehonadabi wayeliqili lendoda. 4 Wabuza u-
Amnoni wathi, “Kungani wena, ndodana yenkosi, ukhanya uhlobile nsuku zonke
ekuseni? Awungeke ungitshele na?”
U-Amnoni wathi kuye, “Ngiyamthanda uThamari, udadewabo ka-Abhisalomu
umfowethu.”
5 UJehonadabi wathi, “Hamba uyelala uzenze ogulayo. Lapho uyihlo ezekubona,
wothi kuye, ‘Ngifuna udadewethu uThamari azenginika ulutho lokudla. Ukudla lokho
kazekulungisela emehlweni ami, ukuze ngimkhangele ngikudle kuvela esandleni
sakhe.’ ”
6 Ngakho u-Amnoni walala phansi wazenza ogulayo. Kwathi inkosi isifikile
ukuzambona, u-Amnoni wathi kuyo, “Ngicela udadewethu uThamari azengenzela
isinkwa khonapha ukuze ngidle ngisamukela esandleni sakhe.”
7 UDavida wathumela ilizwi kuThamari endlini yobukhosi esithi: “Hamba endlini
yomnewenu u-Amnoni umlungisele ukudla.” 8 Ngakho uThamari waya endlini
kamnewabo u-Amnoni owayelele phansi. Wathatha inhlama wayivuba, wenza
isinkwa khonapho.
9 Wasethatha ipane wamnika isinkwa, kodwa wala ukudla. U-Amnoni wasesithi,
“Batshele baphume bonke abalapha.” Ngakho bonke baphuma bamtshiya. 10 U-
Amnoni wasesithi kuThamari, “Letha ukudla lapha endlini yami yokulala ukuze
ungifunze ngesandla sakho.” UThamari wathatha isinkwa ayesilungisile wasisa
kumnewabo u-Amnoni endlini yakhe yokulala. 11 Kodwa esefike laso kuye ukuba
adle, wamxhakala wathi, “Woza ulale lami, dadewethu.”
12 Yena wathi kuye, “Ungaqali, mnewethu! Ungangigebengi. Into enje akumelanga
yenziwe ko-Israyeli! Ungenzi into le embi. 13 Mina-ke? Ngingalisusela ngaphi ihlazo
lami? Wena-ke? Angithi ungafana lesinye seziphukuphuku ezixhwalileyo ko-Israyeli.
Ake ukhulume lenkosi, kayisoze ingalele ukwendela kuwe.” 14 Kodwa u-Amnoni wala
ukumlalela, kwathi njengoba wayelamandla kulaye, wamgebenga.
15 Emva kwalokho u-Amnoni wamzonda ngenzondo ebuhlungu kakhulu. Ngeqiniso
wamzonda okudlula ukumthanda kwakhe. U-Amnoni wathi kuye, “Vuka uphume!”
16 Yena wathi, “Hatshi! Ukungixotsha kungaba yibubi obudlula lokhu osukwenze
kimi.”
Kodwa wala ukumlalela. 17 Wabiza inceku eyayiqondane laye wathi, “Susa umfazi
lo lapha, ukhiye umnyango ngemva kwakhe.” 18 Ngakho inceku yakhe yamkhuphela
phandle yakhiya umnyango. Wayegqoke isigqoko esasiceciswe kakuhle, ngoba lolu
yilo uhlobo lwesigqoko esasigqokwa ngamadodakazi enkosi ayezintombi ezigcwe-
leyo. 19 UThamari wazithela ngomlotha ekhanda wadabula isigqoko esicecisiweyo
ayesigqokile. Wathwala imikhono ekhanda wasuka, wahamba ekhala kakhulu.
20 Umnewabo u-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, “U-Amnoni lowo, umnewenu, kade
elawe na? Zithulele dadewethu; ungumnewenu. Ungayibeki enhliziyweni yakho
into le.” UThamari wahlala endlini kamnewabo u-Abhisalomu, engowesifazane
ohlulukelweyo.
21 Inkosi uDavida esekuzwile konke lokhu wathukuthela kakhulu. 22 U-Abhisalomu
kazange atsho lizwi ku-Amnoni, elihle loba elibi; wamzonda u-Amnoni ngoba
wayehlazise udadewabo uThamari.

U-Abhisalomu Ubulala U-Amnoni

23 Emva kweminyaka emibili, lapho abagundi bezimvu zika-Abhisalomu babeseB-
hali Hazori phansi komngcele wako-Efrayimi, wanxusa wonke amadodana enkosi
ukuba aye khonale. 24 U-Abhisalomu waya enkosini wathi, “Inceku yakho abagundi
bayo bafikile. Kambe inkosi lezikhulu zayo ingahamba lami na?”

25 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Hatshi, ndodana yami. Akumelanga sonke sihambe;
singaba ngumthwalo onzima kuwe.” Lanxa u-Abhisalomu wayincenga, yala
ukuhamba, kodwa yena yamvumela.
26 U-Abhisalomu wasesithi, “Nxa kungenjalo, ake uvumele umfowethu u-Amnoni
ahambe lathi.”
Inkosi yambuza yathi, “Kungani kumele ahambe lani?” 27 Kodwa u-Abhisalomu
wayincenga, ngakho yavuma ukuba u-Amnoni ahambe laye kanye lamanye amado-
dana enkosi.
28 U-Abhisalomu walaya abantu bakhe wathi, “Lalelani! Nxa u-Amnoni esethabe
kakhulu ngenxa yokunatha iwayini ngingathi kini, ‘Mbulaleni u-Amnoni!’ limbulale.
Lingesabi. Kangiliphanga umlayo lo na? Qinani libe lesibindi.” 29 Ngakho abantu
baka-Abhisalomu benza ku-Amnoni lokho u-Abhisalomu ayebalaye khona. Lapho-ke
wonke amadodana enkosi asuka, agada imbongolo zawo abaleka.
30 Esesendleleni umbiko wafika kuDavida usithi, “U-Abhisalomu usewabulele
wonke amadodana enkosi, akukho leyodwa eseleyo.” 31 Inkosi yasukuma, yadabula
izigqoko zayo yalala phansi emhlabathini; izinceku zayo zonke zema khonapho
iziqgoko zazo sezizidabulile.
32 Kodwa uJehonadabi indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wathi, “Inkosi
yami kayingacabangi ukuthi babulele wonke amakhosana, ngu-Amnoni kuphela
ofileyo. Le yinhloso ka-Abhisalomu ebivele ikhona kusukela mhla u-Amnoni
egebenga udadewabo uThamari. 33 Umhlekazi wami inkosi kayinganqineki ngombiko
othi wonke amadodana enkosi afile. Ngu-Amnoni kuphela ofileyo.”
34 Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhisalomu wayesebalekile.
Kwathi umuntu owayelinda wabona abantu abanengi emgwaqweni
ngasentshonalanga, besehla eceleni lentaba. Umlindi lowo wahamba wayabikela
inkosi wathi, “Ngibona abantu ngokuya eHoronayimi, eceleni kwentaba.”
35 UJehonadabi wasesithi enkosini, “Khangela, amadodana enkosi asefikile; kwen-
zakale njengoba inceku yakho itshilo.”
36 Wathi eqeda ukukhuluma, amadodana enkosi angena ekhala kakhulu. Layo
inkosi, kanye lezinceku zayo zonke bakhala kabuhlungu.
37 U-Abhisalomu wabaleka waya kuThalimayi indodana ka-Amihudi inkosi
yaseGeshuri. Kodwa Inkosi uDavida walilela indodana yakhe insuku zonke.
38 Emva kokuba u-Abhisalomu esebaleke waya eGeshuri, wahlala khonale iminyaka
emithathu. 39 Umoya wenkosi wafisa ukuya ku-Abhisalomu, ngoba yayisiduduzekile
ngokufa kuka-Amnoni.

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U-Abhisalomu Ubuyela EJerusalema

1 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wakwazi ukuthi inhliziyo yenkosi yayimkhumbula
u-Abhisalomu. 2 Ngakho uJowabi wathuma umuntu eThekhowa wayabuya khona
lowesifazane ohlakaniphileyo. Wathi kuye, “Yenza angathi uyalila. Gqoka izigqoko
zokulila. Ungagcobi amagcobo okubukeka. Yenza njengowesifazane oseqede insuku
ezinengi elilela ofileyo. 3 Uye enkosini ukhulume amazwi la kuyo.” UJowabi
wasemfunza lawomazwi.
4 Kwathi owesifazane owavela eThekhowa esefikile enkosini wathi mbo phansi
ngobuso eyihlonipha, wasesithi, “Ake ungisize, awu nkosi!”
5 Inkosi yambuza yathi, “Kuyini okukuhluphayo?”
Yena wathi, “Ngingumfelokazi impela, umkami wafa. 6 Mina ncekukazi yakho
ngangilamadodana amabili. Alwa egangeni njalo akulamuntu owayelapho ukuba
awalamule. Enye yatshaya enye yayibulala. 7 Manje-ke bonke abosendo sebevukele

incekukazi yakho, bathi, ‘Sinike lowo owabulala umfowabo ukuze simbulale ngenxa yempilo yomfowabo ambulalayo; lapho-ke sizasusa lendlalifa futhi.’ Bazacitsha ilahle lami elivuthayo eliyilo lodwa engilalo eliseleyo, umkami asale engaselabizo loba inzalo ebusweni bomhlaba.”

8 Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazane lowo, “Buyela ekhaya, ngizakhupha umlayo ngimele wena.”

9 Kodwa owesifazane waseThekhowa wathi kuyo, “Mhlekazi wami, nkosi, umlandu kawube kimi lakwabendlu kababa, kuthi inkosi lesihlalo sayo sobukhosi kungabi lacala.”

10 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Nxa loba ngubani esitsho loba yini kuwe, mlethe kimi, njalo kasoze akuhluphe futhi.”

11 Wasesithi, “Inkosi kayincenge uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wayo ukuba avimbele umphindiseli wegazi ekwengezeleleni incithakalo, ukuze indodana yami ingabhujiswa.”

Inkosi yathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ekhona, akukho lalunye unwele lwekhanda lendodana yakho oluzawela phansi.”

12 Lapho-ke owesifazane wasesithi, “Vumela incekukazi yakho ikhulume ilizwi enkosini yami.”

Yathi, “Khuluma.”

13 Owesifazane wasesithi, “Pho kungani ucebe into enje ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu na? Nxa inkosi isitsho lokhu kayizidlisi ngecala na, ngoba inkosi kayiyibuyisanga indodana yayo eyaxotshwayo. 14 Njengamanzi achithekele phansi, angeke abuthwe, kanjalo kumele sife. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kakususi ukuphila, esikhundleni salokho yena uceba izindlela zokuthi umuntu oxotshiweyo angehlukaniswa laye kokuphela.

15 Ngilande ukuzakutsho lokhu kumhlekazi wami inkosi, ngoba abantu sebengethusile. Incekukazi yakho icabange yathi, ‘Ngizakhuluma lenkosi, engxenye izakwenza lokho okucelwa yincekukazi yayo. 16 Engxenye inkosi izavuma ukuhlenga incekukazi yayo esandleni somuntu ozama ukungisusa mina lendodana yami elifeni esaliphiwa nguNkulunkulu.’

17 Khathesi incekukazi yakho ithi, ‘Sengathi izwi lomhlekazi wami, uTHIXO lingangilethela ukuphumula, ngoba umhlekazi wami, inkosi unjengengilosi kaNkulunkulu ekuphawuleni okuhle lokubi. Sengathi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho angaba lawe.’ ”

18 Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazane lowo, “Ungangifihleli impendulo kulokhu engizakubuza khona.”

Owesifazane wathi “Mhlekazi wami, inkosi kayikhulume.”

19 Inkosi yasibuza yathi, “Isandla sikaJowabi kasilawe yini kukho konke lokhu na?”

Owesifazane waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, mhlekazi wami, inkosi, kakho ongaphambukela kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele kwaloba yini umhlekazi wami, inkosi ekutshoyo. Ye, yinceku yakho uJowabi engilaye ukuba ngenze lokhu onguye njalo ofunze amazwi wonke la emlonyeni wencekukazi yakho. 20 Inceku yakho uJowabi yenze lokhu ukuba iguqule umumo okhona khathesi. Inkosi yami ilenhlakanipho efana leyengilosi kaNkulunkulu yazi konke okwenzakalayo elizweni.”

21 Inkosi yasisithi kuJowabi, “Kulungile, ngizakwenza lokho. Hamba uyebuya lalo ijaha u-Abhisalomu.”

22 UJowabi wathi mbo phansi ngobuso eyihlonipha, waseyibonga inkosi. UJowabi wasesithi, “Lamhla inceku yakho isikwazi ukuthi isithole umusa emehlweni akho, mhlekazi wami, nkosi, ngoba inkosi isivumile isicelo senceku yayo.”

23 Emva kwalokho uJowabi waya eGeshuri wayabuya lo-Abhisalomu eJerusalema.
24 Kodwa inkosi yathi, “Kaye endlini yakhe, akumelanga abone ubuso bami.” Ngakho
u-Abhisalomu waya endlini yakhe akaze abubona ubuso benkosi.
25 Kulolonke elako-Israyeli kakho umuntu owayebatshazwa kakhulu ngobuhle
bakhe njengo-Abhisalomu. Kusukela ekhanda lakhe kusiya ephangweni lonyawo
lwakhe kwakungekho sici kuye. 26 Kwakusithi lapho egele inwele zekhanda
lakhe wayejwayele ukuzigela inwele zakhe kanye ngomnyaka nxa zasezimsinda
kakhulu, wayezilinganisa esikalini, isisindo sazo sasingamakhulu amabili amashekeli
ngesilinganiso sesikhosini.
27 U-Abhisalomu wazala amadodana amathathu lendodakazi eyodwa. Ibizo
lendodakazi lalinguThamari, owayengumfazi omuhle.
28 U-Abhisalomu wahlala iminyaka emibili eJerusalema engabuboni ubuso benkosi.
29 Yikho u-Abhisalomu wabiza uJowabi wamthuma enkosini, kodwa uJowabi wala
ukuya kuye. Wathumela okwesibili, kodwa wala ukuza. 30 Wasesithi ezincekwini
zakhe, “Khangelani, insimu kaJowabi iphansi kweyami, njalo kulebhali kiyo.
Hambani liyeyithungela ngomlilo.” Ngakho izinceku zika-Abhisalomu zayithungela
insimu ngomlilo.
31 Lapho-ke uJowabi waya endlini ka-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, “Kungani izinceku
zakho zithungele insimu yami ngomlilo?”
32 U-Abhisalomu wathi kuJowabi, “Khangela, ngithumele ilizwi kuwe ngathi, ‘Woza
lapha ukuze ngikuthume enkosini ukuyabuza ukuthi, “Pho ngisukeleni eGeshuri?
Kade kuzakuba ngcono kimi aluba ngilokhu ngikhonale!” ’ Khathesi nje, mina ngifuna
ukubona ubuso benkosi, nxa ngilecala laloba yini kangibulale.”
33 Ngakho uJowabi waya enkosini wayitshela lokhu. Inkosi yambiza u-Abhisalomu,
wafika wangena wasesithi mbo phansi ngobuso phambi kwenkosi. Inkosi yamanga
u-Abhisalomu.

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Icebo Lika-Abhisalomu Elomvukela

1 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi u-Abhisalomu wazidingela inqola yempi lamabhiza
kanye labantu abangamatshumi amahlanu ukuba ngabagijima phambi kwakhe.
2 Wayevuka ekuseni kakhulu ame eceleni komgwaqo oya esangweni ledolobho.
Kwakusithi loba ngubani ofikayo ukuyamangala icala enkosini ukuba liqunywe, u-
Abhisalomu wayembiza athi, “Wena uvela kuliphi idolobho?” Wayephendula athi,
“Inceku yakho ivela kwesinye sezizwana zako-Israyeli.” 3 Lapho-ke u-Abhisalomu
wayesithi kuye, “Khangela, okufunayo kuqondile njalo kufanele, kodwa akulammeli
wenkosi ukuba akuzwe.” 4 U-Abhisalomu wayeqhubeka athi, “Sekuze kungathi
ngabe ngabekwa ukuba ngumahluleli elizweni! Loba ngubani olensolo kumbe icala
wayezakuza kimi ngibone ukuthi wahlulelwa kuhle.”
5 Njalo kwakusithi umuntu angafika kuye akhothamele phansi phambi kwakhe,
u-Abhisalomu wayeselula isandla sakhe ambambe amange. 6 U-Abhisalomu
waziphatha ngale indlela kubo bonke abako-Israyeli abaya enkosini ukuyacela
ukwahlulelwa kuhle, ngalokho wakhanga inhliziyo zabantu abanengi ko-Israyeli.
7 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emine, u-Abhisalomu wathi enkosini, “Ngisake ngiye
eHebhroni ukuyagcwalisa isifungo engasenzayo kuThixo. 8 Inceku yakho isahlala
eGeshuri e-Aramu, yenza isifungo lesi: ‘Nxa uThixo engangibuyisela eJerusalema
ngizamkhonza uThixo eHebhroni.’ ”
9 Inkosi yathi kuye, “Hamba ngokuthula.” Ngakho waya eHebhroni.
10 Emva kwalokho u-Abhisalomu wathuma izithunywa ezifihlakeleyo kuzozonke
izizwana zako-Israyeli ukuba zithi, “Lingezwa nje ukukhala kwecilongo, tshonini

lithi, ‘U-Abhisalomu uyinkosi eHebhroni!’ ” 11 Abantu abangamakhulu amabili base-Jerusalema babehambe lo-Abhisalomu. Babenxuswe njengezethekeli njalo behambe bekhululekile, bengazi lutho ngendaba leyo. 12 U-Abhisalomu esanikela imihlatshelo, wabiza u-Ahithofeli umGiloni, umeluleki kaDavida, ukuba eze evela eGilo, umuzi wakibo. Ngalokho icebo lomvukela laqina, labalandeli baka-Abhisalomu baqhubeka besanda.

UDavida Uyabaleka

13 Kwafika isithunywa kuDavida sathi, “Inhliziyo zabantu bako-Israyeli ziku-Abhisalomu.”

14 UDavida wasesithi kuzozonke izikhulu zakhe ezazilaye eJerusalema, “Wozani! Kumele sibaleke, hlezi kungabi lamunye wethu ozaphepha ku-Abhisalomu. Kumele sisuke masinyane hlezi asixhume alethe incithakalo kithi njalo ahlasele idolobho ngenkemba.”

15 Izikhulu zenkosi zaphendula zathi, “Izinceku zakho zilungele ukwenza loba yini umhlekazi wethu inkosi akukhethayo.”

16 Inkosi yaphuma labendlu yayo bonke beyilandela; kodwa yatshiya abafazi beceleni abalitshumi ukuba bagcine isigodlo. 17 Ngakho inkosi yasuka, labantu bonke beyilandela, basebesima endaweni elibanga elithize. 18 Bonke abantu bayo bayedlula, ndawonye lawo wonke amaKherethi lamaPhelethi, kanye lawo wonke amaGithi angamakhulu ayisithupha ayehambe layo kusukela eGathi ahamba phambi kwenkosi.

19 Inkosi yasisithi ku-Ithayi umGithi, “Kungani uhamba lathi na? Buyela emuva uyehlala lenkosi u-Abhisalomu. Wena ungumuntu wezizweni, owaxotshwayo elizweni lakini. 20 Ufike izolo nje. Kambe sekungathi lamhla lokhu ngikwenze uzulazule lathi, mina ngingakwazi lalapho engingaya khona? Buyela emuva uthathe abantu bakini. Sengathi uTHIXO angakwenzela umusa lokuhle.”

21 Kodwa u-Ithayi wayiphendula inkosi wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ekhona, njalo njengoba umhlekazi wami inkosi, ephila, loba kungaphi lapho umhlekazi wami inkosi ezakuba ikhona, loba kusitsho ukuphila kumbe ukufa, inceku yakho izakuba khonapho.”

22 UDavida wasesithi ku-Ithayi, “Qhubeka, hamba.” Ngakho u-Ithayi umGithi wahamba labantu bakhe bonke kanye lezimuli ezazilaye.

23 Ilizwe lonke lakhala kakhulu lapho abantu bonke besedlula. Inkosi yachapha isiHotsha saseKhidironi, abantu bonke bahamba beqonde enkangala.

24 UZadokhi laye wayekhona, labaLevi bonke ababelaye babethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, njalo u-Abhiyathari wanikela imihlatshelo abantu bonke baze baphela ukusuka edolobheni.

25 Inkosi yasisithi kuZadokhi, “Buyisela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu edolobheni. Ngingathola umusa emehlweni kaTHIXO, uzangibuyisela emuva enze ukuba ngilibone futhi kanye lendawo yakhe yokuhlala. 26 Kodwa angathi, ‘Kangithokozi ngawe,’ lapho-ke ngizilungisele; kenze kimi loba kuyini okukhanya kulungile kuye.”

27 Inkosi yabuya yathi kuZadokhi umphristi, “Uyazwisisa na? Buyela emuva edolobheni ngokuthula, lendodana yakho u-Ahimazi loJonathani indodana ka-Abhiyathari. Wena lo-Abhiyathari hambani lamadodana enu. 28 Mina ngizakuma emazibukweni enkangala kuze kufike ilizwi elivela kini lingazisa.” 29 Ngakho uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari balibuyisela eJerusalema ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lahlala khona.

30 Kodwa uDavida waqhubeka ekhwela iNtaba yama-Oliva, ehamba ekhala; ikhanda lakhe lalimboziwe njalo ebhadula ngezinyawo. Bonke abantu ababelaye labo

bamboza amakhanda abo njalo bakhwela bekhala. 31 UDavida wayetshelwe ukuthi,
"U-Ahithofeli uphakathi kwabahlamuki lo-Abhisalomu." Ngakho uDavida wakhuleka
wathi, "Oh, THIXO phendula ukululeka kuka-Ahithofeli kube yibuthutha."
32 Kwathi uDavida esefikile engqongeni, lapho abantu ababejayele ukukhonzela
khona uNkulunkulu, uHushayi um'Arikhi wayekhonapho ukuba amhlangabeze,
isembatho sakhe sidabukile njalo elothuli ekhanda. 33 UDavida wathi kuye, "Unga-
hamba lami, uzakuba ngumthwalo onzima kimi. 34 Kodwa nxa ubuyela edolobheni
uyekuthi ku-Abhisalomu, 'Ngizakuba yinceku yakho, awu nkosi, ngangiyinceku
kayihlo kudala, kodwa khathesi ngizakuba yinceku yakho,' lapho-ke ungangi-
siza ngokufubisa izeluleko zika-Ahithofeli. 35 Abaphristi uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari
kabayikuba khonale lawe na? Batshele konke okuzwayo esigodlweni senkosi.
36 Amadodana abo amabili, u-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi loJonathani indodana ka-
Abhiyathari, akhonale kanye labo. Bathumele kimi ngakho konke okuzwayo."
37 Ngakho umngane kaDavida uHushayi wafika eJerusalema khonapho u-
Abhisalomu laye engena edolobheni.

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UDavida LoZibha

1 Kwathi uDavida esehambe ibanga elifitshane ngale kwenqongo, wabona uZibha,
isikhonzi sikaMefibhoshethi, elindele ukumhlangabeza, elodwendwe lwabobabhemi
ababotshelwe izihlalo bethwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, ikhulu lamakhekhe
ezithelo ezonyisiweyo, ikhulu lamakhekhe omkhiwa kanye lomgodla wewayini.
2 Inkosi yabuza uZibha yathi, "Ukuletheleni lokhu na?"
UZibha waphendula wathi, "Obabhemi ngabendlu yenkosi ukuba bagade, izinkwa
lezithelo ngokwabantu ukuba badle, iwayini ngelokuqaqabula labo abaphela
amandla enkangala."
3 Inkosi yasibuza yathi, "Indodana yendodana yenkosi yakho ingaphi na?"
UZibha wathi kuyo, "Ihlezi eJerusalema, ngoba icabanga ithi, 'Lamhla indlu ka-
Israyeli izangibuyisela umbuso kababamkhulu.' "
4 Inkosi yasisithi kuZibha, "Konke okwakungokuka Mefibhoshethi khathesi sekun-
gokwakho."
UZibha wathi, "Ngikhothama ngokuzithoba. Sengathi ngingathola umusa
emehlweni akho mhlekazi wami, nkosi."

UShimeyi Uthuka UDavida

5 Kwathi Inkosi uDavida efika eBhahurimi, umuntu wosendo lunye labendlu
kaSawuli, waphuma evela lapho. Ibizo lakhe lalinguShimeyi indodana kaGera,
njalo waphuma esethuka. 6 Wajikijela uDavida lezikhulu zonke zenkosi ngamatshe,
lanxa amabutho wonke labalindi abakhethiweyo babengakwesokudla lakwesokhohlo
kukaDavida. 7 Ekuthukeni kwakhe uShimeyi wathi, "Phuma, phuma, wena wegazi,
wena sixhwali! 8 UTHIXO usephindisele kuwe ngenxa yegazi lonke owalichithayo
kwabendlu kaSawuli, wena osubusa esikhundleni sakhe. UTHIXO umbuso usewunike
indodana yakho u-Abhisalomu. Wena usudilikile ngoba ungumuntu wegazi!"
9 Lapho-ke u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wathi enkosini, "Kungani inja efileyo
le ithuka inkosi yami? Ngivumelani ngiyequma ikhanda layo."
10 Kodwa inkosi yathi, "Kuyini okulihlanganisa lami, lina madodana kaZeruya?
Nxa ethuka ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO uthe kuye, 'Mthuke uDavida,' ngubani ongabuza
ukuthi, 'Lokhu ukwenzelani na?' "
11 UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhishayi lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe, "Indodana yami,
eyinyama yami, izama ukungibulala. Pho umBhenjamini lo-ke! Myekeleni enjalo;
yekelani athuke, ngoba UTHIXO umtshele ukuba enze njalo. 12 Engxenye UTHIXO

uzalubona usizi lwami angibuyisele okuhle ngenxa yokuthukwa engikwenziwayo lamhla."
13 Ngakho uDavida labantu bonke waqhubeka elandela umgwaqo uShimeyi yena
ehamba eyame intaba maqondana laye, ehamba elokhu ethuka njalo emjikijela
ngamatshe emthela langengcekeza. 14 Inkosi labantu bayo bafika lapho ababesiya
khona sebediniwe. Kulapho abaphumula khona.

Iseluleko SikaHushayi Lo-Ahithofeli

15 Ngalesosikhathi, u-Abhisalomu labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bafika eJerusalema,
lo-Ahithofeli wayelaye. 16 Lapho-ke uHushayi um'Arikhi, umngane kaDavida, waya
ku-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, "Impilo ende nkosi! Impilo ende nkosi!"
17 U-Abhisalomu wabuza uHushayi wathi, "Lolu yilo uthando olutshengisa umn-
gane wakho na? Kungani ungahambanga lomngane wakho na?"
18 UHushayi wathi ku-Abhisalomu, "Hayi, lowo okhethwe NGUTHIXO, langabantu
laba, labantu bonke bako-Israyeli ngizakuba ngowakhe, njalo ngizahlala laye.
19 Phezu kwalokho, ngubani engingamkhonza na? Akumelanga ngikhonze indodana
na? Njengoba ngakhonza uyihlo, kanjalo ngizakukhonza."
20 U-Abhisalomu wasesithi ku-Ahithofeli, "Ake useluleke. Kuyini esingakwenza
na?"
21 U-Ahithofeli waphendula wathi, "Lala labafazi bakayihlo abaseceleni abatshiya
belinde isigodlo. Lapho-ke u-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa ukuthi wena usuzenze
waba liphunga elibi emakhaleni kayihlo, njalo izandla zabantu bonke abalawe
zizaqiniswa." 22 Ngakho u-Abhisalomu bamisela ithente phezu kophahla lwendlu,
walala labafazi bakayise beceleni u-Israyeli wonke ekhangele.
23 Ngalezonsuku iseluleko sika-Ahithofeli, sasifana lesalowo obuze uNkulunkulu.
Lokho kwaba yiyo indlela uDavida lo-Abhisalomu abakhangela ngayo zonke izeluleko
zika-Ahithofeli.

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1 U-Ahithofeli wathi ku-Abhisalomu, "Kahle ngikhethe abantu abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili ngiphume lamhla ebusuku ngilandela uDavida. 2 Ngingamhlasela
esadiniwe engelamandla. Ngingamtshayisa ngovalo, bonke abantu abalaye baza-
baleka. Ngingabulala inkosi kuphela 3 abantu bonke ngibabuyisele kuwe. Ukufa
komuntu omdingayo kuzakutsho ukuphenduka kwabo bonke; bonke abantu kabayik-
wenziwa lutho." 4 Icebo leli lakhanya lilihle ku-Abhisalomu lakubo bonke abadala
bako-Israyeli.
5 Kodwa u-Abhisalomu wathi, "Bizani loHushayi um'Arikhi, ukuze sizwe angakut-
sho." 6 UHushayi esezile kuye, u-Abhisalomu wathi, "U-Ahithofeli usesinike iseluleko
lesi. Sikwenze yini lokhu akutshoyo? Nxa kungenjalo, sinike owakho umcabango."
7 UHushayi waphendula u-Abhisalomu wathi, "Iseluleko osiphiwe ngu-Ahithofeli
kasilunganga ngalesi isikhathi. 8 Uyamazi uyihlo labantu bakhe, bangamaqhawe,
njalo bathukuthela okwebhele leganga lithathelwe imidlwane yalo. Langaphan-
dle kwalokho, uyihlo liqhawe eliyaziyo impi, kabuchithi ubusuku elamabutho.
9 Lakhathesi nje, ucatshile ebhalwini loba enye indawo. Nxa yena engahlasela am-
abutho akho kuqala, loba ngubani ozakuzwa ngakho uzakuthi, 'Kube lokuqothulwa
phakathi kwamabutho alandela u-Abhisalomu.' 10 Lapho-ke lebutho elilesibindi
kulawo wonke, elinhliziyo yalo ifana lenhliziyo yesilwane, lizahedezela ngokwesaba
ngoba u-Israyeli wonke uyakwazi ukuthi uyihlo liqhawe kanye lokuthi labo abalaye
balesibindi.
11 Ngakho ngiyakucebisa: Akuthi abako-Israyeli bonke, kusukela koDani kusiya
eBherishebha, ngobunengi obunjengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle, babuthane

kuwe, kuthi wena ngokwakho ubakhokhele empini. 12 Lapho-ke sizamhlasela loba
kungaphi lapho angaficwa khona, njalo sizakwehlela phezu kwakhe njengamazolo
ewela emhlabathini. Loba yena kumbe loba bani wabantu bakhe kakho ozasala
ephila. 13 Angabalekela edolobheni u-Israyeli wonke uzakuza lezintambo edolobheni,
silihudulele phansi esigodini kuze kungabe kusatholakala lesihletshana salo."
14 U-Abhisalomu labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathi, "Iseluleko sikaHushayi
um'Arikhi singcono kulesika-Ahithofeli." Ngoba UTHIXO wayeqonde ukufubisa
iseluleko esilungileyo sika-Ahithofeli ukuze alethele u-Abhisalomu incithakalo.
15 UHushayi watshela uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari, abaphristi, wathi, "U-Ahithofeli
usecebise u-Abhisalomu labadala bako-Israyeli ukuba benze ukuthi lokuthi, kodwa
mina sengibacebise ukuthi benze okunje lokunje. 16 Khathesi-ke thumelani lizwi
ngokuphangisa litshele uDavida ukuthi, 'Ngalobubusuku ungalali emazibukweni
asenkangala; chaphela ngaphetsheya kungekho kuphutha, hlezi inkosi labantu bonke
abalayo baminzwe.' "
17 UJonathani lo-Ahimazi babehlala e-Eni Rogeli. Intombazana eyinceku yayiza-
hamba iyebatshela, labo bezahamba bayetshela inkosi uDavida, ngoba babengeke
bazifake engozini yokubonakala bengena edolobheni. 18 Kodwa ijaha elithile
lababona laselitshela u-Abhisalomu. Ngakho bobabili basuka masinyane baya endlini
yomuntu othile eBhahurimi. Wayelomthombo egumeni lakhe, bangena kuwo.
19 Umkakhe wathatha okokwembesa wakwendlala phezu komlomo womthombo
wasehaza amabele phezu kwakho. Kakho owayesazi ulutho ngakho.
20 Abantu baka-Abhisalomu sebefike kowesifazane lowo endlini, bambuza bathi,
"U-Ahimazi loJonathani bangaphi?"
Owesifazane wabaphendula wathi, "Bachaphele ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana."
Abantu labo badinga kodwa kabatholanga muntu, ngakho babuyela eJerusalema.
21 Abantu labo sebehambile, ababili labo baphuma emthonjeni basebesiyatshela
inkosi uDavida. Bathi kuyo, "Suka uchaphe umfula masinyane; u-Ahithofeli usecebise
ukuthi lokuthi okubi ngawe." 22 Ngakho uDavida labantu bonke ababelaye basuka
bachapha iJodani. Kwathi kusisa, engasekho owayesele engakachaphi iJodani.
23 Kwathi u-Ahithofeli ebona ukuthi iseluleko sakhe sasingalandelwanga,
wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe wasuka waya endlini yakhe emzini wakibo.
Walungisa indlu yakhe, wasezibophela. Ngakho wafa wangcwatshwa ethuneni
likayise.

Ukufa Kuka-Abhisalomu

24 UDavida waya eMahanayimi, kwathi u-Abhisalomu wachapha iJodani labantu
bonke bako-Israyeli. 25 U-Abhisalomu wayesebeke u-Amasa ukuba ngumlawuli
webutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi. U-Amasa wayeyindodana yomuntu owayethiwa
nguJetha, um'Israyeli owayethethe u-Abhigeli indodakazi kaNahashi udadewabo
kaZeruya unakaJowabi. 26 Abako-Israyeli lo-Abhisalomu bamisa elizweni laseGiliyadi.
27 Kwathi uDavida esefikile eMahanayimi, uShobhi indodana kaNahashi waseR-
abha yama-Amoni, loMakhiri indodana ka-Amiyeli waseLo-Debhari, loBhazilayi
umGiliyadi waseRogelimi 28 bamlethela okokwendlala lemiganu lempahla ezenziwe
ngebumba. Bamlethela lamabele kanye lebhali, ifulawa lamabele akhanzingi-
weyo, indumba lamalentili, 29 uluju lamasi, izimvu, letshizi evela echagweni
lwamankomokazi ukuba uDavida labantu bakhe badle. Ngoba bathi, "Abantu
sebelambile njalo badiniwe futhi bomile enkangala."

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Ukufa Kuka-Abhisalomu

1 UDavida wabutha bonke abantu ababelaye wababekela abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu. 2 UDavida wahlukanisa amabutho akhe, ingxenye eyodwa kokuthathu ilawulwa nguJowabi, ingxenye eyodwa ingaphansi komfowabo kaJowabi u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya, lengxenye eyodwa kokuthathu ingaphansi kuka-Ithayi umGithi. Inkosi yatshela amabutho yathi, “Mina ngokwami impela ngizaphuma lani.”

3 Kodwa abantu bathi, “Akumelanga uphume; nxa sizancindezeleka ukuba sibaleke, kabayikuzihlupha ngathi. Lanxa kungaze kufe ingxenye yethu, kabayikuzihlupha; kodwa wena ulingana labethu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Kungabangcono khathesi ukuba usisekele usedolobheni.”

4 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Ngizakwenza loba kuyini lokho okukhanya kungcono kini.”

Ngakho inkosi yema eceleni kwesango abantu sebephuma ngamaviyo amakhulu lawezinkulungwane. 5 Inkosi yalaya uJowabi, lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Ithayi yathi, “Libe lesisa ejaheni u-Abhisalomu ngenxa yami.” Amabutho wonke ayizwa inkosi ilaya umlawuli ngamunye ngo-Abhisalomu.

6 Ibutho lahamba lisiya egangeni ukuyakulwa lo-Israyeli, njalo ukulwa kwenzakala eguswini lako-Efrayimi. 7 Khonapho ibutho lako-Israyeli lehlulwa ngabantu baka-Davida, njalo ukubulalana kwaba kukhulu ngalelolanga, abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. 8 Impi yaqhela yagcwala ilizwe lonke, njalo igusu laqeda abantu abanengi kulenkemba ngalolosuku.

9 Kwenzakala nje ukuthi u-Abhisalomu ahlangane labantu bakaDavida. Wayegade imbongolo yakhe, kwasekusithi imbongolo idlula ngaphansi kwezingatsha ezenileyo zesihlahla esikhulu som’Okhi, ikhanda lika-Abhisalomu labanjwa esihlahleni. Wasala elenga emoyeni, imbongolo ayeyigadile ilokhu ihamba.

10 Kwathi omunye wabantu esebone lokhu, watshela uJowabi wathi, “Ngibone u-Abhisalomu elenga esihlahleni som’Okhi.”

11 UJowabi wasesithi emuntwini owayemtshele lokhu, “Ini? Umbonile? Pho kungani ungamcakazelanga phansi khonapho na? Kade ngizakupha amashekeli esiliva alitshumi kanye lebhanti lobuqhawe.”

12 Kodwa umuntu lowo waphendula wathi, “Lanxa amashekeli ayinkulungwane engalinganiselwa ezandleni zami, ngingeke ngiphakamise isandla sami ngihlasele indodana yenkosi. Sizizwele inkosi ilaya wena lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Ithayi yathi, ‘Vikelani ijaha u-Abhisalomu ngenxa yami.’ 13 Aluba ngibeke ukuphila kwami engozini njalo akulanto efihlakeleyo enkosini, ubungayikuba lobuzalwane lami.”

14 UJowabi wathi, “Mina angiyikulindela wena kanje.” Ngakho wathatha imikhonto emithathu wayitikitela enhliziyweni ka-Abhisalomu, u-Abhisalomu elokhu esaphila esesihlahleni som’Okhi. 15 Njalo abathwali bezikhali zikaJowabi bamhanqa u-Abhisalomu, bamtshaya bambulala.

16 Emva kwalokho uJowabi wakhalisa icilongo, amabutho aseyekela ukuxotshana lo-Israyeli, ngoba uJowabi wawamisa. 17 Bamthatha u-Abhisalomu bamphosela egodini elikhulu eguswini babuthelela inqwaba enkulu yamatshe phezu kwakhe. Ngalesosikhathi wonke u-Israyeli wabalekela ekhaya lakhe.

18 U-Abhisalomu esaphila wayethethe insika wayimisa eSigodini seNkosi njengesikhumbuzo sakhe, ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Angilandodana yokuqhuba ukukhunjulwa kwebizo lami.” Insika wayibiza ngaye, njalo ithiwa Isikhumbuzo sika-Abhisalomu kuze kube lamhla.

UDavida Uyalila

19 Ngalesosikhathi u-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi wathi, “Kuhle ngigijime ngihambise umbiko enkosini ukuthi UTHIXO useyihlengile esandleni sezitha zayo.”

20 UJowabi wathi kuye, “Kawusuwe omele ahambise imibiko lamhla. Ungayihambisa imibiko ngesinye isikhathi, kodwa akumelanga wenzenjalo lamhla, ngoba indodana yenkosi ifile.”
21 UJowabi wasesithi kumKhushi, “Hamba uyetshela inkosi lokho okubonileyo.” UmKhushi wakhothama phambi kukaJowabi wasesuka egijima.
22 U-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi waphinda wathi kuJowabi, “Loba kunjani, ake ungivumele ngigijime ngilandele umKhushi.”
Kodwa uJowabi waphendula wathi, “Ndodana yami, kungani ufuna ukuhamba? Kawulambiko ozakulethela umvuzo.”
23 Yena wathi, “Loba kunjani, mina ngifuna ukugijima.”
Ngakho uJowabi wathi, “Gijima!” U-Ahimazi wagijima ngendlela yasemagcekeni, wamdlula umKhushi.
24 Kwathi uDavida ehlezi phakathi kwesango langaphakathi lelangaphandle, umlindi wakhwela waya phezulu ephahleni lwesango, phansi komduli. Kwathi lapho ekhangela, wabona umuntu egijima eyedwa. 25 Umlindi wamemeza inkosi wayibikela lokho.
Inkosi yathi, “Nxa eyedwa, uzakuba lezindaba ezinhle.” Umuntu waqhubeka elokhu esondela eduze.
26 Umlindi wabona omunye umuntu egijima, wasebiza umlindi wesango ngaphansi, wathi, “Khangela, omunye umuntu ugijima eyedwa!”
Inkosi yathi, “Laye uzakuba ngoletha izindaba ezinhle.”
27 Umlindi wasesithi, “Ngibona angathi owakuqala ugijima njengo-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi.”
Inkosi yathi, “Ungumuntu olungileyo. Uza lezindaba ezinhle.”
28 Lapho-ke u-Ahimazi wamemeza enkosini wasesithi, “Konke kulungile.” Wakhothama phambi kwenkosi wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wathi, “Kadunyiswe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. Usebanikele abantu abaphakamisa izandla zabo ukuhlasela inkosi yami.”
29 Inkosi yasibuza isithi, “Ijaha u-Abhisalomu usindile na?”
U-Ahimazi waphendula wathi, “Ngibone ukuphithizela okukhulu uJowabi esezathuma inceku yenkosi lami, inceku yakho, kodwa kangazi ukuthi kade kuyini.”
30 Inkosi yasisithi, “Buyela eceleni ume khona.” Ngakho wabuyela eceleni wama khona.
31 Lapho-ke umKhushi wafika wathi, “Mhlekazi wami, nkosi, zwana izindaba ezinhle! UTHIXO lamhla usekukhulule kubo bonke abakuhlamukelayo.”
32 Inkosi yambuza yathi, “Ijaha u-Abhisalomu usindile na?”
UmKhushi waphendula wathi, “Sengathi izitha zomhlekazi inkosi yami labo bonke abayihlamukelayo ukuba bayilimaze bangaba njengejaha leliyana.”
33 Inkosi yadabuka kakhulu. Yakhwela yaya ekamelweni elingaphezu kwesango yakhala. Yahamba ikhala isithi, “Oh, ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Ndodana yami, ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Aluba kufe mina esikhundleni sakho, Oh Abhisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!”

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1 UJowabi watshelwa kwathiwa, “Inkosi iyakhala ililela u-Abhisalomu.” 2 Njalo kulolonke ibutho ukunqoba kwamhlalokho kwaguqulelwa ekulileni, ngoba ngalolosuku amabutho ezwa kuthiwa, “Inkosi ilusizi ngendodana yayo.” 3 Ngalolosuku abantu bangena benyenya edolobheni njengabantu abalenhloni bengena benyenya lapho bebaleka empini. 4 Inkosi yamboza ubuso bayo yakhala kakhulu isithi, “Oh ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Oh Abhisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!”

5 UJowabi wayangena endlini enkosini wathi, “Lamhla ubayangisile bonke abantu
bakho, abasanda kusindisa impilo yakho lempilo yamadodana akho lamadodakazi
lempilo yabomkakho kanye labafazi bakho beceleni. 6 Uthanda abakuzondayo
uzonde abakuthandayo. Ukwenze kwabasobala lamhla ukuthi abalawuli bebutho la-
bantu babo kabasilutho kuwe. Ngiyabona ukuthi ubuzathokoza aluba u-Abhisalomu
ubephila lamhla thina sonke sifile. 7 Khathesi-ke phuma uyequnga abantu bakho
isibindi. Ngiyafunga NGOTHIXO ukuthi nxa ungaphumi akulamuntu ozabe esele lawe
kufika ukuhlwa. Lokhu kuzakuba kubi kakhulu kuwe kulayo yonke incithakalo
eseyake yakwehlela kusukela ebutsheni bakho kuze kube khathesi.”
8 Ngakho inkosi yasukuma yahamba lesihlalo sayo esangweni. Abantu sebezwe
kuthiwa, “Inkosi ihlezi esangweni,” bonke baya phambi kwayo.
Ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli basebebalekele emizini yabo.

UDavida Ubuyela EJerusalema

9 Kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, abantu bonke babephikisana besithi, “Inkosi
isisindisile esandleni sezitha zethu; yiyo eyasihlengayo esandleni samaFilistiya.
Kodwa khathesi isibalekile elizweni ngenxa ka-Abhisalomu; 10 njalo u-Abhisalomu,
esamgcobayo ukuba asibuse, ufile empini. Ngakho kungani lingatsho lutho
ngokubuyisa inkosi na?”
11 Inkosi uDavida wathumela ilizwi kuZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari, abaphristi esithi,
“Buzani abadala bakoJuda ukuthi, ‘Kungani lisiba ngabokucina ekubuyiseleni inkosi
esigodlweni sayo njengoba okukhulunywayo kulolonke elako-Israyeli sekufikile
enkosini lapho ehlala khona na? 12 Lingabafowethu, inyama yami legazi lami.
Ngakho kungani lisiba ngabokucina ukubuyisa inkosi?’ 13 Njalo lithi ku-Amasa,
‘Wena kawusinyama yami legazi lami na? Sengathi uNkulunkulu angangijezisa, kube
kanzima kakhulu, nxa ungasuye mlawuli webutho lami esikhundleni sikaJowabi,
kusukela khathesi.’ ”
14 Wazuza ukusekelwa ngabantu bonke bakoJuda kwangathi babengumuntu
munye. Bathumela ilizwi enkosini besithi, “Buya, wena kanye labantu bakho bonke.”
15 Ngakho inkosi yabuyela yahamba yaze yayafika eJodani. Ngalesosikhathi
abantu bakoJuda basebefikile eGiligali ukuze baphume bayehlangabeza inkosi
bayilethe ngaphetsheya kweJodani. 16 UShimeyi indodana kaGera, umBhenjamini
waseBhahurimi, wehla ngokuphangisa labantu bakoJuda ukuyahlangabeza inkosi
uDavida. 17 Wayelabantu bakoBhenjamini abayinkulungwane, kanye loZibha,
isikhonzi sabendlu kaSawuli, lamadodana akhe alitshumi lanhlanu kanye lezinceku
ezingamatshumi amabili. Baphangisa ukuya eJodani lapho inkosi eyayikhona.
18 Bachapha ezibukweni ukuze bahambise abendlu yenkosi ngaphetsheya lokwenza
loba kuyini ekufunayo.
UShimeyi indodana kaGera esechaphe iJodani, waziwisela phansi wathi bhazalala
phambi kwenkosi 19 wathi kuyo, “Inkosi kayingangenzi olecala. Ungakhumbuli
okubi okwenziwa yinceku yakho mhlekazi wami ngosuku inkosi eyasuka ngalo
eJerusalema. Sengathi inkosi ingakwesula engqondweni yayo. 20 Ngoba mina nceku
yakho ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngenza isono, kodwa lamhla ngize lapha njengowakuqala
kuyo yonke indlu kaJosefa ukuzahlangabeza umhlekazi wami, inkosi.”
21 Lapho-ke u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wathi, “UShimeyi akumelanga abu-
lawe ngenxa yalokhu na? Wathuka ogcotshiweyo KATHIXO.”
22 UDavida waphendula wathi, “Kuyini lina lami esihlanganyela kukho, lina
madodana kaZeruya? Ngalelilanga lina selibe yizitha zami! Kufanele kube
lomuntu obulawayo ko-Israyeli lamhla na? Kangazi yini ukuthi lamhla ngiyinkosi
yako-Israyeli?” 23 Ngakho inkosi yathi kuShimeyi, “Kawuyikufa.” Njalo inkosi
yamthembisa ngokufunga.

24 UMefibhoshethi, indodana yendodana kaSawuli, laye wehla ukuyahlangabeza
inkosi. Wayengazigezanga inyawo zakhe kumbe agele indevu zakhe loba agezise
izigqoko zakhe kusukela ngelanga inkosi eyasuka ngalo kwaze kwaba lilanga eyabuya
ngalo isindile. 25 Esefikile evela eJerusalema ukuzahlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yambuza
yathi, “Kungani ungahambanga lami, Mefibhoshethi?”
26 Yena wathi, “Mhlekazi wami, nkosi, njengoba mina nceku yakho ngiqhula,
ngathi, ‘Ngizabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wami ngigade phezu kwaso, ukuze
ngihambe lenkosi yami.’ Kodwa uZibha inceku yami wangikhohlisa. 27 Njalo
usehlinikeze inceku yakho kuwe mhlekazi nkosi yami. Mhlekazi wami, inkosi
injengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; ngakho yenza lokho okukuthokozisayo. 28 Bonke
abenzalo kababamkhulu kabafanelanga lutho kodwa ukubulawa ngumhlekazi wami
inkosi, kodwa inceku yakho uyiphe indawo phakathi kwalabo abadla etafuleni lakho.
Ngakho ngilelungelo bani lokukhalaza njalo enkosini?”
29 Inkosi yathi kuye, “Usakhulumelani okunye? Ngiyalilaya wena loZibha ukuba
lahlukaniselane amasimu.”
30 UMefibhoshethi wathi enkosini, “Kathathe konke, njengoba khathesi umhlekazi
wami usefikile ekhaya kungekho ngozi.”
31 UBhazilayi umGiliyadi laye wehla evela eRogelimi ukuyachapha iJodani elenkosi
lokuyayivalelisela khona. 32 UBhazilayi wayesengumuntu omdala, eseleminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. Wayenike inkosi ukudla ekuhlaleni kwayo
eMahanayimi, ngoba wayengumuntu onothe kakhulu. 33 Inkosi yathi kuBhazilayi,
“Chaphela ngaphetsheya lami uyehlala lami eJerusalema ngizakupha okuswelayo.”
34 Kodwa uBhazilayi wayiphendula inkosi wathi, “Mingaki eminye iminyaka
engisezayiphila, ukuba ngiye eJerusalema lenkosi na? 35 Khathesi ngileminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ubudala. Ngingabe ngisawutsho yini umahluko
phakathi kokuhle lokungekuhle na? Inceku yakho ingabe isakunambitha ekudlayo
lekunathayo na? Ngingabe ngisawezwa amazwi abahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane
na? Kungani inceku yakho kumele ibe ngomunye umthwalo njalo kumhlekazi
wami, inkosi na? 36 Inceku yakho izachaphela ngaphetsheya kweJodani lenkosi
ummangwana omfitshane, pho kungani inkosi kumele ingiphe umvuzo ongaka
na? 37 Yekela inceku yakho ibuyele, ukuze ngiyefela emzini wakithi eduze
lengcwaba likababa lomama. Kodwa nansi inceku yakho uKhimihami. Kachaphele
ngaphetsheya lomhlekazi inkosi yami. Menzele lokho okukuthokozisayo.”
38 Inkosi yasisithi, “UKhimihami uzachaphela ngaphetsheya lami, njalo ngizamen-
zela okukuthokozisayo. Njalo loba yini oyifuna kimi ngizakwenzela yona.”
39 Ngakho abantu bonke bachapha iJodani, inkosi yasichaphela ngaphetsheya.
Inkosi yamanga uBhazilayi yambusisa, uBhazilayi wasebuyela emzini wakhe.
40 Kwathi inkosi ichaphela eGiligali, uKhimihami wachapha layo. Wonke amabutho
akoJuda lengxenye yamabutho ako-Israyeli ayeyichaphisile inkosi.
41 Masinyane bonke abantu bako-Israyeli baya enkosini bathi kuyo, “Kungani
abafowethu, abantu bakoJuda, bentshontshe inkosi yethu bayisa ngaphetsheya
kweJodani yona labendlu yayo kanye labantu bonke na?”
42 Bonke abantu bakoJuda baphendula abantu bako-Israyeli bathi, “Lokhu sikwen-
zile ngoba inkosi ilobuhlobo obuseduze kakhulu lathi. Kulicaphula ngani lokho? Sike
sadla olunye ulutho lwenkosi na? Sike sazithathela enye into na?”
43 Abantu bako-Israyeli basebephendula abantu bakoJuda besithi, “Thina silezabelo
ezilitshumi enkosini, njalo ngaphandle kwalokho thina silelungelo elikhulu kulelenu
ngoDavida. Pho kungani lisidelela? Kasibanga ngabokuqala na ukukhuluma
ngokubuyisa inkosi yethu?”

Kodwa abantu bakoJuda baphendula ngamazwi alukhuni kakhulu kulawabantu bako-Israyeli.

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UShebha Uhlamukela UDavida

1 Ngalesosikhathi kwenzakala ukuthi umxabanisi owayethiwa nguShebha indodana kaBhikhiri umBhenjamini abekhona. Wakhalisa icilongo waklabalala esithi,
"Kasilasabelo kuDavida,
kasilangxenye endodaneni kaJese!
Umuntu wonke ethenteni lakhe, Oh Israyeli!"
2 Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlubuka kuDavida balandela uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri. Kodwa abantu bakoJuda babambelela enkosini yabo umango wonke kusukela eJodani kusiya eJerusalema.
3 UDavida esebuyele esigodlweni sakhe eJerusalema, wathatha abafazi bakhe beceleni abalitshumi ayebatshiye begcine isigodlo wababeka endlini elindwayo. Wabanika ababekuswela, kodwa kembathanga labo. Babehlala bevalelwe kuze kube lusuku lokufa kwabo, baphila njengabafelokazi.
4 Inkosi yasisithi ku-Amasa, "Biza abantu bakoJuda beze kimi phakathi kwensuku ezintathu, lawe ube lapha wena ngokwakho." 5 Kodwa u-Amasa eseyebiza uJuda, wathatha isikhathi eside kulaleso inkosi eyayimisele sona.
6 UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhishayi, "Khathesi uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri uzasenzela umonakalo odlula owenziwa ngu-Abhisalomu. Thatha abantu benkosi yakho umlandele, hlezi athole amadolobho avikelweyo aphunyuke kithi." 7 Ngakho abantu bakaJowabi lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi kanye lamaqhawe wonke alamandla baphuma belawulwa ngu-Abhishayi. Bahamba besuka eJerusalema belandela uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri.
8 Kwathi besesedwaleni elikhulu eGibhiyoni, u-Amasa wayabahlangabeza. UJowabi wayegqoke ibhatshi lakhe lempi, phezu kwalo, ekhalweni lwakhe, kubophe ibhanti lilomhedla esikhwameni sawo. Esahamba esiya phambili, umhedla wawela ngaphandle kwesikhwama sawo.
9 UJowabi wasesithi ku-Amasa, "Unjani, mfowethu?" UJowabi wasebamba u-Amasa ngendevu ngesandla sakhe sokudla wasemanga. 10 U-Amasa kawunanzelelanga umhedla owawuphethwe nguJowabi, uJowabi wasemgwaza esiswini sakhe, amathumbu akhe ahutshukela phandle emhlabathini. Lanxa engasagwazwanga futhi, u-Amasa wafa. Emva kwalokho uJowabi lomfowabo u-Abhishayi baxotshana loShebha indodana kaBhikhiri.
11 Omunye wabantu bakaJowabi wema phansi kuka-Amasa wathi, "Lowo othanda uJowabi, lalowo ongokaDavida, kalandele uJowabi!" 12 U-Amasa walala ezibhixeka egazini lakhe phakathi komgwaqo, umuntu lowo wabona ukuthi amabutho wonke afika ame khonapho. Kwathi esenanzelele ukuthi umuntu wonke owafika ku-Amasa wema, wamhudula emsusa emgwaqweni wamusa egangeni, waphosela isembatho phezu kwakhe. 13 Emva kokuba u-Amasa esesusiwe emgwaqweni, abantu bonke bedlula loJowabi ukuyaxotshana loShebha indodana kaBhikhiri.
14 UShebha wadabula phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli kusiya e-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha laphakathi kwesabelo sonke samaBikiri, aqoqanayo amlandela. 15 Wonke amabutho ayeloJowabi afika amvimbezela uShebha e-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha. Bakha idundulu lokuvimbezela elalifika edolobheni njalo laleyame izinqaba zangaphandle. Besagqula umduli ukuba bawudilize, 16 owesifazane ohlakaniphileyo wamemeza esedolobheni wathi, "Lalelani! Lalelani! Tshelani uJowabi eze lapha ukuze ngikhulume laye." 17 Wahamba esiya kuye, wasembuza esithi, "UnguJowabi na?"

Yena waphendula wathi, “Nginguye.”
Wasesithi, “Lalela okuzatshiwo yincekukazi yakho.”
Wathi, “Ngilalele.”
18 Owesifazane waqhubeka wathi, “Kudala babejwayele ukuthi, ‘Funani impendulo
e-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha,’ lokho kwakuyiqeda indaba. 19 Thina singabathuleyo
labathembekileyo ko-Israyeli. Wena uzama ukudiliza idolobho elingunina ko-Israyeli.
Kungani ufuna ukuginya ilifa LIKATHIXO na?”
20 UJowabi waphendula wathi, “Akusikho lokho! Akusikho lokho ukuginya
loba ukudiliza! 21 Akunjalo. Umuntu othiwa nguShebha indodana kaBhikhiri,
owaselizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, uphakamisele inkosi isandla sakhe emelana
layo, emelana loDavida. Mletheni umuntu lowo, ngisuke edolobheni.”
Owesifazane wathi kuJowabi “Ikhanda lakhe lizaphoswa kuwe lisuka emdulini.”
22 Emva kwalokho owesifazane lowo waya ebantwini bonke leseluleko sakhe
esikhaliphileyo, baquma ikhanda likaShebha indodana kaBhikhiri baliphosela ku-
Jowabi. Ngakho wakhalisa icilongo, abantu bakhe bachitheka besuka edolobheni,
lowo lalowo ebuyela emzini wakhe. UJowabi wabuyela enkosini eJerusalema.

Iziphathamandla ZikaDavida

23 UJowabi wayephethe lonke ibutho lako-Israyeli;
uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada ephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi;
24 u-Adoniramu wayephethe izibhalwa;
uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi
wayengumbhali;
25 uSheva engumabhalane;
uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari bengabaphristi;
26 u-Ira umJayiri engumphristi kaDavida.

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AmaGibhiyoni Ayaphindisela

1 Ekubuseni kukaDavida kwaba lendlala iminyaka emithathu ilandelana; ngakho
uDavida wabuza UTHIXO. UTHIXO wathi, “Kungenxa kaSawuli lendlu yakhe enindwe
ngegazi; kungenxa yokuthi yena wabulala amaGibhiyoni.”
2 Inkosi yabiza amaGibhiyoni yakhuluma lawo. (AbaseGibhiyoni babengasiyo
ngxenye ka-Israyeli kodwa babengabasalayo bama-Amori, abako-Israyeli babefunge
ukubayekela, kodwa uSawuli ngenxa yokutshisekela kwakhe u-Israyeli loJuda wafuna
ukubaqeda du.) 3 UDavida wabuza amaGibhiyoni wathi, “Kuyini engingalenzela
khona na? Ngingakwenza njani ukubuyisana ukuze libusise ilifa LIKATHIXO na?”
4 AmaGibhiyoni amphendula athi, “Kasilalo ilungelo lokufuna isiliva loba igolide
kuSawuli kumbe kwabendlu yakhe, lelungelo lokubulala umuntu ko-Israyeli kasi-
lalo.”
UDavida wabuza wathi, “Pho lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?”
5 Bayiphendula inkosi bathi, “Umuntu owasichithayo waceba okubi ngathi saze
satshabalala njalo kasaze saba lendawo loba ngaphi ko-Israyeli, 6 kasinikwe abenzalo
yakhe besilisa abayisikhombisa ukuba babulawe balengiswe phambi KUKATHIXO
eGibhiya kaSawuli, okhethiweyo KATHIXO.”
Ngakho inkosi yathi, “Ngizalinika bona.”
7 Kodwa uMefibhoshethi indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, inkosi yamt-
shiya ngenxa yesifungo phambi KUKATHIXO phakathi kukaDavida loJonathani indo-
dana kaSawuli. 8 Kodwa inkosi yathatha u-Arimoni loMefibhoshethi amadodana
amabili endodakazi ka-Ayiya uRizipha, ayemzale loSawuli, kanye lamadodana

amahlanu endodakazi kaSawuli uMerabi, ayewazale lo-Adiriyeli indodana kaBhazilayi waseMehola. 9 Yabanikeza kumaGibhiyoni, ababulala abachaya eqaqeni phambi
kuka*Thixo*. Bonke beyisikhombisa bafela ndawonye; babulawa ngezinsuku zakuqala zokuvuna, ukuvunwa kwebhali kuqalisa nje.
10 URizipha indodakazi ka-Ayiya wathatha isaka wazendlalela lona edwaleni. Kusukela ekuqaliseni kokuvuna izulu laze lana livela emazulwini linetha izidumbu, kavumelanga izinyoni zasemoyeni ukuba zizithinte emini loba izinyamazana zeganga ebusuku. 11 Kwathi uDavida esetshelwe ngokwakwenziwe yindodakazi ka-Ayiya uRizipha, umfazi kaSawuli weceleni, 12 wahamba wayathatha amathambo kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe uJonathani ebantwini baseJabheshi Giliyadi. (Babewathathe ensitha enkundleni kazulu eBhethi-Shani, lapho amaFilistiya ayewachaye khona emva kokubulala kwawo uSawuli eGilibhowa.) 13 UDavida wawathatha khonapho amathambo kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe uJonathani, lamathambo alabo ababebulawe babuye bachaywa abuthwa.
14 Amathambo kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe uJonathani bawangcwaba ethuneni likasekaSawuli uKhishi, eZela koBhenjamini, benza konke njengokulaya kwenkosi. Emva kwalokho uNkulunkulu wayiphendula imikhuleko eyenzelwa ilizwe.

Izimpi Kulwisana LamaFilistiya

15 Kwaphinda kwaba lempi futhi phakathi kwamaFilistiya lo-Israyeli. UDavida wahamba labantu bakhe ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya, wasedinwa. 16 U-Ishibhi-Bhenobi, omunye wabenzalo kaRafa, isihloko somkhonto wakhe wethusi esasilobunzima obungamashekeli angamakhulu amathathu, njalo ehlome ngenkemba entsha, wathi uzabulala uDavida. 17 Kodwa u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wamhlenga uDavida; wamcakazela phansi umFilistiya lowo wambulala. Abantu bakaDavida bafunga kuye bathi, “Kawuyikuhamba lathi futhi empini, ukuze isibane sika-Israyeli singacitshwa.”
18 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi kwaba lenye impi futhi lamaFilistiya, eGobi. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathi wabulala uSafi, omunye wabosendo kaRafa.
19 Kweyinye impi lamaFilistiya njalo eGobi, u-Elihanani indodana kaJayiri umBhethilehema wabulala umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto owawulofuthi olunjengogodo lomaluki.
20 Kanti njalo kwenye impi eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda enkulu kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha esandleni ngasinye lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye, sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane. Laye wayengowosendo lukaRafa. 21 Kwathi echothoza u-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wambulala.
22 Abane laba babengabosendo lukaRafa eGathi, bonke babulawa nguDavida lamabutho akhe.

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Ihubo LikaDavida Lokudumisa

1 UDavida wahlabelela u*Thixo* amazwi alelihubo lapho u*Thixo* wamsindisa esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lasesandleni sikaSawuli. 2 Wathi:
“U*Thixo* ulidwala lami, inqaba yami lomsindisi wami;
3 uNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lami, lapho engiphephela khona,
isihlangu sami lophondo lokusindiswa kwami.
Uyinqaba yami, isiphephelo sami lomsindisi wami
uyangisindisa ebantwini abalodlakela.

4 Ngakhuleka ku*Thixo* ofanele ukudunyiswa,
njalo ngikhululwe ezitheni zami.

5 Amagagasi okufa angikhulela;
lezikhukhula zokubhubhisa zangikhulela.
6 Izibopho zengcwaba zangithandela;
imijibila yokufa yangijamela.

7 Ekukhathazekeni kwami ngakhuleka kuTHIXO;
ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami.
Esethempelini lakhe walizwa ilizwi lami;
ukukhala kwami kwafika ezindlebeni zakhe.
8 Umhlaba wagedezela wazamazama,
izisekelo zamazulu zanyikinyeka;
zagedezela ngoba wayethukuthele.
9 Intuthu yalanquka emakhaleni akhe;
umlilo ohangulayo waphuma emlonyeni wakhe,
amalahle avuthayo alavuka ephuma kuwo.
10 Waqhekeza amazulu wehlela phansi;
amayezi amnyama ayengaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.
11 Wagada amakherubhi waphapha;
wantweza phezu kwamaphiko omoya.
12 Wenza umnyama isigubuzelo esimhanqileyo,
amayezi ezulu amnyama asemkhathini.
13 Phakathi kokukhazimula kobukhona bakhe,
izikhatha zombane zalavuza khona.
14 UTHIXO wakhwaza esezulwini;
ilizwi loPhezukonke lanqenqetha.
15 Waciba imitshoko wazihlakaza izitha,
ngezikhatha zombane waziqothula.
16 Izigodi zolwandle zambulwa
lezisekelo zomhlaba zavezwa obala
ekukhuzeni kukaTHIXO,
ngomfutho wokuphefumula kwamakhala akhe.

17 Welula isandla sakho usezulwini wangibamba
wangihlenga enzikini yamanzi.
18 Wangihlenga esitheni sami esilamandla,
ezitheni zami ezazingigabhela ngamandla.
19 Zangijamela mhla ngisebunzimeni,
kodwa uTHIXO waba yinsika yami.
20 Wangikhupha wangibeka endaweni ebanzi;
wangihlenga ngoba wayethokoza ngami.

21 UTHIXO ungenzele okulingene ukulunga kwami;
wangivuza ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami.
22 Ngoba ngizigcinile izindlela zikaTHIXO;
angenzanga okubi ngokufulathela uNkulunkulu wami.
23 Yonke imithetho yakhe iphambi kwami;
angizifulathelanga izimiso zakhe.
24 Ngibe ngilokhu ngimsulwa phambi kwakhe
njalo ngisixwayile isono.
25 UTHIXO ungivuze ngokufanele ukulunga kwami;
ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwami phambi kwakhe.

26 Kwabathembekileyo lawe uthembekile,
kwabamsulwa lawe umsulwa,
27 kwabahlanzekileyo uziveza uhlanzekile,
kodwa kwabangaqondanga uziveza ukhaliphile.
28 Uyabasindisa abathobekileyo;
kodwa amehlo akho akhangele abazigqajayo ukuba ubehlisele phansi.
29 Uyisibane sami, Oh THIXO,
uTHIXO uguqula ubumnyama bami bube yikukhanya.
30 Ngosizo lwakho ngingaphuma ngimelane lebutho lempi,
ngoNkulunkulu wami ngingawukhwela umduli.

31 Izindlela zikaNkulunkulu uqobo lwakhe ziphelele;
ilizwi LIKATHIXO kalilasici.
Ulihawu labo bonke abaphephela kuye.
32 Ngoba ngubani uNkulunkulu ngaphandle KUKATHIXO?
Njalo ngubani oliDwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na?
33 NguNkulunkulu ongihlomisa amandla
enze indlela yami iphelele.
34 Wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala;
ungenza ngime ezingqongweni.
35 Ufundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi,
izingalo zami zingaligobisa idandili lethusi.
36 Uyanginika isihlangu sakho sokunqoba;
uyazehlisela phansi ukuze ungenze ngibe mkhulu.
37 Uqhelisa indlela enginyathela kuyo,
ukuze inqagala zami zingapheci.

38 Ngaxotshana lezitha zami ngaziqothula;
kangibuyanga ngingakazibhubhisi zonke.
39 Ngaziqothula okupheleleyo, njalo zazingeke zisavuka;
zawela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zami.
40 Wangihlomisa ngamandla okulwa impi;
wenza abaxabana lami bakhothama ezinyaweni zami.
41 Wenza izitha zami zafulathela zabaleka,
njalo ngazibhubhisa izitha zami.
42 Bakhala becela uncedo, kodwa wayengekho owayengabahlenga
KUTHIXO, kodwa kaphendulanga.
43 Ngabatshaya bacholeka njengothuli lomhlabathi;
ngabagxoba ngabanyathela njengodaka ezindleleni.

44 Ungikhulule ekuhlaselweni yilababantu;
ungigcine ngiyinhloko yezizwe.
Abantu engangingabazi sebebuswa yimi,
45 abezizweni bayatshotshobala phambi kwami;
bathi bengizwa nje ngendaba, bangilalele.
46 Bonke badelile;
beza bethuthumela bevela ezinqabeni zabo.

47 UTHIXO uyaphila! Alidunyiswe iDwala lami!
Kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu wami, iDwala, uMsindisi wami!

48 UnguNkulunkulu ongiphindiselelayo,
obeka izizwe ngaphansi kwami,
49 ongikhululayo ezitheni zami.
Wena wangiphakamisela ngaphezu kwezitha zami;
wangihlenga ebantwini bodlakela.
50 Ngakho ngizakudumisa, Oh THIXO, phakathi kwezizwe;
ngizahlabelela indumiso yebizo lakho.

51 Unika inkosi yakhe ukunqoba okukhulu;
ubonakalisa umusa wakhe ongapheliyo kogcotshiweyo wakhe,
kuDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade.”

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Amazwi KaDavida Okucina

1 La ngamazwi okucina kaDavida:
“Umbono kaDavida indodana kaJese,
umbono womuntu owaphakanyiswa ngoPhezukonke,
umuntu owagcotshwa nguNkulunkulu kaJakhobe,
umhlabeleli wezingoma ka-Israyeli:

2 Umoya kaTHIXO wakhuluma ngami,
ilizwi lakhe lalisolimini lwami.
3 UNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wakhuluma,
iDwala lika-Israyeli lathi kimi:
‘Lapho umuntu ebusa abantu ngokulunga,
lapho ebusa ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu,
4 unjengokukhanya kwekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga
ekuseni okungelamayezi,
njengokukhanya emva kokuna kwezulu
okumilisa utshani emhlabathini.’

5 Indlu yami kayifanelanga kuNkulunkulu na?
Kanje kenzanga lami isivumelwano esingapheliyo
esalungiswayo saqiniswa izigaba zonke na?
Kambe kazukuphumelelisa ukusindiswa kwami
angiphe konke engikufisayo na?
6 Kodwa abantu ababi bonke bazaphoselwa eceleni njengameva,
angabuthwayo ngesandla.
7 Loba ngubani othinta ameva
usebenzisa insimbi loba uluthi lomkhonto;
ayatshiswa ngomlilo khonapho akhona.”

Amaqhawe KaDavida

8 La ngamabizo amaqhawe kaDavida:
UJoshebi-Bhasishebethi umThakemoni wayeyinduna yabaThathu, waphakamisela abantu abangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili umkhonto wakhe, ababulalayo ekuhlaseleni kunye.
9 Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodo um’Ahohi. Njengomunye wamaqhawe amathathu, wayeloDavida lapho bechothoza amaFilistiya ayebuthanele impi ePhasi Damimi. Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlehlela emuva, 10 kodwa yena wajama wawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya isandla sakhe saze sadinwa sanamathela

enkembeni. Ngalelolanga uTHIXO waletha ukunqoba okukhulu. Amabutho abuyela
ku-Eleyazari ukuyahlubula abafileyo kuphela nje.
11 Phansi kwakhe kwakuloShama indodana ka-Ageye umHarari. Kwathi amaFil-
istiya eseqoqene endaweni eyayilezindumba ezinengi, amabutho ako-Israyeli awa-
balekela. 12 Kodwa uShama wajama phakathi kwensimu. Wayivikela wawacakazela
phansi amaFilistiya, uTHIXO waletha ukunqoba okukhulu.
13 Ngesikhathi sokuvuna, abathathu ezinduneni ezingamatshumi amathathu baya
kuDavida ebhalwini lwase-Adulami, lapho ibutho lamaFilistiya lalimise eSigodini
saseRefayi. 14 Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo lamabutho amaFilistiya
laliseBhethilehema. 15 UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, “Oh, sengathi kungaba
lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha emthonjeni oseduze lesango laseBhethile-
hema!” 16 Ngakho amaqhawe amathathu adabula phakathi kwamaviyo amaFilistiya,
akha amanzi emthonjeni eduze lesango laseBhethilehema ahamba lawo kuDavida.
Kodwa wala ukuwanatha, esikhundleni salokho wawathela phambi kUKATHIXO.
17 Wathi, “Akungenzeki, OH THIXO, ukuba ngenze lokhu. Akusigazi labantu abahambe
befake ukuphila kwabo engozini na?” UDavida kawanathanga.
Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zalawomabutho womathathu.
18 U-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayeyinduna yabaThathu
labo. Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamakhulu amathathu,
ababulalayo, ngakho waba lodumo njengabaThathu. 19 Kahlonitshwanga kakhulu
kulabaThathu na? Waba ngumlawuli wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo.
20 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elenza
izenzo zobuqhawe obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili ayez-
intshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla ku-
longqwaqwane. 21 Njalo wabulala umGibhithe owayemkhulu kakhulu. Lanxa
umGibhithe lowo wayephethe umkhonto, uBhenaya wamhlasela ngenduku. Wawuh-
luthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. 22 Lezi
zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada; laye futhi wayedume
njengamaqhawe amathathu. 23 Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abanga-
maTshumi Amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavida wambeka
ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe.

24 Phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu labo kwakuyilaba:

U-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi,
u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema,
25 uShama umHarodi,
u-Elika umHarodi,
26 uHelezi umPhalithi,
u-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa,
27 u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi,
uSibhekhayi umHushathi,
28 uZalimoni um’Ahohi,
uMaharayi umNethofa,
29 uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa,
u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya koBhenjamini,
30 uBhenaya umPhirathoni,
uHidayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi,
31 u-Abhi-Alibhoni um’Aribhathi,
u-Azimavethi umBharihumi,
32 u-Eliyaba umShalibhoni,

amadodana kaJasheni,
uJonathani 33 indodana kaShama
umHarari, u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSharari umHarari,
34 u-Elifelethi indodana ka-Ahasibhayi um'Mahakhathi,
u-Eliyami indodana ka-Ahithofeli umGiloni,
35 uHeziro umKhameli,
uPharayi um'Aribhi,
36 u-Igali indodana kaNathani waseZobha,
indodana kaHagiri,
37 uZelekhi um'Amoni,
uNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi, indodana kaZeruya,
38 u-Ira um'Ithira,
uGarebhi um'Ithiri
39 kanye lo-Uriya umHithi.

Bebonke babengamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa.

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UDavida Ubala Abantu Bokulwa

1 Ulaka LUKATHIXO lwabuya lwavutha phezu kuka-Israyeli, wenza uDavida wamelana labo, esithi, "Hambani liyebala abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda."
2 Ngakho inkosi yathi kuJowabi labalawuli bebutho ababelaye, "Hambani ezizweni zonke zako-Israyeli kusukela koDani kusiya eBherishebha libhale abantu bokulwa, ukuze ngazi ukuthi bangaki."
3 Kodwa uJowabi waphendula inkosi wathi, "Sengathi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho angandisa amabutho ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikhulu, njalo sengathi lamehlo kamhlekazi wami inkosi angakubona lokho. Kodwa-ke umhlekazi wami inkosi ifunelani ukwenza into enje?"
4 Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi lamenqabela uJowabi kanye labalawuli bebutho; ngakho basuka phambi kwenkosi ukuba bayebhala abantu bokulwa ko-Israyeli.
5 Sebechaphe iJodani bamisa eduze le-Aroweri, eningizimu komuzi edongeni, basebedabula phakathi kwakoGadi besedlulela eJazeri. 6 Baya eGiliyadi lasesabelweni saseThathimi Hodishi, laphambili eDani Jawani lasezindaweni eziseduze kusiya eSidoni. 7 Emva kwalokho baqonda enqabeni yaseThire lakuyo yonke imizi yamaHivi lamaKhenani. Ekucineni, baya eBherishebha eNegebi yakoJuda.
8 Sebelihambe lonke ilizwe, babuyela eJerusalema emva kwezinyanga eziyisificamunwemunye lezinsuku ezingamatshumi amabili.
9 UJowabi wafika wabikela inkosi inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Ko-Israyeli kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amahlanu aqinileyo ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha inkemba, koJuda.
10 Emva kokubala abantu bokulwa uDavida wakhathazeka enhliziyweni yakhe, wasesithi KUTHIXO, "Ngonile kakhulu ngalokhu engikwenzileyo. Khathesi-ke, awu THIXO, ngiyakuncenga, susa icala lenceku yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu."
11 UDavida engakavuki ngokusa okwalandelayo, ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifikile kuGadi umphrofethi, umboni kaDavida, lisithi: 12 "Hamba uyetshela uDavida ukuthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa kwakho ukuba ngikwenze kuwe.' "
13 Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Kungehliselwa kuwe indlala yeminyaka emithathu elizweni lakho na? Loba izinyanga ezintathu ubalekela izitha

zakho zixotshana lawe na? Kumbe insuku ezintathu zesifo elizweni lakho na? Khathesi-ke cabanga ngakho wenze isinqumo ukuthi ngizamphendula njani lowo ongithumileyo."

14 UDavida wathi kuGadi, "Ngiphakathi kokukhathazeka okukhulu. Kasiweleni
ezandleni zIKATHIXO, ngoba isihawu sakhe sikhulu, kodwa ungangiyekeli ngiwela
ezandleni zabantu."
15 Ngakho UTHIXO wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli kusukela ekuseni kwamhlalokho
kwaze kwafika isikhathi esasimisiwe, kwafa abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamat-
shumi ayisikhombisa kusukela koDani kusiya eBherishebha. 16 Kwathi ingilosi
isiyelule isandla sayo ukuba itshabalalise iJerusalema, UTHIXO wayeselusizi ngenxa
yomonakalo ngakho wathi engilosini eyayiqothula abantu, "Kwanele! Susa isandla
sakho." Ngalesosikhathi ingilosi KATHIXO yayisisesizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi.
17 Kwathi uDavida ebona ingilosi eyayibulala abantu, wathi KUTHIXO, "Mina yimi
engenze isono ngenza okubi. Laba bayizimvu nje. Kuyini abakwenzileyo? Isandla
sakho kasiwele phezu kwami labendlu yami."

UDavida Wakha I-Alithari

18 Ngalolosuku uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Hamba uyekwakhela UTHIXO i-
alithari esizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi." 19 Ngakho uDavida wahamba njengokulaya
KUKATHIXO ngoGadi. 20 Kwathi u-Arawuna ekhangela njalo ebona inkosi labantu
bayo besiza kuye, waphuma wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ubuso bakhe buthe mbo
phansi.
21 U-Arawuna wathi, "Umhlekazi wami inkosi ulandeni encekwini yakhe na?"
UDavida waphendula wathi, "Ngilande ukuzathenga isiza sakho, ukuze ngakhele
UTHIXO i-alithari, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe."
22 U-Arawuna wasesithi kuDavida, "Umhlekazi wami inkosi kathathe loba kuyini
okumthokozisayo anikele ngakho. Nanzi inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, nansi
lemibhulo yokubhula kanye lamajogwe enkabi ukuba kube zinkuni. 23 Awu nkosi,
u-Arawuna unika inkosi konke lokhu." U-Arawuna wabuya wathi kuye, "Sengathi
UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho angakwamukela."
24 Kodwa inkosi yathi ku-Arawuna, "Hayi, ngiyagcizelela ekuthini ngikuthenge
kuwe. Kangiyikunikela KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami umnikelo wokutshiswa ongan-
gibizelanga lutho."
Ngakho uDavida wasithenga isiza kanye lenkabi ngamashekeli esiliva angamat-
shumi amahlanu. 25 UDavida wakhela UTHIXO i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. Lapho-ke UTHIXO waphendula
ukukhulekelwa kwelizwe, isifo saphela ko-Israyeli.

Ugwalo Lwakuqala
LwamaKhosi

U-Adonija Uzibeka Ukuba Yinkosi

1 Kwathi inkosi uDavida esemdala kakhulu, wayengasafudumali lanxa elele loba
bemembathise kakhulu. 2 Izinceku zakhe zathi kuye, “Kasidinge intombazana
yokunakekela inkosi iyifudumeze. Izalala eceleni kwayo ukuze inkosi yethu
ifudumale.”
3 Ngakho balibhudula lonke elako-Israyeli bedinga intombi enhle baze bafumana
u-Abhishagi, umShunami walethwa enkosini. 4 Intombazana leyo yayinhle kakhulu;
yayinakekela inkosi yayilondoloza, kodwa inkosi kayiyenzanga umfazi.
5 Kwathi u-Adonija, unina owayenguHagithi, waziveza wathi, “Yimi engizakuba
yinkosi.” Waselungisa izinqola lamabhiza kanye lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu
ukumandulela. 6 (Uyise kazange amkhuze ngokumbuza ukuthi, “Ukwenzeleni konke
lokhu?” Laye wayemuhle kakhulu, eselama u-Abhisalomu.)
7 U-Adonija wacebisana loJowabi indodana kaZeruya lo-Abhiyathari umphristi, laba
bamsekela. 8 Kodwa uZadokhi umphristi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, loNathani
umphrofethi, loShimeyi, loReyi kanye labalindi benkosi abamsekelanga u-Adonija.
9 U-Adonija wasesenza umhlatshelo ngezimvu, ngenkomo langamathole anonileyo
eLitsheni laseZohelethi eduze le-Eni Rogeli. Wanxusa abafowabo, lamadodana enkosi
lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda ayengawesikhosini, 10 kodwa kamnxusanga uNathani
umphrofethi loba uBhenaya loba abalindi benkosi loba umfowabo uSolomoni.
11 Ngakho uNathani wabuza uBhathishebha, unina kaSolomoni wathi, “Awukezwa
yini ukuthi u-Adonija, indodana kaHagithi, useyinkosi, ezibeka inkosi yethu uDavida
ingakakwazi lokho? 12 Khathesi-ke lalela ngikweluleke, ukuze uzisindise wena
lokuvikela impilo yendodana yakho uSolomoni. 13 Ngena lapha okulenkosi uDavida
khona ufike uthi kuyo, ‘Wena omkhulu nkosi yami, awufunganga na phambi kwami
mina sichaka sakho ukuthi: “Ngoqotho sibili indodana yakho uSolomoni uzakuba
yinkosi ngemva kwakho, uzahlala esihlalweni sami”? Kungani pho u-Adonija esebe
yinkosi?’ 14 Uzakuthi usuphakathi ukhuluma layo inkosi, lami ngizangena ngifike
ngigcwalisele lokho ozabe ukutshilo.”
15 Ngalokho-ke uBhathishebha wayayibona inkosi eyayivele isiluphele
isendlini yayo, lapho u-Abhishagi ongumShunami ayelondoloza khona inkosi.
16 UBhathishebha wakhothama wazehlisa waguqa phambi kwenkosi.
Inkosi yambuza yathi: “Kuyini okufunayo?”
17 Wathi kuyo, “nkosi yami, wena uqobo lwakho wafunga kimi inceku yakho
ngoThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wathi: ‘USolomoni indodana yakho uzakuba yinkosi
ngemva kwami, njalo uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi.’ 18 Kodwa khathesi
u-Adonija usebe yinkosi, kodwa wena mbusi, nkosi yami awukwazi okwenza-
kalayo. 19 Usenikele ngenkomo ezinengi, amaguqa anonisiweyo, kanye lezimvu,
njalo usenxuse wonke amadodana enkosi, u-Abhiyathari umphristi kanye loJowabi
umlawuli webutho, kodwa kamnxusanga uSolomoni inceku yakho. 20 Mbusi
wami, nkosi, abako-Israyeli bonke bakukhangele, badinga ukwazi ukuthi ngubani
ozahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi ngemva kwakho. 21 Kungenzeka phela ukuthi
inkosi yami ingavele iyephumula kubokhokho, mina lendodana yami uSolomoni
sizaphathwa njengezigangi.”

22 Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma lenkosi, kwafika uNathani umphrofethi. 23 Bayibikela
inkosi bathi, “UNathani umphrofethi ulapha.” Waya phambi kwenkosi wakhothama
embele ubuso bakhe phansi.
24 UNathani wabuza wathi, “Kambe, nkosi yami, nguwe na othe u-Adonija uzamele
athathe ubukhosi bakho ungasekho wena, utshilo na ukuthi uzahlala esihlalweni
sakho sobukhosi? 25 Lamuhla lokhu wehlile wayakwenza umhlatshelo wenkomo
ezinengi, amaguqa anonisiweyo, lezimvu. Unxuse wonke amadodana enkosi,
abalawuli bamabutho enkosi kanye lo-Abhiyathari umphristi. Khona khathesi nje
bayadla benatha kanye laye besitsho besithi, ‘Mpilonde nkosi Adonija!’ 26 Kodwa
mina inceku yakho, loZadokhi umphristi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, kanye
lenceku yakho uSolomoni kasinxusanga. 27 Kambe kungaba yikuthi lokhu inkosi yami
ikwenze ingatshelanga izinceku zayo ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
benkosi yami ngemva kokuba inkosi ingasekho?”

UDavida Unika USolomoni Ubukhosi

28 Ngalokho iNkosi uDavida yathi, “Mbize, angene uBhathishebha.” Ngakho weza
enkosini wema phambi kwayo.
29 Inkosi yasifunga yathi: “Ngeqiniso lokuthi uTHIXO wami ngophilayo, lowo
owangikhipha ezinhluphekweni zami zonke, 30 ngempela khona lamuhla lokhu
ngizagcwalisa lokho engakufunga ngoTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: uSolomoni
indodana yakho uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwami, njalo uzahlala esihlalweni sami
esikhundleni sami.”
31 Ngalokho uBhathishebha wakhothamisa ikhanda ekhangele phansi, kwathi
eseguqe phambi kwenkosi, wathi. “Umbusi wami inkosi uDavida kaphile kuze kube
nini lanini!”
32 INkosi uDavida yathi, “Ngibizela uZadokhi umphristi, uNathani umphrofethi
kanye loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada.” Bathe sebephambi kwenkosi, 33 yathi
kubo: “Thathani izinceku zenkosi yenu lihambe lazo liyekhweza uSolomoni
indodana yami phezu kwembongolo yami lehle laye liye eGihoni. 34 Khonale
uZadokhi umphristi loNathani umphrofethi kuzamele bamgcobe ubukhosi phezu
kuka-Israyeli wonke. Livuthele icilongo limemeze lithi, ‘Kayiphile okulaphakade
iNkosi uSolomoni!’ 35 Lizakhwela laye, abuye azohlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi
aze abuse esikhundleni sami. Sengimkhethile ukuthi abuse phezu kuka-Israyeli
lakoJuda.”
36 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada waphendula inkosi wathi, “Akube njalo!
Kungathi uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wombusi lenkosi yami, angakumisa kube njalo.
37 Njengoba uTHIXO elondoloze umbusi wami oyinkosi, akube njalo lakuSolomoni
ukuze enze ubukhosi bakhe bube ngaphezu kwalobo obenkosi yami iNkosi uDavida!”
38 Ngakho uZadokhi umphristi, loNathani umphrofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJe-
hoyada lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi behla bafika bakhweza uSolomoni embongolweni
yeNkosi uDavida bamqhuba bamusa eGihoni. 39 UZadokhi umphristi wathatha
uphondo lwamafutha ethenteni elingcwele wagcoba uSolomoni. Ngakho bahle
bavuthela icilongo, abantu bonke bahlaba umkhosi behaya besithi, “Mpilonde Nkosi
Solomoni!” 40 Bonke bamlandela, bavuthela imihubhe bejabula kakhulu, kwaze
kwanyikinyeka umhlaba.
41 U-Adonija kanye lezethekeli ezazilaye zawuzwa lumkhosi njengoba bona base-
beqedisa ukudla. UJowabi wathi esizwa icilongo wabuza wathi, “Utshoni umsindo
wonke lo edolobheni?”
42 Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma kwafika uJonathani indodana ka-Abhiyathari
umphristi. U-Adonija wathi, “Ngena phakathi. Indoda eqakathekileyo njengawe
kufanele ukuthi isiphathele izindaba ezimnandi.”

43 UJonathani waphendula wathi, “Akulalutho. Inkosi uDavida uMbusi
wethu usegcobe uSolomoni ubukhosi. 44 Inkosi isimthumele kanye loZadokhi
umphristi, loNathani umphrofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lamaKherethi
lamaPhelethi, njalo sebehle bamkhweza embongolweni yenkosi. 45 Njalo uZadokhi
umphristi loNathani umphrofethi sebehle bamgcobela ubukhosi eGihoni. Besuka
lapho bahle bahaya bembuka, kanti ledolobho lonke lihlokoma ngenjabulo. Yiwo
lo umkhosi eliwuzwayo. 46 Kunjalo-nje uSolomoni usehle wahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi. 47 Phezu kwalokho izikhulu zesikhosini sezifikile ukuthi zizokwenzela
iNkosi uDavida amhlophe zisithi, ‘Sengathi uNkulunkulu wakho angenza ibizo lika-
Solomoni lidume kulelakho kuthi lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe lodumo ukwedlula
esakho!’ Ngalokho inkosi yakhothama yakhonza isembhedeni wayo 48 yathi, ‘Udumo
alube kuye uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena ovumele ukuthi ngizibonele
ngawami amehlo lowo ozathatha isihlalo sami sobukhosi lamuhla.’ ”
49 Ngenxa yalokhu, izethekeli zika-Adonija zathi lothu zaphakama ngokwethuka
zachitheka. 50 Kodwa u-Adonija, ngokwesaba uSolomoni, wahamba wayabamba
impondo ze-alithare. 51 USolomoni wasetshelwa ukuthi, “U-Adonija uyayesaba iNkosi
uSolomoni ngakho usegagadlele impondo ze-alithare. Uthi yena, ‘INkosi uSolomoni
kayifunge kimi lamuhla ithi kayiyikubulala isichaka sayo ngenkemba.’ ”
52 USolomoni waphendula wathi, “Nxa angatshengisela ukuthi uyindoda uqobo
lwayo akulanwele lolulodwa lwekhanda lakhe oluzawela emhlabathini; kodwa
nxa ebanjwe yikona, uzakufa.” 53 Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni yathumela amadoda,
ayamethula e-alithareni abuya laye. Ngalokho u-Adonija weza wafika wazehlisa
wakhothama enkosini uSolomoni, yena uSolomoni wathi. “Hamba, yana emzini
wakho.”

2

UDavida Ulaya USolomoni

1 Kwathi isikhathi sokuthi uDavida afe sesisondele, walaya indodana yakhe
uSolomoni.
2 Wathi, “Sengiseduze ukuyiphetha indlela yemhlabeni. Ngakho qina, zitshengisele
ubudoda bakho, 3 unanzelele lokho okufunwa NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho:
Ukuhamba endleleni yakhe, ugcine imilayo leziqondiso zakhe, imithetho yakhe
kanye lezilayezelo zayo: Hamba ezindleleni zakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe leziqondiso
zakhe, imithetho yakhe lokulotshiweyo ngokoMthetho kaMosi, ukuze uphumelele
kukho konke okwenzayo kanye lalapho oya khona, 4 ngalokho uTHIXO uzagcina
isithembiso sakhe kimi: ‘Nxa isizukulwane sakho sizananzelela izindlela zokuphila
kwaso, njalo sizahamba ngobuqotho phambi kwami ngezinhliziyo zaso lasemoyeni
waso, awuyikwehluleka uswele indoda ezahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi ko-Israyeli.’
5 Wena ngokwakho uyakwazi ukuthi uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenzani kimi
lekubulaweni kwabalawuli bamabutho ako-Israyeli, u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri lo-
Amasa indodana kaJetha. Wababulala, wachitha igazi ngesikhathi sokuthula kwan-
gathi kusempini, ngalokho igazi langcolisa uzwezwe okhalweni lwakhe lenyathelo
ezinyaweni zakhe. 6 Yenza lokho obona kufanele kuye, kodwa ikhanda lakhe
elimpunga ungavumeli lingcwatshwe ngokuthula.
7 Kodwa ube lomusa emadodaneni kaBhazilayi weGiliyadi babengabanye balabo
abazakudla kanye lawe ethaleni lakho. Bona bema kanye lami nxa ngangibalekela
umfowenu u-Abhisalomu.
8 Njalo ukhumbule ukuthi, wena ulendodana kaGera uShimeyi ongowakoBhen-
jamini oweBhahurimi owangithuka kabuhlungu mhla ngisiya kuMahanayimi. Wathi
lapho ezongihlangabeza eJodani, ngafunga NGOTHIXO ngathi: ‘Angiyikukubulala
ngenkemba.’ 9 Kodwa loba kunjalo ungabonakana ukuthi umsulwa. Uyindoda

elengqondo ekhaliphileyo, kumele ukwazi ozakwenza kuye. Yethula ikhanda lakhe elimpunga liye emangcwabeni ligcwele igazi.”

10 Kwaba yikwedlula kukaDavida esesiya kubokhokho bakhe abafayo
wayangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavida. 11 Wayesebuse okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane ko-Israyeli, iminyaka eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi engamatshumi
amathathu lemithathu eJerusalema. 12 Ngakho uSolomoni wahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikayise uDavida, umbuso wakhe wagxila waqina.

Ukuzinziswa Kombuso KaSolomoni

13 Kwathi u-Adonija, indodana kaHagithi, waya kuBhathishebha, unina kaSolomoni.
UBhathishebha wambuza wathi, “Kambe uza ngokuthula na?”

Yena waphendula wathi, “Ye, ngokuthula.” 14 Waqhubekela phambili wathi,
“Kukhona engifisa ukukutsho kuwe.”

Wathi, “Ungatsho lokho oza ngakho.”

15 “Njengoba usazi ukuthi ubukhosi bebungobami. U-Israyeli ubekhangele ukuthi
yimi inkosi yabo. Kodwa izinto seziguqukile, ubukhosi sebuthethwe ngumfowethu,
ngoba yena ubuphiwe NGUTHIXO. 16 Pho khathesi ngilesicelo engiza ngaso kuwe.
Ungabokwala.”

Waphendula wathi, “Khuluma isikhalazo sakho.”

17 Yena waqhubekela phambili wathi, “Ngicelela inkosi uSolomoni anginike u-
Abhishagi umShunami ukuze abe ngumkami, ngiyazi ngeke ale kuwe.”

18 UBhathishebha waphendula wathi, “Yebo kambe, ngizakukhulumela ngikubike
enkosini.”

19 Kwathi uBhathishebha esiyakhulumela u-Adonija enkosini uSolomoni, inkosi
yaphakama yamhlangabeza yamkhothamela yasihlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi.
Yathi kabalethele unina isihlalo sesikhosini, unina wasehlala esandleni sayo sokudla.

20 Unina wathi, “Ungabokwala, ngilesicelo esincane engizasethula kuwe.”

Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Cela mama, angiyikukuncitsha, angikwaleli.”

21 Unina wasesithi, “Yekela u-Abhishagi umShunami abe ngumfazi womfowenu u-
Adonija.”

22 INkosi uSolomoni ephendula unina wathi, “Kungani ucelela u-Adonija u-
Abhishagi umShunami? Kuyafanana lokuthi umcelela ubukhosi, kanti njalo yena
ngokwakhe umnewethu umdala kulami kanye laku-Abhiyathari umphristi loJowabi
indodana kaZeruya!”

23 Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yasifunga NGOTHIXO yathi: “Kungani uNkulunkulu
angangijezisa mina, loba kabuhlungu kanganani, nxa u-Adonija engasahlawulanga
ngokufela lesisicelo esinje! 24 Khathesi-ke, ngeqiniso LIKATHIXO ophilayo, yena kanye
ongibeke wangizinzisa esihlalweni sobukhosi bukababa uDavida wangidalela indlu
yesikhosini njengokuthembisa kwakhe, u-Adonija uzabulawa lamhlanje!” 25 Ngakho
iNkosi uSolomoni yakhipha ilizwi yathuma uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lakanye
wamlahla phansi u-Adonija kwahle kwaba yikufa kwakhe.

26 Ku-Abhiyathari umphristi iNkosi yathi, “Buyela emasimini akho e-Anathothi.
Kufanele ufe kodwa angiyikukubulala khathesi, ngoba wathwala ibhokisi lesivumel-
wano SIKATHIXO Wobukhosi phambi kukababa uDavida waba kanye lobaba ese-
bunzimeni.” 27 Ngakho uSolomoni wasusa u-Abhiyathari esihlalweni sobuphristi
BUKATHIXO, kwagcwaliseka lelolizwi LIKATHIXO alikhuluma eShilo ekhuluma ngendlu
ka-Eli.

28 UJowabi ekuzweni lelilizwi, njengoba yena wayekade ebambene lo-Adonija
engazange enze lokho lo-Abhisalomu, wabalekela ethenteni LIKATHIXO wafika wad-
umela impondo ze-alithare. 29 Inkosi uSolomoni yatshelwa ukuthi uJowabi ubalekele

ethenteni LIKATHIXO lapha afike wazisondeza e-alithareni. Ngalokho uSolomoni wathi kuBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, “Hamba uyemtshaya umbhuqe.”

30 Lakanye uBhenaya wangena ethenteni LIKATHIXO wathi kuJowabi, “Inkosi ithi, ‘Phuma phandle!’ ”

Kodwa yena waphendula wathi, “Angiphumi, ngizafela khonapha.”

UBhenaya wayabika enkosini wathi, “Yiyonale indlela angiphendule ngayo uJowabi.”

31 Ngalokho inkosi yathi kuBhenaya, “Yenza njengokutsho kwakhe. Umtshaye umbhuqe, uhle umngcwabe, ukuze ungigeze mina kanye lendlu kababa kulowomlandu wegazi elingelacala elachithwa nguJowabi. 32 UTHIXO uzamjezisa ngegazi alichithayo, ngoba wahlasela wabulala amadoda amabili ngenkemba ubaba inkosi uDavida engakwazi. Bobabili u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli wamabutho ako-Israyeli, kanye lo-Amasa indodana kaJetha, umlawuli wamabutho akoJuda, babengamadoda angcono beqotho kulaye. 33 Kungani umlandu waleligazi labo ungahlala phezu kukaJowabi labenzalo yakhe kuze kube nini lanini. Kodwa inkosi uDavida lenzalo yakhe, lendlu yakhe lesihlalo sobukhosi sakhe, angathi ingehlelwa yikuthula okungapheliyo KUKATHIXO.”

34 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wakhwela wafika wamtshaya uJowabi wambulala wayangcwatshwa esiqintini sakhe enkangala. 35 Inkosi yabeka uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada ukuba abe ngumlawuli webutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi kwathi esikhundleni sika-Abhiyathari yabeka uZadokhi umphristi.

36 Ngakho inkosi yathi kayibizelwe uShimeyi yasisithi kuye. “Zakhele indlu eJerusalema uhlale khonale, kodwa ungayi ndawo. 37 Mhla uzake usuke uchaphe uye eziHotsheni zeKhidironi, uhle wazi ngeqiniso ukuthi uzakufa, igazi lakho lizabizwa phezu kwakho.”

38 UShimeyi wayiphendula inkosi wathi, “Lokho okutshoyo kuqondile. Inceku yakho izakwenza njengoba inkosi yayo itshilo.” Ngakho uShimeyi wahlala eJerusalema isikhathi eside.

39 Kodwa kwathi sekwedlule iminyaka emithathu, izigqili zikaShimeyi ezimbili zabalekela ku-Akhishi indodana kaMahakha, inkosi yeGathi, njalo uShimeyi watshelwa ukuthi, “Izigqili zakho ziseGathi.” 40 Ekuzwa lokhu, wethesa ubabhemi wakhe waya ku-Akhishi eGathi esiyadinga izigqili zakhe. Ngakho uShimeyi wabuya lazo izigqili zakhe evela eGathi.

41 USolomoni esetsheliwe ukuthi uShimeyi wayesuke eJerusalema waya eGathi waze waphenduka, 42 inkosi yambiza uShimeyi yathi kuye, “Angizange ngikufungise NGOTHIXO njalo ngakuqonqonsela ukuthi, ‘Mhla uzake usuke uye kwenye indawo uhle wazi ukuthi ngempela uzakufa na?’ Ngalesosikhathi wathi kimi, ‘Okutshoyo kuqotho. Ngizalalela.’ 43 Pho kungani ungagcinanga isifungo sakho KUTHIXO ulalele isiqondiso engakunika sona?”

44 Inkosi njalo yathi kuShimeyi, “Uyakwazi enhliziyweni yakho konke ukona owakwenza kubaba uDavida. Khathesi UTHIXO uzakujezisa ngokona kwakho. 45 Kodwa iNkosi uSolomoni izabusiswa, isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida sizahlala siqinile ngokuzinza phambi KUKATHIXO kuze kube nini lanini.”

46 Ngakho yakhupha isiqondiso kuBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, yena waphuma wafika wamnqonda uShimeyi wamlahla phansi wahle wambulala.

Ngalokho ubukhosi basebusezandleni zikaSolomoni ngokugcweleyo.

3

USolomoni Ucela Inhlakanipho

1 USolomoni waba lobudlelwano loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe waze wathatha indodakazi yayo. Wayingenisa edolobheni likaDavida inkosikazi yakhe esaqedisa umsebenzi wokwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO, lomduli ohonqolozele iJerusalema. 2 Kodwake, abantu babelokhu besanikelela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo ngoba ithempeli lalilokhu lilindele ukwakhiwa lisakhelwa ibizo LIKATHIXO. 3 USolomoni watshengisela uthando lwakhe KUTHIXO ngokuhamba njengokulaya kukayise uDavida, ngaphandle nje kokuthi wanikela iminikelo watshisa impepha ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

4 Inkosi yaya eGibhiyoni ukuyanikela iminikelo, ngoba kwakuyiyo indawo eqhamileyo kweziphakemeyo, ngakho-ke uSolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane kulelo-alithare. 5 Khonapho eGibhiyoni UTHIXO waziveza kuSolomoni ebusuku emaphutsheni lapho uNkulunkulu athi, “Cela loba yini ofuna ukuba ngikunike yona.”

6 USolomoni waphendula ngokuthi, “Utshengisile umusa omkhulu encekwini yakho, ubaba uDavida, ngenxa yokuthi wathembeka njalo elungile ngokuqonda enhliziyweni yakhe. Uqhubekele phambili ngomusa omkhulu kangaka wamnika indodana ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lamuhla lokhu.

7 Khathesi, THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, uyibekile inceku yakho yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavida. Kodwa ngingumntwana nje ongakwaziyo ukwenza umsebenzi okumele awenze. 8 Inceku yakho ilapha phakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, abantu abaqakathekileyo, abanengi okungabalwayo noma ukulandisa ngenani labo. 9 Phana inceku yakho inhliziyo elobubelo ukuze ibuse abantu bakho lokuthi yahlukanise phakathi kokuhle lokubi. Ngoba ngubani olamandla okubusa abantu bakho abakhulu kangaka?”

10 UTHIXO wathokoziswa yilesisicelo sikaSolomoni. 11 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “Njengoba ucele lokho kodwa ungacelanga impilo ende loba inotho, njalo awucelanga ukuthi ngabe izitha zakho ziyafa kodwa ucele inhliziyo elobubele ekubuseni ngemfanelo, 12 ngizakwenza lokho okucelileyo. Ngizakunika inhliziyo yenhlakanipho kanye lobubele, kube yikuthi akukaze kube khona ofanana lawe, njalo kungelakuthi uzake abekhona. 13 Phezu kwalokho, ngizakunika ongazange ukucele, kokubili inotho lokuhlonitshwa, kube khona ekuphileni kwakho konke njalo kungabi leyodwa inkosi ezalingana lawe. 14 Kanti njalo nxa uzathatha inyathelo lami ulalele imilayo lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenziwa nguyihlo uDavida, ngizakunika impilo ende.” 15 Ngakho uSolomoni wasephaphama, wananzelela ukuthi kwakuliphupho.

Wabuyela eJerusalema, wayakuma phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO wanikela ngomnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Wenzela izinceku zakhe zonke zasendlini idili.

Ukwahlulela Okulenhlakanipho

16 Kwasekusiba lezifebe ezimbili ezaya enkosini zafika zema phambi kwayo. 17 Esinye sathi, “Nkosi yami, umama lo sihlala ndlunye. Ngikhululeke ngazuza umntwana laye ekhona. 18 Kuthe ngosuku lwesithathu ngikhululekile laye umama lo wakhululeka wazuza umntwana. Besiyithi sodwa sobabili, kungelamuntu endlini ngaphandle kwethu sobabili.

19 Ebusuku indodana yalumama ifile ngoba usuke walala phezu kwayo. 20 Wasevuka ebusuku wangemuka indodana yami mina ncekukazi yakho ngilele ubuthongo. Uthethe umntanami wayamxhuma ebeleni lakhe, wathatha owakhe ofileyo wamfaka kwelami ibele. 21 Ekuseni ngithe ngivuka ukuba ngimunyise indodana yami, ngathola ukuthi isifile! Kodwa ngithe ngiyayikhangelisisa sokusile nganangelela ukuthi akusiyo indodana yami engayizalayo.”

22 Omunye owesifazane wathi, “Hayi! Indodana le ephilayo ngeyami, efileyo ngeyakho.”
Kodwa umama wokususa indaba waphikelela esithi, “Hayi bo! Ofileyo ngowakho, ophilayo ngowami.” Ngakho-ke baphikisana phambi kwenkosi.
23 Inkosi yathi, “Lo uthi, ‘Hayi bo! Indodana yami iyaphila kodwa eyakho ifile’ kanti belo loyana uthi, ‘Hayi bo! Eyakho indodana yiyo efileyo kodwa eyami ngephilayo.’ ”
24 Inkosi yasisithi, “Lethani inkemba.” Lakanye inkosi bayiqhubela inkemba.
25 Inkosi yapha isiqondiso yathi, “Dabulani umntwana ophilayo phakathi laphakathi kuthi ingxenye liyiqhubele omunye umama kuthi lomunye laye limnike enye ingxenye.”
26 Owesifazane owayelendodana ephilayo wakhulelwa lusizi ngendodana yakhe ngakho wathi enkosini, “Uxolo, ngiyacela nkosi yami, kungcono umqhubele umntwana ephila, umnike nkosi! Ungambulali umntwana.”
Kodwa omunye wathi, “Kakho phakathi kwethu ofanele ukumzuza lumntwana, mqume iziqa ezimbili!”
27 Inkosi yasiveza ukwahlulela kwayo: “Umntwana ophilayo mupheni umama wakuqala. Lingambulali umntwana, lo nguye unina uqobo.”
28 Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebezwile bonke ukwahlulela kwenkosi, bayesaba kakhulu, ngoba babona ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kwayo kokwahlulela ngemfanelo kuvela kuNkulunkulu.

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Iziphathamandla Labosibalukhulu BakaSolomoni

1 Ngakho uSolomoni wabusa lonke elako-Israyeli.

2 Njalo ababeyizikhulu embusweni wakhe yilaba:

U-Azariya indodana kaZadokhi umphristi;
3 u-Elihorefu lo-Ahija, amadodana kaShisha ababengonobhala;
uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi wayemlondolozi wemibhalo;
4 uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umlawuli omkhulu;
uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi;
5 u-Azariya indodana kaNathani wayekhangele izikhulu zeziqinti;
uZabhudi indodana kaNathani wayengumphristi njalo engumcebisi osekhwapheni lenkosi;
6 u-Ahishari umlawuli wasesigodlweni,
u-Adonirami indodana ka-Abhida wayekhangele izichaka.

7 USolomoni wayelezinye njalo izikhulu zeziqinti ezilitshumi lambili ezazikhangele ngokuqoqwa kokudla kwenkosi lomndlunkulu e-Israyeli. Kwakusithi isikhulu ngasinye silethe ukudla okwenyanga eyodwa ngomnyaka.

8 Nanka amabizo alezozikhulu:

uBheni-Huri wayephethe isiqinti samaqaqa ezweni lika-Efrayimi;
9 uBheni-Dekheri wayephethe eseMakhazi, leseShalibhimi, leseBhethi-Shemeshi kanye lese-Eloni-Bethihanani;
10 uBheni-Hesedi wayephethe ese-Arubhothi (eSokho lakulo lonke ilizwe leHeferi kungumango wakhe);

11 uBheni-Abhinadabi wayephethe eseNaphothi Dori (yena wayethethe uThafathi
indodakazi kaSolomoni);
12 uBhana indodana ka-Ahiludi wayephethe eseThanakhi leMegido, lasezindaweni
zonke zeBhethi-Shani phansi kweZarethani ngaphansi kweJezerili, kusuka
eBhethi-Shani kusiya e-Abheli-Mehola kusuka lapho kuyengena ku-Abheli-
Mehola kuquma kuyengena kuJokhimeyamu;
13 uBheni-Gebha eRamothi Giliyadi (imizana kaJayiri indodana kaManase
eGiliyadi kwakungokwakhe, kanye lesiqinti se-Agobhi eBhashani kuhlanganisa
lamadolobho amakhulu angamatshumi ayisithupha alemiduli lamasango avalwa
ngezivalo ezenziwe ngemigqala yensimbi yethusi);
14 u-Ahinadabi indodana ka-Ido eMahanayimi;
15 u-Ahimazi eNafithali (wayethethe uBhasemathi indodakazi kaSolomoni);
16 uBhana indodana kaHushayi ko-Asheri lako-Bheyalothi;
17 uJehoshafathi indodana kaPharuya, ko-Isakhari;
18 uShimeyi indodana ka-Ela koBhenjamini;
19 uGebheri indodana ka-Uri eGiliyadi (elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori
kanye lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yeBhashani). Kwakunguye kuphela umbusi
wesiqinti.

Isabelo SikaSolomoni Sokudla Kwensuku Zonke

20 Abantu bakoJuda labako-Israyeli babebanengi okwesihlabathi solwandle;
babesidla, benatha njalo babejabula. 21 USolomoni wabusa kulolonke kusukela
ezweni leMifula kusiya kwelamaFilistiya, kuze kube semingceleni yeGibhithe. Wonke
amazwe la ayethela njalo abuswa nguSolomoni okwempilo yakhe yonke.
22 Okwakufanele kudliwe esigodlweni sikaSolomoni nsuku zonke kwakubalisa
ifulawa elicolekileyo elilingana amakhora angamatshumi amathathu lempuphu
elingana amakhora angamatshumi ayisithupha, 23 inkabi ezinonisiweyo ezilitshumi
lenkomo ezingamatshumi amabili ezivela emadlelweni, izimvu lembuzi ezilikhulu
ngaphandle kwempala lemiziki lempunzi lengalukhuni ezinonisiweyo. 24 Ngoba
yena wabusa phezu kwemibuso entshonalanga koMfula, kusukela eThiphisa kusiya
eGaza, njalo kwakulokuthula kuzozonke lezo zindawo. 25 Ngesikhathi sokubusa
kukaSolomoni kuze kufike ekufeni kwakhe elakoJuda lako-Israyeli, kusukela kuDani
kusiya kuBherishebha, abantu babehlezi bevikelekile, kungulowo lalowo emthunzini
wesihlahla sakhe sevini loba esomkhiwa.
26 USolomoni wayelezibaya zamabhiza enqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane
ezine, njalo wayelamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili.
27 Izikhulu zesiqinti, sinye ngasinye ngenyanga yaso, kwakumele zizophisane
ukulethela iNkosi uSolomoni ukudla lemfanelo yakhe lababezokwethekelela
esikhosini. Izikhulu lezi zazinanzelela kakhulu ukuthi akukho lokukodwa okusilelayo
esikhosini. 28 Izikhulu zaziletha njalo isabelo sazo sengqoloyi lotshani bamabhiza
ezinqola zempi lamanye amabhiza.

Ukuhlakanipha KukaSolomoni

29 UNkulunkulu wanika uSolomoni ukuhlakanipha lombono womzwangedwa,
lokuqedisisa okujule njengetshebetshebe lolwandle. 30 Ulwazi lukaSolomoni lwalu-
jule ukwedlula olwezazi zonke zaseMpumalanga, njalo lujule ukwedlula ulwazi lonke
lwaseGibhithe. 31 Wayehlakaniphe ukwedlula wonke amadoda, kubalwa kanye lo-
Ethani um'Ezira, ehlakaniphe ukwedlula uHemani, loKhalikholi loDada, amadodana
kaMaholi. Njalo udumo lwakhe lwazwakala ezizweni zonke ezazakhelene laye.
32 Wabumba izaga ezizinkulungwane ezintathu kanti njalo izingoma zakhe zaba
yinkulungwane eyodwa lezinhlanu. 33 Wachasisa wahaya izihlahla, kusukela

isihlahla somsedari waseLebhanoni lomhisophi okhula emidulini. Wafundisa njalo
langezinyamazana lezinyoni, langezinanakazana lenhlanzi. 34 Amadoda ayequbuka
evela emhlabeni wonke ukuthi azozizwela ukukhalipha kwengqondo kaSolomoni,
wonke lamadoda amanye evela khonapho lamanye evela ezizweni, eza ukuzakuzwa
lokhukuhlakanipha.

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Amalungiselelo Okwakhiwa KweThempeli

1 Kwathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire esizwa ukuthi uSolomoni ugcotshwe ukuba abe
yinkosi athathe isihlalo sikayise, wathumela amanxusa akhe kuSolomoni njengoba
wayevele ezwanana loDavida. 2 Yena uSolomoni waphendula uHiramu wathi:

3 "Wena uyakwazi ukuthi ubaba uDavida kenelisanga ukwakhela iBizo LIKATHIXO
uNkulunkulu wakhe ithempeli ngenxa yezimpi ayezilwa inxa zonke, UTHIXO waze
wamnqobela izitha zakhe. 4 Kodwa khathesi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami ungiphe
ukuthula inxa zonke, ngakho akulasitha loba umonakalo. 5 Ngizimisele, ngenxa
yalokho, ukwakha ithempeli leBizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wami, njengoba
watshela ubaba uDavida wathi, 'Indodana yakho engizayibeka esihlalweni sakho
sobukhosi izakwakhela iBizo lami ithempeli.'

6 Khupha-ke iziqondiso zokuthi ngiganyulelwe izihlahla zomsedari waseLeb-
hanoni. Amadoda avela kimi azasebenza kanye lawe, njalo amadoda avela
kuwe ngizawaholisa leloholo ozalitsho wena. Uyakwazi ukuthi asilabo abawaziyo
lowomsebenzi ngobuciko obungalingana lobamaSidoni."

7 UHiramu wathi esizwa ilizwi elivela kuSolomoni, wajabula kakhulu wathi,
"Udumo kalube KUTHIXO lamuhla, ngoba unike uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo
ezabusa lesisizwe esikhulu."

8 Ngakho uHiramu wathumela ilizwi kuSolomoni wathi:

"Ngilitholile ilizwi ongithumele lona njalo ngizakwenza konke okuzakuzuzisa
izigodo zesihlahla somsedari lesohlobo lwephayini. 9 Amadoda ngapha ngakimi
azagamula ahudule izigodo azifikise elwandle evela eLebhanoni, ngibe sengizehlisa
ngemikolo ngize ngiyezifikisa lapha ozakutsho khona. Kulapho engizazehlukanisa
khona wena ube usuzithathela khonapho uhambe lazo. Wena uzagcwalisa isifiso
sami ngokunginika isiqiniseko sokuthi uzanginika ukudla komdlunkulu wami
ukuze ungawelwa yindlala."

10 Ngalindlela uHiramu walethela uSolomoni izigodo zesihlahla somsedari kanye
lesephayini ayezifuna, 11 kanti njalo yena uSolomoni wapha uHiramu ingqoloyi
elingana amakhora azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili yomndlunkulu, phezu
kwamafutha acengekileyo edira angamatanka azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili iminyaka leminyaka. 12 UTHIXO wapha uSolomoni ingqondo ekhaliphi-
leyo njengokumethembisa kwakhe. Kwaba lokuthula ebudlelwaneni bukaHiramu
loSolomoni, kwathi bobabili benza isibopho sokuhlalisana ngokuthula.

13 INkosi uSolomoni yabutha izibhalwa zokusebenza elizweni lonke lako-Israyeli,
ezazizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. 14 Wayezithumela eLebhanoni
lezizibhalwa ngezigaba zabantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi izopha ngezopha
ngenyanga, kuyikuthi lezizibhalwa zazisebenza eLebhanoni inyanga yonke zibe
seziphumula ekhaya okwezinyanga ezimbili. U-Adonirami nguye owayephethe
labo ababuthwa babayizibhalwa zomsebenzi. 15 USolomoni wayelabantu bokuth-
wala abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kanye lababebaza amat-
she abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye ezintabeni,
16 kanye lababekhangele abasebenzayo abangamakhulu amathathu lantathu
lababebona ngokuqhubeka komsebenzi beqondisa izisebenzi. 17 Ngeziqondiso

zenkosi bakhupha inkalakatha zamatshe amahle ukuze kube lamatshe amahle okwakhisa ngawo isisekelo sethempeli esilohlonzi. 18 Izingcitshi zokubaza zikaSolomoni lezikaHiramu lamaGebhali babaza balungisa izigodo lamatshe kusakhiwa ithempeli.

6

USolomoni Wakha IThempeli

1 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane lasificaminwembili abako-Israyeli baphuma eGibhithe, ngomnyaka wesine uSolomoni ebusa ko-Israyeli, ngenyanga kaZivi, iyinyanga yesibili, waqalisa ukwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO.
2 Ithempeli elakhiwa yiNkosi uSolomoni elakhela UTHIXO lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi balo, lengalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuyaphezulu.
3 Isigaba sekhulusi elingaphambi kwendlu enkulu yethempeli sengezelela ububanzi lokuqhela kwethempeli, ngezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili njalo sasiphutsha ukwedlula indlu enkulu kusiya phambi kwayo ngezingalo ezilitshumi. 4 Amafasitela awenzayo ethempelini ayengamancinyane. 5 Emidulini yendlu enkulu yethempeli lasendlini engcwele ephakathi wakha esinye isimo, kulapho okwaba lezindlwana khona emaceleni. 6 Indawo ephansi kuzozonke yayibanzi okwezingalo ezinhlanu, kuthi iguma laphakathi lalizingalo eziyisithupha kanti-ke iguma lesithathu lalingaba ngeziyisikhombisa. Wakha imithangala ngaphandle kwethempeli ukuze kungabi lalutho olwaluzafakwa phakathi kwemiduli yethempeli.
7 Ekwakheni ithempeli, kwasetshenziswa amatshe ayebazwe alolongwa lapho ayevela khona kuphela, ngakho kwakungezwakali sando, ihloka loba yiphi insimbi yokwakha ethempelini ngesikhathi kusakhiwa.
8 Umnyango weguma laphansi wawungezansi yethempeli; kulamakhwelelo okuya esigcawini saphakathi kuthi kusuka lapho kwedlulele esigcawini sesithathu.
9 Ngakho wakha ithempeli waliqeda, walifulela ngentungo lamapulanka ezigodo zomsedari. 10 Wasesakha izindlwana zalandelela imiduli yethempeli. Ubude bokuya phezulu kwendlwana ngayinye babuzingalo ezinhlanu, njalo zazibanjaniswe lemiduli yethempeli ngemijabo yezigodo zomsedari.
11 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO leza kuSolomoni lathi, 12 “Okwalelithempeli olakhayo, nxa ulandela iziqondiso zami, lemilayo yami ugcine konke engikulaya ngakho ukulandele, ngawe ngizagcwalisa zonke izithembiso engazenza kuyihlo uDavida. 13 Ngizahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli njalo angiyikubatshiya abantu bami bako-Israyeli.”
14 Ngakho uSolomoni wakha ithempeli waliqeda. 15 Wacecisa emidulini yangaphakathi ngamapulanka omsedari, wavala ececisa kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni, walungisa iphansi lethempeli ngamapulanka ezigodo zephayini.
16 Waquma wavala indawo ezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili emsamo wethempeli ngamapulanka omsedari kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni esakha isiphephelo sangaphakathi kwethempeli, iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele. 17 Indlu enkulu phambi kwaleyo yona yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude bayo. 18 Ngaphakathi kwethempeli kwakwakhiwe ngomsedari, ubazwe iziduku lamaluba aqhakazileyo. Konke kwakungumsedari, kungabonakali litshe lelilodwa.
19 Walungisa isiphephelo ngaphakathi kwethempeli ukubeka ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO khonapho. 20 Isiphephelo sangaphakathi sasizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, amatshumi amabili ububanzi njalo kungamatshumi amabili ukuyaphezulu. Wahuqa ingaphakathi ngegolide elicengekileyo, wasehuqa le-alithari lomsedari. 21 USolomoni wahuqa ingaphakathi yethempeli ngegolide elicengekileyo, njalo wengezelela amaketane egolide aquma phambi kwesiphephelo sangaphakathi, sona esasihuqwe ngegolide. 22 Ngakho wahuqa ingaphakathi yonke ngegolide. Wasehuqa njalo ngegolide i-alithari elalingelesiphephelo sangaphakathi.

23 Phakathi kwesiphephelo sangaphakathi wenza amakherubhi amabili ngesihlahla
som'oliva, ubude bokuya phezulu ngalinye buzingalo ezilitshumi. 24 Uphiko olulodwa
lwekherubhi lakuqala lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo, kanye lalolu olunye
uphiko lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu, ingalo ezilitshumi kusukela ekucineni kophiko kusiya
ekucineni kophiko. 25 Ikherubhi lesibili lalo lalizingalo ezilitshumi, womabili
amakherubhi ayelingana njalo efanana isimo. 26 Ubude bokuya phezulu bekherubhi
ngalinye babuzingalo ezilitshumi. 27 Amakherubhi wawafaka endlini ephakathi
kwethempeli, amaphiko awo echayekile. Uphiko lwelinye ikherubhi lwathinta
umduli wangapha kwathi uphiko lwelinye lalo lwathinta umduli ngale, kwathi
phakathi laphakathi kwendlu amaphiko awo athintana. 28 Amakherubhi lawo
wawahuqa ngegolide.
29 Emidulini indawana yonke ukubhoda ithempeli, ezindlini zangaphakathi
lezangaphandle wabaza amakherubhi, lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo.
30 Wahuqa njalo iphansi lezindlu zangaphandle lezangaphakathi kwethempeli nge-
golide.
31 Emnyango wesiphephelo sangaphakathi wenza izivalo zamapulanka om'oliva,
imigubazi yakhona ilamacele amahlanu. 32 Kwathi ezivalweni zombili zom'oliva
wabaza amakherubhi, lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo, wahuqa
amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala ngegolide elikhandiweyo. 33 Ngokufananayo
wenza imigubazi elamacele amane ngom'oliva emnyango wokungena endlini enkulu.
34 Wenza njalo izivalo zomphayini ezimbili, ngasinye singesigoqeka kabili. 35 Wabaza
amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo kuzo wasewahuqa nge-
golide likhandwe lalingana phezu kokubaziweyo.
36 Wakhela njalo iguma langaphakathi imizila emithathu ngamatshe abaziweyo
lowodwa owemijabo yomsedari.
37 Isisekelo sethempeli LIKATHIXO samiswa ngomnyaka wesine ngenyanga kaZivi.
38 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye ngenyanga kaBhuli, inyanga yesificaminwembili,
kwaba yikuphela kwethempeli lakhiwe njengokumiswa kwalo langeziqondiso zalo.
Wayethethe iminyaka eyisikhombisa elakha.

7

USolomoni Wakha Isigodlo Sakhe

1 Kwathatha uSolomoni iminyaka elitshumi lantathu ukuqeda ukwakha isigodlo
sakhe. 2 Wakha isiGodlo seGusu leLebhanoni saba side okwezingalo ezilikhulu,
lamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi lamatshumi amathathu ukuyaphezulu, sakhelwe
phezu kwezinsika zemisedari eziyimizila emine, kulamapulanka omsedari phezu
kwayo. 3 Sasifulelwe ngamapulanka omsedari ayephezu kwezinsika ezingamatshumi
amane lanhlanu, ziyimizila emithathu, umzila ulezinsika ezilitshumi lanhlanu.
4 Kwakulemizila emithathu yamafasitela, ayeqondene. 5 Yonke iminyango yayimiswe
yaba magumbi mane; yayimiswe ngaphambili ngamithathu, ikhangelene.
6 Wasesakha lendlu yezinsika, ubude bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
ububanzi bayo bungezingamatshumi amathathu. Phambi kwayo kulekhulusi elilezin-
sika phambili, lophahla.
7 Wasesakha lendlu yesihlalo sobukhosi, iNkundla Yokwahlulela, lapho ayeza-
thonisela khona amacala, wayendlala ngemisedari kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni.
8 Isigodlo sakhe ayezahlala kuso sasisegumeni elingemuva kwendlu yokuthonisela
amacala, yayakhiwe ngokufananayo. USolomoni wakhela indodakazi kaFaro ayeyi-
thethe, isigodlo esifanana lendlu yenkundla.
9 Zonke lezizakhiwo, kusukela ngaphandle kuze kuyefika egumeni elikhulu
phakathi kanye lokusuka esisekelweni kusiya esihlothini, zazakhiwe ngamatshe

aqakathekileyo ayebazwe ngesilinganiso esahiwe kuhle ngaphakathi langaphandle kwawo. 10 Izisekelo zakhiwa ngamatshe amakhulu aqinileyo, amanye ayezingalo ezilitshumi amanye njalo ezingalo eziyisificaminwembili. 11 Ngaphezulu kwakulamatshe aqinileyo, ebazwe ngesilinganiso, kanye lemijabo yomsedari. 12 Iguma elikhulu lalibiyelwe ngomduli wemithando emithathu yamatshe yelekene kanye lalowomsedari obazwe kuhle, kanti kwakunjalo lasegumeni lethempeli LIKATHIXO lekhulusini lakhona.

Imiceciso YeThempeli

13 INkosi uSolomoni yathumela eThire ukuba kulethwe uHuramu. 14 Unina wayengumfelokazi owesizwe sakoNafithali ezalwa yindoda eyayingeyeThire njalo eyayiyingcitshi ekubazeni ithusi. UHuramu wayengumuntu ohlakaniphileyo elokuqedisisa njalo wayelobuciko leminwe ekubazeni ithusi. Waya enkosini uSolomoni wafika wenza yonke imisebenzi ayeyiphiwe.

15 Wabumba insika ezimbili zethusi ezazizinde okuzingalo eziyisificaminwembili ukuyaphezulu njalo ubundingilizi bazo zazizingalo ezilitshumi lambili ngomzila. 16 Wabumba njalo iziduku ezimbili zethusi ukuze zifakwe engqongeni yezinsika zona ezazizingalo ezinhlanu ukuyaphezulu inye ngayinye. 17 Amambule amaketane ayephothene acecisa iziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika eziyisikhombisa esidukwini sinye ngasinye. 18 Wenza imizila emibili yomceciso wamaphomegranathi, igqagqele amambule ukucecisa iziduku phezu kwezinsika. Wenza okufanayo esidukwini sinye ngasinye. 19 Iziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika ekhulusini zazibunjwe okwemiduze, ziphakeme okwezingalo ezine. 20 Phezu kweziduku ensikeni zombili, ngaphezu kwesigaba esiyingubhe phansi kwamambule, kungamaphomegranathi angamakhulu amabili emizileni inxa zonke. 21 Wakha lezonsika ekhulusini lethempeli. Insika eseningizimu wayibiza ngokuthi nguJakhini kwathi esenyakatho wayithi nguBhowazi. 22 Iziduku ezaziphezulu zazibunjwe okwemiduze. Wapheleliswa kanjalo umsebenzi wezinsika.

23 Wasesenza uLwandle ngensimbi encibilikisiweyo, luyisigombolozi, luyizingalo ezilitshumi ukusuka emphethweni kusiya emphethweni luphakeme okwezingalo ezinhlanu. Ukulinganisa leyondingilizi kwakuthatha intambo ezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuyizingelezela. 24 Ngaphansi komphetho, kungamaqhagana agqagqeleyo, elitshumi engalweni eyodwa. Amaqhagana la ayebunjwe aba yimizila emibili ensimbininye loLwandle.

25 ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili, ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, ezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, ezintathu zikhangele eningizimu kuthi ezintathu zikhangele empumalanga. ULwandle lwalugxile phezu kwazo, imilenze yazo igobele phakathi. 26 Uhlonzi lwalulingana ububanzi besandla, umphetho ufanana lomphetho wenkomitsho, kufanana lokuqhakaza kweluba. Lwalungena izikhelelo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili.

27 Wenza njalo amathala ethusi alitshumi aphakamisekayo ubude bawo buzingalo ezine, lobubanzi buzingalo ezine, ukuphakama kuzingalo ezintathu lilinye. 28 Amathala ayenziwe ngalindlela: Kwakulezisekelo eziya phezulu emaceleni zinanyathiselwe. 29 Kulezozisekelo phakathi kwezinsika eziya phezulu kubunjelwe izilwane, inkunzi lamakherubhi, kuthi kulezonsika eziya phezulu kufanane njalo. Ngaphezulu langaphansi kwezilwane lenkunzi kulezinkatha ezikhandiweyo. 30 Inqodlana nganye ilamavili lama-ekseli ethusi, njalo nganye ilomganu phezu kwezinsika ziceciswe ngemithando ekhandelwe inxa zonke. 31 Ngaphakathi kwenqodlana yinye nganye kuvulekile kuyisigombolozi esitshona okwengalo eyodwa. Isikhala lesi siyisigombolozi ngaphansi kwaso siyingalo elengxenye. Emlonyeni kukhona okwabazelwayo kungumceciso. Okubaziweyo emaceleni kulingana inxa zonke zone, kungayisiyo

indingilizi. 32 Amavili womane engaphansi kwamapulanka, lama-ekseli amavili
ebotshelwe enqodlaneni. Ububanzi bendingilizi yevili ngalinye bulingana ingalo
eyodwa elengxenye. 33 Amavili akhona enziwe njengawenqola yempi, ama-ekseli,
amarimu, lezipokisi zawo lamahabha awo enziwe ngensimbi ezitshisiweyo.
34 Inqodlana nganye yayilezibambo ezine, esisodwa sisegumbini linye, sigxile
enqodlaneni. 35 Phezu kwenqodlana kulomthando oyisizingelezi esitshona okwengx-
enye yengalo. Izisekelo lamapulanka kuxhume phezu kwenqodlana. 36 Wabazela
khona amakherubhi, izilwane kanye lezihlahla zamalala kuyo yonke indawo
ebonakalayo lomceciso inxa zonke. 37 Yiyo-ke le indlela ayenze ngayo izinqodlana
ezilitshumi. Zazenziwe ngomkhando munye zilingana ubukhulu zilesimo sinye.
38 Wasebumba imiganu elitshumi ngethusi, umunye uthatha izikhelelo ezingamat-
shumi amane ububanzi bayo buzingalo ezine, kusithi umganu owodwa ubekwa
phezu kwenqodlana nganye yezilitshumi. 39 Wasemisa inqodlana ezinhlanu zazo
ngeningizimu yethempeli kwathi ezinhlanu zema enyakatho. ULwandle walubeka
eningizimu, ejikweni laseningizimu yempumalanga kwethempeli. 40 Wabumba njalo
imiganu lamafotsholo lemiganu yesichelo.
Ngalokho uHuramu wawuphetha umsebenzi ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni
ethempelini LIKATHIXO:

41 Izinsika ezimbili;
iziduku ezimbili ezibunjwe okomganu phezu kwezinsika;
amambule amabili ececise iziduku ezimbili eziyingubhe eziphezu kwezinsika;
42 amaphomegranathi angamakhulu amane amambule womabili (imbule linye
lilemizila emibili yamaphomegranathi, acecise iziduku eziyingubhe eziphezu
kwezinsika);
43 izinqodlana ezilitshumi lenkonxa zazo ezilitshumi;
44 uLwandle lenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo;
45 imbiza, amafotsholo lemiganu yesichelo.

Zonke lezizinto ezenzelwa iNkosi uSolomoni nguHuramu ezenzela ithempeli
LIKATHIXO zazenziwe ngethusi elikhazimulayo. 46 Inkosi yalungiselela ukuthi zonke
zibunjwe ngesithombe somdaka emagcekeni aseJodani phakathi kwaseSukhothi
laseZarethani. 47 USolomoni wayekela konke lokhu kungalinganiswanga isisindo
sakho, ngenxa yokuthi kwakukunengi kakhulu; ubunzima bensimbi yethusi
bungazanga bulinganiswe.
48 USolomoni wenza yonke imiceciso eyayisethempelini LIKATHIXO:

i-alithari legolide;
itafula eliligolide lilesinkwa esiNgcwele sikaNkulunkulu;
49 izinti zezibane zegolide elicengekileyo (ezinhlanu zazo ngakwesokudla njalo
zinhlanu langakwesokhohlo, phambi kwesiphephelo esingaphakathi);
okubalazwe ngamaluba, izibane kanye lezindlawu;
50 imiganu yegolide elicengekileyo, izibane, imiganu yokuchelisa, izinditshi leyem-
pepha;
kanye lezibambo zezivalo zingezegolide ezazenzelwe indlu engaphakathi, indawo
eNgcwelengcwele, kanti-ke kwakunjalo lezivalweni zendlu enkulu phakathi
kwethempeli.

51 Kwathi usuphelile wonke umsebenzi owawenziwe yinkosi uSolomoni ekwakheni
kwakhe ithempeli LIKATHIXO, waletha lezompahla ezazinikelwe nguyise uDavida,

isiliva legolide layo yonke imiceciso, konke lokhu wakufaka endlini yenotho ethempelini LIKAThIXO.

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Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano Lilethwa EThempelini

1 Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni wamema abadala bako-Israyeli ukuthi beze kuye eJerusalema, bonke abazinhloko zezizwana lezinduna zezimuli zako-Israyeli, ukuthi balethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKAThIXO lisuka eZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida. 2 Amadoda wonke ako-Israyeli eza ndawonye enkosini uSolomoni ngesikhathi somkhosi ngenyanga ebizwa ngokuthi ngu-Ethanimi, inyanga yesikhombisa.

3 Kwathi bonke abadala bako-Israyeli sebefikile, abaphristi bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano, 4 njalo basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKAThIXO kanye leThente lokuHlanganela layo yonke imiceciso engcwele iphakathi kwalo. Abaphristi labaLevi bakuthwala lokhu, 5 njalo inkosi uSolomoni kanye lebandla lonke lako-Israyeli babebuthene ndawonye phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, benikela ngezimvu langenkomo ababengeke bakwazi ukuloba inani lazo loba ukuzibala.

6 Abaphristi basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKAThIXO endaweni yalo engcwele engaphakathi kwethempeli, iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, basebelifaka ngaphansi kwamaphiko amakherubhi. 7 Amakherubhi elula impiko zawo phezu kwendawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano njalo agubuzela ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye lezibambo zokulithwala. 8 Izigodo lezi zazizinde zibonakala nxa useNdaweni eNgcwele phambi kwesiphephelo esingaphakathi, kodwa hatshi nxa ungaphandle kweNdawo eNgcwele; lezo zilokhu zimi njalo lalamuhla. 9 Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini lesivumelwano ngaphandle kwezibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe uMosi ayezifake phakathi kwalo eseHorebhi lapho UThIXO enza khona isivumelwano labako-Israyeli ngemva kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe.

10 Kwathi abaphristi sebesukile eNdaweni eNgcwele, iyezi lagcwala lagubuzela ethempelini LIKAThIXO. 11 Abaphristi abenzanga inkonzo yabo ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo KAThIXO yayigcwele ethempelini lakhe.

12 Ngakho uSolomoni wathi, “UThIXO utshilo ukuba uzahlala eyezini elimnyama; 13 ngempela sengikwakhele ithempeli elibukekayo, indawo ozahlala kiyo kuze kube nini lanini.”

14 Kwathi ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lisemi khonapho, inkosi yaphenduka yalibusisa. 15 Ngakho yasisithi:

“Udumo kuye UThIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena ngesandla sakhe ophelelise ukwenza lokho akuthembisa ngowakhe umlomo ethembisa ubaba uDavida. Ngoba wathi, 16 ‘Kusukela mhla ngikhupha abantu bami abako-Israyeli eGibhithe, bengingakaze ngikhethe idolobho loba kukusiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli ukuthi ngakhelwe ithempeli leBizo lami khona, kodwa ngimkhethile uDavida ukuthi abuse abantu bami bako-Israyeli.’

17 Ubaba uDavida wayelakho enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi akhe ithempeli leBizo LIKAThIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 18 Kodwa UThIXO wathi kubaba uDavida, ‘Wenza kuhle ngokuba lesifiso sokungakhela ithempeli leBizo lami enhliziyweni yakho. 19 Lanxa kunjalo, kakusuwe ozalakha lelothempeli, kodwa lizakwakhiwa yindodana yakho, eyinyama legazi lakho, yiyo ezakwakha ithempeli leBizo lami.’

20 UThIXO usigcinile isithembiso asenzayo: Sengiyinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavida njalo khathesi sengihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sika-Israyeli njengokuthembisa KUKAThIXO, njalo sengakhele iBizo LIKAThIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ithempeli. 21 Ngilungisile indawo khonaphana eyebhokisi lesivumelwano,

kulapho okulesivumelwano SIKATHIXO asenza labokhokho ekubakhupheni kwakhe kwelamaGibhithe.”

Umkhuleko KaSolomoni Wokunikela

22 Ngalokho uSolomoni wema e-alithareni LIKATHIXO phambi kwebandla lonke lako-
Israyeli, welula izandla zakhe waziphakamisela ezulwini 23 wasesithi:

Oh “THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kakho uNkulunkulu onjengawe ezulwini phezulu loba emhlabeni ngaphansi, wena ogcina isivumelwano sakho sothando lezinceku zakho, wena oqhubeka ngenhliziyo yonke endleleni yakho. 24 Usigcinile isithembiso sakho encekwini yakho uDavida ongubaba; ngomlomo wakho uthembisile njalo ngesandla sakho ukugcwalisile lokho njengoba kunjalo lamuhla.

25 Khathesi THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lezozithembiso owazenzayo lapho wathi, ‘Awuyikwehluleka loba sekutheni ukuzuza indoda ezahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi ko-Israyeli, nxa amadodana akho ezananzelela ukuhamba phambi kwami njengalokhu okwenzileyo wena.’ 26 Ngakho khathesi, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kaligcwaliseke ilizwi lesithembiso owalikhuluma kubaba uDavida inceku yakho.

27 Kambe uNkulunkulu uzahlala emhlabeni na? Amazulu, kanye lezulu eliphakemeyo, alikulingani. Pho ithempeli leli engilakhileyo lingabe liyini kuwe na! 28 Kodwa-ke akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho lokucela kwayo umusa, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami. Zwana ukukhala lokukhuleka kwenceku yakho phambi kwakho ngalolusuku. 29 Sengathi amehlo akho angahlala phezu kwalelithempeli ebusuku lemini, yonale indawo owathi wena, ‘IBizo lami lizakuba khonapha,’ ukuze uzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho ngale indawo. 30 Zwana isikhalazo senceku yakho lesabantu bakho bako-Israyeli nxa bekhuleka bekhangele kule indawo. Zwana usezulwini okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala, njalo nxa usizwa, uthethelele.

31 Nxa umuntu angonela umakhelwane wakhe, afungiswe, abesefunga isifungo phambi kwe-alithari lakho kulelithempeli, 32 zwana usezulwini wenze. Yahlulela phakathi kwezinceku zakho, umlahle olecala, wehlisele ekhanda lakhe lokho akwenzileyo. Tshono ukuthi ongonanga kalacala ukuze uveze ukuba msulwa kwakhe.

33 Nxa abantu bakho abako-Israyeli behlulwe yisitha ngenxa yokona kwabo phambi kwakho, kuthi nxa sebephendukela ngakuwe bebiza ibizo lakho, bekhuleka njalo becela intethelelo kuwe kulelithempeli, 34 lapho-ke zwana usezulwini uthethelele izono zabantu bakho bako-Israyeli njalo ubabuyisele elizweni owalinika okhokho babo.

35 Nxa amazulu evaleka njalo kungaselazulu ngenxa yokuthi abantu bakho bonile phambi kwakho, njalo nxa bekhuleka bekhangele kule indawo bavume ibizo lakho batshiye izono zabo ngoba ubatshayile, 36 lapho-ke zwana usezulwini uthethelele izinceku zakho izono zazo, abantu bakho bako-Israyeli. Bafundise indlela yokuphila eqondileyo, uthumele izulu elizweni owalinika abantu bakho ukuba libe yilifa labo.

37 Nxa kufika indlala kumbe isifo elizweni, ukukhunta lengumane, isikhongwane lemihogoyi, loba behanqwa yizitha kwelinye lamadolobho abo, loba yincithakalo enganani loba ngumkhuhlane onjani ongeza, 38 kuthi lanxa kusenziwa umkhuleko kumbe isicelo ngomunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, ngulowo lalowo ezazela inhlupheko ezinhliziyweni yakhe njalo ephakamisele izandla zakhe kulelithempeli, 39 lalela usezulwini, okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala. Thethelela njalo wenzele umuntu munye ngamunye okuhambelana lezenzo zakhe ngoba wena uyazazi inhliziyo zabo (futhi nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo zabantu), 40 yikho bezakwesaba imihla yabo yonke yokuphila beselizweni owalinika okhokho bethu.

41 Owezizweni ongasuye omunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli kodwa evela
kude ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho 42 ngoba abantu bazakuzwa ngelakho ibizo
eliqakathekileyo lesandla sakho esilamandla lengalo yakho eyeluliweyo, nxa
esiza akhuleke ekhangele kulelithempeli, 43 lapho-ke zwana usezulwini, indawo
elilikhaya lakho, wenze loba yini owezizweni ayicela kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu
bomhlaba balazi ibizo lakho njalo bakwesabe, njengoba abantu bakho abako-
Israyeli bekwenza, baze bazi ukuthi indlu le engiyakhileyo ithwele iBizo lakho.
44 Nxa abantu bakho bephuma besiya empini ukuyakulwa lezitha zabo, loba kun-
gaphi obathuma khona, njalo kuthi nxa bekhuleka KUTHIXO bekhangele edolobheni
olikhethileyo wena kanye lethempelini engalakhela iBizo lakho, 45 lapho-ke zwana
usezulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubaphathise kulokho.
46 Nxa bonile phambi kwakho, ngoba kakho ongoniyo njalo uze ubathukuthelele
ubanikele ezitheni zabo ezibathumba zibase ezizweni zazo, ezikhatshana lezise-
duze; 47 kuthi nxa bengaguquka ezinhliziyweni zabo besemazweni abayabe
bethunjelwe kuwo, baphenduke bakuncenge besemazweni abathunjelwa khona
bathi, ‘Sonile, senza okungalunganga lokubi,’ 48 njalo nxa bephendukela kuwe
ngezinhliziyo zabo zonke langemiphefumulo yabo elizweni lezitha zabo ez-
abathumbayo, bakhuleke kuwe bekhangele elizweni owalinika oyise, lasedolob-
heni owalikhethayo lethempeli engilakhele iBizo lakho, 49 ngakho usezulwini,
ikhaya lakho zwana imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubenzele khona lokho.
50 Ubathethelele abantu bakho, abakonileyo wena, bathethelele kukho konke
ukona kwabo kuwe, wenze izitha zabo zibe lomusa kubo; 51 ngoba bangabantu
bakho njalo bayilifa lakho, bona owabakhipha eGibhithe, esihogweni esivuthayo
esincibilikisa insimbi.
52 Sengathi amehlo akho angaba phezu kwenceku yakho ukukhala kwayo
lokuncengela kwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, sengathi ungalalela ukukhala kwabo
bekhalaza kuwe. 53 Ngoba wabakhetha phakathi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba ukuthi
babe yilifa lakho, njengoba wakhuluma ngenceku yakho uMosi, lapho wena, Oh
THIXO Wobukhosi, wakhipha okhokho bethu eGibhithe.”

54 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile imikhuleko le lezikhalazo KUTHIXO, waphakama
wema phambi kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO, lapho ayekade eguqe khona ephakamisele
izandla zakhe ezulwini. 55 Waphakama wabusisa ibandla labako-Israyeli ngelizwi
eliphezulu wathi:
56 “Udumo kalube KUTHIXO, yena olethele abantu bako-Israyeli ukuphumula njen-
gokwethembisa kwakhe. Akukho lokukodwa okungenzekanga kuzozonke izithem-
biso ezinhle azenza ngenceku yakhe uMosi. 57 Sengathi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu
angaba lathi njengoba wayelabokhokho bethu; sengathi angaze asitshiya loba
asidele. 58 Sengathi angaguqulela inhliziyo zethu kuye, sihambe ezindleleni zakhe
sigcine lemilayo yakhe, imithetho lezimiso azipha okhokho. 59 Sengathi amazwi
ami la, engikhuleka ngawo KUTHIXO, angaba seduze KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu
emini lebusuku, ukuze aqinise izikhalazo zenceku yakhe lezikhalazo zabantu
bakhe bako-Israyeli kusiya ngeziswelo zabo zemihla ngemihla, 60 ukuze abantu
bonke bomhlaba bakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu lokuthi kakho omunye.
61 Kodwa inhliziyo zenu azigcwale ukuzinikela KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,
ukuphila ngezimiso zakhe lokulalela imilayo yakhe, njengakhathesi.”

Ukunikelwa KweThempeli

62 Ngalokho inkosi labo bonke abako-Israyeli banikela imihlatshelo yabo phambi
KUKATHIXO. 63 USolomoni wanikela ngomhlatshelo weminikelo yobudlelwano

kuTHIXO; inkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, izimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo bonke abako-Israyeli banikela ithempeli LIKATHIXO.

64 Ngalelolanga inkosi yangcwelisa iphakathi leguma phambi kwethempeli LIKATHIXO, njalo kulapho eyanikela khona ngomnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha eminikelo yobudlelwano ngoba i-alithari lethusi elaliphambi kuKATHIXO lalilincinyane kakhulu ukuthi kutshiselwe kilo iminikelo yokutshiswa, leminikelo yamabele leminikelo yamafutha obudlelwano.

65 Ngakho uSolomoni wagcina umkhosi ngalesosikhathi ekanye lo-Israyeli wonke, ibandla elikhulu, abantu abavela eLebho Hamathi kusiya eSihotsheni saseGibhithe. Bawuthakazelela phambi kuKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lezinye eziyisikhombisa njalo zaba litshumi lane sezizonke. 66 Ngosuku olulandelayo inkosi yabachitha. Bayibusisa inkosi basuka baya emakhaya abo, belentokozo bejabula ezinhliziyweni zabo ngakho konke okuhle uTHIXO ayekwenzele inceku yakhe uDavida kanye labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.

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UTHIXO Ubonakala KuSolomoni

1 USolomoni eseqedile ukwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO lesigodlo sobukhosi, esenelisile konke ayezimisele ukukwenza, 2 UTHIXO wabonakala kuye ngokwesibili, njengoba wayebonakele kuye eGibhiyoni. 3 UTHIXO wathi kuye:

"Sengiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho lesikhalazo osenzileyo phambi kwami; sengilenze labangcwele lelithempeli olakhileyo wena ngokufaka iBizo lami kulo lanininini. Amehlo ami kanye lenhliziyo yami kuzakuba phezu kwalo ngezikhathi zonke.

4 Wena, ungahamba phambi kwami ngobuqotho benhliziyo langokuqonda njengoba uyihlo uDavida akwenza, wenze konke engikulaya ngakho ugcine izimiso zami lemithetho yami, 5 ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakho sobukhosi phezu kuka-Israyeli kuze kube nininini, njengoba ngathembisa uyihlo uDavida lapho ngathi, 'Awuyikwehluleka ukuzuza indoda esihlalweni sobukhosi ko-Israyeli.'

6 Kodwa nxa wena kanye lamadodana akho lingifulathela lingagcini imithetho lezimiso zami engilinike khona beselisuka liye kwabanye onkulunkulu libakhonze, 7 ngizamthathela u-Israyeli umhlaba engangimnike wona ngilikhalale leli ithempeli esengilingcwelisile ngeBizo lami. U-Israyeli uzadelelwa abe yinhlekisa ebantwini bonke. 8 Lelithempeli lizakuba yinqumbi yamatshe. Bonke abedlula lapha bazakwenyanya bahleke ulunya bathi, 'Kanti kungani uTHIXO enze into enje kulelilizwe lakulelithempeli na?' 9 Abantu bazaphendula bathi, 'Kungenxa yokuthi sebedele uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo, owakhipha oyise eGibhithe, ngoba sebesuke banamathela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza njalo babasebenzela yikho-nje uTHIXO esebehlisele incithakalo yonke le.' "

Ezinye Izenzo ZikaSolomoni

10 Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, lapho uSolomoni akha khona lezizindlu ezimbili, ithempeli LIKATHIXO kanye lesigodlo sobukhosi, 11 iNkosi uSolomoni wanikela amadolobho angamatshumi amabili aweGalile kuHiramu inkosi yaseThire, ngoba uHiramu wayemnike zonke izigodo zesihlahla somsedari lezephayini legolide ayekufuna. 12 Kodwa uHiramu wathi esesuka eThire esiyabona amadolobho ayewaphiwe nguSolomoni, kazange ajabule ngawo. 13 Wambuza wathi, "Ngamadolobho bani la onginike wona, mfowethu?" njalo wayewabiza ngokuthi yilizwe leKhabhuli, okulibizo alokhu ebizwa ngalo lalamuhla. 14 Kunjalo-nje uHiramu

wayethumele uSolomoni igolide elalingamathalenta alikhulu elilamatshumi amabili (120).
15 Nansi imbali yokubanjwa ngamandla kwabantu yiNkosi uSolomoni ukwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO, ukwakhiwa kwesigodlo sakhe, ledundulu elithiwa yiMilo, lomduli weJerusalema kanye leHazori, iMegido kanye leGezeri. 16 (UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wayehlasele wathumba iGezeri. Wayeyithungele ngomlilo wayitshisa. Wayebulele amaKhenani ayehlala khona, yona wasekhunga ngayo indodakazi yakhe, umkaSolomoni. 17 USolomoni waseyakha kutsha iGezeri.) Wakha iBhethi-Horoni esezansi, 18 leBhalathi, kanye leThamari enkangala, phakathi kwelizwe lakhe, 19 kanye lamadolobho ayeyiziphala lemizi yezinqola zakhe zempi kanye lamabhiza akhe lakho konke nje ayengafisa ukukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni kanye lakulo lonke ilizwe ayelibusa.
20 Kubo bonke abantu abasalayo bama-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi (lababantu babengasibo ama-Israyeli) 21 okutsho ukuthi, izizukulwane zabo ezasalayo ama-Israyeli angazibulalanga aziqeda, laba uSolomoni wababamba isibhalo sokwenza umsebenzi wakhe wobugqili, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla lokhu. 22 Kodwa uSolomoni kabenzanga izigqili abako-Israyeli; babengamadoda okumlwela, iziphathamandla zikahulumende, izikhulu zakhe, izinduna, kanye labalawuli bezinqola zakhe zempi labatshayeli bazo. 23 Njalo babeyizikhulu zokukhokhela imisebenzi eqakathekileyo kaSolomoni, izikhulu ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu (550) ezazikhangela amadoda ayesenza umsebenzi.
24 Ngemva kokufika kwendodakazi kaFaro esigodlweni eyayisakhelwe nguSolomoni isuka eMzini kaDavida, wakha njalo idundulu elithiwa yiMilo.
25 Kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wobudlelwano e-alithareni ayelakhele UTHIXO, etshisa impepha phambi KUKATHIXO kanye lemihlatshelo. Ngalokho wagcwalisa imilandu yezimiso zethempeli.
26 INkosi uSolomoni wakha njalo imikhumbi e-Eziyoni-Gebheri, eseduzane le-Elathi ngase-Edomi, ekhunjini loLwandle oluBomvu. 27 Kunjalo-nje uHiramu wathumela abantu bakhe, abagwedli ababelwazi ulwandle ukuba bayesebenza emikhunjini labakaSolomoni. 28 Bagwedla baya e-Ofiri baphenduka legolide elilesisindo samathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amabili (420), bayalethula enkosini uSolomoni.

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Indlovukazi YaseShebha Yethekelela USolomoni

1 Indlovukazi yaseShebha yathi isizwile ngodumo lukaSolomoni lokubambelela kwakhe ebizweni LIKATHIXO, yaya kuye ukuba imlinge ngemibuzo enzima. 2 Ekufikeni kwayo eJerusalema yayiqhuba udwende olukhulu, lamakamela ethwele iziyoliso, igolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu, yafika kuSolomoni yakhuluma laye ngakho konke lokho okwakusengqondweni yayo. 3 USolomoni wayiphendula yonke imibuzo yayo, akubanga lalutho olwaba nzima enkosini ukuthi iyichasisele lona. 4 Indlovukazi yaseShebha isiyibonile yonke inhlakanipho kaSolomoni lesigodlo ayesakhile, 5 ukudla okwakusetafuleni lakhe, ukuhlaliswa kwezikhulu zakhe, izinceku zakhe lezembatho zazo, abaphathi benkezo bakhe, leminikelo yokutshiswa ayenzela UTHIXO ethempelini, yaphela amandla.
6 Yathi enkosini, “Imibiko ebifika ezindlebeni zami elizweni lami ngengqubelaphambili langenhlakanipho yakho iqotho. 7 Kodwa angizange ngikukholwe lokho ngaze ngafika mina ngokwami njalo ngazibonela ngawami amehlo. Ngempela, bengingatshelwanga ngitsho lengxenye nje; ukuhlakanipha kwakho lokuphumelela kwakho kuyayedlula imibiko engayizwayo. 8 Yeka intokozo abalayo abantu bakho!

Ziyathokoza iziphathamandla zakho, zona ezima phambi kwakho zizwe inhlakanipho
yakho! 9 Udumo kalube KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, yena othokoze ngawe
wakubeka esihlalweni sobukhosi bako-Israyeli. Ngenxa yothando olunaphakade
LUKATHIXO ku-Israyeli, ukubekile waba yinkosi, ukuze ugcine ukwahlulela ngem-
fanelo lokulunga."
10 Yanika inkosi igolide elingamathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120),
lenqwabanqwaba zeziyoliso lamatshe aligugu. Akuzange kulethwe iziyoliso ezinengi
kangako futhi njengalezo indlovukazi yaseShebha eyazipha iNkosi uSolomoni.
11 (Imikhumbi kaHiramu yaletha igolide livela e-Ofiri; njalo yethula lemithwalo
emikhulu yamapulanka amahle lamatshe aligugu. 12 Inkosi yasebenzisa amapulanka
amahle njengezinsika zethempeli LIKATHIXO kanye lesigodlo sobukhosi, lokwenza
imihubhe lemiqangala yabahlabeleli. Akuzange kubuye kube lamapulanka amahle
amanengi kangako angeniswayo elizweni loba abonwayo selokhu kwaba yilelolanga.)
13 INkosi uSolomoni yanika indlovukazi yaseShebha yonke into eyayiyifisa leyay-
icelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ayinika khona kuphuma esigodlweni. Yasisuka
lodwendwe lwayo yabuyela elizweni lakibo.

Udumo LukaSolomoni

14 Isisindo segolide elalizuzwa nguSolomoni minyaka yonke lalingamathalenta
angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha (666), 15 kungabalwa
inzuzo eyayivela emithelweni yabathengisayo labathenga bethengisa kanye
leyayivela emakhosini wonke ama-Arabhu kanye lababusi belizwe.
16 Inkosi uSolomoni yenza amahawu amakhulu angamakhulu amabili ngegolide
elikhandiweyo; lilinye langena amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha. 17 Wenza njalo
amanye amahawu amancinyane angamakhulu amathathu ngegolide elikhandiweyo,
lilinye lilegugu lokuthathu kwegolide. Inkosi yawafaka esigodlweni seHlathi laseLeb-
hanoni.
18 Inkosi yasisenza isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu sisekelwa ngempondo zendlovu si-
huqwe ngegolide elihle. 19 Isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezinyathelo eziyisithupha, ngemva
kwaso phezulu siyindingilizi. Emaceleni aso womabili sasilezeyamelo zengalo, yileso
laleso kumi isilwane eceleni kwaso. 20 Izilwane ezilitshumi lambili zazimi eziny-
athelweni eziyisithupha, kusithi esisodwa esinyathelweni ngasinye ngapha langapha
emaceleni esinyathelo. Akukho okufanana lalokhu okwake kwenziwa lakuwuphi
umbuso. 21 Zonke inkezo zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazozonke izitsha
zeSigodlweni saseGuswini laseLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicolekileyo. Akukho
okwakwenziwe ngesiliva ngoba ngensuku zikaSolomoni igugu lesiliva lalilincinyane
kakhulu. 22 Inkosi yayilemikhumbi yokuthengiselana eminengi eyayisolwandle
iphathisana lekaHiramu. Yayiphenduka kanye ngemva kweminyaka emithathu
ithwele igolide, isiliva kanye lempondo zendlovu, indwangu lenkawu.
23 INkosi uSolomoni yawedlula wonke amakhosi omhlaba ngenotho langenhlaka-
nipho. 24 Umhlaba wonke weza kuSolomoni ukuzokuzwa inhlakanipho uNkulunkulu
ayeyifake enhliziyweni yakhe. 25 Minyaka yonke amlethela izipho zesiliva lezegolide,
izembatho, izikhali leziyoliso, lamabhiza kanye lezimbongolo.
26 USolomoni waqoqa izinqola zokulwa lamabhiza; wayelezinqola zokulwa
eziyinkulungwane elamakhulu amane, amabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili ayewagcina emadolobheni awezinqola zempi amanye egcinwe kuye
eJerusalema. 27 Inkosi yandisa isiliva kwangani ngamatshe eJerusalema, lezihlahla
zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba.
28 Amabhiza kaSolomoni ayethengwe eGibhithe laseKhuwe, abathengi besikhosini
babewathenga eKhuwe. 29 Bathenga inqola yempi eGibhithe ngamashekeli es-
iliva angamakhulu ayisithupha kanye lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi

amahlanu. Babuya bawedlulisa wonke bayawathengisela amakhosi amaHithi kanye lawama-Aramu.

11

Abafazi BakaSolomoni

1 Inkosi uSolomoni yayibathanda kakhulu abafazi bezizweni kanye lendodakazi ka-
Faro, amaMowabi, ama-Amoni, ama-Edomi, amaSidoni lamaHithi. 2 Babengabezizwe
uTHIXO ayethe kwabako-Israyeli, “Lingathathani labo, ngoba bazaguqulela inhliziyo
zenu kubonkulunkulu babo.” Lanxa kunjalo, uSolomoni wabambelela kubo
ngothando. 3 Wayelabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa ababezalwa esikhosini
labanye abafazi beceleni abangamakhulu amathathu; lakanye abafazi bakhe
baphambukisa inhliziyo yakhe. 4 Ekuluphaleni kwakhe uSolomoni, abafazi bakhe
baphambulela ukholo lwakhe kwabanye onkulunkulu, inhliziyo yakhe ayizange
ilandele uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe ngokupheleleyo, njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise.
5 USolomoni walandela u-Ashithorethi unkulunkulu wamaSidoni, loMoleki unku-
lunkulu onengekayo wama-Amoni. 6 Ngalokho uSolomoni wona phambi kUKaTHIXO;
kazange alandele uTHIXO ngokupheleleyo, njengokwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida.
7 Eqaqeni olusempumalanga yeJerusalema, uSolomoni wakhela unkulunkulu
onengekayo wamaMowabi uKhemoshi, loMoleki unkulunkulu onengekayo wama-
Amoni indawo yomhlatshelo. 8 Wenza okufananayo kubo bonke abafazi bakhe
bezizweni, batshisa impepha banikela ngemihlatshelo kubonkulunkulu babo.
9 UTHIXO wamthukuthelela uSolomoni ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayisimfulathele
uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena ayezibonakalise kuye kabili. 10 Lanxa
wayemlayile uSolomoni ukuba angalandeli abanye onkulunkulu, uSolomoni kazange
awulandele umlayo kaTHIXO. 11 Ngakho uTHIXO wasesithi kuSolomoni. “Njengoba le
kuyiyo injongo yakho njalo awugcinanga isivumelwano sami kanye lezimiso zami,
lezo engakulaya ngazo, impela ngizawuhluthuna umbuso wakho kuwe ngiwunike
omunye wabantu abangaphansi kwakho. 12 Loba kunjalo, ngenxa kaDavida
uyihlo, angiyikwenza lokho wena usaphila. Ngizawuhluthuna esandleni sendodana
yakho. 13 Kanti njalo angiyikuwuhluthuna wonke umbuso kuyo, kodwa ngizayinika
isizwana esisodwa ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami njalo langenxa yeJerusalema, yona
esengiyikhethile.”

Izitha ZikaSolomoni

14 Ngakho uTHIXO wasemvusela isitha uSolomoni, uHadadi um’Edomi owesikhosini
sama-Edomi. 15 Mandulo uDavida esalwa lama-Edomi, uJowabi umlawuli we-
butho, owayengcwaba abafileyo, wayetshaye wabhuqa wonke amadoda ama-Edomi.
16 UJowabi lawo wonke ama-Israyeli ahlala khonale okwezinyanga eziyisithupha,
baze babhubhisa wonke amadoda e-Edomi. 17 Kodwa uHadadi, esesengumfanyana,
wabalekela eGibhithe lezinye izikhulu zama-Edomi ezazisebenzele uyise. 18 Basuka
eMidiyani baya ePharani. Bathe sebethatha amadoda ePharani behamba lawo, baya
eGibhithe, kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, yena owapha uHadadi indlu kanye lomhlaba
waze wamnika kanye lokudla.
19 UHadadi wathandeka kakhulu kuFaro, waze wamendisela udadewabo wom-
kakhe, udadewabo kaThaphenesi iNdlovukazi. 20 Udadewabo kaThaphenesi wamza-
lela indodana eyathiwa nguGenubhathi. UThaphenesi wayondlela esigodlweni,
kulapho-ke uGenubathi ahlala khona labantwana bakaFaro.
21 Kwathi uHadadi esezwile eseGibhithe ukuthi uDavida kasekho lokuthi uJowabi
induna yempi sewafa, wathi kuFaro: “Ake ungivumele ukuba ngiye elizweni lakithi.”
22 UFaro wathi kuye, “Usweleni lapha okwenza ufune ukubuyela elizweni lakini
na?”

UHadadi waphendula wathi, “Akulalutho kodwa ngivumela ngihambe!”

23 UNkulunkulu wamvusela njalo uSolomoni esinye isitha, uRezoni indodana ka-
Eliyada owayebalekile enkosini yakhe uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha. 24 Waqoqa
ixuku labahlamuki waba ngumkhokheli walo ngesikhathi uDavida echitha impi
kaZobha; abahlamuki baya eDamaseko lapho bafika bahlala khona bayiphatha leyon-
dawo. 25 URezoni waba yisitha sako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sokuphila kukaSolomoni,
wengezelela kuloluhlupho olwasungulwa nguHadadi. Ngakho uRezoni wabusa e-
Aramu ehlezi ezonda ilizwe lako-Israyeli.

UJerobhowamu Uhlamukela USolomoni

26 UJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi laye wahlamukela inkosi. Wayekade
engesinye sezikhulu zikaSolomoni, engowesizwana sika-Efrayimi evela eZereda,
unina owayethiwa nguZeruwa wayengumfelokazi.

27 Le yimbali yokuhlamukela kwakhe inkosi: USolomoni wayakhe walungisa
amaguma ayizisekelo, njalo wagcwalisa evala isikhala esasisele emdulini wedolobho
likayise uDavida. 28 UJerobhowamu wayeyindoda eyaziwayo, uSolomoni uthe
ebona ukuthi wayelijaha elenza kuhle kanganani umsebenzi walo, wambeka induna
yezisebenzi zonke endlini kaJosefa.

29 Ngalesosikhathi uJerobhowamu waphuma eJerusalema, wahlangana lomphro-
fethi weShilo u-Ahija endleleni, egqoke isigqoko esitsha. Bahlangana bebodwa
bobabili kuleyondawo, 30 kwathi u-Ahija wathatha isigqoko esitsha ayesigqokile
wasidabula iziqa ezilitshumi lambili. 31 Wasesithi kuJerobhowamu, “Wena zithathele
iziqa ezilitshumi kulezi, ngoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Khangela,
ngizahluthuna umbuso esandleni sikaSolomoni ngikunike izizwana ezilitshumi.
32 Kodwa ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida ledolobho leJerusalema, lona engilikhethi-
leyo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, ngizamtshiyela isizwana esisodwa.
33 Ngizakwenza lokhu ngoba bangifulathele bakhonza u-Ashithorethi unkulunku-
lukazi wamaSidoni, loKhemoshi unkulunkulu wamaMowabi, kanye loMoleki unku-
lunkulu wama-Amoni, njalo abahambanga ngezami izindlela, abenzanga ukulunga
phambi kwami, abayigcinanga imilayo lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenziwa
nguDavida uyise kaSolomoni.

34 Kodwa angiyikususa umbuso wonke esandleni sikaSolomoni; ngizamenza
ukuba abe ngumbusi okwempilo yakhe yonke ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida,
yena engamkhethayo njalo wayilandela imilayo yami wayigcina lemithetho yami.
35 Ngizathatha umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe ngikunike izizwana ezilitshumi.
36 Ngizanika indodana yakhe isizwana esisodwa ukuze inceku yami uDavida ibe
lesibane ngezikhathi zonke phambi kwami eJerusalema, umuzi engakhetha ukufaka
iBizo lami. 37 Kodwa-ke, wena ngokwakho, ngizakuthatha, njalo uzabusa phezu
kwakho konke njengokufisa kwenhliziyo yakho yonke; uzakuba ngumbusi walo
lonke elako-Israyeli. 38 Nxa ungenza engikulaya ngakho uhambe ngezindlela
zami wenze okuhle emehlweni ami okunjengokulalela imilayo yami lokulawulwa
yimi, njengalokhu okwenziwa yinceku yami uDavida, ungenza njalo ngizakuba
lawe. Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakho njengokaDavida njalo ngizakunika u-Israyeli.
39 Ngizabethula isithunzi abenzalo kaDavida ngenxa yalokhu, kodwa hatshi kuze
kube nininini.’ ”

40 USolomoni wazama ukubulala uJerobhowamu kodwa uJerobhowamu wa-
balekela eGibhithe, enkosini uShishakhi, njalo wahlala khonale uSolomoni waze
wafa.

Ukufa KukaSolomoni

41 Ezinye izehlakalo ezenzakala ekubuseni kukaSolomoni lakho konke akwenzayo
lenhlakanipho yakhe ayitshengiselayo akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali ka-
Solomoni na? 42 USolomoni wabusa eJerusalema phezu kuka-Israyeli okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane. 43 Kwaba yikho ukufa kwakhe eselandela oyise njalo
wangcwatshwelwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowami indodana yakhe yathatha
ubukhosi ngemva kwakhe.

12

U-Israyeli Uhlamukela URehobhowami

1 URehobhowami waya eShekhemu, njengoba abako-Israyeli bonke babeye khona
ukuyambeka ukuba abe yinkosi. 2 UJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi wakuzwa
lokhu (elokhu eseGibhithe, lapho ayebalekele khona ebalekela inkosi uSolomoni)
wabuya evela eGibhithe. 3 Ngakho bakhupha ilizwi lokunxusa uJerobhowamu;
kwathi yena labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuRehobhowami bafika bathi kuye:
4 “Uyihlo wasethesa ijogwe elinzima kakhulu, wena phungula lumthwalo olochuku
lejogwe elinzima esaletheswa nguyihlo, yikho sizakukhonza.”

5 URehobhowami waphendula wathi: “Sukani lapha okwensuku ezintathu be-
seliphenduka libuye kimi.” Ngakho abantu bahamba.

6 INkosi uRehobhowami wabuza abadala besizwe ababehlale njalo basebenza
loyise uSolomoni esaphila. Wababuza abadala wathi: “Lingangicebisa ukuthi
ngibaphendule ngithini lababantu?”

7 Baphendula bathi, “Nxa lamuhla ungaba yinceku yalababantu, ubasebenzele,
ukhulumisane labo kuhle, bazahlala bezinceku zakho.”

8 Kodwa uRehobhowami kazange akwamukele ukucebisa kwabadala wakhetha
ukudinga ulwazi kwabayintanga yakhe ababekhule bonke njalo kuyibo abasebez-
inceku zakhe. 9 Wababuza wathi, “Seluleko bani elilaso? Singabaphendula sithini
lababantu abathi kimi, ‘Ake uphungule ubunzima esabetheswa nguyihlo?’ ”

10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe amphendula athi, “Batshele lababantu abathi
kuwe, ‘Uyihlo wasethesa ubunzima, akusiphungulele lobubunzima’ uthi kubo,
‘Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. 11 Ubaba walethesa ubunzima, mina
ngizabungezelela. Ubaba walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa ngenkume.’ ”

12 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu babuyela
kuRehobhowami, njengalokho okwakutshiwo yinkosi ukuthi, “Phendukani lize kimi
ngemva kwensuku ezintathu.” 13 Inkosi yasiphendula abantu ngolaka. Yalahla
izicebiso eyayiziphiwe ngabadala, 14 yalandela ukucebisa kwabatsha, yathi, “Ubaba
walethesa ijogwe elinzima, mina ngizalenza libe nzima okuphindiweyo. Ubaba
walixathula ngemichilo, mina ngizalintinyela ngenkume.” 15 Ngakho inkosi ayizange
ibalalele abantu, ngoba lokhu okwakusenzakala ngokwakuvela kuThixo, ukugcwalisa
ilizwi likaThixo elaphiwa uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi ngo-Ahija waseShilo.

16 Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli sebebonile ukuthi inkosi yalile ukubalalela,
bayiphendula inkosi bathi:

“Silesabelo bani kuDavida,
yingxenye bani endodaneni kaJese?
Emathenteni enu bako-Israyeli!
Gcina indlu yakho, wena kaDavida!”

Ngakho abako-Israyeli babuyela emakhaya. 17 Kodwa uRehobhowami waqhubeka
ebabusa abako-Israyeli ababehlala emadolobheni akoJuda.

18 INkosi uRehobhowami yathuma u-Adoniramu, owayephethe izibhalwa, kodwa
bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe bambulala. Kodwa iNkosi uRehob-
howami, yona yenelisa ukubaleka ngenqola yempi yaya eJerusalema. 19 Kusukela
ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.
20 Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli besizwa ukuthi uJerobhowamu usebuyile bambizela
enkundleni lapho abafika bambeka ukuba abe yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli.
Isizwana sakoJuda saba yiso sodwa esasala sibuswa yindlu kaDavida.
21 Kwathi uRehobhowami esefike eJerusalema wabuthanisa bonke abakoJuda
labakoBhenjamini, amadoda empi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisifi-
caminwembili ukuba bayekulwa labako-Israyeli ukuze babuyisele uRehobhowami
indodana kaSolomoni esihlalweni sobukhosi.
22 Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu leza kuShemaya inceku kaNkulunkulu. 23 "Tshono
kuRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakoJuda, kubo bonke abendlu kaJuda
lekaBhenjamini, lakubo bonke abanye abantu uthi, 24 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
ukuthi: Lingahambi ukuyakulwa labafowenu, abako-Israyeli. Yanini emakhaya enu,
munye ngamunye, ngoba lokhu okwenzakalayo kuvela kimi.' " Ngakho balilalela
ilizwi LIKATHIXO babuyela emakhaya abo, njengokulaywa kwabo NGUTHIXO.

Amathole Egolide EBhetheli Kanye LakoDani

25 UJerobhowamu wasesakha iShekhemu elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi
wahlala khonale. Esuka lapho waphuma wayakwakha ePheniweli.
26 UJerobhowamu wacabanga wathi, "Umbuso usuzabuyela endlini kaDavida.
27 Nxa abantu laba bangayanikela imihlatshelo ethempelini LIKATHIXO eJerusalema,
bazaphinda baphe usekelo lwabo enkosini, uRehobhowami inkosi yakoJuda. Bazan-
gibulala babuyele enkosini uRehobhowami."
28 Ngemva kokudinga ukwelulekwa, inkosi yenza amathole egolide amabili.
Yasisithi ebantwini, "Kunzima kakhulu kini ukuthi liye eJerusalema. Nampa
onkulunkulu benu, Oh Israyeli, abalikhupha eGibhithe." 29 Wasemisa elinye
eBhetheli, elinye njalo eDani. 30 Lokhu kwaba yisono; abantu babesiya khonale eDani
ukuyakhonza lelo elalikhonale.
31 UJerobhowamu wakha amathempeli ezindaweni eziphakemeyo wasebeka
abaphristi emihlotsheni yonke yabantu, lakulabo ababengasibo abaLevi. 32 Wamisa
umkhosi ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu ngenyanga yetshumi lasificaminwembili,
owawunjengomkhosi owasusenziwa koJuda, wanikela imihlatshelo e-Alithareni.
Lokhu wakwenza eBhetheli, enikela ematholeni ayewenzile. LeBhetheli wabeka
abaphristi ezindaweni eziphezulu ayezenzile. 33 Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu
lwenyanga yesificaminwembili, inyanga ayezikhethele yona, wanikela imihlatshelo
e-alithareni ayelakhile eBhetheli. Ngakho wamisa umkhosi kwabako-Israyeli waya
e-alithareni ukuyanikela imihlatshelo.

13

Umuntu KaNkulunkulu Ovela KoJuda

1 UJerobhowamu esemi e-alithareni ukuze atshise impepha, kwafika umuntu
kaNkulunkulu eBhetheli evela koJuda elelizwi LIKATHIXO, 2 walethula e-alithareni
lelilizwi LIKATHIXO elithi: "Wena alithare! Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO ukuthi,
'Kuzazalwa indodana endlini kaDavida, ibizo lakhe lizakuba nguJosiya. Izakwenza
umhlatshelo phezu kwakho ngabaphristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo okwakhathesi
abenza iminikelo khona lapha, lamathambo abantu azatshiselwa phezu kwakho.' "
3 Ngalolosuku umuntu kaNkulunkulu wenza isibonakaliso esithi: "Lesi yisiboniso es-
ivela KUTHIXO: I-alithari lizadatshulwa phakathi lomlotha ophezu kwalo uzachithwa."

4 Inkosi uJerobhowamu isizwile isikhalazo sendoda evela kuNkulunkulu nge-
alithare leBhetheli yelulela isandla sayo e-alithareni, yathi, “Mbambeni!” Kodwa
isandla leso ayeselulile soma wehluleka ukusifinyeza. 5 Kwathi i-alithari lalo
ladatshulwa phakathi umlotha walo walahlwa, njengokwesibonakaliso esasethulwe
ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ngelizwi LIKATHIXO.
6 Inkosi yathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, “Ake ungincengele KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wakho, ungikhulekele, ukuba isandla sami sisiliswe sibuyele esimeni saso.” Umuntu
kaNkulunkulu wasemncengela KUTHIXO, lesandla sikaJerobhowamu sasiliswa saba
njengakuqala.
7 Wasesithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: “Ake siye ekhaya ukuba udle, ngizakunika
umvuzo.”
8 Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wayiphendula inkosi wathi, “Loba ungaze unginike
ingxenye yenotho yakho, kangihambi lawe; kangiyikudla ukudla, njalo angiyikunatha
amanzi kulindawo; 9 ngoba ngilaywe ngelizwi LIKATHIXO ukuthi: ‘Ungabokudla
ukudla, unganathi amanzi njalo ungaphenduki ngendlela oze ngayo.’ ” 10 Ngakho
wabuyela ngenye indlela, kasabuyelanga ngendlela ayeze ngayo eBhetheli.
11 Kwakulomphrofethi omdala owayehlala eBhetheli, okweza kuye amadodana
akhe amtshela ngokwakwenziwe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ngalolosuku. Amadodana
atshela uyise lokuthi indoda leyo yayitheni enkosini. 12 Uyise wasebuza amadodana
ukuthi: “Pho angabe uhambe ngayiphi indlela?” Amadodana atshengisa uyise indlela
eyathathwa ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu owavela koJuda. 13 Wasesithi emadodaneni
akhe, “Lungisani ubabhemi lingifakele isihlalo phezu kwakhe.” Kwathi sebem-
lungisele wagada ubabhemi 14 walandela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamfica ehlezi
ngaphansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi wambuza wathi, “Nguwe umuntu kaNkulunkulu
na ovela koJuda?”

Indoda yathi, “Yebo yimi.”

15 Ngakho umphrofethi wasesithi kuye, “Woza siye ekhaya uzokudla.”
16 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi, “Angingeke ngiphenduke ukuthi ngibuyele lawe
emuva, njalo angingeke ngidle ukudla loba nginathe amanzi lawe kule indawo.
17 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lifike kimi lathi, ‘Ungadli ukudla kwalapha, unganathi lamanzi
akhona njalo ungabobuyela ngendlela oze ngayo.’ ”
18 Umphrofethi omdala wamphendula wathi, “Lami ngingumphrofethi njengawe.
Ingilosi seza kimi ngelizwi LIKATHIXO sathi: ‘Ubomletha umbuyisele emuva endlini
yakho ukuze ayekudla isinkwa njalo anathe lamanzi.’ ” (Kodwa wayeqamba amanga.)
19 Ngakho umuntu kaNkulunkulu wabuyela laye wafika wadla ukudla wanatha
lamanzi endlini yakhe.
20 Besahlezi endaweni yokudlela, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuye umphrofethi omdala
owayemphendule wabuyela laye emuva. 21 Wakhuluma kulowomuntu kaNkulunkulu
owayevela koJuda wathi, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: ‘Usuphikise ilizwi LIKATHIXO
awusagcinanga imilayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akulaya ngayo. 22 Uphenduke
endleleni wafika wadla ukudla wanatha lamanzi lapho utshelwe ukuthi ungaze
wadla ukudla kumbe unathe amanzi akhona. Ngenxa yalokho isidumbu sakho
asisayikungcwatshwa emangcwabeni abokhokho bakho.’ ”
23 Kwathi umuntu kaNkulunkulu eseqedile ukudla lokunatha, umphrofethi
owayemphendule endleleni wambuyisela emuva wafaka isihlalo sakhe phezu kuk-
ababhemi wamkhweza. 24 Uthe esengene indlela yakhe, kwavela isilwane endleleni
sambulala, isidumbu sakhe sasala phansi emgwaqweni, kwathi ubabhemi wema
ngapha kwesidumbu lesilwane sime ngale kwaso. 25 Abantu ababesedlula lapho
babona isidumbu siwele khonapho emgwaqweni, isilwane simi eceleni phansi

kwesidumbu, bedlulela edolobheni bayabikela umphrofethi omdala lapho ayehlala khona.
26 Kwathi umphrofethi owayemphendule endleleni ehambeni lwakhe ekuzwa
lokhu, wathi, “Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu odelele ilizwi LIKATHIXO. UTHIXO umnikele
esilwaneni, esimphoqoze sambulala, njengoba ilizwi LIKATHIXO belimxwayisile.”
27 Umphrofethi wathi emadodaneni akhe, “Ngilungiselani ubabhemi limethese
isihlalo.” Akwenza lokho amadodana, 28 wasesuka esiya khonale lapho afumana
khona isidumbu endleleni, ngapha kumi isilwane ngale kungubabhemi emaceleni
aso. Isilwane asizange sisithinte isidumbu kanti njalo sasivele singazange simthinte
lobabhemi. 29 Ngakho umphrofethi wathatha isidumbu somuntu kaNkulunkulu,
wasikhweza kubabhemi, wasithwalela edolobheni lakhe lapho afika amlilela khona
njalo wamngcwaba khona. 30 Wasebeka isidumbu engcwabeni lakhe, wamlilela
wathi, “Maye, umfowethu!”
31 Ngemva kokumngcwaba, wathi emadodaneni akhe, “Ekufeni kwami, ling-
ingcwabe engcwabeni lona leli okungcwatshwe khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu; libeke
amathambo ami ndawonye lamathambo akhe. 32 Ngoba ilizwi alimemezelayo
ngelizwi LIKATHIXO phezu kwe-alithari eBhetheli laphezu kwazo zonke indawana
zomhlatshelo eziphakemeyo emadolobheni aseSamariya lizagcwaliseka.”
33 Langemva kwalokhu, uJerobhowamu kazange aguqule izindlela zakhe zokona,
waqhubeka ekhetha abaphristi bendawo eziphakemeyo edobha nje ingqe ngubani
ebantwini. Kwakusithi loba ngubani ofuna ukuba ngumphristi wayemgcobela
indawo eziphezulu. 34 Lesi kwakuyisono sendlu kaJerobhowamu esakhokhelela
ekuweni lasekudilikeni kwayo kayaze yaba khona emhlabeni.

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Isiphrofethi Sika-Ahija Esibi NgoJerobhowamu

1 Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhija indodana kaJerobhowamu wagula, 2 uJerobhowamu
wathi kumkakhe, “Hamba, uzifihle ngesinye isimo, ukuze kungabikhona ozaku-
nanzelela ukuthi ungumkaJerobhowamu. Ube ususiya eShilo. U-Ahija umphrofethi
ukhonale onguye owangitshela ukuthi ngizakuba yinkosi yabantu laba. 3 Uthathe
izinkwa ezilitshumi, amakhekhe athile kanye legabha loluju, ube ususiya kuye.
Uzakutshela okumele kwenzakale emntwaneni.” 4 Ngakho umkaJerobhowamu
wenza lokho ayekutshilo wasesiya endlini ka-Ahija eShilo.
U-Ahija wayengasaboni, eseyisiphofu ngenxa yokuluphala. 5 Kodwa UTHIXO
wayetshele u-Ahija ukuthi, “UmkaJerobhowamu uyeza uzokubuza ngendodana
yakhe, iyagula, njalo uzamnika impendulo le lale ngalokhu lalokhuyana. Ekufikeni
kwakhe uzakwenza kungathi kayisuye ezifihla.”
6 Kwathi u-Ahija esizwa izisinde zakhe phandle wahle wema emnyango, wathi,
“Ngena, Nkosikazi kaJerobhowamu, kanti ngokwani ukuzenzisa? Ngithunywe kuwe
ngilombiko omubi. 7 Hamba, uyetshela uJerobhowamu ukuthi lokhu yikho okutshiwo
NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Ngakondla wakhula phakathi kwabantu
ngakwenza umkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli. 8 Ngaxebula umbuso endlini
kaDavida ngawunika wena, kodwa awuzange wenze njengenceku yami uDavida,
yena owagcina imilayo yami njalo wangilandela ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakhe, esenza
konke okuhle phambi kwami. 9 Wonile okudlula bonke abakwandulelayo. Usuzi-
dalele abanye onkulunkulu, izithombe ezikhandwe ngensimbi, ungithukuthelisile
ngazonda njalo ungifulathele.
10 Ngenxa yalokho ngizakwehlisela incithakalo endlini kaJerobhowamu. Ngizab-
hubhisa bonke abesilisa bokucina ekuzalweni kwabakaJerobhowamu ko-Israyeli loba
yisigqili loba okhululekileyo. Ngizayitshisa indlu kaJerobhowamu kungathi ngibase

ubulongwe, ize iphele du. 11 Izinja zizabadla bonke abakaJerobhowamu abafele
edolobheni, lezinyoni zemkhathini zizazitika ngalabo abafela emaphandleni. UTHIXO
usekhulumile!’
12 Wena, buyela ekhaya. Uzakuthi ubeka unyawo lwakho edolobheni umfana
ahle afe. 13 U-Israyeli uzalila amngcwabe. Nguye yedwa kwabakaJerobhowamu
ozangcwatshwa, ngoba nguye yedwa endlini kaJerobhowamu, UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, amthole enze ukulunga.
14 UTHIXO uzazivusela owakhe umbusi ozakuba yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli,
ozachitha imuli kaJerobhowamu. Lamuhla yikho ukuqala kwakho lokho.* 15 UTHIXO
uzamtshaya u-Israyeli, kungathi ngumhlanga uzunguzeka emanzini. Uzamquphuna
u-Israyeli elizweni lakhe elihle alinika okhokho bakhe abachithe ngaphetsheya
komfula uYufrathe, ngoba UTHIXO bamvuse ulaka ngokwenza izinsika zikankulunku-
lukazi u-Ashera. 16 Njalo uzamlahla u-Israyeli ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu
azenzileyo wakhokhelela lo-Israyeli ukuzenza.”
17 UmkaJerobhowamu wasuka lapho waqonda eThiza. Wathi enyathela egumeni,
indodana yafa. 18 Bayingcwaba njalo, u-Israyeli wonke wayililela njengoba UTHIXO
wayetshilo ngenceku yakhe umphrofethi u-Ahija.
19 Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJerobhowamu, izimpi lokuthi wabusa njani,
kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. 20 Wabusa okweminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lambili wasesiyaphumula labokhokho bakhe ekufeni. Indo-
dana yakhe uNadabi wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi.

URehobhowami Inkosi YakoJuda

21 URehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni waba yinkosi wabusa koJuda.
Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye eqalisa ukubusa, wabusa okweminyaka
elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema idolobho elakhethwa NGUTHIXO phakathi
kwezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli ukubeka iBizo lakhe. Unina wayenguNahama;
engowase-Amoni.
22 AbakoJuda bona phambi KUKATHIXO. Ngokona lokhu, bavusa ubukhwele bolaka
lwakhe ukwedlula okwakwenziwe ngoyise. 23 Bazakhela njalo indawo eziphakemeyo
zeminikelo, amatshe azilayo lezinsika zika-Ashera ezintabeni zonke langaphansi
kwemithunzi yezihlahla eziyizithingithingi. 24 Kwakukhona lapho amadoda afeba
lamanye amadoda ezindaweni zemihlatshelo phakathi kwelizwe; abantu ababesenza
wonke amanyala ezizwe UTHIXO ayezixotshile phansi kwabako-Israyeli.
25 Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaRehobhowami, uShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe
wahlasela iJerusalema. 26 Wabutha yonke inotho yethempeli LIKATHIXO kanye
lenotho yesigodlo sobukhosi. Wahuquluza konke kanye lamahawu enziwe ngegolide
ayekhandwe nguSolomoni. 27 Ngakho iNkosi uRehobhowami yakhanda amahawu
ethusi ukwenanisa lawo yawabela abakhokheli babalindimasango besigodlweni.
28 Kwakusithi nxa inkosi isiya ethempelini LIKATHIXO, abalindi babewathwala
amahawu lawo, baphinde bawabuyisele endlini yabalindi.
29 Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kukaRehobhowami, lakho konke akwenzayo,
akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? 30 Kwahlala kulempi
phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu. 31 URehobhowami wakhothama,
wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. Unina wayenguNahama,
engum’Amoni. U-Abhija indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi waba yinkosi ngemva
kukayise.

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* **14:14** 14.14 Okutshiwo ngumutsho lo ngesiHebheru akukho sobala.

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U-Abhija Inkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, u-Abhija waba yinkosi yakoJuda, 2 njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emithathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu.

3 Wenza zonke izono ezazisenziwa nguyise, inhliziyo yakhe yayingekho ekukhonzeni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe, inganjengenhliziyo kaDavida ukhokho wakhe. 4 Kungenani, ngenxa kaDavida UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wamnika isibane eJerusalema ngokuveza indodana eyayizathatha isihlalo sakhe langokuqinisa iJerusalema. 5 UDavida wayekwenzile konke okufaneleyo emehlweni KATHIXO njalo kehlulekanga ukugcina imilayo KATHIXO kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe ngaphandle kwendaba ka-Uriya umHithi.

6 Kwaba lempi phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu ngasosonke isikhathi sokuphila kuka-Abhija. 7 Okunye okumayelana lombuso ka-Abhija, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Abhija loJerobhowamu. 8 U-Abhija waphumula laboyise wangcwatshwa emzini kaDavida. U-Asa indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi bukayise.

U-Asa Inkosi YakoJuda

9 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili okubusa kukaJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Asa waba yinkosi yakoJuda, 10 wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lowodwa. Ibizo likagogo wakhe lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu.

11 U-Asa wenza okubukekayo phambi KUKATHIXO, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguDavida uyise. 12 Waxotsha abesilisa ababefeba ngokwenzana abafazi, wadiliza zonke izithombe ezazakhiwe ngoyise. 13 Waze waxotsha kanye logogo wakhe uMahakha wamsusa esihlalweni sokuba yindlovukazi yomndlunkulu, ngoba wayebumbe isithombe esilihlazo sika-Ashera. U-Asa wasidilizela phansi lesisithombe wayasitshisela eSigodini saseKhidironi. 14 Noma engadilizanga izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela, inhliziyo ka-Asa yayinamathele KUTHIXO impilo yakhe yonke. 15 Waletha ethempelini LIKATHIXO isiliva legolide lonke uyise kanye laye ababekunikele lezinye impahla.

16 Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli ekubuseni kwabo bonke. 17 UBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli waqophana loJuda wasesakha umuzi weRama ukuvimbela loba ngubani owayezama ukuphuma loba ukungena elizweni lika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda.

18 U-Asa wasethatha isiliva sonke legolide elalisele eziphaleni zokuligugu ethempelini LIKATHIXO lokwakusesigodlweni sakhe. Wakubeka ezandleni zezikhulu zakhe wazithumela kuBheni-Hadadi indodana kaThabhrimoni, oyindodana kaHeziyoni, inkosi yase-Aramu, owayebusa eDamaseko. 19 “Akubekhona ubudlelwano phakathi kwami lawe,” watsho, eqhubeka wathi, “njengoba kwakunjalo phakathi kukayihlo lobaba. Khangela ngikuthumela izipho zesiliva legolide. Wena quma ubudlelwano bakho loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli yikho ezaphuma elizweni lami.”

20 UBheni-Hadadi wavumelana lenkosi u-Asa wasethumela abalawuli bamabutho akhe ukuyahlasela amadolobho ako-Israyeli. Wanqoba ele-Ijoni, eleDani, ele-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha lalo lonke elaseKhinerethi kanye leNafithali. 21 UBhasha wathi ekuzwa lokhu, wema ukwakha iRama wasehlehlela eThiza. 22 Inkosi u-Asa yaquma ukuthi kungasali muntu kulolonke elakoJuda. Basebethutha eRama bethwala

amatshe lamapulanka ayekade esetshenziswa nguBhasha kuleyondawo. Ngalokho inkosi u-Asa yakha iGebha kwelakoBhenjamini, leMizipha.

23 Konke okumayelana lombuso ka-Asa, lalokho anqoba kikho, lamadolobho wonke ayewakhile, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? Kodwa-ke, ekuluphaleni kwakhe, waba lomkhuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. 24 Ngakho u-Asa waya ekuphumuleni wangcwatshwa laboyise emzini kayise uDavida. Kwathi indodana yakhe uJehoshafathi wathatha isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi.

UNadabi Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

25 UNadabi indodana kaJerobhowamu waba yinkosi yabako-Israyeli ngomnyaka wesibili ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, njalo wabusa abako-Israyeli okweminyaka emibili. 26 Wona wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, wahamba ngendlela kayise lasezonweni zakhe, lezo ezazibangele ukuthi u-Israyeli angene kuzo adale isono.

27 UBhasha indodana ka-Ahija owendlu ka-Isakhari waceba ukumbulala. Wambulala eGibhethoni elinye lamadolobho amaFilistiya, ngesikhathi uNadabi labo bonke abako-Israyeli belihanqile. 28 UBhasha wabulala uNadabi ngomnyaka wesithathu wombuso ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi.

29 Waqalisa ukubusa wahle wabulala bonke abendlu kaJerobhowamu. Kazange atshiyele uJerobhowamu loyedwa kodwa wabhubhisa bonke elandela ilizwi likaThixo eleza lenceku yakhe u-Ahija waseShilo 30 ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu ayezenzile njalo enguye owabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli one, ngoba wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

31 Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kukaNadabi, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 32 Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sonke sokubusa kwabo.

UBhasha Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

33 Ngomnyaka wesithathu ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, uBhasha indodana ka-Ahija waba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli laseThiza, njalo wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lane. 34 Wona phambi kukaThixo, wahamba ngendlela kaJerobhowamu lezono zakhe, lezo abangela u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze.

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1 Ilizwi likaThixo leza kuJehu indodana kaHanani lisongela uBhasha lisithi: 2 “Ngakususa othulini ngakwenza umkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli, kodwa wasuka wahamba ngezindlela zikaJerobhowamu njalo wabangela abantu bami bako-Israyeli ukuthi bone bangithukuthelise ngezono zabo. 3 Ngakho sekufanele ngichithe uBhasha labendlu yakhe, njalo indlu yakho ngizakwenza ifanane lekaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi. 4 Bazadliwa yizinja abangabakaBhasha abazafela edolobheni, kanti izinyoni zasemoyeni zizakudla labo abazafela emangweni.”

5 Okunye okumayelana lombuso kaBhasha, akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 6 UBhasha waphumula laboyise wembelwa eThiza. Kwathi u-Ela indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi yabusa.

7 Njalo ilizwi lafika livela kuThixo ngoJehu indodana kaHanani lisiya kuBhasha labendlu yakhe, ngoba kulezono ezinengi ayezenzile emehlweni kaThixo, wamthukuthelisa ngezinto abazenzayo, waze wafanana labendlu kaJerobhowamu kanye lokuthi wayichitha.

U-Ela Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesithupha wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yako-
Juda, u-Ela indodana kaBhasha waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli njalo wabusa eThiza
okweminyaka emibili.
9 UZimri, esinye sezikhulu zakhe, owayelawula ingxenye yezinqola zempi, waceba
ukumbulala. U-Ela wayeseThiza ngalesosikhathi, esidla edakwa endlini ka-Ariza,
indoda eyayiphethe isigodlo saseThiza. 10 UZimri wangena, wamtshaya wambulala.
Kwakungumnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi
yakoJuda. Wasethatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhosi waba yinkosi.
11 Uthe eqalisa ukubusa esehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, wabulala bonke abendlu
kaBhasha. Katshiyanga ndoda noma kuyisihlobo loba kungumngane. 12 Ngakho
uZimri wabhubhisa bonke abendlu kaBhasha, kwaba njengokwatshiwo nguThixo
owasongela uBhasha ngomphrofethi uJehu 13 ngenxa yazo zonke izono azenzayo
uBhasha lendodana yakhe u-Ela; benza lo-Israyeli wona kwaze kwaqubula uThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wazonda ngenxa yezithombe zabo eziyize.
14 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Ela, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini
encwadini yembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli?

UZimri Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

15 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi
yakoJuda, uZimri wabusa eThiza okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Ibutho lalisenkambeni
yaseGibhethoni, idolobho lamaFilistiya. 16 Abako-Israyeli bathi sebezwile ukuthi
uZimri wakha icebo lokubulala inkosi lakanye wayibulala, babeka u-Omri, umlawuli
webutho wahle waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli mhlalokho enkambeni. 17 U-Omri labo
bonke abako-Israyeli bahlehla basuka eGibhethoni bayavimbezela iThiza. 18 UZimri
uthe ebona ukuthi idolobho laselithethwe, waya enqabeni yesigodlo senkosi wathun-
gela isigodlo sesikhosini ngomlilo lapho ayekhona. Ngakho wafa, 19 ngenxa yezono
azenzayo, esenza okubi phambi kukaThixo njalo kwakungaselamuntu ohamba
ngendlela zikaJerobhowamu lasezonweni ayengene kuzo lalezo ayebangela u-Israyeli
ukuba azenze.
20 Ezinye izehlakalo zokubusa kukaZimri, lomvukela ayewenzile, akulotshwanga
na ogwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli?

U-Omri Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

21 Kwasekusiba lokudabukana phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli, abanye
babesekela uThibhini indodana kaGinathi ukuthi abe yinkosi, abanye besekela
u-Omri. 22 Kodwa-ke kwabasobala ukuthi abalandeli baka-Omri bayabakhulela
abakaThibhini indodana kaGinathi. Ngakho uThibhini wafa u-Omri waba yinkosi.
23 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanye ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Omri waba
yinkosi yako-Israyeli, wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, eyisithupha yayo
eseThiza. 24 Wathenga uqaqa lwaseSamariya kuShemeri ngamathalenta amabili
esiliva njalo wakha idolobho phezu koqaqa lolo walibiza ngokuthi Samariya, elubiza
ngoShemeri, owayekade engumnikazi walo.
25 Kodwa u-Omri wona waba lezono phambi kukaThixo, njalo yena wona okwed-
lula bonke abamandulelayo. 26 Wahamba ngazozonke izindlela zikaJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebhathi kanye lasezonweni zakhe, abangela ukuthi u-Israyeli azenze,
ngalokho baqubula uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wazonda ngenxa yezithombe
zabo eziyize.
27 Okwembali yokubusa kuka-Omri, akwenzayo kanye layephumelele kukho, aku-
lotshwanga na ogwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 28 U-Omri waphumula
kuboyise wembelwa eSamariya. Kwathi u-Ahabi indodana yakhe wabusa ngemva
kwakhe.

U-Ahabi Uba Yinkosi Yako-Israyeli

29 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembili wokubusa kuka-Asa
inkosi yakoJuda, u-Ahabi indodana ka-Omri waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, njalo wabusa
eSamariya kwabako-Israyeli okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. 30 U-
Ahabi indodana ka-Omri waba lezono ezingaphezu kwalabo abamandulelayo phambi
kukaTHIXO. 31 Kwathi lanxa ebona kungasilutho ukungena ebubini bukaJerob-
howamu indodana kaNebhathi, wathatha uJezebheli indodakazi ka-Ethibhali inkosi
yamaSidoni, waseqalisa ukukhonza lokusebenzela uBhali. 32 Wakhela uBhali i-
alithari ethempelini likaBhali ayelakhe eSamariya. 33 U-Ahabi wenzela u-Ashera
insika njalo kunengi akwenzayo okwathukuthelisa uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
okwedlula wonke amakhosi ako-Israyeli amandulelayo.

34 Ngezinsuku zika-Ahabi uHiyeli waseBhetheli wakha kutsha iJerikho. Ukubekwa
kwezisekelo zayo kwathatha impilo yezibulo lakhe u-Abhiramu kwathi lasekumiseni
amasango alo kwathatha impilo yecinathunjana lakhe uSegubi, kwagcwaliseka ilizwi
likaTHIXO ayelikhulume ngoJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

17

U-Elija Uphiwa Ukudla Ngamawabayi

1 U-Elija umThishibi owayevela ngaseThishibi eGiliyadi, wasesithi ku-Ahabi, “Njen-
goba uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, engimkhonzayo ephila, akuyikuba lamazolo
njalo akuyikuba lezulu okweminyaka embalwa ezayo ngaphandle kokuba ngitsho.”

2 Ngakho ilizwi likaTHIXO lafika ku-Elija lisithi: 3 “Suka lapho, khangela em-
pumalanga uyecatsha eDongeni lwaseKherithi, empumalanga kweJodani. 4 Uzanatha
amanzi avela kulesosifula, njalo sengilayile amawabayi ukuthi azabe ekulethela
ukudla khonapho.”

5 Ngakho wenza lokho okwakutshiwo nguTHIXO. Waya eDongeni lwaseKherithi,
empumalanga yeJodani, wafika wahlala khona. 6 Amawabayi amlethela ukudla,
isinkwa lenyama ekuseni kwathi lantambama kwaba yisinkwa lenyama, amanzi
wayenatha esifuleni.

Umfelokazi WaseZarefathi

7 Ngemva kwesikhathi amanzi atsha esifuleni ngoba kwakungelazulu elizweni.
8 Ngakho kwabuye kwafika kuye ilizwi likaTHIXO lisithi: 9 “Suka khathesi uye
eZarefathi yeSidoni uyehlala khona. Sengilungisile khona ukuthi umfelokazi
uzakulungisela abe ekupha ukudla.” 10 Wasesiya eZarefathi. Uthe efika esangweni
ledolobho, kwakukhona umfelokazi edobha incwathi. Wazibika kuye njalo ecela
wathi, “Ungangilethela amanzi ngenkezo kenginathe na?” 11 Uthe esayathatha
amanzi, wambiza njalo wathi, “Ngicela ungiphathele locezu lwesinkwa.”

12 Umfelokazi waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso lanjengoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wakho ephila, angilaso isinkwa kodwa ngilengcosana nje yefulawa engcebethwini
encane lamafutha angenganani ediweni. Ngidobha incwathi lezi nje ngiya lazo
ngekhaya ukuze ngiyezigoqozela engingakudla mina lendodana yami, kube yikho
esizakudla andubana sife.”

13 U-Elija wathi kumfelokazi, “Ungesabi. Hamba uye ekhaya uyekwenza khonokho
okutshoyo. Kodwa uqale ungiphekele iqebelengwane eliyisinkwa ngalokho olakho
ube usuliletha lapha kimi, andubana uziphekele okwakho lendodana yakho. 14 Ngoba
lokhu yikho uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli akutshiloyo: ‘Impuphu esengcebeth-
wini kayiyikuphela, lamafutha asediweni kawayikuphela, kuze kufike usuku uTHIXO
azanisa ngalo izulu elizweni?’ ”

15 Wasuka lapho wayakwenza njengalokho ayekutshilo u-Elija. Ngakho kwahlala
kulokudla kuka-Elija lomfelokazi labendlu yakhe okwensuku zonke. 16 Ngoba
ifulawa eyayisengcebethwini ayiphelanga, kanti njalo lamafutha agobhoza kokuphela
kazaphela njengokutsho kukaThixo ku-Elija.
17 Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana yomfelokazi owayengumninindlu yagula.
Wakhula umkhuhlane ngamandla, yaze yema ukuphefumula. 18 Umfelokazi wathi
ku-Elija, "Kanti kuyini ongizondela khona, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu? Kambe
ungabe ulande ukuzangikhumbuza ngesono sami ukuze ubulale indodana yami na?"
19 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Nginika indodana yakho." Wayiphatha ngezandla
indodana, wakhwela layo waya endlini ephezulu ayehlala kuyo, wayilalisa emb-
hedeni wakhe. 20 Wasecela ngamandla kuThixo esithi. "Yebo Thixo Nkulunkulu
wami, wehlisele umonakalo lakulo umfelokazi engihlezi kuye na, ngokubangela
ukufa kwendodana yakhe na?" 21 Wasezelula ecambalala phezu komfana kathathu
ecela kuThixo, esithi, "Wena Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, ake ubuyisele impilo
yalumntwana!"
22 UThixo wakuzwa ukukhala kuka-Elija lakanye impilo yomfana yabuyela, wavuka
waphila. 23 U-Elija wamphakamisa umntwana wamthwalela endlini ephansi.
Wamqhubela unina wasesithi kunina, "Khangela ubone, indodana yakho iyaphila!"
24 Umfelokazi wasesithi ku-Elija, "Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi ungumuntu kaNku-
lunkulu lokuthi ilizwi likaThixo elivela emlonyeni wakho liliqiniso."

18

U-Elija Lo-Obhadaya

1 Ngemva kwesikhathi eside, ngomnyaka wesithathu, ilizwi likaThixo lezwakala
ku-Elija lisithi: "Hamba uyezibika ku-Ahabi, ngizanisa izulu elizweni." 2 Lakanye
u-Elija wahamba wayazibika ku-Ahabi.
Ngalesosikhathi indlala yayinkulu kakhulu eSamariya, 3 njalo u-Ahabi wayebize
u-Obhadaya, owayengumlindi wesigodlo sakhe. (U-Obhadaya wayekholwa kakhulu
kuThixo. 4 Lapho uJezebheli wayebulala abaphrofethi bakaThixo, u-Obhadaya
wayethethe abalikhulu wayabafihla ezimbalwini ezimbili, bengamatshumi amahlanu
ebhalwini lunye, wabathumela ukudla lamanzi.) 5 U-Ahabi wayethe ku-Obhadaya,
"Ngena elizweni lonke emaxhaphozini lasezihotsheni. Mhlawumbe singathola
khona utshani bokupha amabhiza lezimbongolo zethu ukuze singabulali leyodwa
yezinyamazana zethu." 6 Ngakho behlukaniselana isigaba somhlaba ababezawuhlola.
U-Ahabi wakhangela le kwathi lo-Obhadaya laye waya le.
7 Kwathi u-Obhadaya ezihambela nje, wahlangabezwa ngu-Elija. U-Obhadaya
wamnanzelela, wakhothamela phansi emhlabathini, wasesithi, "Kambe nguwe sibili,
nkosi yami Elija?"
8 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Yebo. Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi, 'U-Elija
ulapha.' "
9 U-Obhadaya wabuza wathi, "Ngoneni kanti okwenza unikele inceku yakho
ezandleni zika-Ahabi ukuba ibulawe? 10 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu
wakho ephila, akukho sizwe loba umbuso lapho inkosi yami ingazange ithume
izithunywa ukuba zikudinge khona. Kuthe laloba isizwe loba umbuso ulandula
ukuba awukho khonale, ubenze bafunga ukuthi abangeke bakuthole. 11 Kodwa
khathesi usungithuma ukuthi ngiye enkosini ngiyeyitshela ukuthi, 'U-Elija ulapha.'
12 Angikwazi ukuthi uMoya kaThixo uzakusa ngaphi mhla ngakutshiyayo. Nxa
ngingayatshela u-Ahabi akudinge akuswele, uzangibulala. Kunjalo-nje mina nceku
yakho ngimkhonzile uThixo kusukela ebutsheni bami. 13 Awukezwa yini, nkosi yami,
engakwenzayo uJezebheli ebulala abaphrofethi bakaThixo na? Ngafihla abalikhulu

ezimbalwini ezimbili, bengamatshumi amahlanu kolulodwa, ngabapha ukudla lamanzi. 14 Njalo khathesi usungithuma ukuba ngiye enkosini yami ngiyeyitshela ngithi, 'U-Elija ulapha.' Kusobala ukuthi izangibulala!"

15 U-Elija wathi, "Njengoba UTHIXO uSomandla engimkhonzayo ekhona, ngizazinikela ngempela ku-Ahabi lamuhla."

U-Elija Entabeni IKhameli

16 Ngakho u-Obhadaya wahlangabeza u-Ahabi wayamtshela, u-Ahabi wayahlangabeza u-Elija. 17 Uthe ebona u-Elija, wathi kuye, "Nguwe wena, wena oluhlupho ko-Israyeli?"

18 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Angibanganga hlupho ko-Israyeli. Kodwa nguwe labendlu kayihlo abalubangileyo. Selitshiye imilayo KATHIXO lalandela oBhali. 19 Biza abantu kulolonke elako-Israyeli ngiyehlangana labo eNtabeni iKhameli. Njalo letha bonke abaphrofethi bakaBhali abangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu labaka-Ashera abangamakhulu amane, abadlela etafuleni kaJezebheli."

20 U-Ahabi wakhupha ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli wahlanganisa abaphrofethi labo eNtabeni iKhameli. 21 U-Elija wema phambi kwabantu wathi, "Lizathandabuza kuze kube nini ngeminakano emibili le na? Nxa UTHIXO enguNkulunkulu mlandeleni kodwa nxa uBhali enguNkulunkulu, mlandeleni."

Kodwa abantu abazange batsho lutho.

22 Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi kubo, "Yimi ngedwa umphrofethi KATHIXO oseleyo kodwa uBhali ulabangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu. 23 Sidingeleni inkunzi ezimbili. Libanike bazikhethele abayifunayo bayihlabe bayiqume amaqatha bayifake phezu kwenkuni kodwa bangabasi umlilo. Lami ngizahlinza eyinye yazo ngiyiqobaqobe ngiyifake phezu kwenkuni kodwa angiyikubasa umlilo. 24 Libe selibiza ibizo likankulunkulu wenu mina ngizacela ebizweni LIKATHIXO. Unkulunkulu ozaphendula ngomlilo, nguye-ke uNkulunkulu."

Ngakho abantu bonke bathi, "Lokho okutshoyo kulungile."

25 U-Elija wathi kubaphrofethi bakaBhali, "Khethani inkunzi eyodwa njalo liqale lina ukuyilungiselela, njengoba lina libanengi kangaka. Memezani unkulunkulu wenu ngegama lakhe, kodwa lingalumathisi umlilo."

26 Bayithatha inkunzi ababeyiphiwe bayilungisa. Basebebiza ibizo likaBhali kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba semini enkulu. Baklabalala besithi, "We Bhali, sabela bo!" Kodwa akubanga lampendulo; kakho owaphendulayo. Bagida bezingelezela i-alithari ababelakhile.

27 Kwathi emini enkulu u-Elija waqalisa ukubahoza esithi, "Klabalalani ngamandla! Ngempela angithi ungunkulunkulu! Mhlawumbe ujule eminakanweni, engxenye ubambekile, loba engxenye uphakathi kohambo. Engxenye ulele ngakho ufuna uku-vuswa." 28 Ngakho baklabalala ngamandla baziklaya ngezingqamu langezinkemba, njengoba kwakungumkhuba wabo, kwaze kwajuluka igazi. 29 Yedlula imini enkulu, bona baqhubeka ngokuphithizela bephrofetha kwaze kwaba yisikhathi somhlatshelo wakusihlwa. Kodwa akubanga lalutho, akubanga lampendulo, kakho owazihlupha ngakho.

30 Ngakho u-Elija wathi ebantwini, "Wozani ngapha engikhona." Basondela kuye, yena walungilungisa i-alithari LIKATHIXO elaselibhidlikile. 31 U-Elija wathatha amat-she alitshumi lambili, yilelo limele isizwana sosendo lukaJakhobe, yena owayezwe ilizwi LIKATHIXO lisithi kuye, "Uzabizwa ngokuthi ungu-Israyeli." 32 Wakha i-alithari ngebizo LIKATHIXO ngalawo matshe, wagebha umgelo ozingelezela i-alithari okungangena kuwo igokoko lamabele. 33 Walungisa inkuni, wasika inyama yenkunzi wenza amaqatha, waseyibeka phezu kwenkuni. Wasesithi kubo, "Gcwalisani

imigqomo emine emikhulu ngamanzi libe seliwathela phezu komhlatshelo laphezu kwenkuni.”

34 Wathi, “Kwenzeni futhi,” bakwenza lokho njalo.

Wathi, “Kwenzeni okwesithathu,” lakanye bakwenza bephinda okwesithathu.
35 Amanzi agcwala aze agcwala lasemgelweni owawugombolozele i-alithari.

36 Kuthe ngesikhathi somhlatshelo, u-Elija umphrofethi wasondela wakhuleka esithi, “Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka lo-Israyeli, veza obala lamuhla ukuthi wena unguNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli kanye lokuthi mina ngiyinceku yakho, lokuthi zonke lezizinto ngizenza ngokulaya kwakho. 37 Akungiphendule Oh THIXO, akungiphendule ukuze lababantu bakwazi ukuthi wena THIXO, unguNkulunkulu, lokuthi njalo uguqula inhliziyo zabo.”

38 Khonokho umlilo KATHIXO wehla watshisa umhlatshelo, inkuni, amatshe lomhlabathi, kwaze kwatsha lamanzi ayesemgelweni.

39 Abantu bonke bekubona lokhu, bazilahla phansi bakhala bathi, “UTHIXO nguye uNkulunkulu! UTHIXO nguye uNkulunkulu!”

40 U-Elija wasebalaya wathi, “Bambani abaphrofethi bakaBhali. Akungaphunyuki lamunye!” Bababamba, u-Elija wathi kabasiwe eSigodini saseKhishoni, babulawelwa khona.

41 Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi ku-Ahabi, “Hamba, udle unathe, ngoba kuzwakala umdumo wezulu elikhulu.” 42 Ngalokho u-Ahabi wasuka wayakudla njalo wanatha, kodwa u-Elija wakhwela phezu kwentaba yaseKhameli, wagobisa ikhanda lakhe walifaka phakathi kwamadolo akhe.

43 Wathuma isisebenzi sakhe wathi: “Hamba uyephosa amehlo akho olwandle.” Lakanye isisebenzi sahamba sayakhangela.

Sathi, “Akulalutho laphaya.”

U-Elija watsho kwaze kwaba kasikhombisa esithi, “Buyela.”

44 Ngesikhathi sesikhombisa isisebenzi sabika sathi, “Iyezana elincinyane ngangesandla somuntu likhanya liqubuka lisuka olwandle.”

Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi, “Hamba uyetshela u-Ahabi uthi, ‘Bopha inqola yakho yempi usuke lapho ungakavalelwa lizulu.’ ”

45 Ngalesosikhathi, kwaba mnyama emkhathini ngamayezi, kwaqubuka umoya, kwana izulu elikhulu njalo u-Ahabi wasuka ngenqola waya eJezerili. 46 Amandla KATHIXO ehlela ku-Elija, njalo uthe ukuba akhwicele isembatho sakhe ebhantini wagijima phambi kuka-Ahabi indlela yonke esiya eJezerili.

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U-Elija Ubalekela EHorebhi

1 U-Ahabi wasetshela uJezebheli ngakho konke okwakwenziwe ngu-Elija kanye lokuthi wababulala njani abaphrofethi ngenkemba. 2 Ngalokho uJezebheli wathumela isithunywa ku-Elija ukuthi siyekuthi, “Onkulunkulu kabangihlanekele ngokwengezelelweyo nxa ngingakubulalanga kuze kube kusasa, njengoba usubulele abaphrofethi.”

3 U-Elija wasesesaba, wasuka wabaleka, wayafika eBherishebha yakoJuda, wasetshiya khona inceku yakhe. 4 Yena wahamba okwelanga elilodwa engena enkangala. Wathola khona isihlahla, wahlala ngaphansi kwaso emthunzini, wakhulekela ukuthi ngabe uyafa wathi, “Kwanele, THIXO, susa ukuphila kwami ngoba angingcono kulabokhokho.”

5 Wasecambalala elala ngaphansi kwesihlahla wajunywa yibuthongo. Khonokho
ingilosi yamthinta yathi kuye, “Vuka udle.” 6 Wathalaza, lakanye wabona nge-
makhanda nantiyana iqebelengwane lisatshisa emalahleni elaliphekwe kuwo, kanye
lenkezo eyayilamanzi okunatha. Wadla njalo wanatha, waphinda walala.
7 Ingilosi kaThixo yaphinda yabuya okwesibili yamthinta, yathi kuye, “Vuka
udle, ngoba uhambo lude luzakukhulela.” 8 Ngakho wavuka, wadla njalo wehlisa
ngamanzi. Eseqiniswe yilokhokudla wahamba insuku ezingamatshumi amane
lobusuku obungamatshumi amane waze wayafika eHorebhi intaba kaNkulunkulu.
9 Eselapho wangena ebhalwini walala.

uThixo Uzibonakalisa Ku-Elija

Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lisithi, “Kanti wenzani khonapha, Elija?”
10 Yena waphendula wathi, “Bengikutshisekela kakhulu, wena Thixo Nkulunkulu
Somandla. Abako-Israyeli basephule isivumelwano sakho, badiliza ama-alithare
akho, babulala abaphrofethi bakho ngenkemba. Yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo
khathesi bayangizingela bafuna ukungibulala.”
11 uThixo wathi kuye, “Hamba uyekuma phezu kwentaba phambi kukaThixo ngoba
uThixo uzadlula khona.”
Kwaba lomoya owawuvunguza ngamandla udabula izintaba uqhekeza lamad-
wala phambi kukaThixo, kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulesosiphepho. Kwedlula
isiphepho kweza ukuzamazama komhlaba kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulokhokuza-
mazama. 12 Kwedlula ukuzamazama komhlaba kwaqhamuka umlilo, kodwa
uThixo wayengekho kulowomlilo. Ngemva komlilo kwezwakala ilizwi elipholileyo
linyenyeza. 13 U-Elija uthe elizwa, wadonsa isembatho sakhe wamboza ubuso bakhe
wasuka wayakuma entubeni yobhalu.
Khonokho ilizwi lathi kuye, “Wenzani khonapha, Elija?”
14 Yena waphendula wathi, “Bengikutshisekela kakhulu wena Thixo Nkulunkulu
Somandla. Abako-Israyeli basephule isivumelwano sakho, badiliza ama-alithare
akho, babulala abaphrofethi bakho ngenkemba. Yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo
khathesi bayangizingela bafuna ukungibulala lami.”
15 uThixo wathi kuye, “Buyela ngayonale indlela oze ngayo, uye enkan-
gala yaseDamaseko. Ekufikeni kwakho khonale, ugcobe uHazayeli abe yinkosi
yase-Aramu. 16 Njalo, ugcobe loJehu indodana kaNimishi abe yinkosi yako-
Israyeli, ubusugcoba u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi wase-Abheli-Mehola athathe
isikhundla sakho sobuphrofethi. 17 UJehu uzabulala bonke abazaphepha ku-
leyonkemba kaHazayeli, njalo u-Elisha uzabulala labo abazasila kuleyonkemba
kaJehu. 18 Kodwa ngizaphephisa abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa
abangazange bakhothamele uBhali njalo abandebe zabo azizange zimange.”

Ubizo Luka-Elisha

19 Ngakho u-Elija wasuka lapho wathola u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi. Wamfica
elima labanye ngenkabi emajogweni alitshumi lambili, yena etshayela ezejogwe
letshumi lambili. U-Elija wasondela kuye wamembesa ngesembatho sakhe. 20 U-
Elisha watshiya inkabi zakhe walandela u-Elija. Wasesithi, “Ngivumela ngiyevalelisa
ubaba lomama, ngibuye ngizehamba lawe.”
U-Elija wamphendula wathi, “Buyela, kanti ngenzeni kuwe?”
21 Ngakho u-Elisha wehlukana laye wabuyela emuva. Wathatha inkabi zejogwe
lakhe wazihlaba. Wabasa umlilo ngezinto lezo ayelima ngazo ukuze ose inyama yazo
wayinika abantu bayidla. Waselandela u-Elija waba yinceku yakhe.

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UBheni-Hadadi Uhlasela ISamariya

1 UBheni-Hadadi inkosi yama-Aramu waqoqa ibutho lakhe lonke.
Wayephelekezelwa ngamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lamabili ngezinqola
zawo zempi lamabhiza, wasuka wayahanqa iSamariya wayihlasela. 2 Wathuma
izithunywa edolobheni ku-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, esithi, "Nanku okutshiwo
nguBheni-Hadadi: 3 Isiliva legolide lakho ngokwami, abafazi benu abahle kakhulu
labantwana ngabami."
4 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, "Kunjalo nkosi mbusi wami. Mina lakho
konke engilakho ngokwakho."
5 Izithunywa zaphenduka njalo zisithi, "UBheni-Hadadi uthi: 'Ngathumela ngathi
ngifuna isiliva legolide lakho, abafazi labantwabakho. 6 Kodwa ngasolesi isikhathi
kusasa ngizathumela izikhulu zami ukuzakhuthuza isigodlo sakho lezindlu zezikhulu
zakho. Zizabutha yonke into eligugu kuwe zikuthathele.' "
7 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibiza bonke abadala belizwe yathi kubo, "Ake libone
lindoda edinga uhlupho! Ithe isithi ifuna abafazi bami labantwabami, isiliva legolide
lami, angizange ngale."
8 Abadala kanye labantu bonke bathi, "Ungalaleli njalo ungamniki lokho akufu-
nayo."
9 Yasitshela izithunywa zikaBheni-Hadadi ukuthi, "Tshelani inkosi umbusi wami
ukuthi, 'Inceku yakho izagcwalisa isicelo sakuqala kodwa lesi hayi ayenelisi.' " Zasuka
izithunywa zabuyisela impendulo kuBheni-Hadadi.
10 Ngakho uBheni-Hadadi wakhupha ilizwi njalo lisiya ku-Ahabi, wathi: "Kabangih-
lanekele onkulunkulu, loba kungaba lobunzima obunganani, nxa kuzasala ubhuqu
olulingana ukufunjathwa ngamadoda wonke aseSamariya."
11 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, "Mtsheleni lithi: 'Lowo ohloma ngezempi
angabokloloda njengongahlomanga.' "
12 UBheni-Hadadi wemukela lelilizwi ezinathela lamanye amakhosi emathenteni
awo, wahle walawula amabutho akhe esithi: "Hlomelani ukuhlasela." Base-
belungisela ukuhlasela idolobho.

U-Ahabi Unqoba UBheni-Hadadi

13 Kusenjalo kweza umphrofethi ku-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli owafika wabika
esithi, "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: 'Uyalibona na ibutho elikhulu kangaka?
Ngizalinikela ezandleni zakho lamuhla nje, ukuze wazi ukuba NGINGUTHIXO.' "
14 U-Ahabi wabuza wathi, "Kodwa ngubani ozakwenza lokhu?"
Umphrofethi waphendula wathi, "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: 'Lokhu kuzakwen-
ziwa ngabalawuli bamabutho ezabelweni abayintanga yabatsha.' "
Yena wabuza njalo ukuthi, "Pho ngubani ozayiqalisa impi?"
Umphrofethi wamphendula wathi, "Nguwe."
15 Ngakho u-Ahabi wamema abalawuli bamabutho abentanga yabatsha ezabelweni,
abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amathathu lambili (232). Waseqoqa labo
bonke abanye abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa (7,000) ndawonye.
16 Basuka emini enkulu ngesikhathi uBheni-Hadadi lamakhosi angamatshumi am-
athathu lambili (32) ayezomhlomulela belokhu besazinathela bedakwa emathenteni
abo.
17 Abalawuli bezabelweni bentanga yabatsha basuka kuqala. UBheni-Hadadi
wayethumele inhloli, ezabika ukuthi, "Kulamadoda ezayo evela eSamariya."
18 Yena wathi, "Nxa esiza ngokuthula, athumbeni ephila; nxa ezohlasela, athumbeni
ephila."

19 Abalawuli bamabutho ezabelweni abentanga yabatsha baphuma edolobheni
belandelwa libutho 20 njalo ngamunye wabo wabulala lowo ayeqondene laye. Ebona
lokhu, ama-Aramu abaleka, ama-Israyeli axotshana lawo. Kodwa uBheni-Hadadi
inkosi yama-Aramu wabaleka ngebhiza lamanye amabutho ayesilwa ngamabhiza.
21 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaqhubeka yakhulela abamabhiza kanye labezinqola zempi
yatshaya yabhuqa ama-Aramu amanengi kakhulu.
22 Ngemva kwalokho, umphrofethi waya enkosini yako-Israyeli wafika wathi,
"Hloma uphelele ubone ukuthi ungenzani, ngoba entwasa inkosi yama-Aramu iyeza
izokuhlasela futhi."
23 Kusenjalo, izikhulu zenkosi yase-Aramu zayicebisa zathi, "Onkulunkulu babo
ngonkulunkulu bezintabeni. Yikho besikhulele. Kodwa singalwela emagcekeni,
ngempela sizabakhulela. 24 Wena yenza kanje: Susa wonke amakhosi ekulawuleni
kwawo ufake abanye abalawuli esikhundleni sawo. 25 Njalo kumele uqoqe amanye
amabutho anjengala anqotshwayo, kulingane amabhiza kanye lezinqola zempi ukuze
silwele emagcekeni labako-Israyeli. Ngalokho akulakuthandabuza ukuthi sizabe
silamandla kulabo." Wavumelana labo wenza njengokutsho kwabo.
26 Ngesikhathi sentwasa uBheni-Hadadi waqoqa ama-Aramu wasesiya e-Afekhi
ukuze alwe labako-Israyeli. 27 Ama-Israyeli ayeseqoqene, anikwa lemiphako, asuka
ayawahlangabeza. Ama-Israyeli amisa maqondana lawo kungathi yimihlanjana
yembuzi emibili, kanti ama-Aramu ayegcwele indawana yonke.
28 Umphrofethi kaNkulunkulu wasesiya enkosini yako-Israyeli wafika wathi,
"Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: 'Njengoba ama-Aramu esithi UTHIXO ngunkulunkulu
wezintaba hatshi uNkulunkulu wezigodi, ngizanikela wonke amabutho awo ama-
nengi kangaka ezandleni zakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "
29 Bajamelana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa
bahlaselana. Ama-Israyeli abulala abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu phakathi kwam-
abutho ama-Aramu ahamba ngezinyawo ngosuku olulodwa. 30 Amanye amabutho
abalekela edolobheni lase-Afekhi, lapho adilikelwa khona ngumduli owabulala
izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa. Kwathi uBheni-Hadadi
wabalekela edolobheni lapho afika wacatsha endlini ephakathi.
31 Izikhulu zakhe zathi kuye, "Khangela, sesizwile ukuthi amakhosi ako-Israyeli
ngamakhosi alomusa. Asihambeni enkosini yako-Israyeli sembethe amasaka okhal-
weni njalo sibophe amakhanda ngentambo. Mhlawumbe izakuxolela ingakubulali."
32 Basuka bethandele amasaka ezinkalweni zabo, bebophe amakhanda ngentambo,
baya enkosini yako-Israyeli bafika bathi, "Inceku yakho uBheni-Hadadi ithi, 'Ngicela
ungiyekele ngiphile.' "
Inkosi yathi, "Ulokhu esaphila? Ngumfowethu lowo."
33 Amadoda lawo abona lokhu kukhomba ubuhle alithathela phezulu lelilizwi athi,
"Ye, umfowenu uBheni-Hadadi!"
Inkosi yathi, "Hambani liyemthatha." Lakanye uBheni-Hadadi uthe efika, u-Ahabi
wathi kakhwele enqoleni yakhe yempi.
34 UBheni-Hadadi wazibika esithi, "Ngizabuyisela wonke amadolobho athunjwa
ngubaba kuyihlo. Ungazilungisela izindawo zokuthengiselana eDamaseko, njengoba
ubaba laye wayelazo eSamariya."
U-Ahabi wathi, "Ngesivumelwano ngizakukhulula." Wasesenza isivumelwano laye
wamkhulula.

Umphrofethi Uqalekisa U-Ahabi

35 Ngelizwi LIKATHIXO omunye wamadodana abaphrofethi wathi komunye, "Ake
ungitshaye ngesikhali sakho," kodwa wala.

36 Ngakho umphrofethi wasesithi, “Njengoba ungalalelanga ilizwi LIKATHIXO,
uzakuthi usuka kimi ubulawe yisilwane.” Ngemva kokusuka kwakhe, wafunyanwa
yisilwane sambulala.
37 Umphrofethi wafumana enye njalo indoda wathi kuyo, “Ake ungigwaze.”
Yamgwaza leyondoda yamlimaza. 38 Umphrofethi wasuka wayamelela inkosi
endleleni. Wazifihla ubuso bakhe ngeqhiye. 39 Kuthe inkosi isedlula khonapho,
umphrofethi wayimemeza esithi, “Inceku yakho ibe iphakathi kwempi etshisayo,
kwathi omunye weza kimi lothunjiweyo wathi, ‘Linda lumuntu. Nxa engabaleka,
uzamfela wena, loba uhlawule ngethalenta lesiliva.’
40 Kuthe inceku yakho isaphathekile lapha lalaphaya, umuntu lowo wanyamalala.”
Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi, “Leso yiso isigwebo sakho. Usuvele wasiqamba wena
ngokwakho.”
41 Umphrofethi waphanga wembula ubuso bakhe, inkosi yako-Israyeli yabona
ukuthi ngomunye wabaphrofethi. 42 Wathi enkosini, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
‘Usukhulule umuntu ebengithe kumele afe. Kutsho ukuthi usuzamfela wena, labantu
bakho bazafela abantu bakhe.’ ” 43 Ngokuhlulukelwa langokuzonda, inkosi yako-
Israyeli yasuka yabuyela esigodlweni sayo eSamariya.

21

Isivini SikaNabhothi

1 Kwathi ngemva kwesikhathi esithile kwaba lesenzo esithile ngesivini sikaNab-
hothi umJezerili. Isivini leso sasiseJezerili, phansi kwesigodlo sika-Ahabi inkosi
yaseSamariya. 2 U-Ahabi wathi kuNabhothi, “Kahle mina ngilime imibhida yami
esivinini sakho, njengoba siphansi kwesigodlo sami. Mina ngizakunika isivini
esingcono, loba nxa uthanda, ngizakunika intengo ofisa ukusithengisa ngayo.”
3 Kodwa uNabhothi wathi, “UTHIXO kangavumi ukuba ngikunike ilifa labobaba.”
4 Ngalokho u-Ahabi wabuyela ekhaya enyukubele njalo ethukuthele ngoba uN-
abhothi umJezerili wayethe, “Angizukukunika ilifa labobaba.” U-Ahabi walala
embhedeni enyukubele wala lokudla.
5 Umkakhe uJezebheli wangena endlini wambuza wathi, “Kungani usineme
kangaka? Kungani usala ukudla?”
6 Yena wamphendula wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi ngithe kuNabhothi umJezerili,
‘Ngithengisela isivini sakho; loba nxa ufuna, ngikunike esinye isivini esikhundleni
salesi.’ Kodwa ungiphendule wathi ‘Angizukukunika isivini sami.’ ”
7 UJezebheli umka-Ahabi wathi, “Lokhu yikho okwenzayo njengenkosi yako-Israyeli
na? Vuka udle! Uchelese. Mina ngizakuzuzela isivini sikaNabhothi umJezerili.”
8 UJezebheli wasebhala izincwadi ngebizo lika-Ahabi, wazidinda ngophawu luka-
Ahabi, wazithumela ebadaleni lakuzo izikhulu ezazihlala loNabhothi emzini wakibo.
9 Ezincwadini lezo waloba ukuthi:

> “Memezelani usuku lokuzila libe selibeka uNabhothi esihlalweni esiqakathek-
> ileyo phakathi kwabantu. 10 Libe selihlalisa izigangi ezimbili maqondana laye
> lithi kazifakaze ngokuthi uthuke uNkulunkulu kanye lenkosi. Libe selimkhuphela
> phandle liyemkhanda ngamatshe limbulale.”

11 Ngakho abadala lezikhulu ababehlala emzini kaNabhothi benza lokho
ababekuthunywe nguJezebheli ngezincwadi ayebalobele zona. 12 Bamemezela
isikhathi sokuzila bahlalisa uNabhothi esihlalweni esiphakemeyo phambi kwabantu.
13 Kwasuka izigangi ezimbili zahlala phambi kwakhe zakhangelana laye zaqalisa
ukwethesa uNabhothi amacala, zisithi, “UNabhothi uthuke uNkulunkulu kanye

lenkosi.” Ngakho bamkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi bamkhanda ngamatshe bambulala. 14 Basebethumela ilizwi kuJezebheli besithi, “UNabhothi ukhandwe ngamatshe njalo usefile.”

15 Masinyazana uJezebheli esezwe ukuthi uNabhothi ukhandwe ngamatshe wabulawa, wathi ku-Ahabi, “Vuka uyethatha isivini sikaNabhothi umJezerili sona lesiyana alileyo ukukuthengisela sona. Uvele kasekho, usefile.” 16 U-Ahabi uthe esizwa ukuthi uNabhothi kasekho, wavuka wayathatha lesosivini sikaNabhothi waseJezerili.

17 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO leza ku-Elija umThishibi lisithi: 18 “Yehla uyehlangabeza u-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli obusa eSamariya. Usesivinini sikaNabhothi, uye khona ukuze azithathele lesosivini. 19 Ufike uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Awubulalanga umuntu wathumba impahla yakhe na?’ Ubususithi kuyo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO; Khonapho lapho izinja ezikhothele khona igazi likaNabhothi, kukhonapho kanye lapho izinja ezizakhothela khona elakho, yebo, elakho kanye!’ ”

20 U-Ahabi wathi ku-Elija, “Wo usungitholile, wena sitha sami!”

U-Elija wamphendula wathi, “Yebo sengikutholile ngoba uzinikele ukwenza isono emehlweni KATHIXO. 21 ‘Ngizokwehlisela ukubhujiswa. Ngizabhubhisa izizukulwane zakho ngisuse sonke isilisa sokucina ku-Ahabi ko-Israyeli loba yisigqili loba ngokhulukekileyo. 22 Indlu yakho ngizayenza lokhu engakwenza ekaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi lekaBhasha indodana ka-Ahija, ngoba ungithukuthelisile wabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli enze isono.’

23 Ngalokho UTHIXO uthi ngoJezebheli: ‘Izinja zizamdabudabula uJezebheli zimdlele emidulini yaseJezerili.’

24 Izinja zizakudla bonke abangabaka-Ahabi abafela edolobheni, izinyoni zezulu zizakudla labo abazafela emaphandleni.”

25 (Akuzange kube lendoda eyayifanana lo-Ahabi yena owazinikela ukuthi adale isono phambi KUKATHIXO, ekhuthazwa ngumkakhe uJezebheli. 26 Waziphatha butshapha kakhulu elandela izithombe, njengama-Amori wona ayesuswe NGUTHIXO phambi kuka-Israyeli.)

27 U-Ahabi wathi esizwa lawomazwi, wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wembatha amasaka wazila. Walala embethe amasaka wahamba edanile.

28 Ngemva kwalokho ilizwi LIKATHIXO lathi ku-Elija umThishibi: 29 “Ukubonile na ukuthi u-Ahabi usezithobe kanganani phambi kwami? Ngenxa yokuzithoba kwakhe, angiyikumehlisela lobobubi esaphila, kodwa ngizakwehlisela endlini yakhe ensukwini zendodana yakhe.”

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UMikhaya Uphrofetha Okubi Ngo-Ahabi

1 Kwathatha iminyaka kungelampi phakathi kwe-Aramu le-Israyeli. 2 Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wayabonana lenkosi yako-Israyeli. 3 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yayike yakhuluma lezikhulu zayo isithi, “Alikwazi na ukuthi eleRamothi Giliyadi ngelethu kodwa asikenzi lutho ukuze silithathe ezandleni zenkosi yase-Aramu?”

4 Ngakho yasicela uJehoshafathi isithi, “Ungahamba lami na ukuze siyehlasela eRamothi Giliyadi?”

UJehoshafathi ephendula inkosi yako-Israyeli wathi, “Mina ngikanye lawe, abantu bami banjengabakho, amabhiza ami anjengawakho.” 5 Kodwa uJehoshafathi waphinda wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Akubuze KUTHIXO kuqala.”

6 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yahlanganisa abaphrofethi abangaba ngamakhulu amane yasibabuza isithi, “Ngihambe ngiyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi yini, loba ngiyekele na?”

Abaphrofethi bathi, “Hamba ngoba iNkosi izayinikela esandleni sakho.”
7 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Kambe kakusela mphrofethi kaThixo lapha esingabuza kuye na?”
8 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uThixo ngaye kodwa ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe okuhle ngami, uhlala ekhuluma okubi. Ibizo lakhe nguMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.”
UJehoshafathi wathi, “Inkosi kayimelanga itsho njalo.”
9 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibiza omunye wezikhulu zayo yathi kuye, “Phangisa ungilethele uMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.”
10 Bembethe izembatho zabo zobukhosi, inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi esizeni sokubhulela amabele esangweni laseSamariya labo bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha phambi kwabo.
11 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wayekhande impondo zensimbi, wasesithi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uthi: ‘Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza ama-Aramu uwabhubhise.’ ”
12 Bonke abaphrofethi babevele bephrofetha okufananayo besithi, “Hlasela iRamothi Giliyadi unqobe, ngoba uThixo uyinikile esandleni senkosi.”
13 Isithunywa esasithunywe ukuyabiza uMikhaya sathi kuye, “Khangela, abanye abaphrofethi bafakaza bengela kuthandabuza ukuthi inkosi izanqoba. Lawe vumelana labo, ukhulume okuyithokozisayo.”
14 Kodwa uMikhaya wathi, “Njengokutsho kukaThixo, mina ngizayitshela lokho engikuthunywe nguThixo.”
15 Ekufikeni kwakhe, inkosi yambuza yathi, “Mikhaya, sihambe siyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi yini, loba ngiyekele na?”
Yena waphendula wathi, “Hlasela njalo unqobe, ngoba uThixo uzalinikela ezandleni zakho nkosi.”
16 Inkosi yathi kuye, “Kumele ngikufungise kangaki ukuze ungangikhohlisi kodwa ungitshele iqiniso ebizweni likaThixo?”
17 Ngakho uMikhaya waphendula wathi, “Ngabona u-Israyeli wonke ehlakazekile ezintabeni njengezimvu ezingelamelusi, kulapho uThixo athi ‘Lababantu abalamkhomkheli. Yekela bonke babuyele emakhaya ngokuthula.’ ”
18 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Angikutshelanga yini ukuthi uvele kaphrofethi okuhle ngami, kodwa okubi kuphela?”
19 UMikhaya waqhubekela phambili wathi, “Ngakho zwana ilizwi likaThixo elithi, Ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lamabutho wonke asezulwini emi ngakwesokunene sakhe lakwesokhohlo sakhe. 20 Njalo uThixo wathi, ‘Ngubani ozahugela u-Ahabi ekuhlaseleni iRamothi Giliyadi ukuze ayefela khonale na?’
Omunye waqamba lokhu, lomunye okwakhe. 21 Ekucineni kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukaThixo wathi, ‘Mina ngizamhuga.’
22 UThixo wabuza wathi, ‘Uzakwenza ngandlela bani?’
Umoya waphendula wathi, ‘Ngizahamba ngiyekuba ngumoya wokuqamba amanga emilonyeni yabo bonke abaphrofethi bakhe.’
UThixo wathi, ‘Uzaphumelela ukumhuga. Hamba-ke uyekwenza lokho.’
23 Ngakho khathesi uThixo usefake umoya wenkohliso emilonyeni yabaphrofethi bakho bonke laba. UThixo usekumisele ukubhujiswa.”
24 Kusenjalo uZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wasondela, wamwakala uMikhaya ebusweni. Wabuza wathi: “Umoya kaThixo wasuka njani kimi ungena kuwe na?”
25 UMikhaya waphendula wathi, “Uzazibonela mhla uzakuyacatsha endlini engaphakathi.”

26 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yalaya yathi, “Thathani uMikhaya limbuyisele ku-Amoni
obusa idolobho lakoJowashi indodana yenkosi. 27 Liyekuthi, ‘Inkosi ithi: Valelani
umuntu lo entolongweni lingamniki lutho ngaphandle kwesinkwa lamanzi ngize
ngiphenduke ngokuhle.’ ”
28 UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: “Nxa ungaphenduka kuhle, uTHIXO uyabe
engakhulumanga ngami.” Waqhubeka wathi, “Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni
amazwi ami!”

U-Ahabi Ubulawelwa ERamothi Giliyadi

29 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda baya eRamothi
Giliyadi. 30 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: “Mina ngizakuya empini
ngizazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sami, kodwa wena gqoka ezakho ezobukhosi.”
Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sayo yangena empini.
31 Inkosi yase-Aramu yayilaye abalawuli bayo bezinqola zokulwa abangamat-
shumi amathathu lambili yathi, “Lina lingalwi lamuntu, loba eyisikhulu loba
engumuntukazana, ngaphandle kwenkosi yako-Israyeli.” 32 Abalawuli bezinqola
zokulwa bathe bebona uJehoshafathi, bahle bathi “Ngempela le yiyo kanye inkosi
yako-Israyeli.” Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa basebehlasela uJehoshafathi, yena
wahlaba umkhosi, 33 baphanga babona ukuthi kwakungasiyo inkosi yako-Israyeli
bahle bayekela ukuxotshana laye.
34 Umuntu othile wakhokha umtshoko wakhe watshoka engaqondanga muntu
umtshoko wayaciba inkosi yako-Israyeli emkenkeni wesihlangu sayo. Inkosi ya-
sisithi kumtshayeli wenqola yokulwa: “Phendula inqola yakho ungisuse lapha.
Sengilimele.” 35 Kwalwiwa impi kanzima ilanga lonke. Inkosi yayeyanyiswe
enqoleni yayo yokulwa ikhangele ama-Aramu. Igazi lamanxeba ayo lagelezela
phansi enqoleni yokulwa, kwathi Ngalokhokuhlwa yafa. 36 Ekutshoneni kwelanga
kwamenyezelwa kuyo yonke impi ukuthi: “Abantu bonke kababuyele emizini yakibo,
bonke kababuyele lowo lalowo elizweni lakibo!”
37 Ngakho inkosi yafa yasiwa eSamariya, yangcwatshwa khona. 38 Inqola yokulwa
bayigezisela esizibeni seSamariya (endaweni eyayigezela izifebe), izinja zakhotha
igazi layo, njengokutsho kwelizwi LIKATHIXO.
39 Konke okunye ngempilo langokubusa kuka-Ahabi lakho konke akwenzayo,
ukwakha isigodlo esasiceciswe ngempondo zezindlovu, lamadolobho ayevikelwe
okwenqaba, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 40 U-
Ahabi wangcwatshwa laboyise. Ubukhosi bakhe bathathwa yindodana yakhe u-
Ahaziya.

UJehoshafathi Inkosi YakoJuda

41 UJehoshafathi indodana ka-Asa waba yinkosi yakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine
wokubusa kuka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli. 42 UJehoshafathi waba yinkosi el-
eminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lemihlanu yokuzalwa, wabusa eJerusalema
okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemihlanu. Ibizo likanina kungu-Azubha
indodakazi kaShilihi. 43 Kukho konke ayekwenza wayesenyathelweni likayise u-
Asa njalo kazange aphambuke; wenza konke okuhle emehlweni kaTHIXO. Kodwa
izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga, abantu babelokhu benikela
imihlatshelo, betshisa impepha khonapho. 44 UJehoshafathi wahlalisana ngokuthula
lenkosi yako-Israyeli.
45 Okwenzakala ekubuseni kukaJehoshafathi, ukuphumelela kwakhe kanye
lokunqoba ezimpini, akulotshwanga na encwadini yembali yamakhosi akoJuda?
46 Waqeda insalela yabesilisa ababefeba emathempelini ayelokhu esasele lapho

langemva kokubusa kukayise u-Asa. 47 Kwakungaselankosi e-Edomi, umsekeli nguye
owayebusa.
48 UJehoshafathi wakha imikhumbi yokuthutha igolide e-Ofiri, kodwa ay-
izange isebenze olwandle, yahle yahlikizeka, yabhidlikela e-Eziyoni-Gebheri.
49 Ngalesosikhathi u-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi wathi kuJehoshafathi, “Yekela
abantu bami bahambe labakho olwandle,” kodwa uJehoshafathi wala.
50 Ngakho uJehoshafathi waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshwa kanye
labo emzini kaDavida uyise. UJehoramu indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

U-Ahaziya Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

51 U-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya ngom-
nyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa wokubusa kukaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, yena-ke
wabusa ko-Israyeli okweminyaka emibili. 52 Wona emehlweni ᴋᴀTʜIXO, ngoba wa-
hamba enyathelweni likayise lelikanina walandela njalo izindlela zikaJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebhathi, owabangela u-Israyeli ukuthi enze isono. 53 Wasebenzela uB-
hali njalo wamkhonza wathukuthelisa ᴜTʜIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, njengalokhu
okwakwenziwe nguyise.

Ugwalo Lwesibili
LwamaKhosi

Isigwebo SIKATHIXO Ku-Ahaziya

1 Ngemva kokufa kuka-Ahabi, amaMowabi ahlamukela u-Israyeli. 2 U-Ahaziya
wayewele embotsheni yendlu yakhe engaphezulu eSamariya walimala. Wathumela
izithunywa, wathi kuzo, “Hambani liyebuza kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu wase-
Ekroni, ukuthi kambe ngizasila yini kulokhu kulimala na.”
3 Kodwa ingilosi KATHIXO yathi ku-Elija umThishibi, “Suka uyehlangabeza izithun-
ywa zenkosi yaseSamariya uyezibuza ukuthi, ‘Kambe yikuthi akuselaNkulunkulu
ko-Israyeli na ukuze uyehlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni?’
4 Ngakho UTHIXO uthi: ‘Awuyikusuka kulowombheda ogulela kuwo. Ngempela
uzakufa!’ ”
5 Ekubuyeleni kwezithunywa enkosini, yazibuza yathi, “Kungani selibuyile na?”
6 Izithunywa zaphendula zathi, “Kulendoda esihlangabezileyo yathi kithi, ‘Buyelani
enkosini elithumileyo liyeyitshela ukuthi, “Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lithi: Kungenxa yokuthi
akulaNkulunkulu yini ko-Israyeli okubangele ukuthi uthumele abantu ukuyahlahlula
kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu we-Ekroni na? Ngakho awuyikuvuka kulowomb-
heda olele kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!” ’ ”
7 Inkosi yabuza izithunywa yathi, “Ngumuntu onjani lowo olihlangabezileyo
waselitshela lokhu?”
8 Izithunywa zaphendula zathi, “Yindoda ebigqoke isigqoko soboya ekhalweni
ibophe ngozwezwe.”
Inkosi yathi, “Lowo ngu-Elija umThishibi.”
9 Inkosi yasithumela ku-Elija induna yebutho labantu bayo abangamatshumi
amahlanu. Induna yebutho yakhwela yaya ku-Elija, owayehlezi phezu koqaqa, yafika
yathi kuye, “Muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithi, ‘Yehla!’ ”
10 U-Elija ephendula induna yebutho wathi, “Nxa ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kak-
wehle umlilo ovela ezulwini ukuqothule wena kanye labantu bakho abangamatshumi
amahlanu!” Lakanye wehla umlilo uvela ezulwini wayiqothula induna yebutho
kanye labantu bayo.
11 Ngokubona lokho inkosi yathuma ku-Elija eyinye induna yebutho lamanye
amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu. Induna yathi ku-Elija, “Muntu kaNkulunkulu,
inkosi ithi, ‘Yehla khathesi.’ ”
12 U-Elija waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo
ovela ezulwini ukuqothule wena kanye labantu bakho!” Ngakho umlilo kaNku-
lunkulu wehla uvela ezulwini waqothula izinduna zamabutho ezakuqala zombili
kanye labo bonke abantu bayo abangamatshumi amahlanu.
13 Ngakho inkosi yathuma induna yebutho yesithathu labantu bayo abangamat-
shumi amahlanu. Induna yebutho yesithathu yakhwela yafika yaguqa ngamadolo
phambi kuka-Elija yamncenga yathi, “Muntu kaNkulunkulu, akube lesihawu ngem-
pilo yami leyamadoda la angamatshumi amahlanu, thina sizinceku zakho! 14 Angithi
uyabona, umlilo wehle uvela ezulwini waqothula izinduna zamabutho lamadoda
angamatshumi amahlanu induna nganye. Kodwa manje akunakekele impilo yami!”
15 Ingilosi KATHIXO yathi ku-Elija, “Yehla kanye layo induna; ungayesabi.” Ngakho
u-Elija wasukuma wehla kanye lenduna waya enkosini.
16 Wasesithi enkosini, “Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lithi: Kungenxa yokuthi akulaNkulunkulu
yini ko-Israyeli ukuze uthume izithunywa ukuthi ziyohlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi,

unkulunkulu we-Ekroni na? Ngenxa yesenzo sakho lesi, awuyikuvuka kulowombheda olele kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!" 17 Lakanye wafa, njengelizwi LIKATHIXO elakhulunywa ngu-Elija.

Njengoba u-Ahaziya wayengelandodana, ubukhosi bakhe bathathwa nguJoramu owaba yinkosi ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaJehoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda. 18 Konke okwembali yokubusa kuka-Ahaziya, kanye lakwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na?

2

U-Elija Wenyukela Ezulwini

1 Kwathi UTHIXO esezathatha u-Elija ukuba aye ezulwini ngesivunguzane, u-Elija lo-Elisha babevela eGiligali.

2 U-Elija wathi ku-Elisha, "Hlala lapha; UTHIXO usengithume eBhetheli." Kodwa u-Elisha wathi, "Njengoba UTHIXO ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho basuka baya eBhetheli.

3 Iqula labaphrofethi eBhetheli leza ku-Elisha lambuza lisithi: "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi UTHIXO uzakuthathela inkosi yakho lamuhla na?"

U-Elisha wathi, "Yebo, ngiyakwazi, kodwa lingakhulumi ngakho."

4 Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi kuye, "Hlala lapha, Elisha; UTHIXO usengithume eJerikho."

U-Elisha waphendula wathi: "Njengoba UTHIXO ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho basuka baya eJerikho.

5 Iqula labaphrofethi eJerikho laya ku-Elisha lambuza lisithi, "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi UTHIXO uzathatha inkosi yakho lamuhla na?"

Waphendula wathi, "Yebo, ngiyakwazi, kodwa lingakhulumi ngakho."

6 Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi, "Hlala khonapha; UTHIXO usengithume eJodani."

Yena waphendula wathi, "Njengoba UTHIXO ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho baqhubekela phambili ngohambo.

7 Amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu exukwini labaphrofethi asuka ayakuma bucwadlana ekhangele lapho u-Elija lo-Elisha ababemi khona eJodani. 8 U-Elija wasethatha ingubo yakhe, wayigoqa watshaya ngayo amanzi. Amanzi adabuka phakathi amanye aba kwesokunene amanye kwesokhohlo, basebechapha emhlabathini owomileyo.

9 Ekuchapheni kwabo, u-Elija wathi ku-Elisha, "Akungitshele, kambe kuyini engingakwenzela khona ngingakasuswa kuwe?"

U-Elisha waphendula wathi, "Ngicela isabelo esiphindwe kabili somoya wakho."

10 U-Elija wathi, "Usucele into elukhuni, ungangibona ngisuswa kuwe kuzakuba ngokwakho, kodwa nxa kungangabinjalo akuyikuba ngokwakho."

11 Besahamba belokhu bekhuluma, kwafika inqola yokulwa yomlilo lamabhiza ayo avuthayo yabehlukanisa, ngakho u-Elija waya ezulwini ngesivunguzane. 12 U-Elisha ebona lokhu wamemeza wathi, "Baba! Baba! Izinqola zokulwa labamabhiza okulwa ako-Israyeli!" U-Elisha kasazange aphinde ambone futhi. Wasethatha izigqoko zakhe wazidabula.

13 Wasedobha ingubo eyayiwe ku-Elija wabuyela emuva wayakuma okhunjini lomfula uJodani. 14 Wathatha ingubo eyayiwe kuye watshaya ngayo amanzi wathi, "Ungaphi khathesi UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Elija?" Wasetshaya amanzi, adabuka phakathi amanye kwesokunene amanye kwesokhohlo, wasechaphela ngaphetsheya.

15 Ixuku labaphrofethi ababevela eJerikho, ababebukele, lathi, "Umoya ka-Elija uphezu kuka-Elisha." Basebesiya mhlangabeza bakhothama phambi kwakhe. 16 Basebesithi, "Uyabona, thina izinceku zakho silamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu

enelisayo. Yekela amadoda la ayedinga inkosi yakho. Mhlawumbe uMoya kaTHIXO umthethe wayambeka entabeni ethile loba esihotsheni esithile."

U-Elisha wathi, "Hatshi, lingabathumi."

17 Kodwa baphikelela waze wakhulelwa zinhloni zokuba elokhu esala. Wasesithi, "Bathumeni." Ngakho bathuma amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu, amdinga okwensuku ezintathu amswela. 18 Bathe sebebuyela ku-Elisha, owayesehlala eJerikho, wababuza wathi, "Bengingalitshelanga yini ukuthi lingamdingi?"

Ukuhlanjululwa Kwamanzi

19 Amadoda omuzi wakhona athi ku-Elisha, "Akubone, nkosi yethu, umuzi lo usendaweni ebukekayo, njengoba lawe uzibonela, kodwa amanzi alapha mabi lomhlaba wakhona awulazithelo."

20 U-Elisha wathi, "Ngiphani umganu oyingubhe liwufake itswayi." Ngakho bawuletha umganu.

21 Wasephuma esiya emthonjeni wafika waphosela khona itswayi ekhuluma esithi, "Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lithi: 'Sengiwahlambulule amanzi la. Awangeke aphinde futhi abangele ukufa loba ukungatheli kuhle kwalumhlaba.' " 22 Amanzi lawo kusukela mhlalokho kuze kube lamuhla mahle, njengokwakutshiwo ngu-Elisha.

Ukuhozwa Kuka-Elisha

23 Esuka lapho u-Elisha waya eBhetheli. Esahamba endleleni, kwavela kulowomuzi ixuku lentanga yabatsha lamhoza lisithi, "Qhubeka, wena mpabanga! Qhubeka, wena mpabanga!" 24 Wanyemukula, wabakhangela wasebehlisela isiqalekiso ngebizo LIKATHIXO. Kwasekuvela amabhele amabili ehlathini afohloza abangamatshumi amane lababili babo. 25 Wasesedlulela eNtabeni yaseKhameli, uthe esesuka lapho waya eSamariya.

3

Ukuhlamuka KwamaMowabi

1 UJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, yena wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lambili. 2 Wona emehlweni kaTHIXO, kodwa kwakungafanani lokukayise lonina ababekwenzile. Walahla ilitshe likaBhali elalizila elalibazwe nguyise. 3 Kodwa wagxila ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, lezo ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze; kazange azifulathele.

4 UMesha inkosi yaseMowabi wayefuya izimvu, wayefanele ukubhadala inkosi yako-Israyeli izimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu kanye loboya benqama ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu. 5 Kodwa ngemva kokufa kuka-Ahabi, inkosi yamaMowabi yahlamukela inkosi yako-Israyeli. 6 Ngalesosikhathi inkosi uJoramu yasuka eSamariya yabutha abako-Israyeli bonke. 7 Wathumela lelilizwi kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi: "Inkosi yamaMowabi isingihlamukele. Singahambisana siyehlasela amaMowabi na?"

UJehoshafathi waphendula esithi, "Ngizahamba lawe. Mina nginguwe, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho, amabhiza ami anjengamabhiza akho."

8 Wasebuza ukuthi, "Sizahlasela sivelela ngaphi na?"

UJoramu wathi "Sizavelela eNkangala yase-Edomi."

9 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphuma lenkosi yakoJuda kanye lenkosi yase-Edomi. Ngemva kohambo bezulazula okwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi amabutho kanye lawezinyamazana zempi aphela.

10 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yababaza yathi, "Kutheni kanti? UTHIXO angasibiza singamakhosi amathathu ukuze azosinikela ezandleni zamaMowabi na?"

11 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Akulamphrofethi kaThixo yini, esingabuza ngaye kuThixo na?”
Esinye sezikhulu zenkosi yako-Israyeli sathi, “Ukhona u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi. Wayeyinceku ka-Elija.”
12 UJehoshafathi wathi, “Ilizwi likaThixo likuye.” Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loJehoshafathi lenkosi yase-Edomi baya kuye.
13 U-Elisha wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Mina lawe singenelana njani? Hamba kubaphrofethi bakayihlo lakubaphrofethi bakanyoko.”
Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, “Hayi, kungenxa yokuthi uThixo wasibiza sobathathu singamakhosi sinje ukuze asinikele kumaMowabi.”
14 U-Elisha wathi, “Njengoba uThixo uSomandla engimkhonzayo ephila, kungasikuhlonipha kwami ukuthi kuloJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, ngibe ngingayikukukhangela loba ukukubona ukuthi ukhona kodwa lokhu. 15 Kodwa-ke ngibizela umtshayi wechacho.”
Umtshayi wechacho esatshaya ichacho, amandla kaThixo ehlela ku-Elisha,
16 wasesithi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Lungisani imigelo eminengi kulesisigodi.
17 Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Aliyikubona yezi loba izulu, kodwa lesisigodi sizagcwala ngamanzi, kuthi lina lenkomo zenu kanye lezinyamazana zonke lithole ukunatha. 18 Le yinto elula kuThixo, njalo uzanikela amaMowabi esandleni sakho.
19 Uzanqoba kuzozonke izinqaba zedolobho lakuyo yonke imizi eqakathekileyo. Uzawisa zonke izihlahla ezinhle, ugqibele yonke imithombo yamanzi, wonakalise wonke amasimu amahle ngamatshe.”
20 Ngosuku olulandelayo ekuseni, ngesikhathi sokunikela imihlatshelo, lakanye babona, nanko amanzi egeleza evelela e-Edomi! Ngakho ilizwe lagcwala amanzi.
21 AmaMowabi wonke ayesezwile ukuthi amakhosi ayezohlasela; ngalokho amadoda wonke, abadala lamajaha, ababengenelisa ukuphatha izikhali balawulwa ukuba bayevikela umngcele. 22 Bathi bevuka emadabukakusa bathola ilanga linkanyazela phezu kwamanzi. Ekuboneni kwamaMowabi ngale, amanzi ayekhanya ebomvu kungani ligazi. AmaMowabi asesithi, 23 “Ligazi leliyana! Kutsho ukuthi amakhosi lawayana alwile abulalana wodwa. Asiyeni butha impango, maMowabi!”
24 Kodwa amaMowabi athe efika enkambeni yama-Israyeli, ama-Israyeli awavukela awahlasela, amaMowabi aze abaleka. Ngakho ama-Israyeli ahlasela ilizwe lelo abhubhisa amaMowabi. 25 Atshabalalisa imizi kwathi indoda nganye yaphosela ilitshe kuwo wonke amasimu amahle aze agcwala ngamatshe. Bagqibela yonke imithombo yamanzi njalo bagamula zonke izihlahla ezinhle. Kwasala iKhiri-Haresethi eyasala amatshe ayo elokhu enjalo, kodwa amadoda ayehlome ngezavutha ayihonqolozela njalo ayihlasela.
26 Inkosi yamaMowabi ithe ibona ukuthi isikhulelwa ekulweni, yathatha amadoda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa alwa ngenkemba yazama ukuthi idabule phakathi ngamandla iyephutshela enkosini yase-Edomi, kodwa yehluleka. 27 Inkosi yaseMowabi yasithatha ingqabutho yayo eyiyo indodana eyayizasala ibusa yayinikela njengomnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwemiduli yedolobho. Kwakukukhulu ukuthukuthelela abako-Israyeli baze bahlehla babuyela kwelakibo.

4

Amafutha Omfelokazi

1 Umfazi wenye indoda phakathi kwexuku labaphrofethi wakhalaza ku-Elisha wathi, “Indoda yami ebiyinceku yakho isifile, njalo uyakwazi ukuthi ibe imkhonza uThixo. Umkami ubelesikwelede sendoda ethile esifuna ukuthumba amadodana ami amabili ukuze abe yizigqili zayo.”

2 U-Elisha wamphendula wathi, “Ngingakunceda kanjani na? Akungitshele, kulani endlini yakho?”

Umfelokazi wathi, “Incekukazi yakho ayilalutho ngaphandle kwengcosana yamafutha.”

3 U-Elisha wasesithi, “Hamba uyekweboleka imbiza ezinengi kubomakhelwane bakho bonke. Ungaceli ezilutshwane nje. 4 Ubusungena endlini yakho lamadodana akho uvale umnyango. Ubusuthululela amafutha embizeni inye nganye, ithi ingagcwala uyibeke eceleni.”

5 Wasuka kuye kwathi ngemva kwesikhathi wavala umnyango lamadodana akhe. Amadodana amqhubela imbiza yena elokhu ezigcwalisa ngamafutha. 6 Kuthe imbiza zonke sezigcwele, wathi endodaneni yakhe, “Letha enye futhi.”

Kodwa yaphendula yathi, “Akuselambiza eseleyo.” Amafutha kazabe esajuluka.

7 Wasuka wayatshela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, owathi, “Hamba uyethengisa amafutha lawo ubhadale izikwelede zakho. Wena lamadodana akho lizaphila ngaseleyo.”

Ukuvuswa Kwendodana YomShunami

8 Ngolunye usuku u-Elisha waya eShunemi. Kwakulowesifazane onothileyo, owamcela ukuba ahlale adle ukudla. Kwakusithi nxa ehambele khonale wayethola ukudla khonapho. 9 Owesifazane wathi kumyeni wakhe, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lumuntu ohlala esedlula lapha ngumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu. 10 Kasimlungisele indlu ephezulu simfakele khona umbheda, itafula, isihlalo kanye lesibane. Kube yindlu azafikela kiyo nxa elapha kithi.”

11 Kwelinye ilanga, u-Elisha wafika wayangena endlini yakhe leyo wacambalala khona. 12 Wathuma inceku yakhe uGehazi, wathi, “Ngibizela umShunami.” Ngakho inceku yambiza, wafika wema phansi kwakhe. 13 U-Elisha wasesithi, “Umtshele uthi, ‘Usuzihluphe kangaka usilungisela. Kambe kuyini ongakwenzelwa wena? Singakukhulumela yini enkosini loba kumlawuli wamabutho na?’ ”

Owesifazane wathi, “Ngilomuzi phakathi kwabantu bakithi.”

14 U-Elisha wabuza wathi, “Kuyini esingamenzela khona na?”

UGehazi wathi, “Kalandodana njalo umyeni wakhe useluphele.”

15 Ngakho u-Elisha wathi, “Mbize.” Inceku yasimbiza, wafika wema emnyango. U-Elisha wathi, 16 “Ngasolesi isikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo uzaphatha indodana ezandleni zakho.”

Owesifazane waphikisa wathi, “Atshi, nkosi yami, ungabokhohlisa incekukazi yakho, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu!”

17 Owesifazane wathatha isisu, kwathi ngomnyaka owalandelayo ngesikhathi esifananayo wakhululeka wazuza indodana njengokutshelwa kwakhe ngu-Elisha.

18 Umntwana wakhula, kwathi ngelinye ilanga walandela uyise, owayelabavuni. 19 Wasesithi kuyise, “Maye ikhanda lami! Maye ikhanda lami!”

Uyise wathuma isisebenzi wathi, “Thwala umntwana uye laye kunina.” 20 Isisebenzi sesimthwalele kunina unina wamanga kwaze kwaba semini enkulu umntwana wasesifa. 21 Unina wamthatha wayamlalisa embhedeni womuntu kaNkulunkulu, waphuma wasevala umnyango.

22 Owesifazane wathumela kumkakhe ilizwi elithi, “Ngicela ungithumele esinye sezisebenzi kanye lobabhemi ukuze ngiphange ngiyebona umuntu kaNkulunkulu ngiphenduke.”

23 Umyeni wakhe wathi, “Kungani umlanda lamuhla? Akusikho ekuThwaseni kweNyanga njalo akusilo iSabatha.”

Owesifazane wathi, “Kulungile kunjalo.”

24 Wethesa ubabhemi wasesithi kusisebenzi sakhe, “Khokhela; ungahambi kancane
usenzela mina ngaphandle kokuba ngikutshele.” 25 Ngakho waphuma wahamba
waze wayamthola umuntu kaNkulunkulu eNtabeni yaseKhameli.
Ebona owesifazane esesebucwadlana, umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi kuGehazi
inceku yakhe, “Khangela! Nanguyana umShunami! 26 Gijima umhlangabeze umbuze
uthi, ‘Konke kulungile kuwe na? Umkakho uyaphila na? Umntanakho uyaphila na?’ ”
Owesifazane wathi, “Konke kulungile.”
27 Kodwa esefikile emuntwini kaNkulunkulu entabeni, wagagadlela inyawo zakhe.
UGehazi weza kuye wamfuqela khatshana, kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi,
“Myekele! Uphakathi kosizi olukhulu, kodwa uTHIXO ukufihlile kimi lokho njalo
kangitshelanga ukuthi kungani.”
28 Owesifazane wathi, “Ngake ngacela indodana kuwe na, nkosi yami? Angizange
ngikutshele yini ukuthi ungaze wangikhohlisa na?”
29 U-Elisha wathi kuGehazi, “Khwincela ijazi lakho ebhantini, uphathe intonga yami
ngesandla ubusugijima. Loba ngubani ohlangana laye, ungambingeleli, loba angaze
akubingelele ungamphenduli. Ufike ubeke intonga yami ebusweni bomfana.”
30 Kodwa unina womfana wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ephila lanjengoba
uphila, angiyikukutshiya.” Ngakho wasuka walandela owesifazane.
31 UGehazi wahle wagijima phambili wayabeka intonga ebusweni bomfana,
kodwa akuzwakalanga lutho njalo kanyikinyekanga. Ngakho uGehazi wabuyela
ukuyahlangabeza u-Elisha wamtshela wathi, “Umfana kavukanga.”
32 Ekufikeni kwakhe endlini u-Elisha, wafumana lakanye nangu umfana usembhe-
deni wakhe ufile. 33 Wangena wavala umnyango baba bobabili lomfana wasekhuleka
kuTHIXO. 34 Wakhwela embhedeni wacambalala phezu komfana, umlomo emlonyeni,
amehlo emehlweni, izandla ezandleni. Uthe esazelula phezu komfana, umzimba
womfana waqalisa ukukhudumala. 35 U-Elisha wafulathela wahambahamba endlini
waphinda wabuyela embhedeni wacambalala phezu komfana. Umfana wathimula
kasikhombisa wasevula amehlo.
36 U-Elisha wabiza uGehazi wathi kuye, “Biza umShunami.” Wakwenza lokho.
Uthe esefikile wasesithi kuye owesifazane, “Thatha indodana yakho.” 37 UmShunami
wangena, wawela ezinyaweni zakhe wakhothama. Wasethatha indodana yakhe
wahamba.

Ukufa Okusembizeni

38 U-Elisha wabuyela eGiligali njalo kulesosigaba kwakulendlala. Kwathi esesemh-
langanweni lexuku labaphrofethi, wathuma isisebenzi sakhe wathi, “Beka imbiza
enkulu eziko, uphekele abaphrofethi ukudla.”
39 Omunye wabo wayakukha imibhida egangeni wathola ivini leganga. Wakha
amajodwana wagcwalisa ophikweni lwesigqoko sakhe. Ekuphendukeni kwakhe
wawaqobaqoba wawafaka embizeni yesitshebo lanxa kungekho owayesazi ukuthi
kuyini. 40 Kwaphakululwa ukuba abantu badle, kodwa bathi beqalisa ukudla
bamemeza bathi, “Awu muntu kaNkulunkulu kulokufa embizeni!” Kabazabe
besakudla.
41 U-Elisha wathi, “Lethani ifulawa.” Wayifaka embizeni wasesithi, “Baphakuleleni
abantu badle.” Ngalokho kwakungaselabuthi embizeni.

Abalikhulu Baphiwa Ukudla

42 Kwafika indoda ethile ivela eBhali-Shalisha, iphathele umuntu kaNkulunkulu
izinkwa zebhali ezingamatshumi amabili, zibhekhwe ngezilimo zakuqala. U-Elisha
wathi, “Nikani abantu badle.”
43 Inceku yakhe yathi, “Ngingababela njani abantu abalikhulu okungaka?”

Kodwa u-Elisha wathi, “Phakululela abantu badle. Ngoba ilizwi LIKATHIXO
lithi: ‘Bazakudla baze bakutshiye.’ ” 44 Inceku yasiphakululela abantu, badla baze
bakutshiya, njengokutsho kwelizwi LIKATHIXO.

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UNamani Welatshwa Ubulephero

1 UNamani wayengumlawuli webutho lenkosi yase-Aramu. Wayelodumo
ehlonipheka emehlweni enkosi yakhe, ngoba ngaye UTHIXO wanika ele-Aramu
ukunqoba. Wayelibutho elilesibindi, kodwa wayelobulephero.
2 Amaxuku amabutho ase-Aramu ayephumile athumba intombazana yako-Israyeli,
yaba yisichaka somkaNamani. 3 Yathi kunkosikazi yayo, “Ngabe inkosi yami ike
ibonane lomphrofethi oseSamariya! Ubezayelapha ubulephero bayo.”
4 UNamani wayatshela inkosi yakhe ngalokhu okwakutshiwo yintombazana yako-
Israyeli. 5 Inkosi yase-Aramu yathi, “Ye kufanele uhambe, ngizabhalela inkosi
yako-Israyeli incwadi.” Ngakho uNamani wasuka ephethe amathalenta esiliva alit-
shumi, amashekeli egolide azinkulungwane eziyisithupha kanye lamaxha ezigqoko
alitshumi. 6 Incwadi ahamba layo enkosini yako-Israyeli yayisithi: “Ngalincwadi
ngikuthumela inceku yami uNamani ukuba uzomelapha ubulephero bakhe.”
7 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi iqeda ukufunda incwadi leyo, yadabula izembatho zayo
yathi, “NginguNkulunkulu mina na? Ngilamandla okubulala lamandla okuphilisa na?
Kungani lumuntu ethumele umuntu esithi ngimelaphe ubulephero? Angithi liyabona
ukuthi udinga ukuxabana lami!”
8 U-Elisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esezwe ukuthi inkosi yako-Israyeli yayisidabule
izembatho zayo, wayithumela ilizwi esithi, “Kungani usudabule izembatho zakho na?
Letha indoda leyo kimi ukuze yazi ukuthi kulomphrofethi ko-Israyeli.” 9 Ngakho
uNamani wahamba lamabhiza akhe kanye lezinqola zokulwa wayakuma emnyango
wendlu ka-Elisha. 10 U-Elisha wathuma isithunywa ukuthi siyotshela uNamani sithi:
“Hamba, uyegeza kasikhombisa emfuleni uJodani, inyama yakho izahluma njalo lawe
uhlambuluke.”
11 Kodwa uNamani wasuka ethukuthele wasesithi: “Mina benginakana ukuthi
ngempela uzaphuma eze kimi ame abize ibizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe,
aphakamise isandla phezu kwezilonda angelaphe ubulephero. 12 Imifula
yaseDamaseko, i-Abhana leFariphari kayingcono yini kulawo wonke amanzi ako-
Israyeli na? Bengingeke ngageza kiyo ngihlambuluke na?” Ngakho wafulathela
wahamba ethukuthele.
13 Izinceku zikaNamani zamlanda zathi kuye, “Baba, alubana umphrofethi ubekut-
shele ukuthi wenze into enkulu ube ungayikuyenza na? Pho, kwehlula ngaphi nxa
esithi, ‘Geza uhlambuluke’!” 14 Yikho ukusuka kwakhe esiya khonale efika egeza
kasikhombisa, njengokulaywa kwakhe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu, inyama yakhe
yahluma njalo yahlambuluka kungathi ngeyomfana omncinyane.
15 Ngakho uNamani kanye lezinceku zakhe babuyela kumphrofethi uNkulunkulu.
Wafika wema phambi kwakhe wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulankulunkulu emh-
labeni wonke ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Ngoxolo ngicela wamukele
lesisipho senceku yakho.”
16 Umphrofethi wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengokuba UTHIXO engimkhonzayo ephila,
angiyikwamukela lutho.” Kwathi lanxa uNamani emncenga wala.
17 UNamani wasesithi, “Nxa ungasoze ukwamukele ngiyacela, mina nceku yakho,
ukuba ngithole umhlabathi walapha ongalingana ukuthwalwa zimbongolo ezimbili,
ngoba mina nceku angisayikunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo lakuwuphi

unkulunkulu kodwa kuThixo. 18 Kodwa inceku yakho icela ukuba uThixo ayixolele kulokhu kuphela: Nxa inkosi yami ingena ethempelini likaRimoni ukuze iyemkhothamela ibambelele engalweni yami lami ngikhothame kanye layo, nxa ngikhothama ethempelini likaRimoni, ngiyacela ukuba uThixo angixolele kulokho."

19 U-Elisha wathi, "Hamba ngokuthula."

UNamani uthe esehambe okomango othile, 20 uGehazi, isisebenzi sika-Elisha inceku kaNkulunkulu, wazitshela ukuthi, "Inkosi yami imyekele uNamani wase-Aramu, wahamba ingasamukelanga isipho sakhe. Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila ngizamgijimela ngiyezuza ulutho kuye."

21 Ngakho uGehazi wahaluzela wamxhuma uNamani. Kwathi uNamani embona esiza egijima, wehla enqoleni yakhe wamhlangabeza, wambuza wathi, "Kulungile konke na?"

22 UGehazi wathi, "Yebo, konke kulungile. Inkosi yami ingithumile ukuba ngithi, 'Sekufike amajaha amabili exuku labaphrofethi bevela elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi, icela ukuba uwanike ithalenta lesiliva elilodwa lezigqoko ezimbili.' "

23 UNamani wathi, "Ngokujabula, ngithi thatha amathalenta amabili." Wamkhuthaza uGehazi ukuba awamukele, wasebophela amathalenta esiliva amabili emigodleni emibili, lamaxha amabili ezigqoko. Wawaqhubela izisebenzi ezimbili, zawathwala zahamba kuqala phambi kukaGehazi. 24 Esefikile eqaqeni uGehazi, wathatha impahla kulezozisebenzi wayazibeka endlini. Wathi kababuyele, lakanye basuka.

25 Wasengena wafika wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe u-Elisha. U-Elisha wambuza wathi, "Ube ungaphi Gehazi?"

UGehazi waphendula wathi, "Inceku yakho ayizange iye ndawo."

26 Kodwa u-Elisha wathi kuye, "Umoya wami ubungekanye lawe na lapho lowomuntu ephenduka enqoleni ekuhlangabeza? Yisikhathi sokwamukela imali lesi na, kumbe esokwamukela izigqoko, lezivande zama-oliva, lamavini lemihlambi yezimvu, leyenkomo, kumbe eyezinceku zesilisa lesifazane? 27 Ubulephero bukaNamani buzanamathela kuwe lasenzalweni yakho kuze kube laphakade." UGehazi wasuka phambi kuka-Elisha eselobulephero esemhlophe njengongqwaqwane.

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Ukundenda KweHloka

1 Ixuku labaphrofethi lathi ku-Elisha, "Khangela, indawo esihlala kiyo lawe kayisasanelanga. 2 Asiye eJodani lapho esizagamula khona izigodo sakhe indawo yokuhlala."

U-Elisha wathi, "Kulungile, hambani."

3 Omunye wabo wathi, "Ungazake uhambe lezinceku zakho na?"

U-Elisha wathi, "Kulungile ngizahamba." 4 Ngakho wasehamba labo.

Baya eJodani bafika baqalisa ukugamula izigodo. 5 Omunye wathi egamula, ihloka lakhe laqamuka isihloko salo sawela emanzini. Wasekhala esithi, "Nkosi yami, ihloka leli bengilibolekile."

6 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasebuza esithi, "Liwele ngaphi?" Uthe esemtshengisile indawo yakhona, u-Elisha wagamula uswazi waluphosela khonapho, lokho kwenza ihloka lelo landenda. 7 Wasesithi, "Lenyule emanzini." Umuntu lowo welula isandla sakhe walenyula.

U-Elisha Uthiya Ama-Aramu Aphumputhekisiweyo

8 Inkosi yase-Aramu yayisempini ilwisana labako-Israyeli. Ngemva kokukhulumisana lezikhulu zayo inkosi yathi, "Inkamba yami ngizayimisa endaweni ethile."

9 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathumela ilizwi enkosini yako-Israyeli lisithi, “Qaphela
ungedluli kuleyana indawo, ngoba ama-Aramu azakwehla ayekhona.” 10 Ngakho
inkosi yako-Israyeli yahlolisisa kuleyondawo eyayiqanjwe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu.
U-Elisha wakuphinda enkosini lokhu kuxwayisa kanenginengi, ukuze izivikele
ezindaweni ezinjengalezi.
11 Lokhu kwayithukuthelisa inkosi yase-Aramu. Yabiza izikhulu zayo yazihwabhela
yathi, “Aliyikungitshela yini ukuthi phakathi kwethu ngubani oseceleni lenkosi yako-
Israyeli na?”
12 Esinye sezikhulu zakhe sathi, “Kakho phakathi kwethu nkosi yami, kodwa u-
Elisha, umphrofethi wako-Israyeli, ulakho ukutshela inkosi yako-Israyeli ngalawo
mazwi owakhuluma usendlini yakho yokulala.”
13 Inkosi yabalaya yathi, “Hambani liyemdinga lapho akhona, ukuze ngithumele
amadoda ayemthumba.” Kwavela impendulo ethi, “UseDothani.” 14 Inkosi
yasithumela amabhiza lezinqola zokulwa kanye lamabutho aqinileyo. Bahamba
ebusuku bahle bagombolozela umuzi wakhona.
15 Kuthe inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu ivuka ekuseni ngelanga elilandelayo
yaphuma phandle yathola amabutho alamabhiza lezinqola zokulwa sezihonqolozele
idolobho. Inceku yethuka yathi, “Maye, nkosi yami, sizakwenzenjani na?”
16 Umphrofethi wathi, “Ungesabi. Labo abalathi banengi kulalabo abangakubo.”
17 U-Elisha wasekhuleka wathi, “Oh THIXO, vula amehlo akhe ukuze abone.”
Ngakho UTHIXO wavula amehlo enceku, yakhangela yabona amaqaqa agcwele
amabhiza lezinqola zokulwa ezomlilo zihonqolozele u-Elisha.
18 Kuthe izitha zisondela kuye, u-Elisha wakhuleka KUTHIXO wathi, “Tshaya
lababantu babe yiziphofu.” Ngakho wabaphumputhekisa, njengokucela kuka-Elisha.
19 U-Elisha wabatshela wathi, “Akusiwo umgwaqo njalo akusiwo umuzi eli-
wudingayo. Ngilandelani, ngizalikhokhela liye emuntwini elimdingayo.” Ngakho
wabakhokhelela eSamariya.
20 Sebephakathi komuzi, u-Elisha wathi, “THIXO, vula amehlo alababantu ukuze
babone.” Ngakho UTHIXO wavula amehlo abo, bazibonela ukuthi babephakathi
kweSamariya.
21 Inkosi yako-Israyeli ithe ibabona, yabuza ku-Elisha yathi, “Ngibabulale yini,
baba? Ngibabulale na?”
22 Yena waphendula wathi, “Ungababulali. Kambe ungababulala yini ngenkemba
loba ngomtshoko wakho abantu obathumbileyo. Baphe ukudla lamanzi ukuze badle
babe sebebuyela enkosini yabo.” 23 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibenzela idili elikhulu,
bathe sebeqedile ukudla lokunatha, yabakhulula ukuba bahambe, ngakho basuka
babuyela enkosini yabo. Kwathi amaxuku amabutho ase-Aramu ayehlala ehlasela
elako-Israyeli akhawula ukuhlasela.

Indlala ESamariya Ngesikhathi Ivinjezelwe

24 Ngemva kwesikhathi, uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu yaqoqa amabutho ayo
wonke yayavimbezela umuzi waseSamariya. 25 Kwaba lendlala enkulu eSamariya
ngesikhathi sokuvinjezelwa kwayo; ngakho inhloko kababhemi yayithengiswa
ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, legajana lombhida othile
ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva.
26 Kwathi ngolunye usuku inkosi yako-Israyeli ihambahamba phezu komduli
womuzi, owesifazane othile wamemeza esithi kuyo, “Akungincede, baba nkosi yami!”
27 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Nxa UTHIXO engakusizi, mina kambe ngizaluthatha
ngaphi uncedo? Ngizaluthatha esikhamelweni sewayini yini loba esizeni sokubhulela
na?” 28 Wasebuza wathi, “Kodwa uhlutshwa yini?”

Owesifazane waphendula wathi, “Owesifazane lo uthe kimi, ‘Letha umntanakho
ukuba simudle lamuhla, kuzakuthi kusasa sidle owami.’ 29 Ngakho simphekile
umntanami samudla. Ngosuku olulandelayo ngasengisithi, ‘Letha umntanakho
ukuba simudle.’ Kodwa yena ubesemfihlile.”
30 Inkosi ithe isizwa okwakutshiwo ngowesifazane lowo yadabula izigqoko zayo.
Inkosi yayihamba phezu komduli, abantu bayikhangela, babona ukuthi isigqoko
sayo sangaphansi sasingesokulila. 31 Inkosi yathi, “Sengathi uNkulunkulu angangih-
lanekela kubi nxa ikhanda lika-Elisha indodana kaShafathi kungasa lilokhu limi
phezu kwamahlombe akhe lamuhla!”
32 U-Elisha wayehlezi endlini yakhe labadala babehlezi laye. Inkosi yasithumela
isithunywa phambili, kodwa sithe singakafiki u-Elisha wathi ebadaleni, “Liyakubona
yini ukuthi umbulali lo usethumele umuntu ukuba azoquma ikhanda lami na?
Khangelani, ekufikeni kwesithunywa lapha libovala umnyango libambe isivalo
siqine. Kalizizwa yini izisinde zenkosi yaso ngemva kwaso na?”
33 Kwathi esakhuluma, isithunywa sahle safika. Ngakho inkosi yathi, “Uhlupho
lonke lolu luvela kuTHIXO. Pho-ke ngisamlindelelani uTHIXO na?”

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1 U-Elisha wathi, “Zwanini ilizwi lika THIXO. Nanku okutshiwo ngu THIXO: Kusasa
ngasolesi isikhathi, ingxenye yegokoko lefulawa izabe isithengiswa ngeshekeli
kuthi ingxenye ezimbili zegokoko lebhali zibe ngezeshekeli elilodwa esangweni
laseSamariya.”
2 Isikhulu leso inkosi eyayeyeme engalweni yaso sathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu,
“Khangela, kambe loba uTHIXO angaze avule amasango empophoma zamazulu
bekungenzeka lokhu na?”
U-Elisha waphendula wathi, “Lokho uzakubona ngawakho amehlo, kodwa
awuyikudla loba yini yakho!”

Ukuvinjezelwa Kuyasuswa

3 Kwakukhona amadoda alobulephero amane esangweni lomuzi. Akhulumisana
athi, “Sihlaleleni lapha size sife na? 4 Nxa singathi, ‘Asingeneni phakathi komuzi.’
Lakhona kulendlala, sizakufa. Singahlala khonapha, sizakufa. Ngakho asiyeni
enkambeni yama-Aramu siyezinikela. Bangahlala bengasibulali, sizaphila; kodwa
bangasibulala, sizakufa.”
5 Kusihlwa baya enkambeni yama-Aramu. Bathe befika eduzane lenkamba,
bananzelela ukuthi kwakungaselamuntu loyedwa, 6 ngoba iNkosi yayenze ukuthi
ama-Aramu azwe umsindo wezinqola zokulwa lamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu
endlebeni zawo, aze atshelana athi, “Qaphelani, inkosi yako-Israyeli isisibizele
amakhosi amaHithi lamaGibhithe ukuthi azosihlasela!” 7 Ngakho asuka abaleka
ngomnyama wokuhlwa atshiya amathente awo kanye lamabhiza labobabhemi.
Abaleka atshiya inkamba ilokhu imi injalo evikela impilo yawo.
8 Amadoda ayelobulephero angena enkambeni afika ahlala kwelinye lamathente.
Adla anatha, aze athwala lesiliva, legolide lezigqoko, ahamba lakho ayakufihla.
Aphenduka njalo angena kwelinye lamathente athatha njalo ezinye impahla lazo
ayazifihla.
9 Asekhulumisana esithi, “Akulunganga lokhu esikwenzayo. Lolu lusuku lwezind-
aba ezinhle kodwa silokhu singazitsheli muntu. Singalindela ukusa kwelanga
sizajeziswa. Asihambeni khathesi siyebika esigodlweni.”
10 Ngakho bahamba bamemeza abalindi bamasango bomuzi bathi kubo, “Siye
sayafika enkambeni yama-Aramu sathola kungelamuntu loyedwa kodwa lokhu

kungezwakali lomsindo womuntu ngaphandle kwamabhiza labobabhemi kubotshelwe, kanye lamathente atshiywe enjengoba enjalo.” 11 Abalindi bamasango bamemezela lezizindaba, kwaze kwayabikwa laphakathi esigodlweni.

12 Inkosi yavuka ebusuku yakhuluma lezikhulu zayo yathi, “Ngizalitshela ukuthi ama-Aramu asenzeni kithi. Ayakwazi ukuthi siphakathi kwendlala; ngakho asuke atshiya inkamba zawo ukuze asicathamele emaphandleni enakana esithi, ‘Ngempela bazaphuma ijumo, kube lapho esizabathumba khona singene phakathi komuzi.’ ”

13 Esinye sezikhulu zenkosi sathi, “Thuma abahlanu ngamabhiza aseleyo phakathi komuzi. Bazawelwa luhlupho olufana lolwama-Israyeli wonke asele lapha, yebo, bazafana nje labo bonke abako-Israyeli abalindele ukufa. Ngakho asibathume balandele bayedingisisa okwenzakeleyo.”

14 Basebekhetha izinqola zokulwa ezimbili lamabhiza azo, inkosi yathuma ukuba zilandele ibutho lama-Aramu. Inkosi ekulawuleni kwayo abatshayeli balezinqola zokulwa yathi, “Hambani liyedingisisa ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo.” 15 Balandela baze bayafika eJodani, bathola kuyikuthi indlela yonke yayihlakazeke ngezigqoko langempahla ezazilahlwe ngama-Aramu ekubalekeni kwawo. Ngakho zaphenduka izithunywa zafika zabika enkosini. 16 Abantu baphuma bayaphanga okwakusenkambeni yama-Aramu. Ngakho igokoko lefulawa lathengiswa ngeshekeli, amagokoko amabili ebhali athengiswa ngeshekeli, njengokutsho kukaThixo.

17 Inkosi yayibeke isikhulu eyayeyeme engalweni yaso ukuba silondoloze isango. Abantu baphithizela basinyathela esangweni, safa, njengokwakutshiwo ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ngesikhathi inkosi ize ifike endlini yakhe. 18 Kwenzakala njengalokhu umuntu kaNkulunkulu wayetshilo enkosini: “Ngalesi isikhathi kusasa, igokoko lefulawa lizathengiswa ngeshekeli, amagokoko amabili ebhali azathengiswa ngeshekeli esangweni laseSamariya.”

19 Isikhulu senkosi sona sasithe emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, “Khangela, loba uThixo angaze avule amasango empophoma zamazulu bekungenzeka lokhu na?” Umuntu kaNkulunkulu yena wayephendule wathi, “Lokhu uzakubona ngawakho amehlo, kodwa awuyikudla loba yini yakho!” 20 Yikho kanye okwenzakala kulesisikhulu senkosi, ngoba abantu baphithizela basinyathela esangweni, safa.

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Umfazi OngumShunami Uphiwa Amasimu Akhe

1 U-Elisha wayetshele umfazi olomntwana ayemvuse ekufeni wathi, “Suka uhambe labendlu yakho uyehlala lapha ongathuthela khona okwesikhatshana, ngoba uThixo uzaletha indlala elizweni ezathatha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.” 2 Owesifazane lowo wakwenza lokho njengokulaywa kwakhe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu. Yena kanye labendlu yakhe basuka bayahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya okweminyaka eyisikhombisa.

3 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa wasuka elizweni lamaFilistiya waya enkosini yakibo wayacela indawo yomuzi kanye lamasimu akhe. 4 Inkosi yayikhuluma loGehazi, isisebenzi somuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi, “Ake ungixoxele ngezimanga ezinkulu esezike zenziwa ngu-Elisha.” 5 Uthe uGehazi esathi uyalandisela inkosi ngokuthi u-Elisha wavusa njani abafileyo, owesifazane owayelendodana yakhe eyasiliswa ngu-Elisha wafika ezocela ukubuyela emzini wakhe lokulima amasimu akhe.

UGehazi wathi, “Nguyenalo owesifazane, nkosi yami, nansi lendodana yakhe, eyiyo eyavuswa kwabafileyo ngu-Elisha.” 6 Inkosi yambuza ngalokhu umama lowo, lakanye wakufakaza lokho.

Inkosi yasikhetha esinye sezikhulu zayo ukuba sikhangele izikhalazo zowesifazane yaqonqosela yathi, “Uze umbuyisele konke okwakungokwakhe, lenzuzo yonke eyasala izuzakala emasimini akhe kusukela mhla asuka kulelilizwe kuze kube sekuphendukeni kwakhe lamuhla.”

UHazayeli Ubulala UBheni-Hadadi

7 U-Elisha waya eDamaseko, uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu wayegula. Inkosi
isitsheliwe ngalokho ukuthi, 8 “Umuntu kaNkulunkulu usefikile uvela ekudeni
khonale esiza lapha,” wathi kuHazayeli: “Thatha isipho uyehlangabeza umuntu
kaNkulunkulu. Khuluma ubuze uTHIXO ngaye; uthi, ‘Kambe ngizasila yini kulokhu
kugula na?’ ”
9 UHazayeli waphuma wayahlangabeza u-Elisha, ephethe izipho zezimpahla
ezinhle kakhulu ezenziwa ngabaleminwe eDamaseko zithwelwe ngamakamela anga-
matshumi amane. Wafika wangena wema phambi kwakhe, wathi, “Indodana yakho
uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu ungithumile ukuba ngizobuza, uthe yena, ‘Kambe
ngizasila emkhuhlaneni na?’ ”
10 U-Elisha waphendula wathi, “Hamba uyemtshela ukuthi, ‘Ngempela uzasila’;
kodwa uTHIXO usebonakalisile kimi umbono wokuthi uzakufa.” 11 Wamkhangela
engaciyozi emuthe nzo ngamehlo uHazayeli waze waba lenhloni. Umuntu kaNku-
lunkulu wasekhala.
12 UHazayeli wabuza wathi, “Kungani inkosi yami ikhala?”
Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waphendula wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi ngiyabazi ububi
ozabenza ebantwini bako-Israyeli; uzatshisa izinqola zabo ngomlilo, ubulale lamado-
dana abo ngenkemba, uchoboze ingane zabo njalo uqhaqhe abesifazane abazithwe-
leyo.”
13 UHazayeli wathi, “Kambe inceku yakho, yona iyinja ngokwayo, ingasanelisa njani
isiga esingako?”
U-Elisha waphendula wathi, “UTHIXO ungitshengisile ukuthi wena uzakuba yinkosi
yase-Aramu.”
14 Ngakho uHazayeli wasuka ku-Elisha wabuyela enkosini yakhe. UBheni-Hadadi
wasebuza esithi, “Utheni u-Elisha kuwe?” UHazayeli yena waphendula wathi,
“Ungitshele ukuthi ngempela uzasila.” 15 Kodwa ngosuku olulandelayo wathatha
ingubo, wayigxamuza emanzini, wasembomboza ubuso benkosi ngayo yaze yafa.
Ngakho uHazayeli waba yinkosi.

UJehoramu Yinkosi YakoJuda

16 Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, nge-
sikhathi uJehoshafathi eyinkosi yakoJuda, uJehoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi
waqalisa ukubusa eyinkosi yakoJuda. 17 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
lambili eqalisa ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka eyisificamin-
wembili. 18 Yena wahamba emanyathelweni amakhosi ako-Israyeli, njengalokhu
okwakwenziwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wayethethe indodakazi ka-Ahabi. Wona
phambi kukaTHIXO. 19 Loba kunjalo, ngenxa kaDavida inceku yakhe, uTHIXO
kathandanga ukudiliza indlu kaJuda. Wayemthembise ukugcina isibane sikaDavida
lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nini lanini.
20 Ngensuku zikaJehoramu, abase-Edomi bahlamukela uJuda babeka eyabo inkosi.
21 Ngakho uJehoramu waya eZayiri lezinqola zakhe zokulwa. Ama-Edomi amhanqa
yena kanye labalawuli bezinqola zokulwa, wavuka ebusuku waphulukundlela ngob-
usuku; kodwa amabutho akhe abaleka abuyela ekhaya. 22 Kuze kube lamhla abase-
Edomi balokhu behlamukela uJuda. ULibhina laye wahlamuka ngalesosikhathi.

23 Okunye ngombuso langezehlakalo zikaJehoramu, lakho konke okunye akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 24 UJehoramu waya kwabaphansi, wangcwatshwa laboyise eMzini kaDavida. Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

U-Ahaziya Inkosi YakoJuda

25 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. 26 U-Ahaziya waqalisa ukubusa eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okomnyaka owodwa. Unina wayengu-Athaliya, umntanomntanakhe ka-Omri inkosi yako-Israyeli. 27 Wahamba ngenyathelo labendlu ka-Ahabi wona phambi KUKATHIXO, njengokwakwenziwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wayeyisihlobo sabo ngokuthatha.

28 U-Ahaziya waya empini loJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi besilwa loHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu eRamothi Giliyadi. Ama-Aramu alimaza uJoramu, 29 ngakho inkosi uJoramu yabuyela eJezerili ukuthi iyekwelatshwa amanxeba lapho eyayilinyazwe khona ngama-Aramu eRama ekulweni kwayo loHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu.

Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda wehla wayabona uJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi, njengoba wayeselimele.

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UJehu Ugcotshwa Ukuba Yinkosi Yako-Israyeli

1 Umphrofethi u-Elisha wabiza enye indoda exukwini labaphrofethi wathi kuyo, “Khwica isembatho sakho ebhantini ubusuthatha iqhagana lamafutha leli, uye eRamothi Giliyadi. 2 Ekufikeni kwakho khonale, ubodinga uJehu indodana ka-Jehoshafathi, indodana kaNimishi. Ufike umthathe, umsuse kubangane bakhe ubusumngenisa endlini engaphakathi. 3 Ube usuthatha iqhagana lamafutha uwathele ekhanda lakhe, ube usubika uthi, ‘Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lithi: Ngikugcoba ubukhosi bako-Israyeli.’ Ube usuvula umnyango ubaleke; ungabophuza!”

4 Ngakho ijaha leli, umphrofethi, waya eRamothi Giliyadi. 5 Ekufikeni kwakhe khonale wafica izikhulu zebutho zihlezi ndawonye, wasesithi kuzo, “Mlawuli, ngilombiko kuwe.”

UJehu wabuza wathi, “Ngokabani phakathi kwethu?”

Yena waphendula wathi, “Ngowakho mlawuli webutho.”

6 UJehu wasukuma wangena endlini. Umphrofethi wathela amafutha ekhanda likaJehu wasebika ukuthi, “Ilizwi LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli lithi: ‘Ngigcoba wena ukuba ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu BAKATHIXO, u-Israyeli. 7 Kumele ubhubhise indlu ka-Ahabi inkosi yakho, njalo ngizaphindisela igazi lezinceku zami abaphrofethi kanye legazi lezinceku ZIKATHIXO zonke elachithwa nguJezebheli. 8 Indlu ka-Ahabi izabhujiswa. Ngizaqeda ko-Ahabi bonke abesilisa ko-Israyeli, isigqili loba okhululekileyo. 9 Indlu ka-Ahabi ngizayenza lokhu engakwenza ekaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi kanye lokwenzakala endlini kaBhasha indodana ka-Ahija. 10 UJezebheli, yena uzadliwa yizinja elizweni laseJezerili; kayikungcwatshwa muntu.’ ” Wasevula umnyango, wabaleka.

11 UJehu uthe ephuma lapho esebuyele kwabanye abalawuli, omunye wabo wambuza wathi, “Kulungile konke na? Uhlanya lolu lube luzofunani kuwe?”

UJehu wathi, “Liyamazi umuntu lo kanye lezinto azikhulumayo.”

12 Abalawuli basebesithi, “Kakusilo iqiniso lokho! Sitshele.”

UJehu wathi, “Nanku angitshele khona: ‘Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lithi: Ngiyakugcoba ube yinkosi ko-Israyeli.’ ”

13 Baphanga bathatha izembatho zabo bazendlala ezinyaweni zakhe ezikhwelweni.
Bavuthela icilongo bamemeza besithi, “UJehu useyinkosi!”

UJehu Ubulala UJoramu Lo-Ahaziya

14 Ngakho uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi, indodana kaNimishi wavukela uJoramu.
(UJoramu labo bonke abako-Israyeli babevikela iRamothi Giliyadi kuHazayeli inkosi
yama-Aramu, 15 kodwa inkosi uJoramu yayisibuyele eJezerili ukuze yelatshwe
amanxeba okulinyazwa ekulweni lama-Aramu kulwiwa loHazayeli inkosi yama-
Aramu.) UJehu wathi, “Nxa lifuna lokho, akungabikho loyedwa ozaphuma emzini
ukuba ayefikisa ilizwi eJezerili.” 16 Wasekhwela enqoleni yakhe yokulwa waya
eJezerili, ngoba uJoramu wayephumulela khonale njalo u-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda
wayehlele khona ukuba ayembona.

17 Umlindi owayemi emphotshongweni eJezerili wathi ebona amabutho kaJehu
esiza, wamemeza esithi, “Ngibona impi ezayo.”

UJoramu wathi, “Thumela umgadi webhiza abahlangabeze ayebabuza ukuthi, ‘Liza
ngokuthula na?’ ”

18 Umgadi webhiza wasuka wayahlangabeza uJehu wathi, “Inkosi ingithume ukuba
ngibuze ngisithi, ‘Uza ngokuthula na?’ ”

UJehu waphendula wathi, “Ulani lakho ukuthula na? Ngena ngemva kwami.”

Umlindi wabika wathi, “Isithunywa sesifikile kubo, kodwa kasiphenduki.”

19 Ngakho inkosi yathuma umgadi webhiza wesibili. Esefikile kubo wathi, “Inkosi
ithi: ‘Liza ngokuthula na?’ ”

UJehu waphendula wathi, “Ulani lakho ukuthula na? Ngena ngemva kwami.”

20 Umlindi wabika wathi: “Usefikile kubo, kodwa kukhanya kaphenduki. Ugijima
sengathi nguJehu indodana kaNimishi njalo utshayela sengathi luhlanya.”

21 UJoramu wakhwaza wathi, “Bophani inqola yami yokulwa.” Inqola yokulwa ithe
isilungisiwe, uJoramu inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye lo-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda bagada,
basuka omunye ekweyakhe inqola yokulwa lomunye laye ekweyakhe, behlangabeza
uJehu. Bahlangana laye esivandeni sesiqinti esasikade singesikaNabhothi umJezerili.
22 UJoramu uthe ebona uJehu wambuza wathi, “Uza ngokuthula na, Jehu?”

UJehu wathi, “Kambe kungaba lokuthula njani khona kugcwele izithombe
lobuthakathi bukanyoko uJezebheli na?”

23 UJoramu wafulathela wabaleka, ememezela ku-Ahaziya esithi, “Umvukela,
Ahaziya!”

24 UJehu wakhokha umtshoko wakhe waciba uJoramu esiphangeni ngomtshoko
wakhe. Umtshoko wahle wangena enhliziyweni yakhe yena wathi votshololo
enqoleni yakhe yokulwa. 25 UJehu wathi kuBhidikhari, owayeyisikhulu sakhe
sezinqola zokulwa, “Dobha isidumbu sakhe uyesiphosela ensimini eyayingekaNab-
hothi umJezerili. Uyakhumbula mhla sasigadile sobabili enqoleni yokulwa ngemva
kuka-Ahabi uyise mhla UTHIXO enza lesisiphrofethi ngaye esithi, 26 ‘Izolo ngibone
igazi likaNabhothi lelamadodana akhe, kutsho UTHIXO, ngeqiniso ngizakwenza ulih-
lawulele kulesisivande, kutsho UTHIXO.’ Ngakho umthathe, uyemphosela ensimini
leyana, njengokutsho kwelizwi LIKATHIXO.”

27 U-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda esebone lokhu okwakwenzakele wabaleka wahamba
ngomgwaqo esiya eBhethi-Hagani. UJehu waxotshana laye ememeza esithi, “Mbu-
laleni laye!” Bamlimaza enqoleni yakhe yokulwa endleleni yokuya eGuri phansi
kwe-Ibhiliyami, kodwa wabaleka waya eMegido lapho ayafela khona. 28 Izinceku
zakhe zamthwala ngenqola yokulwa zamusa eJerusalema zayamngcwaba laboyise
ethuneni lakhe eMzini kaDavida. 29 (Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaJoramu indodana
ka-Ahabi, u-Ahaziya waba yinkosi yakoJuda.)

Ukubulawa KukaJezebheli

30 Ngakho uJehu waya eJezerili. UJezebheli wathi ekuzwa lokho, wazicomba
ngesibhuda emehlweni weluka inwele zakhe waselunguza ngefasitela. 31 UJehu
uthe engena esangweni, wambuza wathi, “Uza ngokuthula na, Zimri, wena mbulali
wenkosi yakho?”
32 Yena wakhangela phezulu ewindini wabuza wathi, “Ngubani ongakimi na?
Ngubani?” Abathenwa ababili loba abathathu bakhangela phansi kuye. 33 UJehu
wathi, “Msakazeleni phansi!” Ngakho basebemsakazela phansi, elinye igazi lakhe
lachaphakela emdulini lasemabhizeni ayesegidagida emnyathela ngamasondo.
34 UJehu wangena wafika wadla njalo wanatha. Wathi, “Ake limthathe lo
owesifazane oqalekisiweyo liyemngcwaba, ngoba eyindodakazi yenkosi.” 35 Kodwa
bathe sebethi bayathatha isidumbu bathola sekusele ikhanda lenyawo lezandla
kuphela. 36 Babuyela bayatshela uJehu yena owathi, “Leli yilizwi LIKATHIXO
alikhuluma ngenceku yakhe u-Elija umThishibi lisithi: Esiqintini esiseJezerili izinja
zizakudla inyama kaJezebheli, 37 lesidumbu sikaJezebheli sizakuba njengobulongwe
emhlabathini elizweni laseJezerili ukuze kungabi lozakuthi, ‘Lo nguJezebheli.’ ”

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Ukubulawa Kwabendlu Ka-Ahabi

1 ESamariya kwakulamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ayengawendlu ka-
Ahabi. Ngakho uJehu waloba izincwadi elobela izikhulu zaseJezerili, abadala
lakulabo ababesondla abantwana baka-Ahabi. Waloba kanje: 2 “Masinyazana ekubo-
neni kwenu lincwadi, njengoba abantwana benkosi yenu besezandleni zenu njalo
lilezinqola zokulwa lamabhiza, umuzi wenqaba lezikhali, 3 khethani lowo elimbona
efanele kulabo bonke phakathi kwamadodana enkosi yenu limfake esihlalweni
sikayise sobukhosi, beselilwela indlu yenkosi yenu.”
4 Kodwa besaba bathi: “Nxa amakhosi amabili ehlulekile ukumelana laye, thina
singakwenza njani?”
5 Ngakho isiphathamandla sesigodlo, usibalukhulu, abadala kanye labalindi
bathumela lelilizwi kuJehu, “Sizinceku zakho, njalo sizakwenza konke njengokutsho
kwakho. Kakho esizamkhetha ukuba abe yinkosi; yenza lokho obona kulungile
kakhulu.”
6 Ngakho uJehu wabalobela incwadi yesibili esithi, “Nxa livumelana lami njalo
lizimisele ukungilalela, qumani amakhanda amadodana enkosi yenu libe selibuya
lawo kusasa eJezerili ngasonalesisikhathi.”
Amakhosana esikhosini, ayengamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ayehlala lamadoda
aqakathekileyo phakathi komuzi, okuyiwo ayesondla amadodana enkosi. 7 Incwadi
yathi ifika, amadoda la abulala wonke amakhosana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa.
Afaka amakhanda awo ezitsheni awathumela kuJehu eJezerili. 8 Isithunywa sithe
sifika satshela uJehu sathi: “Sebewalethile amakhanda amakhosana.”
UJehu wasekhupha ilizwi esithi, “Abutheleleni abe zinqwaba ezimbili esangweni
lomuzi kuze kube sekuseni.”
9 Ngosuku olulandelayo uJehu waphuma; wema phambi kwabantu wathi, “Lina
limsulwa. Yimi engithame ukubulala inkosi yami njalo ngiyibulele, kodwa
ngubani obulele bonke laba? 10 Alibokwazi ukuthi akukho lalinye ilizwi elivela
KUTHIXO lingxame u-Ahabi labendlu yakhe, elizakwehluleka. UTHIXO usekwenzile
lokho akuthembisa ngenceku yakhe u-Elija.” 11 Ngakho uJehu wabulala bonke
eJezerili abendlu ka-Ahabi ababesele, kanye lezikhulu zakhe, abangane bakhe
abasekhwapheni labaphristi bakhe, akusalanga muntu kwabendlu ka-Ahabi.

12 UJehu waphuma njalo waqonda eSamariya. EBhethi-Ekhedi yaBelusi,
13 wahlangana lezihlobo zika-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda wababuza wathi, “Lingobani
lina na?”
Bona bamphendula bathi, “Siyizihlobo zika-Ahaziya, njalo sizekwethekelela
abendlu yenkosi kanye lendlovukazi engunina.”
14 Yena wathi ezincekwini zakhe, “Bathatheni bephila!” Ngakho babathatha
bephila bayababulalela emthonjeni weBhethi-Ekhedi, babengamadoda angamat-
shumi amane. Kakho loyedwa abamtshiya ephila.
15 Ngemva kokusuka kwakhe lapho, wahlangana loJehonadabi indodana
kaRekhabi, owayesendleleni ezomhlangabeza. UJehu wambingelela wathi, “Wena
uvumelana lami na, njengoba mina ngikanye lawe?”
UJehonadabi waphendula wathi, “Mina ngilawe.”
UJehu wathi, “Nxa kunjalo ngibamba isandla,” kwathi esembambile wamkhweza
enqoleni yokulwa. 16 UJehu wasesithi, “Woza sihambe ngiyekutshengisa ukuphit-
shekela kwami uTHIXO.” Ngakho wagada laye enqoleni yakhe yokulwa.
17 UJehu uthe efika eSamariya, wabulala bonke ababesele khonale abendlu ka-
Ahabi, wababhubhisa njengokutsho kwelizwi LIKATHIXO ekhuluma ku-Elija.

Ukubulawa Kwabaphrofethi BakaBhali

18 Ngakho uJehu wasebuthanisa abantu bonke wasesithi kubo, “U-Ahabi ubekhonza
uBhali kancinyane; uJehu uzamkhonza kakhulu. 19 Ngakho ngibizelani bonke
abaphrofethi bakaBhali, zonke izikhonzi zakhe labaphristi bakhe. Linanzelele
ukuthi kakho loyedwa ozasala, ngoba ngifuna ukwenza umhlatshelo omkhulu
kuBhali. Ongayikubuya kasayikuphila.” UJehu wayebakhohlisa ngoba wayedinga
ukubhubhisa abafundisi bakaBhali.
20 UJehu wasesithi, “Bizani umhlangano wokudumisa uBhali.” Basebe-
wumemezela. 21 Wasethumela ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli, beza bonke abafundisi
bakaBhali; kakho loyedwa ongezanga. Bagcwala baminyana ethempelini likaBhali
kusukela emsamo kusiya emnyango. 22 UJehu wasesithi kulowo owayegcina
izigqoko zabakhonza uBhali, “Balethele izigqoko bonke abakhonza uBhali.” Ngakho
wabalethela lezozigqoko.
23 UJehu loJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi bangena ethempelini likaBhali. UJehu
wathi kubakhonzi bakaBhali, “Linanzelele kungangeni loyedwa oyinceku KATHIXO
enkonzweni yenu, akube ngabakhonzi bakaBhali kuphela.” 24 Ngakho bangena
banikela benza leminikelo yokutshiswa. UJehu wayebeke amadoda angamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili wawaqonqosela wathi, “Loba ngubani ozayekela omunye wala-
madoda engiwabeke ezandleni zenu ephunyuka, ngizaphindisela ngempilo yakhe.”
25 UJehu wathi eseqedile ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, wathi kubalindi
lezikhulu zebutho, “Ngenani liyebabulala; kungabikho loyedwa ozaphunyuka.”
Ngakho babatshaya ngenkemba bababhubhisa. Abalindi lezikhulu balahlela phandle
izidumbu basebengena ethempelini likaBhali elingaphakathi. 26 Bakhipha ilitshe
elikhonzwayo likaBhali balitshisa. 27 Balidiliza lelolitshe likaBhali elikhonzwayo
babhidliza lethempeli lakhe, balenza laba yindlu yokuyela ngaphandle kuze kube
lalamuhla lokhu.
28 Ngalokho uJehu wadiliza ukholo lukaBhali ko-Israyeli. 29 Kodwa, yena
katshiyananga lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, lezo ayebangele u-
Israyeli ukuzenza, ukukhonza amathole egolide eBhetheli laseDani.
30 UTHIXO wathi kuJehu, “Njengoba wenze kuhle ngokuphelelisa lokho okufaneleyo
phambi kwami njalo wenze konke ebengikumisele abendlu ka-Ahabi, abendlu yakho
bazabusa ko-Israyeli kuze kube yisizukulwane sesine.” 31 Kodwa uJehu kazange
ananzelele ukugcina umthetho KATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngenhliziyo yakhe

yonke. Kazange atshiyane lezono ezazisenziwa nguJerobhowamu, lezo ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuba azenze.
32 Ngalezonsuku uTHIXO waqalisa ukwehlisa inani labako-Israyeli. UHazayeli
wanqoba ama-Israyeli kulolonke ilizwe lawo, 33 empumalanga yeJodani kulolonke
eleGiliyadi (kuthatha umango kaGadi, okaRubheni lokaManase), kusukela e-Aroweri
ngaseSihotsheni se-Arinoni kusiyaphutsha eGiliyadi kungena eBhashani.
34 Okunye kwezehlakalo lezenzo ngokubusa kukaJehu, konke akwenzayo,
aphumelela kukho, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli
na?
35 UJehu wafa walala kuboyise emathuneni aseSamariya. UJehowahazi indodana
yakhe yathatha ubukhosi yabusa. 36 UJehu isikhathi abusa ngaso u-Israyeli
eseSamariya kwaba yiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili.

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U-Athaliya LoJowashi

1 U-Athaliya unina ka-Ahaziya wathi ebona ukuthi indodana yakhe isifile,
waqhubeka ebulala bonke abendlunkulu. 2 Kodwa uJehoshebha, indodakazi yenkosi
uJehoramu njalo engudadewabo ka-Ahaziya, wathatha uJowashi indodana ka-
Ahaziya wamnqenqisa emsusa phakathi kwamakhosana ayesezabulawa. Wamfihla
kanye lomlizane wakhe endlini yokulala emcatshisa ukuze u-Athaliya angaze
ambona; yikho kasazange abulawe. 3 Wahlala ecatshisiwe yena kanye lomlizane
wakhe ethempelini LIKATHIXO okweminyaka eyisithupha yokubusa kuka-Athaliya.
4 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada wamema abalawuli bamakhulu,
amaKharithi kanye labalindi, bonke balethwa phambi kwakhe ethempelini
LIKATHIXO. Wenza isivumelwano labo wabafungisa ethempelini LIKATHIXO.
Wasebatshengisa indodana yenkosi. 5 Wabalaya wathi, “Nanku elizakwenza: Lina
elisemaviyweni amathathu azabe elindile ngeSabatha, ingxenye yokuthathu yenu
kumele ilinde isigodlo, 6 lengxenye yokuthathu eseSangweni laseSuri, lengxenye
yokuthathu esangweni elingemuva kwabalindi, abazophisanayo ukulinda ithempeli,
7 lani elisemaviyweni amabili okuvame ukuthi lingasebenzi ngeSabatha, lonke
lizalindela inkosi ithempeli. 8 Lizalinda lizingelezele inkosi, ngulowo ehlomile
ngesikhali sakhe esandleni sakhe. Loba ngubani osondela kini kumele abulawe.
Hlalani liseduze kwenkosi loba ingaze iye ngaphi.”
9 Abalawuli bekhulu benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguJehoyada umphristi. Um-
lawuli munye ngamunye wathatha iviyo lakhe lamadoda lawo ayesiya ekulindeni
ngeSabatha lalawo ayezakuba engasebenzi eza kuJehoyada umphristi. 10 Ngakho
yena wanika abalawuli imikhonto lamahawu ayengawenkosi uDavida ayegcinwa
ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 11 Kwathi abalindi ngamunye, ephethe isikhali esandleni
sakhe, bajama bephahle inkosi iseduze kwe-alithari lethempelini, kusukela ezansi
kusiya enyakatho yethempeli.
12 UJehoyada waseveza indodana yenkosi wayethwesa umqhele; wayiqhubela
lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO wahle wamemezela ukuba isiyinkosi. Bayigcoba inkosi,
abantu batshaya izandla bahlaba umkhosi besithi, “Mpilo ende enkosini!”
13 U-Athaliya uthe esizwa umkhosi wokujabula kwabalindi kanye labantu bonke,
waya ebantwini ngasethempelini LIKATHIXO. 14 Uthe ethi mehlo suka, wabona nansi
inkosi, yayimi eduze kwensika njengomkhuba. Izikhulu labatshayi bamacilongo
babesekele inkosi, abantu bonke bejabula ngokutshaya amacilongo. Ngakho u-
Athaliya wadabula izembatho zakhe wamemeza esithi, “Umvukela! Umvukela!”
15 UJehoyada waselaya abalawuli bekhulu, ababelawula amabutho wathi:
“Mkhupheni limfake phakathi kwamaviyo amabutho limhlasele ngenkemba lowo

ozama ukumlandela." Ngenxa yokuthi umphristi wayethe, "Akumelanga abulawelwe ethempelini LIKATHIXO." 16 Ngakho bamdumela ekufikeni kwakhe endaweni lapha okungenela khona amabhiza esigodlweni, kulapho abulawelwa khona.

17 UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi KUKATHIXO lenkosi kanye labantu ukuthi bavume ukuba ngabantu BAKATHIXO. Wenza njalo isivumelwano phakathi kwenkosi labantu. 18 Abantu bonke belizwe baya ethempelini likaBhali bafika balidilizela phansi. Babhidliza ama-alithare lezithombe kwaba yizicucu, babulala uMathani umphristi kaBhali phambi kwama-alithare.

Ngakho uJehoyada umphristi wasebeka abalindi ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 19 Wathatha abalawuli bamakhulu, amaKharithi, abalindi labantu bonke belizwe, sebendawonye behla lenkosi ethempelini LIKATHIXO baya layo esigodlweni, bengenela esangweni labalindi. Inkosi yasithatha indawo yayo esihlalweni sobukhosi, 20 abantu bonke belizwe baba lokujabula okukhulu. Kwaba lokuthula emzini, ngoba u-Athaliya wayesebulewe ngenkemba esigodlweni.

21 UJowashi waqalisa ukubusa eleminyaka eyisikhombisa.

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UJowashi Ulungisa IThempeli

1 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaJehu, uJowashi waba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. Ibizo likanina kunguZibiya; yena wayevela eBherishebha. 2 UJowashi wenza ukulunga phambi KUKATHIXO ngayo yonke leyominyaka elaywa nguJehoyada umphristi. 3 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela azidilizwanga, ngakho abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo yabo khona, njalo betshisa impepha khona.

4 UJowashi wathi kubaphristi, "Qoqani yonke imali elethwa ethempelini LIKATHIXO kuyiminikelo engcwele, imali eqoqwe ekubalweni kwabantu, lemali eyamukelwe ngokuzifungela komuntu lemali elethwe ngokuzithandela ethempelini. 5 Akuthi nga-munye umphristi amukele imali evela kumgcinisikhwama, leyomali izasetshenziswa ukulungisa lapho okonakala khona ethempelini."

6 Kodwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amabili lemithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uJowashi, abaphristi babelokhu bengalilungisanga ithempeli. 7 Ngakho inkosi uJowashi yabiza uJehoyada umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi yababuza yathi, "Kungani lingalungisi lapho okwadilika khona ethempelini? Lingabe lisathatha enye imali kumgcinisikhwama, kodwa liyilethe ukuze kulungiswe ethempelini." 8 Abaphristi bavuma ukuthi abasayikuthatha enye imali ebantwini njalo abasayiku-lungisa ithempeli bona ngokwabo.

9 UJehoyada umphristi wasethatha ibhokisi, wabhoboza isikhala esivalweni salo, waselibeka eceleni kwe-alithari, ngakwesokudla nxa umuntu engena ethempelini LIKATHIXO. Abaphristi bokulinda emnyango basebefaka ebhokisini yonke imali eyayilethwa ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 10 Besithi bangabona isinengi ebhokisini, babize unobhala wesigodlweni kanye lomphristi omkhulu, bafike bayibale yonke engenileyo ethempelini LIKATHIXO babesebeyigqiba emigodleni. 11 Kwakusithi imali isibaliwe kukhitshwe eyokubhadala ababekhethelwe ukukhangela umsebenzi ethempelini. Ngaleyomali babhadala labo ababesebenza ethempelini LIKATHIXO, ababazi kanye labakhi 12 labakha ngamatshe lababazi bamatshe. Bathenga amapulanka lamatshe abaziweyo ayesetshenziswa ukwakha kulungiswa ithempeli LIKATHIXO, njalo bab-hadala zonke izindleko ezazingezomsebenzi wokuvuselela ithempeli.

13 Imali eyalethwa ethempelini LIKATHIXO kayisetshenziswanga ukwenza imi-ganu yesiliva, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokuchela, lamacilongo loba ezinye izinto zegolide lezesiliva; 14 yaphiwa izisebenzi ezayisebenzisa ukulungisa ithempeli.

15 Akudingakalanga ukuthi bacele imvumo kulabo ababanika imali yokubhadala ababesebenza, ngoba babesebenza beyiphatha ngokuthembeka okupheleleyo.
16 Imali yeminikelo yecala leminikelo yesono kayilethwanga ethempelini LIKATHIXO
ngoba yayingeyabaphristi.

17 Ngalesosikhathi uHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wayahlasela iGathi, wayithumba, wasezimisela ukuthumba iJerusalema, 18 kodwa uJowashi inkosi yakoJuda wathatha zonke impahla ezingcwele ezazinikelwe ngokhokho bakhe uJehoshafathi loJehoramu lo-Ahaziya, amakhosi akoJuda lalezozipho ezazinikelwe nguye ngokwakhe, legolide lonke elatholakala ethempelini LIKATHIXO lasesigodlweni, wazithumela kuHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu. UHazayeli wasesuka eJerusalema.

19 Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini encwadini yembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 20 Izikhulu zakhe zaceba ndawonye ngaye zambulala eBhethi-Milo, emgwaqweni owehla usiya eSila. 21 Izikhulu ezambulalayo ngoJozabhadi indodana kaShimeyathi loJehozabhadi indodana kaShomeri. Wafa wangcwatshwa laboyise eMzini kaDavida. U-Amaziya indodana yakhe yabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

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UJehowahazi Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu wokubusa kukaJowashi indodana kaAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda, uJehowahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya njalo wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa. 2 Wenza okubi phambi KUKATHIXO ngokulandela izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, owayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze, njalo kazange axekelane lazo. 3 Ngakho ulaka LUKATHIXO lwavutha ku-Israyeli, okwaze kwathi okwesikhathi eside wabayekela bengaphansi kombuso kaHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu loBheni-Hadadi indodana yakhe.

4 UJehowahazi wacela ukuthethelelwa KUTHIXO. UTHIXO wamuzwa, ngoba wabona ukuba abako-Israyeli bancindezelwe kanganani yinkosi yase-Aramu. 5 UTHIXO wabapha umkhululi abako-Israyeli owabakhulula esandleni sama-Aramu. Ngalokho abako-Israyeli bahlala emizini yabo njengakuqala. 6 Kodwa abatshiyananga lezono zabendlu kaJerobhowamu, lezo ayebangele abako-Israyeli ukuthi bazenze; baqhubeka ngazo, njalo lezinsika zika-Ashera zahlala zilokhu zikhona eSamariya.

7 Akusalanga lutho lwamabutho kaJehowahazi ngaphandle kwabagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi amahlanu, lezinqola zempi ezilitshumi kanye lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo, ngoba inkosi yase-Aramu yayibhubhise bonke abanye yabenza baba njengothuli ngesikhathi sokubhula.

8 Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJehowahazi, lakho konke akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe, akulotshwanga encwadini yembali yamakhosi abako-Israyeli na? 9 UJehowahazi waphumula laboyisemkhulu njalo wangcwatshwa eSamariya. Indodana yakhe uJowashi yabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

UJowashi Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

10 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda, uJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, yena-ke wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. 11 Wenza okubi phambi KUKATHIXO njalo kazange axekelane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze, waqhubeka ngazo.

12 Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso Jowashi lakho konke akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe lezimpi azilwa lo-Amaziya inkosi yamaJuda akulotshwanga

encwadini yembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? 13 UJowashi waphumula
laboyisemkhulu, ubukhosi bakhe bathathwa nguJerobhowamu. UJowashi
wangcwatshwa eSamariya ndawonye lamakhosi abako-Israyeli.
14 U-Elisha wayegula umkhuhlane owacina usumbulala. UJowashi inkosi yako-
Israyeli wahamba ukuyambona wafika wakhala wathi, "Baba! Baba! Izinqola
zokulwa labagadi bamabhiza ako-Israyeli!"
15 U-Elisha wathi, "Thatha idandili lemitshoko." Wakwenza lokho. 16 Wathi
enkosini yako-Israyeli, "Phatha idandili lelo ngezandla." Yathi isiliphethe, u-Elisha
wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi.
17 U-Elisha wasesithi, "Vula iwindi elisempumalanga." Yalivula, u-Elisha wathi,
"Tshoka!" Yatshoka. U-Elisha wasememeza eqonqosela wathi, "Umtshoko wokun-
qoba kaThixo, umtshoko wokunqoba ele-Aramu! Uzabhubhisa ama-Aramu e-
Afekhi."
18 Wasesithi enkosini, "Thatha imitshoko yakho," inkosi yayithatha. U-Elisha
wasesithi kuyo, "Tshaya iphansi leli," inkosi yatshaya iphansi kwaze kwaba kathathu
yasisima. 19 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu kwamzondisa lokho wasesithi kuyo inkosi,
"Bekufanele ukuthi utshaye iphansi kahlanu loba kasithupha; ngalokho kade uzabe
unqobe ele-Aramu njalo walibhubhisa. Kodwa khathesi usuzalinqoba kathathu
kuphela."
20 U-Elisha wafa wangcwatshwa.
Abahlaseli bamaMowabi babejayele ukungena elizweni entwasa. 21 Kwathi
kwesinye isikhathi abako-Israyeli bengcwaba indoda ethile, babona nampa
abahlaseli; basebelahlela isidumbu leso ethuneni lika-Elisha. Kuthe isidumbu leso
sithinta amathambo ka-Elisha, indoda leyo yavuka yasukuma yama ngezinyawo zayo.
22 UHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wancindezela abako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sokubusa
kukaJehowahazi. 23 Kodwa uThixo waba lomusa kubo waba lozwelo watshengisela
ukubakhathalela ngenxa yesivumelwano sakhe lo-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe.
Kuze kube lamuhla kathandi ukubabhubhisa loba ukubalahla basuke phambi
kwakhe.
24 UHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu wafa, uBheni-Hadadi indodana yakhe wabusa
esikhundleni sakhe. 25 Ngakho uJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi wabuya wathumba
njalo amadolobho embusweni kaBheni-Hadadi indodana kaHazayeli ayethunjwe
empini kayise uJehowahazi. UJowashi wamnqoba kathathu, ngakho wawabuyisa
amadolobho abako-Israyeli.

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U-Amaziya Inkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-
Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. 2 Wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu eqalisa ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema ok-
weminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Unina kwakunguJe-
howadani, owayevela eJerusalema. 3 Yena wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo,
kodwa kwakungafanani lokukayise uDavida. Kukho konke ayekwenza walandela
inyathelo likayise uJowashi. 4 Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela azizange
zisuswe; abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo lokutshisa impepha kulezondawo.
5 Kuthe umbuso usuqinile ezandleni zakhe, wabulala izikhulu ezazibulele uyise
owayeyinkosi. 6 *Kodwa kasabulalanga amadodana alabo ababulala uyise inkosi,
njengokulotshiweyo eNcwadini yoMthetho kaMosi lapho uThixo alaya khona wathi:

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“Abazali abayikufela abantwababo, loba abantwana bafele abazali babo; ngulowo lalowo uzafela isono sakhe.”
7 Nguye owanqoba ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, eSigodini seTswayi
waze wathumba iSela empini, wayibiza ngokuthi yiJokitheli, okulibizo layo kuze kube
lalamuhla.
8 Ngakho u-Amaziya wathumela izithunywa kuJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi,
indodana kaJehu, inkosi yako-Israyeli emqopha esithi, “Woza, uqondane lami ubuso
ngobuso.”
9 Kodwa uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waphendula u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda
wathi, “Isihlahlana sameva saseLebhanoni sathumela umsedari eLebhanoni ilizwi
sathi, ‘Yendisela indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami.’ Kwavela isilo eLabhanoni
eseza safika sagxobagxoba isihlahlana sameva ngamasondo aso. 10 Ngempela
uyinqobile i-Edomi ngakho khathesi usuziqhenya. Ziqhenye ekunqobeni kwakho,
kodwa uhlale ekhaya! Kungani uzibizela uhlupho uzibangela ukulwa kwakho njalo
lokukaJuda na?”
11 Loba kunjalo, u-Amaziya, kazange alalele, ngakho uJowashi inkosi yako-
Israyeli wahlasela. Yena waqondana lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda bakhangelana
ubuso ngobuso eBhethi-Shemeshi koJuda. 12 UJuda wachithwa ngu-Israyeli, kwathi
amadoda wonke abalekela emizini yawo. 13 UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wathumba
u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi, eyindodana ka-Ahaziya, eBhethi-
Shemeshi. Ngakho uJowashi wasesiya eJerusalema wayadiliza umduli weJerusalema
kusukela esangweni lika-Efrayimi kusiya eSangweni leJiko, isibanga esingaba
yizingalo ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ubude. 14 Wathatha lonke igolide lesiliva
lazozonke ezinye impahla ezatholakala zisethempelini LIKATHIXO lasezindlini zenotho
esigodlweni waphinda wathumba labantu wahamba labo eSamariya.
15 Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJowashi, lakho konke lokuphumelela
kwakhe, lempi ayilwa lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, lokhu akulotshwanga yini
egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? 16 UJowashi waphumula laboyise,
njalo wembelwa eSamariya lamakhosi ako-Israyeli. UJerobhowamu indodana yakhe
wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.
17 U-Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waphila okweminyaka elitshumi
lemihlanu ngemva kokufa kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli.
18 Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso ka-Amaziya azilotshwanga na egwalweni
lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda?
19 Bamenzela icebo eJerusalema, wasebalekela eLakhishi, kodwa bathumela
amadoda amlandela ayambulalela khonale. 20 Bamthwala ngebhiza bamletha
eJerusalema lapha angcwatshwa khona labokhokho bakhe, eMzini kaDavida.
21 Ngakho abantu bonke koJuda bathatha u-Azariya, owayeleminyaka elitshumi
lesikhombisa yokuzalwa bamgcoba ubukhosi bukayise u-Amaziya. 22 Nguye owakha
kutsha i-Elathi walibuyisela koJuda ngemva kokuphumula kukayise labokhokho
bakhe.

UJerobhowamu Wesibili Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

23 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu ka-Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yako-
Juda, uJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waba yinkosi
eSamariya, njalo wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye. 24 Wenza ububi
phambi KUKATHIXO njalo kazange atshiye lasinye sezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebhathi, lezo abangela u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze. 25 Nguye owabuyisela imingcele
yako-Israyeli kusukela eLebho Hamathi kusiya eLwandle lwase-Arabha, njengelizwi
LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, alikhuluma ngenceku yakhe uJona indodana ka-
Amithayi, umphrofethi owayevela eGathi-Heferi.

26 UTHIXO wayekubonile ukuthi kwakubuhlungu kanganani kubo bonke abako-
Israyeli, izigqili loba ababekhululekile, ukuhlupheka ababekukho; kungekho labani
owayengabasiza. 27 Kanti njengoba UTHIXO wayengatshongo ukuthi uzakwesula
ibizo lika-Israyeli ngaphansi kwamazulu, wabahlenga ngesandla sikaJerobhowamu
indodana kaJowashi.
28 Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJerobhowamu, konke akwenzayo, kanye
lokuphumelela kwakhe empini, lokuthi wathumba njani wabuyisela embusweni
ka-Israyeli iDamaseko leHamathi, ayengawe Juda, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni
lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? 29 UJerobhowamu waphumula laboyise,
amakhosi ako-Israyeli. UZakhariya indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

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U-Azariya Inkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaJerobhowamu inkosi yako-
Israyeli, u-Azariya indodana ka-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa.
2 Wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha yokuzalwa esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa
eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili. Ibizo likanina lalin-
guJekholiya; evela eJerusalema. 3 Wenza ukulunga phambi KUKATHIXO, njengalokhu
okwakwenziwe nguyise u-Amaziya. 4 Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela,
azidilizwanga; abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo kanye lokutshisela impepha
kuzo.
5 UTHIXO wehlisela inkosi u-Azariya ubulephero eyabugula yaze yafa, njalo
yayihlala yodwa endlini yayo. UJothamu indodana yakhe wayegcina isigodlo senkosi,
ephethe labantu belizwe.
6 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Azariya, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga
yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 7 U-Azariya wafa walala kuboyise
njalo wangcwatshwa phansi kwabo eMzini kaDavida. UJothamu indodana yakhe
wathatha ubukhosi.

UZakhariya Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu leminyaka efica mibili ka-Azariya inkosi
yakoJuda, uZakhariya indodana kaJerobhowamu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli
eSamariya, njalo wabusa okwezinyanga eziyisithupha. 9 Wenza okubi phambi
KUKATHIXO, njengalokho okwakwenziwe ngoyise. Kazange atshiye izono zikaJerob-
howamu indodana kaNebhathi, yena owabangela ukuba u-Israyeli azenze.
10 UShalumi indodana kaJabheshi wenza amacebo okususa uZakhariya wamhlasela
phambi kwabantu, wambulala wahle wathatha ubukhosi waba yinkosi. 11 Ezinye
izehlakalo ngombuso kaZakhariya zilotshwe egwalweni lwembali yombuso wa-
makhosi ako-Israyeli. 12 *Ngakho kwagcwaliseka ilizwi LIKATHIXO kuJehu elathi:
“Abendlu yakho bazabusa u-Israyeli kuze kube yisizukulwane sesine.”

UShalumi Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

13 UShalumi indodana kaJabheshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi am-
athathu lesificamunwemunye ka-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda, yena wabusa eSamariya
okwenyanga eyodwa. 14 Ngakho uMenahemu indodana kaGadi wehla esuka eThiza
esiya eSamariya. Wahlasela uShalumi indodana kaJabheshi eSamariya, wambulala
wasethatha ubukhosi.
15 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaShalumi, lamacebo okuhlamuka lawokukhokhela
kwakhe, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli.

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16 Ngalesosikhathi uMenahemu, wathi esuka eThiza wahlasela uThifisa laye
wonke umuntu owatholakala esedolobheni lababeseduzane lalo, ngoba bala ukuvula
amasango abo. Wasuka uThifisa waqhaqha wonke amanina ayezithwele.

UMenahemu Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

17 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lasificamunwemunye ka-Azariya inkosi
yakoJuda, uMenahemu indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, wabusa
eSamariya okweminyaka elitshumi. 18 Wenza okubi phambi KUKATHIXO. Ekubuseni
kwakhe konke kazange atshiyane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi,
ayebangele ukuba u-Israyeli azenze.
19 Ngakho uPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela ilizwe, njalo uMenahemu wamnika
amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuze azuze ukusekelwa lokuqinisa umbuso
wakhe. 20 UMenahemu wathelisa bonke abako-Israyeli. Wonke umuntu onothileyo
kwakumele athele ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu ukuze aphiwe
inkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngakho inkosi yase-Asiriya yasuka elizweni, ayizange ibe isahlala
khona.
21 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaMenahemu, lakho konke akwenzayo, aku-
lotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? 22 UMenahemu
waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe. UPhekhahiya indodana yakhe yathatha
ubukhosi.

UPhekhahiya Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

23 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uPhekhahiya
indodana kaMenahemu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, yena wabusa ok-
weminyaka emibili. 24 UPhekhahiya wenza okubi phambi KUKATHIXO. Kazange at-
shiyane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuba
azenze. 25 Omunye wezikhulu zakhe, uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya wabumba
amacebo okumsusa. Wathatha amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu aseGiliyadi,
wayabulala uPhekhahiya, kanye lo-Aghobi lo-Ariye enqabeni yesigodlo eSamariya.
Ngakho uPhekha wabulala uPhekhahiya njalo wahle wathatha ubukhosi.
26 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaPhekhahiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kulotshiwe
egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli.

UPhekha Inkosi Yako-Israyeli

27 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu lambili ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uP-
hekha indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusa
okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili. 28 Wenza okubi phambi KUKATHIXO. Kazange
atshiyane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele ukuthi u-
Israyeli azenze.
29 Ngezinsuku zikaPhekha inkosi yako-Israyeli, uThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-
Asiriya weza wathumba i-Ijoni, le-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha, leJanowa, leKhedeshi
kanye leHazori. Wathumba iGiliyadi kanye leGalile, kubalwa lelizwe lonke
likaNafithali njalo waxotshela abantu e-Asiriya. 30 Ngakho uHosheya indodana ka-Ela
wenza amacebo okususa uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya. Wamhlasela wambulala,
wasethatha umbuso waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaJothamu
indodana ka-Uziya.
31 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaPhekha, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga
egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na?

UJothamu Inkosi YakoJuda

32 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli,
uJothamu indodana ka-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. 33 Waba yinkosi el-
eminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusa eJerusalema
okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Ibizo likanina kwakunguJerusha indodakazi
kaZadokhi. 34 Wenza okulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO, njengalokho okwakwenziwe
nguyise u-Uziya. 35 Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga;
abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo lokutshisa impepha khonale. UJothamu
wavuselela iSango laNgaphezulu lethempeli LIKATHIXO.
36 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaJothamu, kanye lakwenzayo, akulotshwanga
egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 37 (Ngalezonsuku UTHIXO waqala
ukuthuma uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu kanye loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya ukume-
lana loJuda.) 38 UJothamu waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa
labo eMzini kaDavida, okwakulidolobho likayise. U-Ahazi indodana yakhe wathatha
ubukhosi.

16

U-Ahazi Inkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaPhekha indodana kaRemaliya, u-Ahazi in-
dodana kaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. 2 U-Ahazi wayeleminyaka en-
gamatshumi amabili esiba yinkosi, yena wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi
lesithupha. Wayengafanani loyise uDavida, ngoba kazange enze ukulunga phambi
KUKATHIXO. 3 Wahamba ngezindlela zamakhosi ako-Israyeli waze wenza umnikelo
wokutshiswa ngendodana yakhe, elandela izindlela zezizwe ezingamanyala UTHIXO
ayezixotshe abako-Israyeli bengakangeni kulelolizwe. 4 Wanikela imihlatshelo njalo
watshisa impepha ezindaweni zokukhonzela phezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwazo
zonke izihlahla eziyizithingithingi.
5 Ngakho uRezini inkosi yama-Aramu kanye loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi
yako-Israyeli basuka bayahlasela iJerusalema bavimbezela u-Ahazi, kodwa abazange
bamehlule. 6 Ngalesosikhathi, uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu, wahluthuna i-Elathi
wayibuyisela kuma-Aramu ngokududula abantu bakoJuda. Ama-Edomi ahle angena
e-Elathi ahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla.
7 U-Ahazi wathuma izithunywa ukuthi ziyekuthi kuThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-
Asiriya, “Ngiyinceku yakho lesichaka. Woza uzongikhulula esandleni senkosi yase-
Aramu lasesandleni senkosi yako-Israyeli, amakhosi angihlaselayo.” 8 Ngakho u-
Ahazi wathatha isiliva legolide elafunyanwa ethempelini LIKATHIXO lasezindlini
zenotho zesigodlweni senkosi wakuthumela kwaba yisipho senkosi yase-Asiriya.
9 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yahle yamhlomulela ngokuhlasela iDamaseko yayithumba.
Yakhupha ababehlala khona yabaxotshela eKhiri njalo uRezini yahle yambulala.
10 Ngakho inkosi u-Ahazi yasisiya eDamaseko ukuze ibonane loThigilathi-Philesa
inkosi yase-Asiriya. Yabona i-alithari eDamaseko yasithumela umdwebo walelo
alithare ku-Uriya umphristi lengcazelo egcweleyo yokwakhiwa. 11 Ngakho u-
Uriya umphristi wasesakha i-alithari ngomdwebo owawuvela enkosini u-Ahazi
eDamaseko waliqeda inkosi u-Ahazi ingakaphenduki. 12 Inkosi ithe isivela eDamaseko
yabona i-alithari yahle yayanikela kulo. 13 Inkosi yanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa
lomnikelo wamabele, yathela okunathwayo komnikelo, yachela igazi lomnikelo
wobudlelwano e-alithareni. 14 I-alithari lethusi elalimi phambi KUKATHIXO yaliletha
livela ngaphambili ethempelini, phakathi kwe-alithari elitsha lethempeli LIKATHIXO,
yalifaka ngenyakatho ye-alithare elitsha.
15 Inkosi u-Ahazi yasilaya u-Uriya umphristi yathi, “Phezu kwe-alithari elikhulu
elitsha, nikela umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni kuthi ntambama kube ngumnikelo

wamabele, lomnikelo wabantu bonke elizweni, lomnikelo wabo wonke wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo. Chela i-alithari ngalo lonke igazi leminikelo yokutshiswa kanye lemihlatshelo. Kodwa ngizasebenzisa i-alithari lethusi ukucela iziqondiso."
16 Ngakho u-Uriya umphristi wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe yinkosi u-Ahazi.

17 Inkosi u-Ahazi yasusa izinsimbi zenqodlana lemiganu phezulu, yethula uLwandle phezu kwenkabi zethusi ezazingaphansi kwalo, yalubeka phezu kwesisekelo selitshe.
18 Yasusa isembeso seSabatha esasakhiwe ethempelini, yavala intuba yokungena inkosi eyayiphandle kwethempeli LIKATHIXO, ivumela okwakufunwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya.

19 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Ahazi, kanye lokunye akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 20 U-Ahazi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi.

17

UHosheya Inkosi Yokucina Ko-Israyeli

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokubusa kuka-Ahazi inkosi yakoJuda, uHosheya indodana ka-Ela waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusa iminyaka eyisificamunwemunye. 2 Wenza ububi phambi KUKATHIXO, kodwa akubanga njengokwamakhosi ako-Israyeli amandulelayo.

3 UShalimaneseri inkosi yase-Asiriya weza wahlasela uHosheya, owayekade eyisichaka sakhe esasithela kuye. 4 Kodwa inkosi yase-Asiriya yafumana ukuthi uHosheya ngumhlamuki, ngoba wayekade ethumele amanxusa enkosini yaseGibhithe uSo, njalo engasatheli imithelo enkosini yase-Asiriya njengalokhu ayekwenza minyaka yonke. Ngakho uShalimaneseri wambamba wamfaka entolongweni.
5 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yasihlasela ilizwe lonke, yangena eSamariya yalivimbezela okweminyaka emithathu. 6 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya, inkosi yase-Asiriya yathumba iSamariya yaxotshela abako-Israyeli e-Asiriya. Yabahlalisa eHala, ngaseGozani eMfuleni uHabhori lasemizini yamaMede.

U-Israyeli Uxotshwa Elizweni Ngenxa Yezono

7 Konke lokhu kwenzakala ngenxa yokona kwabako-Israyeli phambi KUKATHIXO, owabakhupha eGibhithe emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu 8 belandela lemikhuba yezizwe UTHIXO ayezixotshile phambi kwabo kanye lemikhuba amakhosi ako-Israyeli ayeseyingenisile. 9 Basebesenza ngasese izinto ezazingalunganga KUTHIXO. Kusukela emphongolweni wesilindo kusiya enqabeni yomuzi basebezakhele izindawo zokukhonzela emizini yabo. 10 Bazimisela amatshe okukhonzela lezinsika zika-Ashera kuwo wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziyizithingithingi. 11 Kuzozonke izindawo zokukhonzela batshisa impepha, njengalokhu okwakusenziwa yizizwe UTHIXO ayezixotshile phambi kwabo. Benza okubi okwathukuthelisa UTHIXO. 12 Bakhonza izithombe, lanxa UTHIXO wayethe, "Lingabokwenza lokhu." 13 UTHIXO wayebaxwayisile abako-Israyeli kanye labakoJuda ngabaphrofethi bakhe bonke lezanuse wathi: "Tshiyani izindlela zenu ezimbi. Gcinani imithetho yami lezimiso zami ezisemlayweni engalaya okhokho benu ngawo lengawuthumela kini ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi."

14 Kodwa abalalelanga njalo baba ntamolukhuni njengabokhokho babo, bona abangazange bathembele KUTHIXO wabo. 15 Balahla izimiso zakhe lesivumelwano asenza labokhokho babo lezixwayiso ayebanike zona. Balandela izithombe eziyize, labo ngokwabo baba yize, balingisela izizwe ababehlala phakathi kwazo lanxa UTHIXO

wayebalaye wathi, “Lingenzi njengabo,” njalo benza izinto ayebanqabele ukuthi bazenze.
16 Bayephula yonke imilayo kaThixo wabo, bazenzela izithombe ezikhandiweyo
ezamathole amabili, benza insika ku-Ashera. Bakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi
zezulu, njalo bakhonza uBhali. 17 Benza umhlatshelo ngamadodana lamadodakazi
abo emlilweni. Babevumisa njalo besenza ubuthakathi, bazinikela ekwenzeni okubi
phambi kukaThixo bamthukuthelisa.
18 Ngakho uThixo wabathukuthelela abako-Israyeli wabaxotsha kuye. Isizwana
sakoJuda yiso kuphela esasalayo, 19 loba nje laye uJuda engayigcinanga imilayo
kaThixo. Balandela imikhuba eyayingeniswe ngabako-Israyeli. 20 Ngakho uThixo
wakhalala bonke abantu bako-Israyeli; wabahlukuluza njalo wabanikela ezandleni
zabaphangi, waze wabasusa phambi kwakhe.
21 UThixo uthe esemkhiphile u-Israyeli endlini kaDavida, babeka uJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebhathi ukuba abe yinkosi yabo. UJerobhowamu wamphambula u-
Israyeli ekulandeleni uThixo wambangela ukuba enze isono esikhulu. 22 Abako-
Israyeli baqhubeka ngazozonke izono zikaJerobhowamu abaze bazidela. 23 UThixo
waze wabasusa phambi kwakhe, njengoba wayexwayisile ngezinceku zakhe zonke
abaphrofethi. Ngakho abantu bako-Israyeli bathunjwa elizweni labo basiwa e-
Asiriya, njalo balokhu bekhonale.

Ukuhlaliswa Kutsha ESamariya

24 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yaletha abantu ababevela eBhabhiloni, leKhutha, le-
Ava, leHamathi kanye leSefavayimi yayabahlalisa emizini yeSamariya endaweni
eyayingeyabako-Israyeli. 25 Ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo khona, babengamkhonzi
uThixo; ngakho uThixo wathumela izilwane phakathi kwabo, zabulala abanye
babo. 26 Kwabikwa enkosini yase-Asiriya kwathiwa, “Abantu obaxotshele eSamariya
wabahlalisa emizini yakhona abakwazi ukuthi unkulunkulu walelolizwe ufunani.
Usethumele izilwane phakathi kwabo, ezibabulalayo zibaqeda, ngoba abantu abak-
wazi ukuthi ufunani.”
27 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yakhupha isiqondiso yathi, “Thuma omunye wabaphristi
owabathumbayo eSamariya, abuyele ayohlala labantu njalo abafundise ukuthi
unkulunkulu walelolizwe ufunani.” 28 Ngakho omunye wabaphristi ababethunjwe
eSamariya weza wayahlala eBhetheli wabafundisa ukuthi uThixo ukhonzwa njani?
29 Loba kunjalo, yileloqembu ngobuzwe balo lenza onkulunkulu balo emadolob-
heni wonke ababehlaliswe khona, bababeka ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezazakhiwe
ngabantu beSamariya. 30 Abantu ababevela eBhabhiloni babumba uSukhothi-
Bhenothi, kwathi ababevela eKhutha benza uNerigali, ababevela eHamathi benza u-
Ashima, 31 ama-Avi enza uNibhazi kanye loTharithaki, lamaSefavi enza umhlatshelo
ngokutshisa abantwababo emlilweni benikela ku-Adrameleki lo-Anameleki, onku-
lunkulu bamaSefavayimi. 32 Bamkhonza uThixo, kodwa basebezikhethela phakathi
kwabo inhlobo zonke zabantu ukuthi babe ngabaphristi ezindaweni eziphakemeyo
zokukhonzela. 33 Bamkhonza uThixo, kodwa babekhonza labonkulunkulu babo
belandela imikhuba yezizwe ababevela kizo.
34 Kuze kube lamuhla balokhu bekwenza lokhu belandela imikhuba emidala.
Abamkhonzi uThixo njalo abalandeli izimiso leziqondiso, imithetho lemilayo uThixo
ayeyiphe abantwana bakaJakhobe, lo ambiza ngokuthi ngu-Israyeli. 35 UThixo wathi
esenza isivumelwano labako-Israyeli, wabalaya wathi, “Lingakhonzi abanye onku-
lunkulu loba ukubakhothamela, lingabenzeli lutho loba ukubenzela umhlatshelo.
36 Khonzani kuphela uThixo, yena owalikhuphula walisusa eGibhithe ngamandla
amakhulu langesandla somusa esivulekileyo, nguye yedwa okumele limkhonze. Kuye
lizakhothama njalo kuye lizanikela imihlatshelo. 37 Linanzelele ngezikhathi zonke

ukulondoloza izimiso, leziqondiso, imithetho lemilayo alilobela yona. Lingabokhonza abanye onkulunkulu. 38 Lingakhohlwa isivumelwano engasenza lani, njalo lingakhonzi abanye onkulunkulu. 39 Kodwa, khonzani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, nguye ozalikhulula ezandleni zezitha zenu zonke."

40 Loba kunjalo, kabazange balalele kodwa baqhubeka belandela imikhuba yabo yakuqala. 41 Lanxa babemkhonza uTHIXO, babelandela izithombe zabo. Lalamuhla abantwababo labantwana babantwababo balokhu besenza khonokho okwakusenziwa ngoyise.

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UHezekhiya Inkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya indodana ka-Ela inkosi yako-Israyeli, uHezekhiya indodana ka-Ahazi inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. 2 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina lalingu-Abhija indodakazi kaZakhariya. 3 Wenza okulungileyo phambi kUKATHIXO, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida. 4 Wadiliza izindawo zokukhonzela, wabhidliza amatshe ababewakhonza njalo wagamulela phansi insika zika-Ashera. Watshaya wenza izicucu inyoka yethusi eyayenziwe nguMosi, ngoba kuze kube yilesosikhathi abako-Israyeli babelokhu beyitshisela impepha. (Yayibizwa ngokuthi Nehushithani.)

5 UHezekhiya wayethembele kUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Kakho owayenjengaye kuwo wonke amakhosi akoJuda, loba kulabo abamandulelayo kumbe labo abamlandelayo ekubuseni. 6 Wabambelela kUTHIXO kazange ekele ukumlandela, wagcina imilayo uTHIXO ayeyinike uMosi. 7 UTHIXO wayelaye; waphumelela kukho konke ayekwenza. Wahlamukela inkosi yase-Asiriya kasabanga ngaphansi kwayo. 8 Kusukela emphongolweni wesilindo kusiya emzini oyinqaba, wanqoba amaFilistiya, kuze kuyefika khonale eGaza lamazwe akhona.

9 Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uHezekhiya, okwakungumnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kukaHosheya indodana ka-Ela inkosi yako-Israyeli, uShalimaneseri inkosi yase-Asiriya wayahlasela iSamariya wayivimbezela. 10 Ngemva kweminyaka emithathu ama-Asiriya alithumba. Ngakho iSamariya yathunjwa ngomnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kukaHezekhiya, okwakungumnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kukaHosheya inkosi yako-Israyeli. 11 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yaxotshela abako-Israyeli e-Asiriya yabahlalisa eHala ngaseGozani eMfuleni uHabhori lasemizini yamaMede. 12 Lokhu kwenzakala ngoba bengalalelanga uTHIXO wabo, kodwa sebephule isivumelwano sakhe, lakho konke uMosi inceku kATHIXO ayebalaye ngakho. Abazanga balalele njalo abazanga bakwenze.

13 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wokubusa kwenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela wonke amadolobho avikelweyo akoJuda wawathumba. 14 Ngakho uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wathumela ilizwi enkosini yase-Asiriya eLakhishi esithi, "Ngiphambanisile. Suka kimi, mina ngizakubhadala konke okufunayo kimi." Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathi uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kayinike amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu amathathu kanye legolide elingamathalenta angamatshumi amathathu. 15 Ngakho uHezekhiya wamnika sonke isiliva esatholakala ethempelini LIKATHIXO lasezindlini zenotho yesigodlweni senkosi.

16 Ngalesisikhathi uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda waxexebula igolide elalisezivalweni zethempeli LIKATHIXO lelalinanyathiselwe emigubazini yethempeli LIKATHIXO, walinika inkosi yase-Asiriya.

USenakheribhi Usongela IJerusalema

17 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathumela umlawuli omkhulu wamabutho ayo, lesikhulu
somndlunkulu kanye lomlawuli wamabutho lamabutho amanengi, besuka eLakhishi
besiya enkosini uHezekhiya eJerusalema. Bafika eJerusalema bema emgelweni
wechibi elingaphezulu, elisendleleni yeNsimu yoMgezisi. 18 Babiza inkosi ngokwayo:
Kodwa kweza u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umphathi wesigodlo, loShebhina
umabhalane, loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali.
19 Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, "Tshelani uHezekhiya ukuthi:
'Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya ithi: Uthembeni ngalesisi-
bindi sakho na? 20 Uthi ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho, kodwa ukhuluma amazwi
ayize. Uthembe bani uze ungihlamukele nje? 21 Khangela, ngiyazi uthembe
iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa
eweyamile. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembele kuye.
22 Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, "Thina sithembe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu": kasuye yini
uHezekhiya asusa izindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lama-alithare akhe, esithi kuJuda
leJerusalema, "Kumele likhonzele phambi kwaleli i-alithari eliseJerusalema"?
23 Khathesi woza wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya: Ngiza-
kunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxa bekhona abazawagada! 24 Pho un-
gayehlula njani induna yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami eyodwa, lanxa uthembele
eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza na? 25 Phezu kwalokho,
kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha lindawo ngaphandle kwelizwi elivela KUTHIXO na?
UTHIXO uqobo nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.' "
26 Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya, loShebhina loJowa bathi kumlawuli
webutho, "Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhi, ngoba siyasizwa.
Ungasikhulumisi ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdulini besizwa."
27 Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula esithi, "Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba
izinto lezi ngizitsho kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi emdulini,
okuzakuthi labo, njengani badle ubulongwe babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?"
28 Umlawuli webutho wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, "Zwanini
ilizwi lenkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya! 29 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yinkosi:
Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. 30 Lingamvumeli
uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembe KUTHIXO lapho esithi, 'Ngempela UTHIXO
uzasikhulula; idolobho leli kaliyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.'
31 Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-Asiriya: Yenza
isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume uze kimi. Lapho-ke omunye lomunye
uzakudla esivinini sakhe lasemkhiweni wakhe anathe lamanzi emthonjeni wakhe,
32 ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana lelakini, ilizwe lamabele
lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini, ilizwe lezihlahla zama-oliva loluju.
Khethani impilo hatshi ukufa, Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba uyalikhohlisa nxa
esithi, 'UTHIXO uzasikhulula.' 33 Kambe ukhona unkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake
wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya na? 34 Bangaphi onkulunkulu
baseHamathi le-Ariphadi na? Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi labaseHena
labase-Iva na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami na? 35 Nguphi kubo bonke
onkulunkulu bamazwe la oke wenelisa ukukhulula ilizwe lakhe kimi na? Pho UTHIXO
angayikhulula njani iJerusalema esandleni sami na?"
36 Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho, ngoba inkosi yayilaye yathi,
"Lingamphenduli."
37 U-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo loShebhina umabhalane
loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile
bamtshela okwakutshiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

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Umbono Ngokukhululwa KweJerusalema

1 Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, esezwe lokhu, wadabula izigqoko zakhe
wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 2 Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu
umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi abangabakhokheli, bonke
begqoke amasaka, baya kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. 3 Bathi kuye,
"UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa kanye lehlazo njen-
galapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha
engekho. 4 Mhlawumbe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho izawezwa wonke amazwi
omlawuli webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-Asiriya, emthume ukuba athuke
uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wakho awazwileyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu iphila."
5 Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya sezifikile ku-Isaya, 6 u-Isaya wathi kuzo,
"Tshelani inkosi yenu lithi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Ungesabi lokhu okuzwileyo,
amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. 7 Lalela! Ngizafaka
umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune ukubuyela elizweni lakhe, athi
angafika khonale ngenze ukuba abulawe ngenkemba.' "
8 Kwathi lapho umlawuli webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisisukile
eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina.
9 USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka, inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza
ukuba amhlasele. Ngakho wathumela njalo izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko
othi: 10 "Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi ukuthi unku-
lunkulu omthembileyo akukhohlise esithi, 'IJerusalema kaliyikunikelwa enkosini
yase-Asiriya.' 11 Ngempela usukuzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya emazweni
wonke, ewabhidliza okupheleleyo. Wena-ke uzaphepha na? 12 Onkulunkulu bezizwe
ezatshabalaliswa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula na onkulunkulu beGozani,
leHarani, leRezefi kanye labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? 13 Ingaphi inkosi
yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi amakhosi aseLayiri leSefavayimi, loba
eyaseHena kumbe eyase-Iva?"

Umkhuleko KaHezekhiya

14 UHezekhiya wamukela incwadi eyeza lezithunywa wayibala. Emva kwalokho
waya ethempelini leNkosi, wayichaya phambi KUKATHIXO. 15 UHezekhiya wakhuleka
KUTHIXO esithi: "THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, osebukhosini phakathi kwa-
maKherubhi, wena kuphela nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemhlabeni.
Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. 16 Beka indlebe, THIXO, uzwe; vula amehlo
akho THIXO, ubone. Lalela uzwe amazwi uSenakheribhi awathumele ukuzathuka
uNkulunkulu ophilayo.
17 Kuliqiniso, THIXO, ukuthi amakhosi ase-Asiriya azitshabalalisa lezizizwe kanye
lamazwe azo. 18 Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa, ngoba
kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo lamatshe kuphela, okubunjwe ngezandla
zabantu. 19 Khathesi, THIXO, Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe, ukuze
imibuso yonke emhlabeni ibekwazi, ukuthi wena wedwa, THIXO, unguNkulunkulu."

U-Isaya Uphrofetha Ngokuwa KukaSenakheribi

20 U-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi: "Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho
mayelana loSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya. 21 Nanti ilizwi UTHIXO aselikhulume
ngaye:
'Ndodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni
iyakweyisa njalo iyakuklolodela.

Ndodakazi iJerusalema
inqekuza ikhanda layo lapho wena ubaleka.
22 Ngubani lowo omthukileyo wamhlazisa?
Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi lakho
wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqaja na?
NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!
23 Ngezithunywa zakho
umthukile uThixo.
Utshilo njalo ukuthi,
“Ngezinqola zami ezinengi
ngikhwelile eziqongweni zezintaba,
iziqongo eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLebhanoni.
Sengigamule ngawisa izihlahla ezinde zemisedari,
izihlahla ezikhethiweyo zamaphayini.
Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhatshana,
emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu.
24 Ngigebhile imithombo ezizweni
nganatha amanzi khona.
Ngezinyawo zami
ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.” ’ ”

Ukubhidlizwa kweSenakheribhi

25 “ ‘Kawuzwanga na?
Lokhu ngakumisa endulo.
Ngakuceba ensukwini zasendulo;
khathesi sengenze ukuba kufezeke,
ukuthi usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo
aba yizinqwaba zamatshe.
26 Abantu bakhona, abangaselamandla,
badangele njalo bayangekile.
Banjengezilimo ensimini,
njengamahlumela aluhlaza,
lanjengotshani obuhluma ephahleni lwendlu
bubuye butshe bungakakhuli.

27 Kodwa ngiyakwazi lapho okhona,
lalapho usiza uphinde uhambe;
kanye lokuthi ungithukuthelela kangakanani.
28 Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho
langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo bakho sebufikile ezindlebeni zami
ngizafaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho
lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho,
njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele
ngendlela oze ngayo.’
29 Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe, Hezekhiya:
Lonyaka lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa,
ngomnyaka wesibili lidle umkhukhuzela wakhona.
Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu hlanyelani livune,
hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo.
30 Futhi insali yendlu kaJuda
izagxilisa njalo impande phansi ithele izithelo ngaphezulu.

31 Ngoba eJerusalema kuzavela insali,
kuthi entabeni iZiyoni kuphume ixuku labasindayo.
Ukutshiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezeke.

32 Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asiriya uThixo uthi:
‘Kasoze angene kulelidolobho
loba atshoke umtshoko lapha.
Kasoze eze kulo elehawu
kumbe akhe umduli wokulivimbezela.
33 Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo,
kasoze angene kulelidolobho,
kutsho uThixo.
34 Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngilihlenge,
ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavida inceku yami.’ ”
35 Ngalobobusuku ingilosi kaThixo yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu lezinkulungwane ezihonqweni zama-Asiriya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke kwasekuyizidumbu kuphela! 36 Ngakho uSenakheribhi inkosi yama-Asiriya wasuka ezihonqweni wahamba. Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona.
37 Kwathi ngolunye usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisirokhi unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebalekela elizweni lase-Ararathi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Ukugula KukaHezekhiya

1 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula, eselengela ekufeni. Umphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi: “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Lungisa indlu yakho, ngoba uzakufa; awuyikusila.”
2 UHezekhiya waphendula ubuso bakhe wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka kuThixo esithi, 3 “Khumbula, Thixo, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yami yonke, njalo ngenze okuhle emehlweni akho.” UHezekhiya wakhala kabuhlungu.
4 U-Isaya engakasuki egumeni elingaphakathi, kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kuye lisithi: 5 “Buyela uyetshela uHezekhiya, umkhokheli wabantu bami uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida. Uthi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho njalo ngizibonile lezinyembezi zakho; ngizakusilisa. Ngosuku lwesithathu kusukela khathesi uzakhwela uye ethempelini likaThixo. 6 Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu empilweni yakho. Ngizakukhulula wena kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli ngizenzela mina njalo ngisenzela inceku yami uDavida.’ ”
7 U-Isaya wathi: “Lungisani isigaqa semikhiwa.” Bakwenza lokho basebethoba ngaso ithumba, wasesila.
8 UHezekhiya wayebuze u-Isaya wathi, “Kuyini okuzakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi uThixo uzangisilisa kanye lokuthi ngizakhwela ngiye phezulu ethempelini leNkosi ngosuku lwesithathu kusukela khathesi na?”
9 U-Isaya waphendula wathi, “Nansi isibonakaliso sikaThixo kuwe, esokuthi uThixo uzakwenza akuthembisayo. Kambe isithunzi sizakuya phambili amanyathelo alitshumi kumbe sizabuyela emuva amanyathelo alitshumi na?”
10 “UHezekhiya wathi kulula ukuba isithunzi siye phambili amanyathelo alitshumi, kodwa kasiyi emuva amanyathelo alitshumi.”

11 Ngakho umphrofethi u-Isaya wacela kuTHIXO, uTHIXO wenza ukuthi isithunzi
sibuyele emuva okwezinyathelo ezilitshumi esasehle ngawo ezikhwelelweni zika-
Ahazi.

Izithunywa Ezazivela EBhabhiloni

12 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani indodana kaBhaladani inkosi yaseB-
habhiloni wabhalela uHezekhiya izincwadi wamthumela lesipho ngoba wayezwile
ngokugula kukaHezekhiya. 13 UHezekhiya wazamukela izithunywa wazitshengisa
konke okwakusendlini yakhe yokugcinela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso kanye
lamafutha acengekileyo, izikhali zakhe lakho konke okwakukhona enothweni yakhe.
Akulalutho esigodlweni sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke uHezekhiya angazit-
shengisanga lona.
14 Ngakho u-Isaya umphrofethi waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambuza wathi, "Atheni
amadoda lawana njalo avela ngaphi?"
UHezekhiya waphendula wathi: "Avela elizweni elikhatshana. Avele eBhabhiloni."
15 Umphrofethi wabuza wathi: "Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?"
UHezekhiya wathi, "Abone konke okusesigodlweni sami. Akulalutho phakathi
kwempahla zami eziligugu engingawatshengisanga khona."
16 Ngakho u-Isaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya, "Zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO lithi: 17 Isikhathi
sizafika sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni sakho lakho konke oyihlo abakugcinayo
kusiyafika lolosuku, kuzathwalelwa eBhabhiloni. Akuyikusala lutho, kutsho uTHIXO.
18 Njalo abanye besizukulwane sakho, abenyama legazi lakho, abazazalwa nguwe,
bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni."
19 UHezekhiya waphendula wathi: "Ilizwi LIKATHIXO olikhulumileyo lilungile."
Ngoba wayenakana esithi: "Kambe kakuyikuba lokuthula lokuvikeleka ekuphileni
kwami na?"
20 Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaHezekhiya, konke ukuphumelela kwakhe lokwakha
kwakhe ichibi kanye lomgelo owaletha amanzi phakathi komuzi, akulotshwanga yini
egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 21 UHezekhiya waya ekuphumuleni
kubokhokho bakhe. Indodana yakhe uManase yathatha ubukhosi.

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UManase Inkosi YakoJuda

1 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili eqalisa ukubusa njalo wabusa
okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lemihlanu eJerusalema. Ibizo likanina
lalinguHefizibha. 2 Wenza ububi emehlweni kaTHIXO, elandela imikhuba eye-
nyanyekayo yezizwe uTHIXO ayezixotshile phambi kuka-Israyeli. 3 Wavuselela
izindawo zokukhonzela ezazidilizwe nguyise uHezekhiya, wakha lama-alithare
kaBhali wenza lensika ka-Ashera, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe ngu-Ahabi inkosi
yako-Israyeli. Wakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi zezulu wazikhonza. 4 Wakha ama-
alithare ethempelini LIKATHIXO, lona uTHIXO ayethe, "EJerusalema ngizabeka khona
iBizo lami." 5 Kuwo womabili amaguma ethempeli LIKATHIXO, wakhela izinkanyezi
zezulu ama-alithare. 6 Wenza umhlatshelo ngendodana yakhe emlilweni, wavumisa,
wenza imilingo, wasebenza lezanuse labemimoya. Wenza okubi kakhulu emehlweni
kaTHIXO, wamthukuthelisa.
7 Wathatha insika ebaziweyo ka-Ashera ayeyenzile wayifaka ethempelini, lona
lelo kanye uTHIXO ayethe kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana yakhe, "Kulelithempeli
lakulo umuzi waseJerusalema, engiwukhethileyo kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli,
ngizabeka iBizo lami kuze kube nininini. 8 Angiyikuphinda ngenze inyawo zabako-
Israyeli zizule elizweni engalinika okhokho babo, nxa bezananzelela balandele yonke
imilayo engabanika yona bagcine wonke uMthetho abawunikwa nguMosi inceku

yami.” 9 Kodwa abantu abalalelanga. UManase wabalahlekisa, ngakho bona kakhulu
ukwedlula izizwe UTHIXO ayezitshabalalise phambi kokuba u-Israyeli angene.
10 UTHIXO wakhuluma ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi wathi: 11 “UManase
inkosi yakoJuda wenzile wonke amanyala la. Wenzile izono lezi ezenyanyekayo.
Usenze ububi obukhulu obedlula obama-Amori ayekhona ngaphambi kwakhe,
njalo usekhokhelele uJuda esonweni ngezithombe zakhe, 12 ngakho-ke nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukuthi, Ngizakwehlisela phezu kwe-
Jerusalema loJuda incithakalo ezakwenza indlebe zakhe wonke oyizwayo zinken-
teze. 13 Ngizakwelula phezu kweJerusalema intambo eyasetshenziswa ekulahleni
iSamariya, lentambo eyasetshenziswa ekulahleni indlu ka-Ahabi. Ngizakwesula
iJerusalema njengomuntu owesula umganu, awesule awumbokothe. 14 Ngizalahla
insalela yabantu bami, ngibanikele ezitheni zabo. Bazathunjwa babe yimpango
yezitha zabo zonke, 15 ngoba benzile okubi phambi kwami, bangithukuthelisa,
kusukela ekuphumeni kwabokhokho babo eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla.”
16 Futhi uManase wachitha igazi elinengi kakhulu elingelacala waze waligcwalisa
iJerusalema kusukela ekuqaleni kwalo kuze kube sekucineni, ngaphandle kwesono
ayebangele uJuda ukuba asenze, ngakho benza isono emehlweni KATHIXO.
17 Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukaManase, lakho konke akwenzayo, kanye
lesono asenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na?
18 UManase waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshelwa esivandeni
sesigodlo sakhe, isivande sika-Uza. U-Amoni indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

U-Amoni Inkosi YakoJuda

19 U-Amoni waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili, njalo wabusa
eJerusalema okweminyaka emibili. Ibizo likanina lalinguMeshulemethi indodakazi
kaHaruzi; owayevela eJothibha. 20 Wenza okubi emehlweni KATHIXO, njengalokhu
okwakwenziwe nguyise uManase. 21 Walandela konke okwakwenziwe nguyise,
wakhonza izithombe ezazikhonzwa nguyise, njalo wazikhothamela. 22 Wamdela
UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bakhe, njalo kazange ahambe ngendlela KATHIXO.
23 Izikhulu zika-Amoni zamelana laye zabumba icebo zambulala esigodlweni
sakhe. 24 Abantu bakulelolizwe basebebulala ababecebe ukubulala inkosi u-Amoni,
basebebeka indodana yakhe uJosiya waba yinkosi, esikhundleni sakhe.
25 Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kuka-Amoni, lakho konke akwenzayo, aku-
lotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 26 Wangcwatshwa
ethuneni lakhe, esivandeni sika-Uza. UJosiya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

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Ukutholakala KweNcwadi YoMlayo

1 UJosiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisificaminwembili eqalisa ukubusa njalo
wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lowodwa. Ibizo
likanina lalinguJedida indodakazi ka-Adaya; wayevela eBhozikhathi. 2 Wenza
okulungileyo emehlweni KATHIXO njalo wahamba ezindleleni zonke zikayise uDavida,
engaphambukeli eceleni kwesokudla loba esenxele.
3 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe, uJosiya inkosi
wathumela unobhala wakhe, uShafani indodana ka-Azaliya, indodana kaMeshu-
lami, ethempelini LIKATHIXO. Wathi, 4 “Hamba uye kuHilikhiya umphristi
omkhulu uyekuthi kalungise imali elethwe ethempelini LIKATHIXO, ekade iqoqwa
ebantwini ngabalindi beminyango. 5 Abayigcinise amadoda akhethelwe ukukhangela
ukuqhubeka komsebenzi ethempelini. Babe yibo abazaholisa abasebenza ukulungisa
kutsha ithempeli LIKATHIXO, 6 ababazi, abakhi, lababazi bamatshe. Babe yibo

njalo abazathenga amapulanka lamatshe abaziweyo okulungisa kutsha ithempeli.
7 Kodwa akudingeki ukuthi babike ngokusetshenziswa kwemali abayigcinisiweyo,
ngoba basebenza ngokwethembeka."
8 UHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu wathi kuShafani unobhala, "Sengithole uG-
walo lwemiThetho ethempelini LIKATHIXO." Walunika uShafani walufunda.
9 Ngakho uShafani waya enkosini, wayibikela wathi, "Izikhulu zakho sezibhadele
imali ebisethempelini LIKATHIXO njalo seziyigcinise izisebenzi kanye labakhangela
ethempelini." 10 UShafani unobhala wasebikela inkosi esithi, "UHilikhiya umphristi
usenginike ugwalo." Ngakho uShafani waselubala phambi kwenkosi.
11 Inkosi ithe isizwile amazwi eNcwadi yoMthetho, yadabula izembatho zayo.
12 Yapha leziziqondiso kuHilikhiya umphristi, lo-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani, lo-
Akhibhori indodana kaMikhaya loShafani unobhala kanye lo-Asaya inceku yenkosi,
yathi: 13 "Hambani KUTHIXO liyengibuzela mina labantu kanye loJuda wonke nga-
lokhu okulotshwe kulolugwalo osolutholakele. Lukhulu ulaka lukaThixo oluvuthayo
kithi ngoba okhokho bethu kabawalalelanga amazwi alolugwalo: abakulandelanga
konke okulotshiweyo kulo mayelana lathi."
14 UHilikhiya umphristi, lo-Ahikhami, lo-Akhibhori, loShafani lo-Asaya bayakhu-
luma lomphrofethikazi uHulida umkaShalumi indodana kaThikhiva, indodana
kaHarihasi, umgcini wezigqoko. UHulida wayehlala eJerusalema Esigabeni Sesibili.
15 Yena wathi kubo: "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli
ukuthi, tshelani indoda elithume kimi ukuthi, 16 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
Ngizakwehlisela incithakalo kulindawo lasebantwini bayo ngakho konke okulotshwe
egwalweni olubalwa yinkosi yakoJuda. 17 Ngoba bangihlamukele, batshisela
abanye onkulunkulu impepha, njalo bangithukuthelisile ngazozonke izithombe
abazenze ngezandla zabo, ulaka lwami luzavutha kule indawo lungacitshwa muntu.'
18 Tshelani inkosi yakoJuda yona elithume ukuzabuza KUTHIXO, lithi, 'Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, mayelana lamazwi eliwazwileyo:
19 Ngenxa yokuthi inhliziyo yakho ivumile njalo uzithobile phambi KUKATHIXO lapho
usizwa engikukhulume ngendawo le labantu bayo, ukuthi bazakuba ngabaqalek-
isiweyo bachithwe, njalo ngenxa yokuthi udabule izigqoko zakho wakhala phambi
kwami, ngikuzwile, kutsho UTHIXO. 20 Ngakho ngizakusa kubokhokho bakho,
njalo uzangcwatshwa ngokuthula. Amehlo akho awayikuyibona incithakalo engiza-
yehlisela kule indawo.' "
Ngakho izithunywa zayithatha leyompendulo zayisa enkosini.

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UJosiya Uvuselela Isivumelwano

1 Inkosi yasibiza bonke abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema. 2 Yasuka yaya
ethempelini LIKATHIXO lamadoda akoJuda, abantu baseJerusalema, abaphristi
labaphrofethi, abantu bonke kusukela kubantukazana kusiya kuzo kanye izikhulu.
Yabafundela bonke besizwa wonke amazwi oGwalo lweSivumelwano, olwatholakala
ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 3 Inkosi yema ngasensikeni, yavuselela isivumelwano
phambi KUKATHIXO sokumlandela lokugcina imilayo yakhe lemithetho yakhe lezimiso
zakhe ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomoya wayo wonke, ngalokho iqinisa amazwi
esivumelwano ayebhaliwe kulolugwalo. Ngakho bonke abantu bazinikela kuso
isivumelwano.
4 Inkosi yalaya uHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu labaphristi abalandelayo labalindi
beminyango ukuba bakhuphe ethempelini LIKATHIXO zonke izitsha ezazenzelwe
uBhali lo-Ashera, lazozonke izinkanyezi zaphezulu, wazitshisela ngaphandle kwe-
Jerusalema eziqintini zeSigodi saseKhidironi, umlotha wazo wawuthwalela eBhetheli.

5 Wakhupha abaphristi bezithombe ababekhethwe yinkosi yakoJuda ukuba batshise
impepha emizini yakoJuda lakuleyo ephansi kweJerusalema, labo ababetshisa
impepha kuBhali lelanga lenyanga lezinkanyezi zonke zaphezulu. 6 Wakhupha
ethempelini LIKATHIXO insika ka-Ashera, wayisa esigodini seKhidironi ngaphandle
kweJerusalema, wayitshisela khona, wayichola yaba luthuli wasechithachithela
umlotha wayo phezu kwamangcwaba abantukazana. 7 Wadiliza izindlu zabesilisa
ababefeba ethempelini LIKATHIXO lapho abesifazane ababethungela khona u-Ashera
amaveli.
8 UJosiya waletha bonke abaphristi besuka emizini yakoJuda, wangcolisa izin-
dawo zokukhonzela, kusukela eGebha kusiya lapho abaphristi ababetshisela khona
impepha eBherishebha. Wabhidliza izindawo zokukhonzela emasangweni ekun-
geneni kwesango likaJoshuwa umphathi womuzi, ngakwesokhohlo kwesango lomuzi.
9 Loba abaphristi bezindawo zokukhonzela bengaphathisanga e-alithareni LIKATHIXO
eJerusalema, kodwa badla isinkwa esingelamvubelo kanye labanye abaphristi
ababedlelana labo.
10 Wangcolisa iThofethi elisesihotsheni saseBheni-Hinomu ukuze kungabikhona
otshisa indodana yakhe kumbe indodakazi emlilweni kaMoleki. 11 Entubeni
yethempeli LIKATHIXO wasusa amabhiza amakhosi abakoJuda ayewahlukanisele
ilanga, wona ayeseduze lendlu yesikhulu esasithiwa nguNathani-Meleki. UJosiya
wasetshisa izinqola zempi ezazehlukaniselwe ilanga.
12 Wadilizela phansi ama-alithare ayakhiwe ngamakhosi akoJuda ephahleni eduze
lendlu ephezulu ka-Ahazi lama-alithare uManase ayewakhile emagumeni womabili
ethempeli LIKATHIXO. Wawasusa lapho, wawachoboza, aba yizicucu waziphosela
eSigodini seKhidironi. 13 Inkosi yangcolisa izindawo zokukhonzela ezazingem-
pumalanga kweJerusalema, ngaseningizimu kwentaba yokuXhwala, uSolomoni
inkosi yako-Israyeli eyayizakhele u-Ashithorethi unkulunkulukazi oyisinengiso wa-
maSidoni, loKhemoshi uNkulunkulu oyisinengiso wamaMowabi, kanye loMoleki
oyisinengiso wama-Amoni. 14 UJosiya wabhidliza amatshe okukhonza, waquma
izinsika zika-Ashera, wafaka amathambo abantu abanengi endaweni yazo.
15 Le-alithari elaliseBhetheli indawo yokukhonzela eyayenziwe nguJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebhathi owenza ukuba u-Israyeli one, lalelo-alithare lendawo
yokukhonzela, wakubhidliza. Watshisa indawo yokukhonzela wayichola yaba yimpu-
phu njalo watshisa insika ka-Ashera. 16 UJosiya wathalaza ngapha langapha, kwathi
ebona amangcwaba amanengi ayelapho ewatheni loqaqa wathi kawasuswe, atshiswe
e-alithareni ukulingcolisa mayelana lelizwi LIKATHIXO elamenyezelwa ngumuntu
KATHIXO owaziphrofethayo lezizinto.
17 Inkosi yabuza yathi, “Ilitshe lesikhumbuzo sengcwaba leliyana engilibonayo
ngelani?”
Abantu bomuzi bathi, “Liphawule ingcwaba lenceku kaNkulunkulu eyavela koJuda,
yaqalekisa i-alithari laseBhetheli ngalezizinto ozenze kulo.”
18 Yena wasesithi, “Liyekeleni lingavumeli muntu awathinte amathambo akhe.”
Ngakho bawayekela amathambo akhe kanye lalawo awomphrofethi owavela
eSamariya.
19 UJosiya wasusa amathempeli ezindawo zokukhonzela ezisemizini yaseSamariya
ayekade akhiwe ngamakhosi ako-Israyeli, ethukuthelisa UTHIXO, wenza kiwo lokho
ayekwenze eBhetheli. 20 UJosiya wabulalela abaphristi bezindawo zokukhonzela
phezu kwama-alithare, watshisela amathambo abantu phezu kwawo. Wasebuyela
eJerusalema.
21 Inkosi uJosiya yalaya bonke abantu yathi, “Ligcine iPhasika LIKATHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wenu, njengoba kulotshiwe eGwalweni LweSivumelwano.” 22 Lalingagcinwa

iPhasika elinjalo kusukela ensukwini zabehluleli abaphatha u-Israyeli, lakuzo zonke insuku zamakhosi ako-Israyeli lezamakhosi akoJuda. 23 Kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya, lagcinwa iPhasika LIKATHIXO eJerusalema.
24 Wakwenza njalo uJosiya ukususa izangoma, labahlahluli, labonkulunkulu basezindlini, lezithombe kanye lazozonke izinto zamanyala ezazikhona koJuda lase-Jerusalema. Lokhu kwakuyikugcwalisa izimiso zomlayo owawulotshwe encwadini umphristi uHilikhiya ayithola ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 25 Ngaphambi kwakhe noma ngemva kwakhe uJosiya kakubanga khona inkosi eyafanana laye eyaphendukela KUTHIXO njengalokhu akwenzayo ngenhliziyo yakhe langomphefumulo wakhe wonke njalo langamandla akhe wonke mayelana lawo wonke uMthetho kaMosi.
26 Kanti UTHIXO kadedanga ekuvutheni kolaka lwakhe olwavutha kakhulu koJuda ngenxa yazo zonke izinto uManase amthukuthelisa ngazo. 27 *Ngakho UTHIXO wathi, “Ngizamsusa phambi kwami uJuda njengoba ngasusa u-Israyeli, ngiwulahle lumuzi waseJerusalema engawukhethayo, lethempeli leli engathi ngalo, ‘Ibizo lami lizakuba kulo.’ ”
28 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaJosiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na?
29 Ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaJosiya, uFaro Nekho inkosi yaseGibhithe waya eMfuleni uYufrathe ukuyancedisa inkosi yase-Asiriya. Inkosi uJosiya wamhlangabeza empini kodwa uNekho waqondana laye wambulala eMegido. 30 Izisebenzi zikaJosiya zaletha isidumbu sakhe ngenqola yokulwa zisuka eMegido zisiya eJerusalema njalo zamngcwabela ethuneni lakhe. Ngakho abantu elizweni bathatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya bamgcoba ubukhosi bukayise.

UJehowahazi Inkosi YakoJuda

31 UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu ubudala bakhe esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema inyanga ezintathu. Ibizo likanina kwakunguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya njalo wayevela eLibhina. 32 Wenza ububi emehlweni KATHIXO njengabokhokho bakhe. 33 Inkosi uFaro Nekho wambopha ngamaketani eRibhila elizweni lamaHamathi ukuze angabusi eJerusalema, wamthelisa kakhulu uJuda amathalenta alikhulu esiliva, lethalenta legolide. 34 UFaro Nekho wabeka u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaJosiya esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhundleni sikayise uJosiya waseguqula ibizo lakhe wathi nguJehoyakhimi. Kodwa wathatha uJehowahazi waya laye eGibhithe, wafela khonale. 35 UJehoyakhimi wathela ngenani lesiliva legolide elalifunwa nguFaro Nekho. Ukuze akwenelise lokho wayethelisa abantu elizweni ngesiliva legolide ngesilinganiso ayebona sibalingene.

UJehoyakhimi Inkosi YakoJuda

36 UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala bakhe ethatha ubukhosi, yena wabusa eJerusalema iminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguZebhuda indodakazi kaPhedaya owayevela eRuma. 37 Wenza ububi phambi KUKATHIXO, njengabokhokho bakhe.

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1 Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yahlasela ilizwe, uJehoyakhimi wathela kuye okweminyaka emithathu. Kodwa waphinda waguquka wamvukela uNebhukhadineza. 2 UTHIXO wathuma abahlaseli bamaKhaladiya lama-Asiriya lamaBhabhiloni lama-Aramu lamaMowabi, lama-Amoni, amhlasela. Wabathuma ukuchitha uJuda njengelizwi LIKATHIXO alikhuluma ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi. 3 Ngempela konke lokho kwenzeka koJuda mayelana

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lomlayo kaThixo ukuze basuswe phambi kwakhe ngenxa yazo zonke izono zika-Manase azenzayo, 4 langenxa yegazi elachithekayo lingelacala. Ngoba wayegcwalise iJerusalema ngegazi elingelacala njalo uThixo wayengazimiselanga ukuthethelela.

5 Ezinye izehlakalo zembali kaJehoyakhimi azilotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? 6 Wafa uJehoyakhimi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi.

7 Inkosi yaseGibhithe ayizange ihlasele futhi iphuma elizweni layo, ngenxa yokuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisithethe ingxenye yelizwe layo enkulu kakhulu, kusukela eSihotsheni seGibhithe kuze kuyefika eMfuleni uYufrathe.

UJehoyakhini Inkosi YakoJuda

8 UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okwezinyanga ezintathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguNehushita indodakazi ka-Elinathani; evela eJerusalema. 9 Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise.

10 Ngalesosikhathi amabutho kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni afika eJerusalema, awuvimbezela umuzi, 11 uNebhukhadineza yena ngokwakhe wazafika amabutho akhe esewuvimbezele umuzi. 12 UJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda wazinikela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, yena lonina lezinceku zakhe kanye labathenwa bakhe.

Ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwenkosi yaseBhabhiloni uNebhukhadineza wathumba uJehoyakhini. 13 Njengelizwi likaThixo, uNebhukhadineza wabutha yonke inotho yasethempelini likaThixo lenotho yesigodlo senkosi, wabutha zonke izitsha zegolide ezazisethempelini likaThixo, ezazenziwe nguSolomoni inkosi yako-Israyeli, njengokutsho kukaThixo. 14 Wathumba abaseJerusalema bonke: izikhulu zonke, lawo wonke amadoda empi lazozonke izingcitshi ezileminwe, abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Kwasala abantukazana kuphela elizweni.

15 UNebhukhadineza wamthatha uJehoyakhini wayamgqilaza eBhabhiloni. Wathumba njalo eJerusalema unina wenkosi labafazi bayo lezikhulu zayo lamadoda aziwayo elizweni. 16 Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yathumbela eBhabhiloni wonke amadoda angamaqhawe, azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, aqinileyo ayengaphuma impi, kanye lezingcitshi ezileminwe eziyinkulungwane. 17 Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabeka uMathaniya isinini sikaJehoyakhini waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaJehoyakhini, yasimupha ibizo elitsha lokuthi nguZedekhiya.

UZedekhiya Inkosi YakoJuda

18 UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya, waseLibhina. 19 Wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguJehoyakhimi. 20 Kwakungenxa yokuthukuthela kukaThixo ukuze kwenzakale konke lokhu eJerusalema lakoJuda, njalo ekucineni kwabangela ukuthi uThixo abachithe.

Ukuwa KweJerusalema

Ngalokho uZedekhiya wayihlamukela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.

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1 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kukaZedekhiya, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waya eJerusalema lebutho lakhe lonke, wayivimbezela; wayakhela imiduli yokuvimbezela inxa zonke. 2 Idolobho lavinjezelwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya inkosi.

3 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine indlala yayisinzima edolobheni, abantu bengaselakudla. 4 Umduli wedolobho wafohlwa, ibutho lonke labaleka. Basuka edolobheni bephuma ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili, phansi kwesivande senkosi, lanxa nje amaBhabhiloni ayeligombolozele idolobho. Babaleka beqonde e-Arabha. 5 Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi layamfica emagcekeni aseJerikho. Wonke amabutho akhe ehlukana laye njalo ahlakazeka, 6 yena wathunjwa.

Wasiwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila, lapho afika wagwetshelwa khona. 7 Babulala amadodana kaZedekhiya ekhangele. Basebemkhupha amehlo, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi bamusa eBhabhiloni.

8 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificamunwemunye kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayesebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wafika eJerusalema. 9 Wathungela ithempeli LIKATHIXO ngomlilo, lesigodlo senkosi lezindlu zonke zaseJerusalema. Zonke izindlu eziqakathekileyo wazitshisa. 10 Wonke amabutho aseBhabhiloni, ekhokhelwa ngumlawuli wamabutho okulinda umndlunkulu, adiliza imiduli ehonqolozele iJerusalema. 11 UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi wathatha bonke abantu ababesele edolobheni wabasa ekuthunjweni, ndawonye labo bonke abantu lalabo abasebeye enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. 12 Kodwa umlawuli wamabutho watshiya inengi labantu ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni ukuba basebenze ezivinini lasemasimini.

13 AbeBhabhiloni baphahlaza izinsika zethusi lezinti zezibane loLwandle lwethusi, okwakusethempelini LIKATHIXO. Bathwalela ithusi lelo eBhabhiloni. 14 Bathatha njalo imbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lezinditshi lazozonke izitsha zethusi ezazisetshenziswa enkonzweni yasethempelini. 15 Umlawuli wabalindi besigodlo wathatha indengezi lemiganu yokuchela, konke okwakwenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo loba isiliva.

16 Ithusi elalivela ensikeni ezimbili, loLwandle kanye lelezidindi ezisusekayo, konke okwakwenzelwe ithempeli LIKATHIXO nguSolomoni, kwakulesisindo esasingelinganiswe. 17 Ubude bensika ngayinye babuzingalo ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili. Isiduku sethusi phezu kwenye insika sasizingalo ezintathu ubude baso njalo siceciswe ngomeluko lamaphomegranathi ethusi nxazonke. Eyinye insika kanye lomeluko wayo layo yayinjalo.

18 Umlawuli wabalindi wathumba uSeraya induna yabaphristi, loZefaniya umsekeli wakhe kanye labalindi bomnyango abathathu. 19 Kulabo ababelokhu besedolobheni, wathatha isikhulu esasiphethe amadoda okulwa labacebisi besikhosini abahlanu. Wathatha lonobhala owayeyinduna eyayiphethe ukubuthwa kwabantu bengeniswa emabuthweni kanye lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha ayelawo atholakala phakathi komuzi. 20 UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabathatha bonke wabasa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila. 21 Khonale eRibhila, elizweni laseHamathi, inkosi yathi kabaqunywe.

Ngakho abakoJuda baya ekuthunjweni kude lelizwe labo.

22 UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wakhetha uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhami, oyindodana kaShafani, ukuba aphathe abantu ababesele koJuda. 23 Kwathi zonke izikhulu zabalawuli bamabutho lamabutho sebezwile ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisibeke uGedaliya ukuba nguSibalukhulu, beza kuGedaliya eMizipha izikhulu kungu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, uJohanani indodana kaKhareya, uSeraya indodana kaThanihumethi umNethofa, uJazaniya indodana kaMahakhathi, labantu babo. 24 UGedaliya wafunga isifungo ebathembisa labantu babo wathi:

“Lingesabi izikhulu zaseBhabhiloni. Hlalani elizweni lisebenzele inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, konke kuzalilungela.”

25 Kodwa ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, indodana ka-Elishama, owayezalwa esikhosini, weza lamadoda alitshumi bafika babulala uGedaliya lamadoda akoJuda kanye laweBhabhiloni ayekade elaye eMizipha. 26 Ngenxa yalokhu, abantu bonke kusukela kubantukazana kusiya kwabaphakemeyo, kanye lezikhulu zamabutho, babalekela eGibhithe ngokwesaba abeBhabhiloni.

Ukukhululwa KukaJehoyakhini

27 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka u-Evili-Merodakhi aba yinkosi eBhabhiloni, wakhulula uJehoyakhini entolongweni ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga yetshumi lambili. 28 Wakhuluma laye ngomusa, wamnika isihlalo esihloniphekayo esasingaphezu kwezamanye amakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. 29 Ngakho uJehoyakhini wakhupha izigqoko zakhe zasentolongweni, wadla lenkosi izikhathi zonke okwempilo yakhe yonke. 30 Nsuku zonke inkosi yayinika uJehoyakhini isabelo esimisiweyo malanga wonke, empilweni yakhe yonke.

Ugwalo Lwakuqala
LwemiLando

Kulondwa Imbali Kusukela Ku-Adamu Kusiya Ku-Abhrahama

Emadodaneni KaNowa
1 U-Adamu, uSethi, u-Enoshi,
2 uKhenani, uMahalaleli, uJaredi,
3 u-Enoki, uMethuzela, uLameki,
uNowa.

4 Amadodana kaNowa ayeyila: uShemu, uHamu loJafethi.

AbakaJafethi
5 Amadodana kaJafethi ayeyila:
uGomeri, uMagogi, uMadayi, uJavani, uThubhali, uMesheki loThirasi.
6 Amadodana kaGomeri ayeyila:
u-Ashikhenazi, uRifathi kanye loThogarima.
7 Amadodana kaJavani ayeyila:
u-Elisha, uThashishi, uKhithimi loRodanimu.

AbakaHamu:
8 Amadodana kaHamu ayeyila:
uKhushi, uMizirayimi, uPhuthi loKhenani.
9 Amadodana kaKhushi ayeyila:
uSebha, uHavila, uSabhitha, uRahama loSabhitheka.
Amadodana kaRahama ayeyila:
uShebha loDedani.
10 UKhushi wayenguyise
kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawe elilamandla emhlabeni.
11 UMizirayimi wayenguyise
wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi, amaNafithuhi, 12 amaPhathrosi, lamaKhasiluhi (okwadabuka khona amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori.
13 UKhenani wayenguyise
kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, amaHithi, 14 amaJebusi, ama-Amori, amaGigashi, 15 amaHivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini, 16 ama-Avadi, amaZemari kanye lama-Hamathi.

AbakaSemi
17 Amadodana kaShemu ayeyila:
u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Afazadi, uLudi lo-Aramu.
Amadodana ka-Aramu ayeyila:
u-Uzi, uHuli, uGetha loMesheki.
18 U-Afazadi wayenguyise kaShela,
uShela wazala u-Ebha.
19 Amadodana amabili ayezalwa ngu-Ebha ayeyila:
Omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba ngezinsuku zakhe umhlaba wawudabuke phakathi; umfowabo kwakuthiwa nguJokithani.
20 UJokithani wayenguyise

ka-Alimodadi, uShelefi, uHazarimavethi, uJera, 21 uHadoramu, u-Uzali, uDikila,
22 u-Obhali, u-Abhimayeli, uShebha, 23 u-Ofiri, uHavila kanye loJobhabhi.
Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJokithani.

24 UShemu, u-Afazadi uShela,
25 u-Ebha, uPhelegi, uRewu
26 uSerugi, uNahori, uThera
27 lo-Abhrama (u-Abhrahama).

Imuli Ka-Abhrahama

28 Amadodana ka-Abhrahama ayeyila: u-Isaka lo-Ishumayeli.

Abenzalo KaHagari

29 Laba babeyinzalo yabo:
uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli, uKhedari, u-Adibheli, uMibhisamu,
30 uMishima, uDuma, uMasa, uHadadi, uThema, 31 uJethuri, uNafishi kanye
loKhedema.
La yiwo ayengamadodana ka-Ishumayeli.

Abenzalo KaKhethura

32 Amadodana azalwa nguKhethura, umfazi ka-Abhrahama oweceleni, ayeyila:
uZimirani, uJokishani, uMedani, uMidiyani, u-Ishibhaki loShuwa.
Amadodana kaJokishani ayeyila:
uShebha loDedani.
33 Amadodana kaMidiyani ayeyila:
u-Efa, u-Eferi, uHanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida.
Bonke laba babeyizizukulwane zikaKhethura.

Abenzalo KaSara

34 U-Abhrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka.
Amadodana ka-Isaka ayeyila:
u-Esawu lo-Israyeli.

Amadodana Ka-Esawu

35 Amadodana ka-Esawu ayeyila:
u-Elifazi, uRuweli, uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora.
36 Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayeyila:
uThemani, u-Omari, uZefi, uGathamu loKhenazi;
ekaThimina kungu-Amaleki.
37 Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila:
uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza.

Abantu BeSeyiri E-Edomi

38 Amadodana kaSeyiri ayeyila:
uLothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni, u-Ana, uDishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani.
39 Amadodana kaLothani ayeyila:
uHori loHomami. UThimina wayengudadewabo kaLothani.
40 Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila:
u-Alivani, uManahathi, u-Ebhali, uShefo lo-Onami.
Amadodana kaZibhiyoni ayeyila:
u-Ayiya lo-Ana.
41 Indodana ka-Ana yayingu:
uDishoni.
Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila:
uHemirani, u-Eshibhani, u-Ithirani loKherani.

42 Amadodana ka-Ezeri ayeyila:
uBhilihani, uZavani lo-Akhani.
Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila:
u-Uzi lo-Arani.

Ababusi Be-Edomi

43 La ayengamakhosi abusa e-Edomi kungakabusi inkosi yako-Israyeli:
uBhela indodana kaBheyori, idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yiDinihabha.
44 UBhela esefile, uJobhabhi indodana kaZera waseBhozira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
45 UJobhabhi esefile, uHushamu waselizweni lamaThemani wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
46 UHushamu esefile, uHadadi indodana kaBhedadi owanqoba uMidiyani elizweni laseMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yi-Avithi.
47 UHadadi esefile, uSamila waseMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
48 USamila esefile, uShawuli waseRehobhothi phezu komfula wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
49 UShawuli esefile, uBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
50 UBhali-Hanani esefile, uHadadi wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yiPawu, njalo ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli indodakazi kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi. 51 UHadadi laye wafa.

Izinduna zase-Edomi kwakuyilezi:
uThimina, u-Aliva, uJethethi, 52 u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, uPhinoni, 53 uKhenazi, uThemani, uMibhizari, 54 uMagidiyeli lo-Iramu.
Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi.

2

Amadodana Ka-Israyeli

1 Amadodana ka-Israyeli ayeyila: uRubheni, uSimiyoni, uLevi, uJuda, u-Isakhari, uZebhuluni, 2 uDani, uJosefa, uBhenjamini, uNafithali, uGadi lo-Asheri.

AbakaJuda

Emadodaneni KaHezironi

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

5 Amadodana kaPherezi yila:
nguHezironi loHamuli.
6 Amadodana kaZera yila:
nguZimri, lo-Ethani, loHemani, loKhalikholi kanye loDarida. Bonke babebahlanu.
7 Indodana kaKhami yile:
ngu-Akhari, owaletha inhlupheko ko-Israyeli ngesiphambeko asenza ngalokho okungcwelisiweyo.

8 Indodana ka-Ethani yile:
ngu-Azariya.
9 Amadodana azalwa nguHezironi yila:
nguJerameli, loRamu kanye loKhalebi.

Kusukela KuRama Indodana KaHezironi

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

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

UKhalebi Indodana KaHezironi

18 UKhalebi indodana kaHezironi wayelabantwana abazala kumkakhe u-Azubha (lakuJeriyothi). Amadodana ka-Azubha ayeyila:
nguJesheri, loShobhabi, kanye lo-Adoni.
19 Ekufeni kuka-Azubha, uKhalebi wathatha u-Efrathi, owamzalela uHuri.
20 UHuri wayenguyise ka-Uri, njalo u-Uri enguyise kaBhezaleli.

21 Muva, uHezironi wembatha lendodakazi kaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi (ayemthethe eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ubudala bakhe), yena wamzalela uSegubi.
22 USegubi wayenguyise kaJayiri, owayephethe imizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu eGiliyadi.
23 (Kodwa uGeshuri lo-Aramu bathumba iHavothi-Jayiri, kanye leKhenathi lezindawana eziyimizana eseduzane, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha.)
Bonke laba babeyisizukulwane sikaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi.
24 Ngemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKhalebi-Efratha, u-Abhija umkaHezironi wamzalela u-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa.

UJerameli Indodana KaHezironi

25 Amadodana kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi yila:
nguRamu izibulo lakhe, loBhuna, lo-Oreni, lo-Ozemu kanye lo-Ahija. 26 UJerameli wayelomunye umfazi owayethiwa ngu-Athara unina ka-Onami.
27 Amadodana kaRamu izibulo likaJerameli yila:
nguMazi, loJamini kanye lo-Ekheri.
28 Amadodana ka-Onami yila:
nguShamayi loJada.
Amadodana kaShamayi yila:

nguNadabi lo-Abhishuri. 29 Umka-Abhishuri kwakungu-Abhihayili, owamzalela
u-Ahibhani loMolidi.
30 Amadodana kaNadabi yila:
nguSeledi lo-Aphayimi. USeledi wafa engelabantwana.
31 Indodana ka-Aphayimi yile:
ngu-Ishi, uyise kaSheshani. USheshani wayenguyise ka-Ahilayi.
32 Amadodana kaJada, umfowabo kaShamayi yila:
nguJetha loJonathani. UJetha wafa engelabantwana.
33 Amadodana kaJonathani yila:
nguPhelethi loZaza.
Laba babeyinzalo kaJerameli.

34 USheshani wayengelawo amadodana, wayelamadodakazi wodwa.
Wayelesisebenzi saseGibhithe esasithiwa nguJariha. 35 USheshani wendisela
isisebenzi sakhe lesi esinguJariha, indodakazi yakhe eyamzalela u-Athayi.
36 U-Athayi wayenguyise kaNathani,
uNathani enguyise kaZabhadi,
37 uZabhadi enguyise ka-Efilali,
u-Efilali enguyise ka-Obhedi,
38 u-Obhedi enguyise kaJehu,
uJehu enguyise ka-Azariya,
39 u-Azariya enguyise kaHelezi,
uHelezi enguyise ka-Eleyasa,
40 u-Eleyasa enguyise kaSisimayi,
uSisimayi enguyise kaShalumi,
41 uShalumi enguyise kaJekhamiya,
uJekhamiya enguyise ka-Elishama.

Abosendo LukaKhalebi

42 Amadodana kaKhalebi umfowabo kaJerameli yila:
uMesha izibulo lakhe, onguyise kaZifi,
lendodana yakhe uMaresha, uyise kaHebhroni.
43 Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
nguKhora, loThaphuwa, loRekhemu loShema.
44 UShema wayenguyise kaRahama,
uRahama yena enguyise kaJokheyama.
URekhemu wayenguyise kaShamayi.
45 Indodana kaShamayi kunguMawoni,
uMawoni wayenguyise kaBhethi Zuri.
46 Umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi u-Efa wayengunina
kaHarani, loMoza kanye loGazezi.
UHarani wayenguyise kaGazezi.
47 Amadodana kaJahidayi yila:
nguRegemi, loJothamu, loGeshani, loPhelethi, lo-Efa kanye loShafi.
48 UMahakha umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi wayengunina
kaShebheri loThirihana.
49 Nguye njalo owazala uShafi uyise kaMadimana kanye
loSheva uyise kaMakhibhena loGibhiya.
Indodakazi kaKhalebi kwakungu-Akhisa.
50 Yibo laba abenzalo kaKhalebi.

Amadodana kaHuri izibulo lika-Efrathi yila:
nguShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, 51 loSalima uyise kaBhethilehema,
loHarefi uyise kaBhethi-Gaderi.
52 Inzalo kaShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi yile:
nguHaro, ingxenye yamaManahathi, 53 labosendo lukaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi
kungama-Ithira lamaPhuthi lamaShumathi lamaMishirayi. Kulapho okwakud-
abuka khona amaZorathi lama-Eshithawoli.
54 Abenzalo kaSalima yilaba:
nguBhethilehema, umNethofa, u-Athirothi-Bhethi-Jowabi, ingxenye yamaMana-
hathi, amaZori, 55 losendo lwabalobi ababehlala eJabhezi: AmaThirathi
lamaShimeya lamaSukhathi. Laba babengamaKheni beyinzalo kaHamathi
ukhokho wamaRekhabi.

3

Amadodana KaDavida

1 Nanka amadodana kaDavida awazala eHebhroni:

Izibulo lakhe lalingu-Amnoni indodana ka-Ahinowama owaseJezerili;
owesibili, uDanyeli indodana ka-Abhigeli waseKhameli;
2 owesithathu, ngu-Abhisalomu indodana kaMahakha indodakazi kaThalimayi
inkosi yaseGeshuri;
owesine, u-Adonija indodana kaHagithi;
3 owesihlanu, uShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali;
owesithupha, u-Ithireyamu amzuza ku-Egila, umkakhe.

4 Abayisithupha laba uDavida wabazalela eHebhroni, lapho abusa khona
okweminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha.

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

uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani loSolomoni. Amadodana amane la wawazala
loBhathishebha indodakazi ka-Amiyeli.
6 Njalo kwaba lo-Ibhari, u-Elishama, u-Elifelethi, 7 uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiya, 8 u-
Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi, beyisificamunwemunye bonke.

9 Bonke laba babengamadodana kaDavida, ngaphandle kwamadodana
akhe awazala labafazi bakhe beceleni. Udadewabo wamadodana la
wayenguThamari.

Amakhosi AkoJuda

10 Indodana kaSolomoni kwakunguRehobhowami,
indodana yakhe kungu-Abhija,
indodana yakhe kungu-Asa,
indodana yakhe kunguJehoshafathi,
11 indodana yakhe kunguJehoramu,
indodana yakhe kungu-Ahaziya,
indodana yakhe kunguJowashi,
12 indodana yakhe kungu-Amaziya,
indodana yakhe kungu-Azariya,
indodana yakhe kunguJothamu,

13 indodana yakhe kungu-Ahazi,
indodana yakhe kunguHezekhiya,
indodana yakhe kunguManase,
14 indodana yakhe kungu-Amoni,
indodana yakhe kunguJosiya.
15 Amadodana kaJosiya yila:
nguJohanani izibulo,
uJehoyakhimi indodana yesibili,
uZedekhiya eyesithathu,
uShalumi eyesine.
16 Abasala behlala esikhundleni sikaJehoyakhimi yilaba:
nguJekhoniya indodana yakhe
loZedekhiya.

Usendo Lwesikhosini Emva Kokuthunjwa

17 Abosendo lukaJekhoniya owayethunjiwe yilaba:
uSheyalithiyeli indodana yakhe, 18 uMalikhiramu, loPhedaya, loShenazari, lo-Jekhamiya, loHoshama, kanye loNedabhiya.
19 Amadodana kaPhedaya yila:
nguZerubhabheli loShimeyi.
Amadodana kaZerubhabheli yila:
nguMeshulami loHananiya. UShelomithi engudadewabo. 20 Babekhona njalo abanye abahlanu: uHashubha, u-Oheli, uBherekhiya, uHasadiya, loJushabi-Hesedi.
21 Abosendo lukaHananiya yilaba:
nguPhelathiya loJeshaya, kanye lamadodana kaRefaya, ka-Anani, ka-Obhadaya kanye lokaShekhaniya.
22 Abosendo lukaShekhaniya yilaba:
nguShemaya lamadodana akhe: uHathushi, lo-Igali, loBhariya, loNeyariya kanye loShafathi, beyisithupha.
23 Amadodana kaNeyariya yila:
ngu-Eliyonayi, loHezekhiya, lo-Azirikhamu, bebathathu.
24 Amadodana ka-Eliyonayi yila:
nguHodaviya, lo-Eliyashibi, loPhelaya, lo-Akhubi, loJohanani, loDelaya kanye lo-Anani, beyisikhombisa.

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Abanye Abosendo LukaJuda

1 Abosendo lukaJuda kuyilaba:
NguPherezi, loHezironi, loKhami, loHuri loShobhali.
2 UReyaya indodana kaShobhali wayenguyise kaJahathi, uJahathi onguyise ka-Ahumayi kanye loLahadi. Laba babengabosendo lwamaZorathi.
3 La ayengamadodana ka-Ethamu:
uJezerili, lo-Ishima kanye lo-Idibhashi. Udadewabo kwakuthiwa nguHazeleli-phoni. 4 UPhenuweli wayenguyise kaGedori, lo-Ezeri uyise kaHusha.
Laba kungabosendo lukaHuri, izibulo lika-Efrathi uyise kaBhethilehema.
5 U-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi ababili, uHela loNara.
6 UNahara wamzalela u-Ahuzami, loHeferi, loThemeni kanye loHahashithari. Laba kwakungabosendo lukaNara.
7 Amadodana kaHela yila:

nguZerethi, loZohari, lo-Ethinani, 8 loKhozi owayenguyise ka-Anubi loHazobhebha kanye labosendo luka-Ahareheli indodana kaHarumi.

9 UJabhezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo. Unina wayemuphe lelibizo lokuthi Jabhezi, ngoba esithi “Ngamzala kabuhlungu.” 10 UJabhezi wakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi: “Sengathi ungangibusisa uqhelise ilizwe lami! Isandla sakho kasibe lami, ungivikele ebubini, ngingehlelwa yibuhlungu.” UNkulunkulu wamnika lokho ayekucela.

11 UKhelubi, umfowabo kaShuha, wayenguyise kaMehiri, owayenguyise ka-Eshithoni. 12 U-Eshithoni wayenguyise kaBhethi-Rafa, loPhaseya kanye loThehina uyise ka-Iri Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaRekha.

13 Amadodana kaKhenazi yila:
ngu-Othiniyeli loSeraya.
Amadodana ka-Othiniyeli yila:
nguHathathi loMeyonothayi. 14 UMeyonathayi wayenguyise ka-Ofira.
USeraya wayenguyise kaJowabi,
owayengukhokho wesizwe samaGe-Harashimi. Babizwa ngalelibizo ngoba babezingcitshi.
15 Amadodana kaKhalebi indodana kaJefune yila:
ngu-Iru, lo-Ela kanye loNamu.
Indodana ka-Ela yile:
nguKhenazi.
16 Amadodana kaJehaleleli yila:
nguZifi, loZifa, loThiriya kanye lo-Asareli.
17 Amadodana ka-Ezra yila:
nguJetha, loMeredi, lo-Eferi kanye loJaloni.
Omunye wabafazi bakaMeredi wazala uMiriyemu, loShamayi kanye lo-Ishibha uyise ka-Eshithemowa. 18 Laba kwakungabantwana bakaBhithiya indodakazi kaFaro, eyayendele kuMeredi.
Umkakhe ongumJudakazi wamzalela uJeredi uyise kaGedori, uHebheri uyise kaSokho, loJekuthiweli uyise kaZanowa.
19 Amadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNahama,
uyise kaKheyila owaseGami, lo-Eshithemowa waseMahakhathi.
20 Amadodana kaShimoni yila:
ngu-Amnoni, loRina, loBheni-Hanani kanye loThiloni.
Abosendo luka-Ishi yilaba:
nguZohethi loBheni-Zohethi.
21 Amadodana kaShela indodana kaJuda yila:
ngu-Eri uyise kaLekha, loLada uyise kaMaresha labantwana babeluki bamalembu amahle eBhethi-Ashibheya.
22 UJokhimu, lamadoda aseKhozeba, uJowashi loSarafi, owabusa amaMowabi loJashubi Lehemu. (Lokhu kutholakala emibhalweni yasendulo). 23 Laba kwakungababumbi ababehlala eNethayimi leGedera; behlala khona beseben-zela inkosi.

USimiyoni

24 Abosendo lukaSimiyoni yilaba:
nguNemuweli, loJamini, loJaribhi, loZera kanye loShawuli;

25 uShalumi wayeyindodana kaShawuli, uMibhisamu indodana yakhe loMishima
indodana yakhe.
26 Abosendo lukaMishima yilaba:
nguHamuweli indodana yakhe, loZakhuri indodana yakhe loShimeyi indodana
yakhe.

27 UShimeyi wayelamadodana alitshumi lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha,
kodwa abafowabo babengelabantwana abanengi, ngakho usendo lwabo lonke
aluzanga lwande njengabantu bakaJuda. 28 Babehlala eBherishebha, eMolada,
eHazari-Shuwali, 29 eBhiliha, e-Ezema, eTholadi, 30 eBhethuweli, eHoma, eZikhilagi,
31 eBhethi-Makhabhothi, eHazari Susimi, eBhethi-Bhiri laseShaharayimu. Yiyo
eyayiyimizi yabo kwaze kwabusa uDavida. 32 Imizana eyayilapho kwakuyi-Ethamu,
i-Ayini, iRimoni, iThokheni le-Ashani, imizi emihlanu 33 layo yonke imizana eyayise-
duzane lalimizi kuze kuyefika eBhalathi. Lezi yizo izindawo abahlaliswa khona.

Bagcina imibhalo yosendo lwabo.

34 UMeshobabi loJamuleki,
loJosha indodana ka-Amaziya 35 loJoweli,
loJehu indodana kaJoshibhiya, indodana kaSeraya, indodana ka-Asiyeli
36 kanye lo-Eliyonayi, loJakhobha, loJeshohaya,
lo-Asaya, lo-Adiyeli, loJesimiyeli, loBhenaya,
37 kanye loZiza indodana kaShifi, indodana ka-Aloni, indodana kaJedaya, indodana
kaShimiri, indodana kaShemaya.

38 Amadoda aqanjiweyo ngamabizo ngaphezulu ayengabakhokheli bosendo
lwakwabo.

Izimuli zabo zanda kakhulu, 39 zaqhela zayakwakha langaphandle kweGedori
okuya ngempumalanga yesihotsha bedinga amadlelo emihlambi yabo. 40 Bathola
umhlaba ovundileyo olamadlelo amahle, obanzi ophilileyo njalo uthule. Kwakuke
kwahlala amanye amaHamu khonapho.
41 Amadoda alamabizo abhaliweyo afika ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yako-
Juda. Bahlasela amaHamu emizini yawo kanye lamaMewuni ayelapho bawabhuqa
du, njengoba kubonakala lalamuhla. Basebezihlalela besakha khonapho, ngoba
kwakulamadlelo emihlambi yabo. 42 Abangamakhulu amahlanu alaba abakaSimiy-
oni, bekhokhelwa nguPhelathiya, uNeyariya loRefaya lo-Uziyeli amadodana ka-Ishi,
bahlasela ilizwe lamaqaqa laseSeyiri. 43 Babulala ama-Amaleki ayephunyukile asala,
njalo sebehlale kulindawo kuze kube lamuhla.

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URubheni

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

nguHanokhi, loPhalu, loHezironi kanye loKhami.
4 Abenzalo kaJoweli yilaba:
nguShemaya indodana yakhe, loGogi indodana yakhe,
loShimeyi indodana yakhe, 5 loMikha indodana yakhe,
loReyaya indodana yakhe, loBhali indodana yakhe,
6 kanye loBhera indodana yakhe, lowo uThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya eyamthumba yamusa ezizweni. UBhera wayengumkhokheli wabakoRubheni.
7 Izihlobo zabo ngosendo lwabo, njengokulotshwe emibhalweni yosendo yilezi:
nguJeyiyeli induna, loZakhariya, kanye 8 loBhela indodana ka-Azazi, indodana kaShema, indodana kaJoweli.

Bakha bahlala emangweni osuka e-Aroweri kusiya eNebho laseBhali-Meyoni. 9 Empumalanga babehlezi emangweni ofika emaphethelweni enkangala etshaya khonale eMfuleni uYufrathe, ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile eGiliyadi.
10 Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaSawuli balwa impi lamaHagari; bawanqoba base-behlala emizaneni yawo emangweni wonke ongempumalanga yeGiliyadi.

UGadi

11 AbakaGadi babehlala phansi kwabo eBhashani, kuze kuyefika eSalekha:

12 UJoweli wayeyinduna, uShafamu emlandela, besekusiza uJanayi loShafathi, ngaseBhashani.
13 Izihlobo zabo, ngokuzalana kwabo, yilezi:
nguMikhayeli, loMeshulami, loShebha, loJorayi, loJakhani, loZiya kanye lo-Ebha, beyisikhombisa sebendawonye.
14 Laba babengamadodana ka-Abhihayili indodana kaHuri, indodana kaJarowa, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaJeshishayi, indodana kaJahido, indodana kaBhuzi.
15 U-Ahi indodana ka-Abhidiyeli, indodana kaGuni, wayeyinhloko yemuli yakwabo.

16 AbakaGadi babehlala eGiliyadi, eBhashani lemizaneni yakhona, kanye lase-madlelweni aseSharoni kuze kuyefika emaphethelweni awo.
17 Bonke laba balotshwa emibhalweni yosendo ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda loJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli.

18 AbakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase babelamadoda ayeselungele ukubuthwa azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha (44,760) amadoda ayeseqwahele esenelisa ukuphatha ihawu ahlome ngenkemba, atshoke ngemitshoko, ayesevele afundela ukulwa empini. 19 Bahlasela uHagari loJethuri loNafishi loNodabi. 20 Bahlonyulelwa ekulweni kwabo labo, njalo uNkulunkulu wanikela uHagari labanye bakhe ezandleni zabo, ngoba bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu empini. Wayiphendula imikhuleko yabo, ngoba bamethemba. 21 Bathumba izifuyo zakoHagiri ezibalisa amakamela azinku-lungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, izimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezimbili. Bathumba njalo abantu abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu, 22 abanye abanengi babulawa, ngoba le kwakuyimpi kaNkulunkulu. Bona bahlala kulelolizwe kwaze kwaba yisikhathi bethunjwa.

Ingxenye Yesizwana SikaManase

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

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ULevi

1 Amadodana kaLevi yila:
nguGeshoni, loKhohathi, kanye loMerari.
2 Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:
ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli.
3 Abantwana baka-Amramu yilaba:
ngu-Aroni, loMosi kanye loMiriyemu.
Amadodana ka-Aroni yila:
nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu lo-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari.
4 U-Eliyazari wayenguyise kaFinehasi,
uFinehasi enguyise ka-Abhishuwa,
5 u-Abhishuwa enguyise kaBhukhi,
uBhukhi enguyise ka-Uzi,
6 u-Uzi enguyise kaZerahiya,
uZerahiya enguyise kaMerayothi,
7 uMerayothi enguyise ka-Amariya,
u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi,
8 u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi,
uZadokhi enguyise ka-Ahimazi,
9 u-Ahimazi enguyise ka-Azariya,
u-Azariya enguyise kaJohanani,
10 uJohanani enguyise ka-Azariya;
nguye lo owayengumphristi ethempelini elakhiwa nguSolomoni eJerusalema.
11 U-Azariya enguyise ka-Amariya,
u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi,
12 u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi,
uZadokhi enguyise kaShalumi,
13 uShalumi enguyise kaHilikhiya,
uHilikhiya enguyise ka-Azariya,
14 u-Azariya enguyise kaSeraya,
uSeraya enguyise kaJozadaki.
15 UJozadaki wathunjwa lapho uTHIXO athumba abakoJuda labaseJerusalema
ngesandla sikaNebhukhadineza.

16 Amadodana kaLevi yila:
nguGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye loMerari.
17 Nanka amabizo amadodana kaGeshoni:

nguLibhini loShimeyi.
18 Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:
ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli.
19 Amadodana kaMerari yila:
nguMahili loMushi.

Laba babelusendo lwabaLevi behlelwe ngoluhlu lwaboyise:
20 AbakaGeshoni yilaba:
nguLibhini indodana yakhe, loJahathi indodana yakhe,
loZima indodana yakhe, 21 loJowa indodana yakhe,
lo-Ido indodana yakhe, loZera indodana yakhe kanye
loJeyatherayi indodana yakhe.
22 Abosendo lukaKhohathi yilaba:
ngu-Aminadabi indodana yakhe, loKhora indodana yakhe,
lo-Asiri indodana yakhe, 23 lo-Elikhana
lo-Ebhiyasafi indodana yakhe lo-Asiri indodana yakhe,
24 loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-Uriyeli indodana yakhe,
lo-Uziya indodana yakhe kanye loShawuli indodana yakhe.
25 Abosendo luka-Elikhana yilaba:
ngu-Amasayi, lo-Ahimothi,
26 lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe, loZofayi indodana yakhe,
loNahathi indodana yakhe, 27 lo-Eliyabi indodana yakhe,
loJerohamu indodana yakhe, lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe kanye
loSamuyeli indodana yakhe.
28 Amadodana kaSamuyeli ayeyila:
uVashini izibulo
lo-Abhija indodana yesibili.
29 Abosendo lukaMerari yilaba:
nguMahili, loLibhini indodana yakhe,
loShimeyi indodana yakhe, lo-Uza indodana yakhe,
30 loShimeya indodana yakhe, loHagiya indodana yakhe kanye
lo-Asaya indodana yakhe.

Abahlabeleli BaseThempelini

31 Laba yibo abakhethwa nguDavida ukuphatha ukuhlabelela endlini KaThixo ngemva kokubekwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano khona. 32 Bakhonza ngokuhlabelela phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, iThente lokuHlanganela, uSolomoni waze wakha ithempeli LikaThixo eJerusalema. Benza inkonzo yabo ngendlela okwakuqoqwe ngayo.

33 Bona ababekhethelwe lowomsebenzi kanye lamadodana abo yilaba:

Kwabendlu kaKhohathi yilaba:
nguHemani umhlabeleli,
indodana kaJoweli, indodana kaSamuyeli
34 indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJerohamu,
indodana ka-Eliyeli, indodana kaThowa,
35 indodana kaZufi, indodana ka-Elikhana,
indodana kaMahathi, indodana ka-Amasayi,
36 indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJoweli,
indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaZefaniya

37 indodana kaThahathi, indodana ka-Asiri,
indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora,
38 indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi,
indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli.
39 U-Asafi umkhula kaHemani owasebenza laye ngasesandleni sakhe sokudla:
U-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana kaShimeya,
40 indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaBhaseya,
indodana kaMalikhija, 41 indodana ka-Ethini,
indodana kaZera, indodana ka-Adaya,
42 indodana ka-Ethani, indodana kaZima,
indodana kaShimeyi, 43 indodana kaJahathi,
indodana kaGeshoni, indodana kaLevi;
44 kanti njalo kubakhula babo amaMerari kwesenxele isandla sakhe yilaba:
ngu-Ethani indodana kaKhishi, indodana ka-Abhidi,
indodana kaMaluki, 45 indodana kaHashabhiya,
indodana ka-Amaziya, indodana kaHilikhiya,
46 indodana ka-Amizi, indodana kaBhani,
indodana kaShemeri, 47 indodana kaMahili,
indodana kaMushi, indodana kaMerari,
indodana kaLevi.

48 Abafowabo kubaLevi babephiwe yonke eminye imisebenzi ethabanikeleni, endlini kaNkulunkulu. 49 Kodwa u-Aroni labosendo lwakhe yibo ababesethula iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni kanye lase-alithareni lempepha lakho konke okwakusenziwa eNdaweni eNgcwele kakhulu, becelela u-Israyeli umusa, njengalokhu uMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu yayitshilo.

50 Laba ngabosendo luka-Aroni:
ngu-Eliyazari indodana yakhe, loFinehasi indodana yakhe,
lo-Abhishuwa indodana yakhe, 51 loBhukhi indodana yakhe,
lo-Uzi indodana yakhe, loZerahiya indodana yakhe,
52 loMerayothi indodana yakhe, lo-Amariya indodana yakhe,
lo-Ahithubi indodana yakhe, 53 loZadokhi indodana yakhe kanye
lo-Ahimazi indodana yakhe.

54 Imizi ababehlezi kiyo kuselizweni ababeliphiwe (yimizi eyayiphiwe abosendo luka-Aroni beyinzalo kaKhohathi, ngoba isabelo sakuqala sasingesabo) yile:
55 Babephiwe iHebhroni koJuda lamadlelo akhona. 56 Kodwa amasimu lemizana eyayiseduzane ledolobho kwaphiwa uKhalebi indodana kaJefune. 57 Ngakho abosendo luka-Aroni baphiwa iHebhroni (umuzi wokuphephela), leLibhina, leJathiri, le-Eshithemowa, 58 leHileni, leDebhiri, 59 le-Ashani, leJuta leBhethi-Shemeshi, ndawonye lamadlelo akhona.
60 Esizwaneni sikaBhenjamini baphiwa iGibhiyoni, leGebha, le-Alemethi le-Anathothi, kanye lamadlelo akhona.
Imizi eyaphiwa amaKhohathi yayilitshumi lantathu.

61 Abaseleyo bamaKhohathi baphiwa imizi elitshumi beyingxenye yendlu yesizwana sikaManase.

62 Abosendo lukaGeshoni, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi elitshumi lemithathu
ezizwaneni zako-Isakhari, ko-Asheri lakoNafithali, kanye lengxenye yesizwana
sikaManase esiseBhashani.
63 Abosendo lukaMerari, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi elitshumi lambili esizwaneni
sikaRubheni, lesikaGadi lesikaZebhuluni.

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

65 Esizwaneni sakoJuda, lesakoSimiyoni loBhenjamini baphiwa imizi esike yaqan-
jwa.

66 Amanye amaKhohathi aphiwa imizi elizweni lesizwana sika-Efrayimi.
67 Elizweni lamaqaqa lika-Efrayimi baphiwa iShekhemu (umuzi wokuphephela)
leGezeri, 68 leJokhimeyamu, leBhethi-Horoni, 69 le-Ayijaloni leGathi-Rimoni,
kanye lamadlelo akhona.
70 Engxenyeni yesizwana sikaManase abako-Israyeli, banika insalela yamaKho-
hathi, i-Aneri leBhileyamu kanye lamadlelo akhona.

71 AmaGeshoni azuza lezindawo:
Kwabosendo lwengxenye yesizwana sikaManase bazuza iGolani eBhashani kanye
le-Ashitharothi, ndawonye lamadlelo akhona;
72 esizwaneni sika-Isakhari bazuza iKhedeshi, leDabherathi, 73 leRamothi le-Anema
lamadlelo akhona;
74 esizwaneni sika-Asheri bazuza iMashali, le-Abhidoni, 75 leHukhokhi leRehobhi,
kanye lamadlelo akhona;
76 esizwaneni sikaNafithali bazuza iKhedeshi eGalile, leHamoni, leKhiriyathayimi
kanye lamadlelo akhona.

77 AmaMerari (insalela yabaLevi) aphiwa kanje:
esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni azuza iJokhiniyamu, iKhatha, iRimoni leThabhori, kanye
lamadlelo akhona;
78 esizwaneni sikaRubheni ngaphetsheya kweJodani ngempumalanga yeJerikho
azuza iBhezeri enkangala, leJahazi, 79 leKhedemothi kanye leMefahathi lamadlelo
akhona;
80 lasesizwaneni sikaGadi azuza iRamothi eGiliyadi, leMahanayimi, 81 leHeshibhoni,
leJazeri, kanye lamadlelo akhona.

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U-Isakhari
1 Amadodana ka-Isakhari yila:
nguThola, loPhuwa, loJashubi loShimroni, bonke babebane.
2 Amadodana kaThola yila:
ngu-Uzi, loRefaya, loJeriyeli, loJahamali, lo-Ibhisamu loSamuyeli, bonke bez-
inhloko zezindlu zabo. Ngezinsuku uDavida esabusa, abosendo lukaThola
abangamadoda aselindele impi ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, babengamadoda
ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu ayisithupha
(22,600).
3 Indodana ka-Uzi kungu:
Izrahiya.
Amadodana ka-Izrahiya yila:

nguMikhayeli, lo-Obhadaya, loJoweli lo-Ishiya. Ngobuhlanu babo babezinduna. 4 Ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, babelamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha (36,000) ayeselungele ukuthi angaphuma ayekulwa impi, ngoba babelabafazi labantwana abanengi.
5 Abayizihlobo abesilisa abasebefanele ukuthi bangaya empini bengabosendo luka-Isakhari, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, sebendawonye babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa (87,000).

UBhenjamini

6 Amadodana kaBhenjamini amathathu yila:
nguBhela, loBhekheri loJediyeli.
7 Amadodana kaBhela yila:
ngu-Ezibhoni, lo-Uzi, lo-Uziyeli, loJerimothi lo-Iri, babebahlanu bonke, bezinhloko zezindlu zabo. Bona-ke ngoluhlu losendo lwabo babelamadoda ayelungele ukulwa empini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamatshumi amathathu lane (22,034).
8 Amadodana kaBhekheri yila:
nguZemira, loJowashi, lo-Eliyezeri, lo-Eliyonayi, lo-Omri, loJeremothi, lo-Abhija, lo-Anathothi kanye lo-Alemethi. Wonke la kwakungamadodana kaBhekheri. 9 Imbali yoluhlu lwezimuli zababezinhloko zemindeni ibalisa ukuthi babengabantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili amadoda empi (20,200).
10 Indodana kaJediyeli
kwakunguBhilihani.
Amadodana kaBhilihani yila:
nguJewushi, loBhenjamini, lo-Ehudi, loKhenana, loZethani, loThashishi kanye lo-Ahishahari. 11 Wonke lamadodana kaJediyeli ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. Kwakulamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa ayekulwa empini azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesikhombisa, lamakhulu amabili (17,200).
12 AmaShuphimu lamaHuphimu ayengawosendo luka-Iri, lamaHushimu engawosendo luka-Aheri.

UNafithali

13 Amadodana kaNafithali yila:
nguJaziyeli, loGuni, loJezeri kanye loShalumi, abosendo lukaBhiliha.

UManase

14 Abosendo lukaManase yilaba:
ngu-Asiriyeli amzala lomfazi weceleni ongum'Aramu. Wazala uMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi. 15 UMakhiri wathatha umfazi ozalwa ngamaHuphimu lamaShuphimu. Udadewabo kwakunguMahakha. Omunye owosendo kwakunguZelofehadi owazala amankazana kuphela. 16 UmkaMakhiri uMahakha wazala indodana yathiwa nguPhereshi. Umfowabo yena wethiwa ibizo elithi Shereshi, njalo amadodana akhe kwakungu-Ulamu loRakhemu.
17 Indodana ka-Ulamu kungu:
Bhedani.
La ngamadodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri, indodana kaManase.
18 Udadewabo uHamolekhethi wazala u-Ishodi, lo-Abhiyezeri loMahila.
19 Amadodana kaShemida yila:
ngu-Ahiyani, loShekhemu, loLikhi kanye lo-Aniyami.

U-Efrayimi

20 Abosendo luka-Efrayimi yilaba:

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

U-Asheri

30 Amadodana ka-Asheri yila:
ngu-Imna, lo-Ishiva, lo-Ishivi kanye loBheriya. Udadewabo kunguSera.
31 Amadodana kaBheriya yila:
nguHebheri loMalikhiyeli uyise kaBhirizayithi.
32 UHebheri wayenguyise kaJafilethi, loShomeri loHothamu kanye lodadewabo uShuwa.
33 Amadodana kaJafilethi yila:
nguPasaki, loBhimihali kanye lo-Ashivathi.
Laba kwakungamadodana kaJafilethi.
34 Amadodana kaShomeri yila:
ngu-Ahi, loRohiga, loHubha kanye lo-Aramu.
35 Amadodana omfowabo uHelemu yila:
nguZofa, lo-Imna, loSheleshi kanye lo-Amali.
36 Amadodana kaZofa yila:
nguSuwa, loHarineferi, loShuwali, loBheri, lo-Imra, 37 loBhezeri, loHodi, loShama, loShilisha, lo-Ithirani kanye loBhera.
38 Amadodana kaJetha yila:
nguJefune, loPhisipha kanye lo-Ara.
39 Amadodana ka-Ula yila:
ngu-Ara, loHaniyeli kanye loRiziya.
40 Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Asheri bezinhloko zendlu ngendlu, amadoda akhethiweyo, amabutho alesibindi njalo bengabakhokheli abalokuhlakanipha. Inani lamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa aye empini, kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwakwabo, kwakuzinkulungwane ezingamat-shumi amabili lesithupha (26,000).

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Usendo LukaSawuli UmBhenjamini

1 UBhenjamini wayenguyise
kaBhela izibulo lakhe,
lo-Ashibheli indodana yesibili, lo-Ahara eyesithathu,
2 loNoha eyesine loRafa indodana yesihlanu.
3 Amadodana kaBhela ayeyila:
u-Adari, uGera, u-Abhihudi, 4 u-Abhishuwa, uNamani, u-Ahowa, 5 uGera,
uShefufani kanye loHuramu.
6 Laba ngabosendo luka-Ehudi, ababezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala eGebha
abaxotshelwa eManahathi:
7 KunguNamani, lo-Ahija, kanye loGera owabaxotshayo njalo enguyise ka-Uza,
lo-Ahihudi.
8 Kulamadodana azalwa nguShaharayimi eMowabi ngemva kokwehlukana labafazi
bakhe oHushimi loBhara. 9 Emfazini wakhe uHodeshi wayelabantwana laba:
uJobhabhi, loZibhiya, loMesha, loMalikhami, 10 loJewuzi, loSakhiya kanye
loMirima. Yiwo amadodana akhe, ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. 11 KuHushimi
wazala u-Abhithubi lo-Eliphali.
12 Amadodana ka-Eliphali ayeyila:
u-Ebheri, uMishami, uShemedi (nguye owakha i-Ono leLodi lemizana eseduzane
layo), 13 kanye loBheriya loShema, bona bezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala
e-Ayijaloni abayibo njalo abaxotsha ababehlala eGathi.
14 U-Ahiyo, uShashaki, uJeremothi, 15 uZebhadiya, u-Aradi, u-Ederi, 16 uMikhayeli,
u-Ishipha kanye loJoha bengamadodana kaBheriya.
17 UZebhadiya, uMeshulami, uHizikhi, uHebheri, 18 u-Ishimerayi, u-Iziliya, loJob-
habhi kungamadodana ka-Eliphali.
19 UJakhimi, uZikhiri, uZabhidi, 20 u-Eliyenayi, uZilethayi, u-Eliyeli, 21 u-Adaya,
uBheraya kanye loShimirathi kungamadodana kaShimeyi.
22 U-Ishiphani, u-Ebheri, u-Eliyeli, 23 u-Abhidoni, uZikhiri uHanani, 24 uHananiya,
u-Elamu, u-Anithothija, 25 u-Ifideya loPhenuweli bengamadodana kaShashaki.
26 UShamisherayi, uShehariya, u-Athaliya, 27 uJareshiya, u-Elija, kanye loZikhiri
kungamadodana kaJerohamu.
28 Bonke laba babezinhloko zezindlu, izinduna kusiya ngoluhlu losendo
lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema.

29 UJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyoni.
Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, 30 njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-
Abhidoni, eselanywa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, 31 loGedori,
lo-Ahiyo, loZekheri 32 kanye loMikhilothi, owayenguyise kaShimeya. Laba labo
babehlala eJerusalema eduze lezihlobo zabo.
33 UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise
kaJonathani, loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali.
34 Indodana kaJonathani:
kwakunguMeri-Bhali yena enguyise kaMikha.
35 Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila:
uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi.
36 U-Ahazi wayenguyise kaJehoyada, uJehoyada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-
Azimavethi loZimri, njalo uZimri enguyise kaMoza. 37 UMoza wayenguyise
kaBhineya, loRafa eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli
indodana yakhe.

38 U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila:
u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli, loSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye lo-Hanani. Wonke la ayengamadodana ka-Azeli.
39 Amadodana omfowabo u-Eshekhi ayeyila:
u-Ulamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi indodana yesibili kanye lo-Elifelethi eyesithathu.
40 Amadodana ka-Ulamu ayengamaqhawe alezibindi ayezintshantshu zemitshoko. Babelamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana abo, babelikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu sebendawonye (150).
Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaBhenjamini.

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1 Bonke abako-Israyeli babelotshiwe eluhlwini logwalo lokuzalana kwabo lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli. AbakoJuda bathunjwa basiwa eBhabhiloni ngenxa yokungathembeki kwabo.

Abantu EJerusalema

2 Abokuqala ukwakha kutsha elizweni labo bahlala emizini yabo babengabantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, abaLevi lezinceku zethempelini.

3 AbakoJuda, abakoBhenjamini kanye labako-Efrayimi loManase ababehlala eJerusalema yilaba:
4 Ngu-Uthayi indodana ka-Amihudi, indodana ka-Omri, indodana ka-Imri, indodana kaBhani, owosendo lukaPherezi indodana kaJuda.
5 KwabakoShilo
ngu-Asaya izibulo lamadodana akhe.
6 KwabakoZera:
nguJuweli.
Abantu bakoJuda babengamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye (690).

7 KwabakoBhenjamini:
nguSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaHodaviya, indodana kaHasenuwa;
8 lo-Ibhineya indodana kaJerohamu;
lo-Ela indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaMikhiri;
loMeshulami indodana kaShefathiya, indodana kaRuweli, indodana ka-Ibhinija.
9 Abantu bakoBhenjamini, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo njengokulotshiweyo, babengamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha (956). Bonke laba kwakungamadoda ayizinhloko zezindlu zawo.

10 Abaphristi yilaba:
nguJedaya; loJehoyaribhi; kanye loJakhini;
11 lo-Azariya indodana kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaZadokhi, indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi, isikhulu esasiphethe indlu kaNkulunkulu;
12 lo-Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaPhashuri, indodana kaMalikhija;
loMasayi indodana ka-Adiyeli, indodana kaJahizera, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaMeshilemithi, indodana ka-Imeri.
13 Abaphristi ababezinhloko zezindlu zabo babeyinkulungwane eyodwa elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha (1,760). Babengamadoda alolwazi, belomlandu wokuphatha umsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu.

14 AbaLevi yilaba:
nguShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, indodana ka-Azirikhamu, indodana kaHashabhiya, ongum'Merari;
15 loBhakhibhakhari, loHereshi, loGalali kanye loMathaniya indodana kaMikha,
indodana kaZikhiri, indodana ka-Asafi;
16 lo-Obhadaya indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaGalali, indodana kaJeduthuni,
kanye loBherekhiya indodana ka-Asa, indodana ka-Elikhana, owayehlala emizini yamaNethofa.

17 Abalindi bamasango yilaba:
nguShalumi, lo-Akhubi, loThalimoni, lo-Ahimani labafowabo loShalumi induna yabo, 18 eyayilinda iSango leNkosi empumalanga, kuze kube lamuhla. Abalindi bamasango bakoLevi yilaba:
19 nguShalumi indodana kaKhore, indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora, lababelinda amasango ndawonye bengabendlunye (amaKhora) beyibo ababefanele bananzelele iminyango yeThempeli njengoba oyise babevele belinda iminyango yendlu kaThixo.
20 Ekadeni owayephethe abalindi bamasango kwakunguFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari njalo uThixo wayelaye.
21 UZakhariya indodana kaMeshelemiya wayengumlindisango lokungena eThenteni lokuHlanganela.
22 Sebebonke labo ababekhethiwe ukuba ngabalindimasango ezindaweni eziqakathekileyo babengamakhulu amabili aletshumi lambili (212). Babelotshwe ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo emizini yabo.

Abalindi bamasango babefakwe kulezizindawo zokwethembeka nguDavida loSamuyeli umboni. 23 Bona kanye lenzalo yabo babephethe ukugcinakala kwamasango endlu kaThixo indlu ethiwa iThente. 24 Abalindimasango laba babesenhlangothini zozine: empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho laseningizimu. 25 Abafowabo ababehlezi labo emizini yabo babefanele babebelinda labo bezophisana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ihlandla ngalinye. 26 Abalindimasango abakhulu, abangabaLevi, ngobune babo babefanele bagcine izindlu lenotho esendlini kaNkulunkulu. 27 Babelala belindile ubusuku bonke besendlini kaNkulunkulu, ngoba babefanele bayilinde; njalo yibo ababelezihluthulelo beyivula ngokusa insuku zonke.
28 Abanye babo babegcina izitsha zenkonzo ezazisetshenziswa ethempelini; babezibala zingena babuye bazibale njalo seziphuma. 29 Abanye njalo babegcine impahla yendlini lakho konke okwakusendlini engcwele, kanye lokugcina ifulawa lewayini, lamafutha, impepha leziyoliso. 30 Kodwa abanye abaphristi babesebenza ukuhlanganisa iziyoliso. 31 UmLevi obizwa ngokuthi nguMathithiya, indodana elizibulo likaShalumi umKhora, wayephiwe umlandu wokubumba isinkwa somnikelo.
32 Abanye abazalwane bamaKhohathi babephethe umsebenzi ngamaSabatha wonke owokubumba isinkwa esokubekwa etafuleni.
33 Labo ababengabahlabeleli, bezinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi, babehlala ezindlini phakathi kwethempeli bengaphiwanga eminye imisebenzi ngoba babephathekile kowabo emini lebusuku.
34 Bonke laba babezinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLevi, izinduna njengokulotshiweyo eluhlwini losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema.

Okulotshiweyo NgoLuhlu Lwendlu KaSawuli
35 uJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyoni.

Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, 36 njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-
Abhidoni eselanywa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, 37 loGedori,
lo-Ahiyo, loZakhariya kanye loMikhilothi. 38 UMikhilothi wayenguyise
kaShimeyamu. Laba labo babehlala eJerusalema eduze lezihlobo zabo.
39 UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise
kaJonathani, loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali.
40 Indodana kaJonathani kwakunguMeri-Bhali,
yena enguyise kaMikha.
41 Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila:
uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi.
42 U-Ahazi wayenguyise kaJada, uJada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi
loZimri, yena uZimri enguyise kaMoza. 43 UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya;
uRefaya eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana
yakhe.
44 U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila:
u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli. LoSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye
loHanani. Laba babengamadodana ka-Azeli.

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Ukuzibulala KukaSawuli

1 AmaFilistiya alwa lo-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, njalo abanengi bafela
eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. 2 AmaFilistiya axotshana kanzima loSawuli kanye lamado-
dana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMalikhi-
Shuwa. 3 Impi yatshisa macele wonke kuSawuli, njalo kwathi abatshoki bemitshoko
sebemxhumile, bamlimaza.
4 USawuli wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, “Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungigwaze,
hlezi abantu laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze bangenze ihlazo.”
Kodwa umphathi wezikhali zakhe wesaba, akaze akwenza lokho, ngakho uSawuli
wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. 5 Kwathi umphathi wezikhali
ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa.
6 Ngakho uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu bafa, labo bonke abendlu yakhe bafa
ndawonye.
7 Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli ababesesigodini bebona ukuthi ibutho lalibalekile
lokuthi uSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo babaleka.
AmaFilistiya afika ahlala kuyo.
8 Ngelanga elalandelayo, amaFilistiya esefikile ukuba akhuthuze abafileyo, afica
uSawuli lamadodana akhe befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. 9 Bamkhuthuza baze
bamquma ikhanda lakhe balithatha kanye lezikhali zakhe, basebethuma izithun-
ywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele lindaba ezithombeni zabo
lebantwini bakibo. 10 Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini labonkulunkulu babo kwathi
ikhanda lakhe balibeka ethempelini likaDagoni.
11 Abantu bonke baseJabheshi Giliyadi sebezwile ngokwakwenziwe ngamaFilistiya
kuSawuli, 12 wonke amaqhawe alezibindi ahamba ayathatha isidumbu sikaSawuli
lezamadodana akhe aya lazo eJabheshi. Basebengcwaba amathambo abo ngaphansi
kwesihlahla esikhulu eJabheshi, bazila insuku eziyisikhombisa.
13 USawuli wafa ngoba wayengathembekanga kuTHIXO; kaligcinanga ilizwi
likaTHIXO wakhe waze wayadinga ukuqondiswa yizangoma, 14 esikhundleni
sokukhuleka kuTHIXO. Ngakho uTHIXO wamenza wafa wathatha ubukhosi wabunika
uDavida indodana kaJese.

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UDavida Uba Yinkosi Yako-Israyeli

1 Bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuDavida eHebhroni bafika bathi: “Thina siyinyama
yakho legazi lakho. 2 Esikhathini esedlulayo, lanxa uSawuli eseseyinkosi, wena nguwe
owawukhokhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wezimpi. Njalo uTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wakho wathi kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo
uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.’ ”
3 Kwathi abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini uDavida eHebhroni,
wenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi kukaTHIXO, basebegcoba uDavida
ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli, njengesithembiso sikaTHIXO asenza ngoSamuyeli.

UDavida Unqoba IJerusalema

4 UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya eJerusalema (kusitsho iJebusi). AmaJe-
busi ayehlala khona 5 athi kuDavida, “Kawuyikungena lapha.” Kodwa lanxa kunjalo,
uDavida wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida.
6 UDavida wayethe, “Ozakhokhela ekuhlaseleni amaJebusi uzakuba nguMlawuli
omkhulu wempi.” UJowabi indodana kaZeruya nguye owaqala ukuya khona, ngakho
wazuza ubukhokheli.
7 UDavida wasehlala enqabeni, yikho yathiwa ibizo lokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida.
8 Wakha idolobho inxa zonke kusukela emadundulwini kuze kuyefinyelela emidulini
ehonqolozeleyo, ngalesosikhathi uJowabi esakha evuselela umuzi. 9 UDavida
waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla, ngoba uTHIXO uSomandla wayelaye.

Amaqhawe KaDavida

10 Lezi zinduna zamaqhawe kaDavida ezazimsekele ngokuqinileyo embusweni
kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, ukuba abe yinkosi, njengokuthembisa kukaTHIXO.
11 Lolu yiluhlu lwalawo maqhawe kaDavida:
UJashobheyamu, umHakhimoni, wayengumlawuli wezikhulu; waphakamisela
amadoda angamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, ababulalayo ekuhlaseleni
kunye.
12 Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodo um’Ahohi omunye wamaqhawe
amathathu. 13 WayeloDavida ePhasi Damimi, ekuhlomeni kwamaFilistiya elungise-
lela ukudibana empini. Endaweni ethile kwakulensimu yebhali, amabutho abaleka
ebalekela amaFilistiya. 14 Kodwa bona bema bajama phakathi kwensimu. Bayivikela
bawabulala amaFilistiya, uTHIXO wabapha ukunqoba okukhulu.
15 Izinduna ezintathu kwezingamatshumi amathathu zaya edwaleni kuDavida
ebhalwini lwase-Adulami, ngalesosikhathi amanye amaFilistiya ayebuthene eSigodini
saseRefayi. 16 Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo lamabutho amaFilistiya
laliseBhethilehema. 17 UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, “Oh, sengathi kungaba
lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha emthonjeni oseduze lesango laseBhethile-
hema!” 18 Ngakho abathathu laba badabula phakathi kweviyo lamaFilistiya
bayakukha amanzi eduzane lesango laseBhethilehema bayawanika uDavida. Kodwa
wala ukuwanatha, wakhetha ukuwathululela phambi kukaTHIXO. 19 Wasesithi,
“UNkulunkulu kangangivumeli ukukwenza lokhu! Kufanele yini ukuthi nginathe
igazi lalababantu abanikele impilo yabo engozini bewaletha?” Ngoba babeka impilo
zabo engozini bewaletha, uDavida kawanathanga.
Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zalawomabutho womathathu.
20 U-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi wayeyinduna yabaThathu labo.
Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamakhulu amathathu,
ababulalayo, ngakho waba lodumo njengabaThathu. 21 Waba lodumo oluphindwe

kabili phezu kwalaba abaThathu waze waba ngumlawuli wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo.

22 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elenza izenzo zobuqhawe obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili ayez-intshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla ku-longqwaqwane. 23 Wabulala umGibhithe owayemude okwezingalo eyisikhombisa njalo eqatha. Lanxa umGibhithe wayephethe umkhonto esandleni kwakungani uphethe umkhonto onjengogodo lomaluki, uBhenayiya waqondana laye ngen-duku. Wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngawo umkhonto wakhe. 24 Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, laye futhi wayedume njengamaqhawe amathathu. 25 Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwed-lula bonke abangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavida wambeka ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe.

26 Amaqhawe ayelamandla ayeyila:

u-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi,
u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema,
27 uShamothi umHarori,
uHelezi umPheloni,
28 u-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa,
u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi,
29 uSibhekhayi umHushathi,
u-Ilayi um'Ahohi,
30 uMaharayi umNethofathi,
uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa,
31 u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya koBhenjamini,
uBhenaya umPhirathoni,
32 uHurayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi,
u-Abhiyeli um'Aribhathi,
33 u-Azimavethi umBhaharumi,
u-Eliyaba umShalibhoni,
34 amadodana kaHashemi umGizoni,
uJonathani indodana kaShageye umHarari,
35 u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSakhari umHarari,
u-Elifali indodana ka-Uri,
36 uHeferi indodana kaMekherathi,
u-Ahija umPheloni,
37 uHeziro umKhameli,
uNarayi indodana ka-Ezibhayi,
38 uJoweli umfowabo kaNathani,
uMibhari indodana kaHagiri,
39 uZelekhi um'Amoni,
uNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya,
40 u-Ira um'Ithira,
uGarebhi um'Ithiri,
41 u-Uriya umHithi,
uZabhadi indodana ka-Ahilayi,
42 lo-Adina indodana kaShiza owakoRubheni, owayeyinduna yakoRubheni, kanye labangamatshumi amathathu ababelaye,
43 loHanani indodana kaMahakha,

loJoshafathi um'Mithini,
44 lo-Uziya um'Ashitherathi,
loShama loJeyiyeli amadodana kaHothamu um'Aroweri,
45 loJediyeli indodana kaShimiri,
umfowabo uJoha umThizi,
46 lo-Eliyeli um'Mahavi,
loJeribhayi loJoshaviya amadodana ka-Elinamu,
lo-Ithima waseMowabi,
47 lo-Eliyeli, lo-Obhedi kanye loJasiyeli waseMezobha.

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Amabutho Alandela UDavida Egangeni

1 La ngamabutho ayeloDavida eZikhilagi, ngesikhathi engavunyelwa ukubonakala kuSawuli indodana kaKhishi (kwakungamaqhawe ayemhlomulele empini; 2 ayehlome ngemitshoko, ezingcitshi ekutshokeni lokutshaya ngezavutha loba ejikijela ngesokudla loba ngesenxele; ayeyizihlobo zikaSawuli engawesizwe sikaBhenjamini):

3 U-Ahiyezeri induna yawo loJowashi amadodana kaShemaha owaseGibhiya;
loJeziyeli loPhelethi amadodana ka-Azimavethi;
loBherakha, loJehu um'Anathothi, 4 kanye lo-Ishimaya umGibhiyoni, indoda eyayilamandla amakhulu kwabangamatshumi amathathu, engumkhokheli wabangamatshumi amathathu,
loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli, loJohanani, loJozabhadi umGederathi, 5 lo-Eluzayi, loJerimothi, loBheliya, loShemariya kanye loShefathiya umHarufi,
6 lo-Elikhana, lo-Ishiya, lo-Azareli, loJowezeri loJashobheyamu amaKhora;
7 kanye loJowela loZebhadiya amadodana kaJerohamu waseGedori.

8 Abanye abakoGadi babalekela kuDavida enqabeni yakhe enkangala. Babengamabutho alezibindi, belungele ukulwa njalo bekwazi ukuphatha ihawu lomkhonto. Ubuso babo babungobezilwane, njalo belesiqubu njengamagogo ezintabeni.

9 U-Ezeri wayeyinduna,
u-Obhadaya engumsekeli womlawuli, u-Eliyabi engowesithathu,
10 uMishimana engowesine, uJeremiya engowesihlanu,
11 u-Athayi engowesithupha, u-Eliyeli engowesikhombisa,
12 uJohanani engowesificaminwembili, u-Elizabhadi engowesificamunwemunye,
13 uJeremiya engumsekeli wetshumi kanye loMakhabhanayi owayengowetshumi lanye.

14 Amadoda akoGadi ayengabalawuli bamabutho, kuthi omncinyane wabo wayengamelana labalikhulu kodwa omkhulu wabo engamelana labayinkulungwane.
15 Yiwo la amadoda achapha uJodani ngenyanga yakuqala umfula ugcwele uphuphuma emakhunjini awo wonke, yibo njalo abaxotsha bonke ababehlala ezihotsheni, empumalanga kanye lasentshonalanga.
16 Amanye amadoda akoBhenjamini lamanye ayevela koJuda lawo alandela uDavida khonale enqabeni yakhe. 17 UDavida waphuma ukuba ayewahlangabeza wathi kuwo: "Nxa lingilandela ngokuthula, lizongiphathisa njengabangane, ngizimisele ukuhlanganyela kanye lani. Kodwa nxa lidinga ukunginikela ezitheni zami, mina ngimsulwa, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho kakubone lokho, alijezise."

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

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

Ngakho uDavida wabamukela wabenza abakhokheli bamaviyo amabutho ayehlasela.

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

Abanye Balandela UDavida EHebhroni

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

24 amadoda ayevela koJuda ehlome ngamahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili (6,800) ehlomele ukulwa impi;
25 abakaSimiyoni, amabutho ayelungele ukuhlasela babezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu (7,100),
26 amadoda akoLevi ayezinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha (4,600),
27 kubalwa loJehoyada, umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Aroni babezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa (3,700) zamadoda 28 kanye loZadokhi, ibutho elaliseselijaha lilesibindi, lilezikhulu zendlu yakwabo ezingamatshumi amabili lambili (22);
29 amadoda akoBhenjamini, labakibo kaSawuli babezinkulungwane ezintathu (3,000), ababesele bethembekile kuSawuli kuze kufike lesisikhathi yibo ababebanengi kulelonani;
30 amadoda ako-Efrayimi, amadoda ayelezibindi, edumile ezizwaneni zawo, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili (20,800),
31 amadoda ayevela kungxenye yesizwana sikaManase, ekhethwe ngamabizo awo ukuba azobeka uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, ayezinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili (18,000);
32 amadoda ayevela ko-Isakhari, ayezwisisa umumo walesosikhathi njalo esazi ukuthi u-Israyeli kumele enzeni. Kwakuzinduna ezingamakhulu amabili (200) kanye lezihlobo zazo ezazingaphansi kwazo;
33 amadoda ayevela koZebhuluni, amabutho ayezingwazi empini, ngezikhali zemihlobo etshiyeneyo, eza ukuzancedisa uDavida ngokuzinikela okungalakuthandabuza, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu (50,000);

34 amadoda ayevela koNafithali kwakuyizikhulu eziyinkulungwane eyodwa (1,000),
kanye lamadoda ayephethe amahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane ezingamat-
shumi amathathu lesikhombisa (37,000);
35 amadoda ayevela koDani, ezimisele ukulwa empini, ayezinkulungwane ezinga-
matshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha (28,600);
36 amadoda ayevela ko-Asheri, amabutho ayevele ekwejayele ukulwa empini njalo
ezimisele ukulwa, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane (40,000);
37 njalo ngempumalanga yeJodani, amadoda akoRubheni, koGadi lakungxenye ye-
sizwana sikaManase, ayehlome ngemihlobohlobo yezikhali, ayezinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120,000).

38 Bonke laba babengamabutho azinikeleyo ukungena laloba yisiphi isigaba.

Ngamabutho aya eHebhroni ezimisele ukufika abeke uDavida esihlalweni sobukhosi abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli. Abanye bonke abako-Israyeli babengqondonye befisa ukwethesa uDavida ubukhosi. 39 Wonke lamadoda athatha insuku ezintathu eloDavida, esidla njalo enatha, njengoba izimuli zawo zaziwalungisele umphako. 40 Konke labomakhelwane babo, ababevela kude khonale ku-Isakhari, loZebhuluni lakuNafithali beza bethwele ukudla ngabobabhemi, amakamela, imbongolo langenkabi. Kwakulefulawa enengi, amakhekhe omkhiwane, amakhekhe erezini, iwayini, amafutha, inkomo lezimvu, ngoba kwakulokujabula ko-Israyeli.

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Ukubuyiselwa Kwebhokisi Lesivumelwano

1 UDavida wacebisana lezikhulu zakhe zonke, abalawuli bezinkulungwane la-
balawuli bamakhulu. 2 Wasesithi kuwo wonke umbuthano wako-Israyeli: “Nxa
likubona kulungile njalo nxa kuyintando kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, asithumeleni
ilizwi eduze lakhatshana kubo bonke abafowethu kuwo wonke amazwe ako-Israyeli,
kanye lakubaphristi labaLevi abalabo khonale emadolobheni abo lasemadlelweni
abo, sibanxusa ukuthi beze bazohlanganyela kanye lathi. 3 Asibuyiseni ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wethu kithi, ngoba asizange sibuze kulo ngesikhathi
sokubusa kukaSawuli.” 4 Bonke ababebuthene bavumelana ukukwenza lokho, ngoba
bonke abantu bakubona kufanele ukukwenza lokho.
5 Ngakho uDavida wahlanganisa ama-Israyeli wonke, kusukela eMfuleni uShihori
eGibhithe kusiya eLebho Hamathi, ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNku-
lunkulu eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. 6 UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye baya
eBhala yakoJuda (iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) ukuthi baye khonale bayebuya lebhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu, osesihlalweni sobukhosi ephahlwe nga-
maKherubhi, ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo elibizwa ngaleloBizo.
7 Balisusa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Abhinadabi ngenqola
entsha, eyayiqondiswa ngu-Uza lo-Ahiyo. 8 UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli babe-
jabula bezithokozisa ngamandla abo wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngezingoma
betshaya lamachacho, lezingungu, lezigubhu, lamacilongo.
9 Bathi befika esizeni sokubhulela eKhidoni, u-Uza welula isandla sakhe ezama
ukuzinzisa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, ngoba inkabi zazikhubekile. 10 Ulaka
lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, wamtshaya wafa ngoba wayebeke isandla sakhe phezu
kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. Ngakho wahle wafa khonapho phambi
kukaThixo.
11 Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo
kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza.

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

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UDavida Labendlu Yakhe

1 Ngalesosikhathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire wathumela izithunywa kuDavida, nda-
wonye lezigodo zomsedari, ababazi bamatshe kanye lababazi ukuthi bayemakhela
isigodlo. 2 UDavida wahle wakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO usembekile ukuba abe yinkosi
ka-Israyeli lokuthi umbuso wakhe uphakanyisiwe kakhulu ngenxa yabantu bakhe
bako-Israyeli.

3 EJerusalema uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi wazala amanye amadodana
lamadodakazi. 4 Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwa khona: uShamuwa,
uShobabi, uNathani, uSolomoni, 5 u-Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, u-Eliphelethi, 6 uNoga,
uNefegi, uJafiya, 7 u-Elishama, uBheyeliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi.

UDavida Unqoba AmaFilistiya

8 AmaFilistiya athi esizwa ukuthi uDavida usegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yalo lonke
elako-Israyeli, aphuma wonke ehlome ephelele esiyamzingela, kodwa uDavida
wakuzwa lokho wahle waphuma yena ukuyawahlangabeza. 9 AmaFilistiya ayesefik-
ile njalo ukuyahlasela eSigodini saseRefayi; 10 ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu
wathi: “Ngihambe ngiyewahlasela amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela kimi na?”

UTHIXO wamphendula wathi, “Hamba, ngizawanikela kuwe.”

11 Ngakho uDavida lamabutho akhe aya eBhali Pherazimi lapho awehlula khona.
Wathi: “Njengamanzi efohla, uNkulunkulu ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami.”
Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBhali Pherazimi. 12 AmaFilistiya ayebaleke
atshiya onkulunkulu bawo khonale, uDavida wathi kabatshiswe ngomlilo.

13 AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo ukuhlasela isigodi, 14 ngakho uDavida wabuza
kuNkulunkulu njalo, uNkulunkulu wamphendula wathi, “Ungasuki uqonde phambili
kodwa bazingeleze ubusubahlasela uvelela ezihlahleni zebhalisamu. 15 Kuzakuthi
lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezihlahleni zebhalisamu, uphume uhlasele,
ngoba lokho kuzabe kusitsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu usehambe phambi kwakho
ukuyanqoba amabutho amaFilistiya.” 16 Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa
kwakhe nguNkulunkulu, njalo bawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya umango wonke
kusukela eGibhiyoni kusiya eGezeri.

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

15

Ukulethwa Kwebhokisi Lesivumelwano EJerusalema

1 Ngemva kokuba uDavida esakhile ezakhe izindlu eMzini kaDavida, wakha
indawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, walimisela ithente kuleyondawo.
2 UDavida wasesithi: “Kakho ozathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu
ngaphandle kwabaLevi ngoba UTHIXO wabakhethela ukuthwala ibhokisi lesivumel-
wano SIKATHIXO lokumkhonza kuze kube nininini.”

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

4 Wahlanganisa abosendo luka-Aroni labaLevi ngezindlu zabo:

5 Kwabendlu kaKhohathi,
kwakungu-Uriyeli umkhokheli lezihlobo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120);
6 kwabendlu kaMerari,
kwakungu-Asaya umkhokheli lezihlobo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili (220);
7 kwabendlu kaGeshoni,
kwakunguJoweli umkhokheli lezihlobo ezilikhulu labantu abangamatshumi amathathu (130);
8 kwabendlu ka-Elizafani,
kwakunguShemaya umkhokheli lezihlobo ezingamakhulu amabili (200);
9 kwabendlu kaHebhroni,
kwakungu-Eliyeli umkhokheli lezihlobo ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (80);
10 kwabendlu ka-Uziyeli,
kwakungu-Aminadabi umkhokheli lezihlobo ezilikhulu labantu abalitshumi lambili (112).

11 UDavida wasenxusa abaphristi uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari kanye lo-Uriyeli, lo-Asaya, loJoweli, loShemaya, lo-Eliyeli lo-Abhinadabi abaLevi. 12 Wasesithi kubo, “Lina lizinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi, zihlambululeni lina kanye lezihlobo zenu ukuze liyethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lililethe endaweni engiyilungisele lona. 13 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu wasithukuthelela ngenxa yokuthi lina abaLevi, ayisini elathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO kuqala. Asizanga sibuze KUTHIXO ukuthi kwakumele senzeni njengokulaya kwakhe.” 14 Ngakho abaphristi labaLevi bazihlambulula ukuze bathwale ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 15 Yikho abaLevi bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO ngezibambo zezigodo emahlombe abo, njengokulaya kukaMosi kulandelwa ilizwi LIKATHIXO.

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

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

19 Abahlabeleli uHemani lo-Asafi kanye lo-Ethani babezatshaya izigubhu zethusi; 20 loZakhariya, lo-Aziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loMaseya kanye loBhenaya babezatshaya imihubhe, ngokuhambelana *le-alamothi* 21 loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi, loJeyiyeli kanye lo-Azaziya babezatshaya imiqangala, njengokuqondiswa kwabo *yishiminithi,* 22 uKhenaniya umkhokheli kubaLevi wayengumhlabelisi; wayephethe lapha ngoba wayeligabazi.

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

25 Ngakho uDavida labadala bako-Israyeli labalawuli bamaxuku enkulungwane
bahamba ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi,
bahamba ngokujabula. 26 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayebasizile abakoLevi ababeth-
wele ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, benza umhlatshelo wenkunzi eziyisikhom-
bisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. 27 UDavida labo bonke abaLevi ababethwele
ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO labahlabeleli loKhenaniya umkhokheli wabahla-
beleli babegqoke izigqoko zelembu lelineni elihle, uDavida wayegqoke lesigqoko
semahlombe selineni elihle. 28 Ngakho abako-Israyeli ngobunengi babo baletha ib-
hokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO ngomdumo omkhulu, bevuthela impondo zenqama
betshaya lamacilongo, lezigubhu lamachacho lemihubhe.
29 Ekungeneni kwebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO eMzini kaDavida, uMikhali
indodakazi kaSawuli wayebukele elunguze ngefasitela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida
izithokozisa igida, wayeyisa ngenhliziyo yakhe.

16

Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano SikaThixo Libekwa Ethenteni

1 Balithwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu bayalingenisa ethenteni
uDavida ayelilungiselele lona, banikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leyobudlelwano
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 2 UDavida eseqedile ukunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa
langeyobudlelwano, wabusisa abantu ngebizo LIKATHIXO. 3 Wababela bonke abako-
Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, yilowo lalowo isinkwa, lekhekhe lezithelo kanye
lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo.
4 Wakhetha abanye abaLevi ukukhonza phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano
SIKATHIXO bedumisa UTHIXO, bebonga uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: 5 Induna kwakungu-
Asafi, uZakhariya engumsekeli, kulandela uJeyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, lo-
Mathithiya, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenaya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye loJeyiyeli. Babezatshaya
amachacho lemihubhe, u-Asafi etshaya izigubhu, 6 abaphristi uBhenaya loJahaziyeli
bengabokuvuthela amacilongo phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.

Ihubo Lokubonga KukaDavida

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

8 Bongani UTHIXO, memezani ibizo lakhe,
lizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe.
9 Hlabelelani kuye, hlabelelani indumiso kuye;
likhulume ngezenzo zakhe zonke ezimangalisayo.
10 Jabulani ebizweni lakhe elingcwele;
kazithokoze inhliziyo zabo abamdingayo UTHIXO.
11 Dingani UTHIXO lamandla akhe,
limdinge yena njalonjalo.

12 Khumbulani izenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzayo,
izimangaliso azenzayo, lezahlulelo azikhulumayo,
13 lina zizukulwane zika-Israyeli inceku yakhe,
lina madodana kaJakhobe, abakhethiweyo bakhe.
14 Yena UNGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu;
izahlulelo zakhe zigcwele wonke umhlaba.

15 Uyakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini,
ilizwi lomlayo wakhe, okwezizukulwane ezizinkulungwane,

16 isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahama,
isifungo asenza lo-Isaka,
17 wasiqinisa kuJakhobe saba yisimiso,
laku-Israyeli saba yisivumelwano esingapheliyo,
18 wathi “Ngizalinika ilizwe laseKhenani
njengesabelo selifa lenu.”

19 Kwathi lisesebalutshwana,
bebalutshwana kakhulu, beyizihambi kulo,
20 bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe
besuka komunye umbuso besiya komunye.
21 Kavumelanga loba ngubani ukubancindezela;
wawakhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo,
22 “Lingabathinti abagcotshiweyo bami;
lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi bami.”

23 Hlabelani kuTHIXO lina, mhlaba wonke,
limemezele insindiso yakhe insuku ngezinsuku.
24 Fakazani ngobukhosi bakhe ezizweni zonke,
lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo phakathi kwabantu bonke.

25 Ngoba umkhulu uTHIXO, ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo;
kumele esatshwe ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.
26 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe;
kodwa uTHIXO wadala amazulu.
27 Inkazimulo lobukhosi kuphambi Kwakhe
Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni yakhe yokuhlala.

28 Mnikeni uTHIXO, lina zizukulwane zezizwe.
Mnikeni uTHIXO ubukhosi lamandla.
29 Mnikeni uTHIXO udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe.
Lethani umnikelo libuye phambi kwakhe.
Mkhonzeni uTHIXO enkazimulweni yobungcwele bakhe;
30 thuthumelani phambi kwakhe mhlaba wonke!
Umhlaba ugxilile, ngeke ugudluzwe.

31 Amazulu kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule,
kabathi phakathi kwabezizwe, “UTHIXO uyabusa.”
32 Ulwandle kaluhlokome lakho konke okukulo,
amasimu kawathakazelele lakho konke okukuwo.
33 Lapho-ke izihlahla zonke zeganga zizahlabela
ngentokozo phambi kuKaTHIXO,
ngoba uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba.

34 Bongani uTHIXO ngoba ulungile.
Uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo lumi kokuphela.
35 Celani lithi: “Sisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu Mkhululi wethu,
usiqoqe usikhulule phakathi kwezizwe,
ukuze silibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele,
sijabule ekukudumiseni.”
36 Kabongwe uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,

kusukela endulo kuze kube nininini.
Bonke abantu bathi: “Ameni. Kabongwe uTHIXO!”

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

39 UDavida watshiya uZadokhi umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi phambi kwethabanikeli LIKATHIXO endaweni ephakemeyo yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni 40 ukunikela KUTHIXO iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni ngezikhathi zonke, ekuseni lantambama, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni KATHIXO, awupha abako-Israyeli. 41 Abanye abasala labo babengoHemani loJeduthuni labanye bonke balabo ababekhethiwe beqanjwa ngamabizo ukuba badumise uTHIXO, “ngoba uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini.” 42 UHemani loJeduthuni babengabokuvuthela amacilongo lokutshaya izigubhu lamanye amachacho ezingoma ezingcwele. Amadodana kaJeduthuni ayehlala esangweni.

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

17

Isithembiso SikaNkulunkulu KuDavida

1 UDavida esehlezi esigodlweni sakhe wasesithi kuNathani umphrofethi, “Uyabona, mina ngihlezi esigodlweni esakhiwa ngomsedari, kodwa ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lingaphansi kwethente.”

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

3 Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu leza kuNathani, lisithi:

4 “Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Ayisuwe ozangakhela indlu yokuhlala kuyo. 5 Angikahlali endlini kusukela mhla ngakhulula abako-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Sengibhode ngisuka kulelithente ngaya kuleliyana, ngisuka endaweni ethile yokuhlala ngisiya kweyinye. 6 Konke lapho engihambe khona labako-Israyeli, kambe kukhona lapho engike ngathi kubakhokheli babo engabalaya ukuthi beluse abantu bami, “Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?” ’

7 Ngakho tshela inceku yami uDavida ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu, ukuze ube ngumbusi wabantu bami abako-Israyeli. 8 Ngibe ngilawe lapho obuhamba khona, ngizinqobile zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngalokho ibizo lakho ngizalenza libe lodumo olufana lamabizo amadoda adume kakhulu emhlabeni. 9 Njalo ngizalungisela abantu bami bako-Israyeli indawo engeyabo ngibafake khona labo babe lekhaya labo lapho abangayikuhlutshwa khona. Abantu abagangileyo abasayikubancindezela futhi, njengalokhu abakwenza kuqala 10 lalokhu asebephikelele ukukwenza kusukela esikhathini engamisa ngaso abakhokheli ebantwini bami u-Israyeli. Ngizazinqoba zonke izitha zakho.

Ngiyaqinisa kuwe ukuthi uTHIXO uzakwakhela indlu: 11 Kuzakuthi nxa insuku zakho seziphelile ususiya kubokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ithathe isikhundla sakho, omunye wamadodana akho, njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. 12 Lowo nguye ozangakhela indlu yami, ngakho ngizamisa isihlalo sombuso wakhe kuze kube nininini. 13 Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana

yami. Angiyikususa uthando lwami kuye, njengalokhu engakwenza kulowo owakwandulelayo. 14 Ngizambeka yena endlini yami lasembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe uzakuma kokuphela.' "
15 UNathani wabikela uDavida amazwi wonke esambulelo.

Umkhuleko KaDavida

16 Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi KUKATHIXO, wasesithi,
"Ngingubani mina, awu THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, bayini abendlu yami, lokho okwenze waze wangibeka kulesi isimo? 17 Kanti njalonje lakho kubuye kukhanye kungathi kakwenelanga emehlweni akho, Oh Nkulunkulu, usukhulume ngelizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Ungiphethe Nkulunkulu wami, awu THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, kungathi ngingomunye wabaphakemeyo kakhulu.
18 Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho kuwe ngokuhlonipha okwenze encekwini yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, 19 Oh THIXO. Ngenxa yenceku yakho, njalo langentando yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu, waziveza obala lezizithembiso ezinkulu kangaka.
20 Kakho ofanana lawe, Oh THIXO, njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu kodwa nguwe kuphela, njengoba sesizwile ngezethu indlebe. 21 Njalo ngubani on-gafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni esiloNku-lunkulu owayazikhululela abantu, lokuzenzela ibizo, lokwenza imimangaliso enzima ngokuxotsha izizwe phambi kwabantu bakho, owabakhulula eGibhithe? 22 Wabenza abantu bakho u-Israyeli baba ngabantu bakho kuze kube nini lanini, njalo wena, THIXO, usunguNkulunkulu wabo.
23 Lakhathesi, THIXO akuthi lesosithembiso owasenza encekwini yakho labendlu yayo sigcwaliseke kuze kube nininini. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, 24 kuze kubonakale ukuthi ibizo lakho lizaphakanyiswa kuze kube nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, 'UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoka-Israyeli uNkulunkulu!' Kuthi indlu yenceku yakho imiswe phambi kwakho.
25 Wena Nkulunkulu wami ukuveze obala encekwini yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu. Ngalokho inceku yakho isithole isibindi sokukhuleka kuwe. 26 Oh THIXO, unguNkulunkulu wena! Usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. 27 Ngakho kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho, ukuthi ibe khona phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini ebusweni bakho; ngoba wena, Oh THIXO, uyibusisile, njalo izabusiswa nini lanini."

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Ukunqoba KukaDavida

1 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi uDavida wahlasela amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba iGathi lemizana eseduzane layo eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya.
2 UDavida wanqoba njalo amaMowabi aba ngaphansi kwakhe athela kuye.
3 Kanti njalo, uDavida walwa loHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, kwaze kwafika eHamathi, esiyamisa umbuso wakhe emangweni olandela uMfula iYufrathe. 4 UDavida wathumba izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, abatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba phansi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. Wawaquma imisila wonke amabhiza ezinqola zokulwa kwasala alikhulu kuphela.
5 Kwathi ama-Aramu aseDamaseko ezoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavida wawatshaya wawabhuqa ama-Aramu kwafa azinkulungwane ezinga-makhulu amabili lambili. 6 Wenza izinqaba e-Aramu embusweni waseDamaseko, ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe athela kuye. UTHIXO wanika uDavida ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayezihlasela.

7 UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide ayephethwe yizikhulu zikaHadadezeri
wawathwalela eJerusalema. 8 Kusukela eThebha laseKhuni, imizi eyayingeka-
Hadadezeri, uDavida wathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulu, lelo uSolomoni enza
ngalo uLwandle lwethusi, izinsika lezinye impahla ezabunjwa ngethusi.
9 Kuthe lapho Towu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi uDavida usenqobe lonke
ibutho likaHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, 10 wathumela indodana yakhe uHadoramu
enkosini uDavida ukuthi iyembingelela emenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba uHadadez-
eri owayekade esilwa impi loTowu. UHadoramu wayethwele imihlobohlobo yezim-
pahla zegolide lesiliva kanye lezethusi.
11 Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisela kuThixo, lezo zinto njengalokho eyayikwenze
impahla zegolide lesiliva ezazithunjwe kulezozizwe zama-Edomi lamaMowabi, lama-
Amoni, lamaFilistiya lama-Amaleki.
12 U-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya watshaya wabhuqa ama-Edomi azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili eSigodini seTswayi. 13 Wabeka inkamba zamabutho
okulinda e-Edomi, bonke abase-Edomi babangaphansi kombuso kaDavida. UThixo
wapha uDavida ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayesiya kuzo.

Iziphathamandla ZikaDavida

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

15 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephethe amabutho;
uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi engumlobi,
16 uZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari
babengabaphristi;
uShavisha wayengumabhalane;
17 uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi,
lamadodana kaDavida ayeyizikhulu ayeseduzane lenkosi embusweni.

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Ukunqotshwa Kwama-Amoni Lama-Aramu

1 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi, uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wafa, ngakho indodana
yakhe yathatha isikhundla yaba yinkosi. 2 UDavida wacabanga wathi, “Ngizakuba
lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi ngoba uyise wayelomusa kimi.” Ngakho
uDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngoyise.
Izithunywa zikaDavida zithe zifika kuHanuni ukuthi zimkhalele elizweni lama-
Amoni, 3 izikhulu zama-Amoni zathi kuHanuni, “Wena nkosi unakana ukuthi uDavida
uhlonipha uyihlo ngokuthuma izithunywa zokukukhalela na? Amadoda akhe la
kawasizinhloli ezithunywe ukuzahlola umumo welizwe ukuze ahluthune umbuso
na?” 4 Ngenxa yalokho uHanuni wabamba izithunywa zikaDavida, waziphuca,
waquma izigqoko zazo zafika ezibunu, wasezixotsha.
5 Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile lokho wathuma izithunywa ukuba zihlangabeze
izithunywa, njengoba zazihlukuluzwe zayangiswa kakhulu. Inkosi yathi, “Lina
hlalani eJerikho indevu zenu zize zikhule, libe selisiza ngapha.”
6 Kwathi ama-Amoni esebonile ukuthi asenuka emakhaleni kaDavida, uHanuni
lama-Amoni bathumela amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane okuqhatsha izinqola
zokulwa labatshayeli bazo e-Aramu Naharayimu, le-Aramu-Mahakha laseZobha.
7 Baqhatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lambili, banxusa lenkosi uMahakha lamabutho akhe, yona eyeza yaza-
kanisa eMedebha labantu bayo, ama-Amoni lawo eqoqana emadolobheni awo
aphuma ukuya empini.

8 Uthe ekuzwa lokho uDavida, wathumela uJowabi kanye lamabutho akhe wonke.
9 Ama-Amoni asondela esehlome aphelela emangenelweni edolobho lakibo, kanti
amakhosi ayenxusiwe ayejamile lawo wodwa egangeni.
10 UJowabi wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho phambi kwakhe langemva
kwakhe, ngakho wakhetha amanye amaqhawe athenjiweyo ko-Israyeli wabahlela
ukuba bamelane lama-Aramu. 11 Amanye amabutho ayesele wathi kawalawulwe
ngu-Abhishayi umfowabo, wona-ke ajamelana lama-Amoni. 12 UJowabi wasesithi,
“Nxa ama-Aramu ezangikhulela, wena uzangihlomulela; kanti-ke nxa ama-Amoni
ezakukhulela lami ngizakuhlomulela. 13 Qina, kasilwe ngesibindi silwela abantu
bakithi lemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu. UTHIXO uzakwenza lokho okufaneleyo njen-
gokubona kwakhe.”
14 Ngakho uJowabi lamabutho ayelawo wasuka ukuyakulwa lama-Aramu, wona
ahle abaleka phambi kwakhe. 15 Kuthe ama-Amoni ebona ukuthi ama-Aramu
ayabaleka, abaleka lawo phambi kuka-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi, abuyela
phakathi kwedolobho. Ngakho uJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema.
16 Kwathi ama-Aramu esebonile ukuthi ehlulwe ngama-Israyeli, athuma izithunywa
zayaphendula ama-Aramu ayengaphetsheya koMfula, kanye loShofaki umlawuli
wamabutho kaHadadezeri lamabutho ayekhokhele.
17 Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu, waqoqa bonke abako-Israyeli, wachapha
uJodani, wajamelana labo ngamaviyo ayeqondene laye. UDavida walungiselela
amaviyo akhe ukudibana lama-Aramu empini, lakanye alwa lawo. 18 Abaleka
ebona u-Israyeli, ngakho uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezinqola zokulwa abazinku-
lungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo azinkulungwane ezinga-
makhulu amane. Waze wabulala loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho akhona.
19 Kwathi izinceku zikaHadadezeri zibona ukuthi zehlulwe ngabako-Israyeli,
zaxolisana loDavida, zathela kuye.
Ngakho ama-Aramu awathandanga ukunceda ama-Amoni kusukela lapho.

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Ukuthunjwa KweRabha

1 Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwezimpi zamakhosi ukuyakulwa,
uJowabi wakhokhela amabutho ayehlomile. Watshaya wabhuqa ilizwe lama-
Amoni waze wayavimbezela ilizwe laseRabha, kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema.
UJowabi wahlasela iRabha wayitshiya ingamanxiwa. 2 UDavida wathatha umqhele
owawusekhanda lenkosi yabo isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, uceciswe nga-
matshe aligugu, umqhele wasufakwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wathatha impango
enengi kakhulu kulelodolobho, 3 njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa wabasa lapho
ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye lamahloka.
Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuwo wonke amadolobho ama-Amoni. Kwathi uDavida
ngokwakhe kanye lamabutho akhe wonke babuyela eJerusalema.

Impi LamaFilistiya

4 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi, kwaqhamuka impi yamaFilistiya, eGezeri. Ngale-
sosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathi wabulala uSiphayi, omunye wabosendo lwa-
maRefayi kwaba yikwehlulwa kwamaFilistiya.
5 Kweyinye impi lamaFilistiya, u-Elihanani indodana kaJayiri wabulala uLahimi
umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto ololuthi olunjengolomeluki.
6 Kanti njalo kwenye impi, eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda enkulu kakhulu ilem-
inwe eyisithupha esandleni ngasinye, lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye,
sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane. Laye wayengowosendo

lukaRafa. 7 Ngokuchothoza kwakhe abako-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya,
umfowabo kaDavida, wambulala.
8 Laba ngabosendo lukaRafa eGathi, njalo bafela ezandleni zikaDavida lamabutho
akhe.

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UDavida Ubala Amabutho Empi

1 USathane wasemelana labako-Israyeli njalo wafuqela uDavida ukuba abale
abantu bako-Israyeli. 2 Ngakho uDavida wathi kuJowabi kanye labalawuli bam-
abutho, "Hambani liyebala u-Israyeli kusukela eBherishebha kusiya koDani. Be-
seliphenduka lizongitshela ukuze ngazi ukuthi bangaki khonale."
3 Kodwa uJowabi waphendula wathi, "Sengathi UTHIXO angandisa amabutho akhe
ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikhulu. Mhlekazi wami nkosi, kambe kabasibantu benkosi
yami bonke laba? Inkosi yami ifunelani ukukwenza lokhu? Kungani ithanda
ukwehlisela icala phezu kwabako-Israyeli?"
4 Loba kwakunjalo, uJowabi wakhulelwa yilizwi lenkosi, ngakho uJowabi wal-
ibhoda lonke elako-Israyeli wasebuyela eJerusalema. 5 UJowabi wafika wabikela
uDavida inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Kulolonke elako-Israyeli kwaku-
lamadoda ayisigidi lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha
inkemba, kubalwa labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane alamatshumi ay-
isikhombisa koJuda.
6 Kodwa ekubaleni kwakhe uJowabi kazange ahlanganise abaLevi labakaBhen-
jamini, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawumnenga. 7 Kanti njalo lowomlayo wawuyisono
phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lakanye wamjezisa u-Israyeli.
8 Ngakho uDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, "Ngonile kakhulu phambi kwakho
ngokwenza lokhu. Ngakho, ngiyakuncenga, susa umlandu lo encekwini yakho.
Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu."
9 UTHIXO wakhuluma loGadi, umboni kaDavida, wathi: 10 "Hamba uyetshela
uDavida ukuthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi
kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa okumele ngikwehlisele khona mina.' "
11 Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
'Zikhethele wena okufunayo: 12 iminyaka emithathu yendlala, loba izinyanga
ezintathu zokududulwa uxotshwa yizitha zakho, ngenkemba zazo zikukhulela, loba
insuku ezintathu zokumelana lenkemba KATHIXO, kuyikuthi kuyabe kuyisifo elizweni,
ingilosi KATHIXO iletha incithakalo kulolonke elako-Israyeli.' Ngakho, khathesi khetha
ukuthi ngifike ngithini kulo ongithumileyo."
13 UDavida wathi kuGadi, "Ngisosizini olukhulu kakhulu; kungangcono ngizinikele
ezandleni ZIKATHIXO, ngoba umusa wakhe mkhulu kakhulu; kodwa unganginikeli
ezandleni zabantu."
14 Ngakho UTHIXO wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli, kwafa amadoda azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ko-Israyeli. 15 Njalo uNkulunkulu wasethumela
ingilosi ukuba iyechitha iJerusalema. Kodwa ingilosi ithe isakwenza lokho, UTHIXO
wazisola ngencithakalo eyayizakwenzakala wahle wakhuza ingilosi eyayizabhubhisa
abantu wathi, "Kwanele! Susa isandla sakho." Ingilosi KATHIXO ngalesosikhathi
yayisimi esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi.
16 UDavida wakhangela phezulu wabona ingilosi KATHIXO imi phakathi kwezulu
lomhlaba, iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo phezu kweJerusalema. Ngakho uDavida
labadala, begqoke amasaka, bawa phansi ngobuso.
17 UDavida wathi kuNkulunkulu, "Angithi yimi engithe akubalwe amadoda okulwa
na? Yimi engonileyo ngadala isono. Laba abasilutho yizimvu ezilandelayo. Benzeni?

Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, isandla sakho asiwele phezu kwami labendlu yami, kodwa akuthi isifo singasali ebantwini bakho."

UDavida Wakha I-Alithari

18 Ngakho ingilosi KATHIXO yathuma uGadi ukuthi ayetshela uDavida ukuthi
ayekwakha i-alithari LIKATHIXO esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi. 19 Lakanye uDavida
walalela ilizwi elakhitshwa nguGadi ngebizo LIKATHIXO.
20 U-Onani esabhula ingqoloyi, wanyemukula wabona ingilosi; amadodana akhe
amane ayelaye acatsha. 21 Kwasekufika uDavida, kuthe u-Onani embona, watshiya
ukubhula wayakhothamela uDavida elokhu ebuso bukhothamele phansi.
22 UDavida wathi kuye, "Ake ungivumele ngibone isiza sakho sokubhulela amabele
ukuze ngakhe i-alithari LIKATHIXO, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe. Ngithengisela
sona ngentengo yaso egcweleyo."
23 U-Onani wathi kuDavida, "Sithathe! Inkosi yami kayenze lokho ebona
kuyithokozisa. Khangela, mina ngizaletha inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, lemibhulo
yokubhula izakuba zinkuni, ingqoloyi izakuba ngumnikelo wamabele. Konke lokhu
ngiyakunika."
24 Kodwa inkosi uDavida yathi ku-Onani, "Hayi, ngifuna ukuthenga ngentengo
egcweleyo. Angiyikuthatha okuya KUTHIXO okungokwakho, angiyikunikela umnikelo
wokutshiswa engingawuthenganga."
25 Ngakho uDavida wanika u-Onani amashekeli egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha
ethenga leyondawo. 26 UDavida wakhela UTHIXO i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. Wakhuleka KUTHIXO, UTHIXO
wamphendula ngomlilo uvela ezulwini phezu kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa.
27 Ngakho UTHIXO wakhuluma lengilosi, yona yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwa-
meni sayo. 28 Ngalesosikhathi, uDavida esebonile ukuthi UTHIXO wayemphendule
esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi, wanikela iminikelo kuleyondawo. 29 Ithabanikeli
LIKATHIXO, elalakhiwe nguMosi enkangala, kanye le-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa
ngalesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibhiyoni. 30 Kodwa uDavida
wehluleka ukuya khona ukuze abuze kuNkulunkulu ngoba wayesesaba inkemba
yengilosi KATHIXO.

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1 UDavida wasesithi, "Indlu KATHIXO uNkulunkulu izakuba khonapha, kanye le-
alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa ka-Israyeli."

Amalungiselelo Okwakha IThempeli

2 Ngakho uDavida wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi bonke abezizweni abahlala ko-
Israyeli babuthaniswe, kwathi phakathi kwabo wakhetha ababazi bamatshe ukuze
balungise babaze amatshe okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. 3 Wabuthanisa insimbi
enengi kakhulu yokwenza izipikili zezivalo lezinsimbi zokuhlanganisa, wabuthanisa
lethusi elinengi elingelakulinganiswa. 4 Wadinga lezigodo zomsedari ezinengi
ezingelakubalwa, ngoba amaSidoni labaseThire baletha inani lazo elikhulu kakhulu
kuDavida.
5 UDavida wasesithi, "Indodana yami uSolomoni isengumntwana njalo ayikabi
lolwazi, ngoba phela indlu ezakwakhelwa UTHIXO kumele ibe yindlu ebukekayo
kakhulu ibe lodumo lesithunzi emehlweni ezizwe zonke. Ngakho ngizalungiselela
ukwakhiwa kwayo." Yikho uDavida walungiselela ngokujulileyo esaphila.
6 Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele UTHIXO, uNku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu. 7 UDavida wathi kuSolomoni: "Ndodana yami, ngan-
gizimisele ukwakhela iBizo LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu wami indlu. 8 Kodwa ilizwi

LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: ‘Wena uchithe igazi elinengi, walwa izimpi ezinengi. Kawuyikwakhela iBizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi kakhulu emhlabeni. 9 Kodwa, uzazala indodana ezakuba ngumuntu othanda ukuthula; ngizayiphumuza ezitheni zayo inxa zonke. Izathiwa nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika u-Israyeli ukuthula ensukwini zokubusa kwakhe. 10 Nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu. Uzakuba yindodana yami, mina ngizakuba nguyise. Njalo ngizaqinisa ubukhosi bakhe ko-Israyeli kuze kube nininini.’

11 Ndodana yami, UTHIXO kabe lawe ukuze uphumelele ukwakha indlu KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwakhe ngawe. 12 Sengathi UTHIXO angakunika ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisisa, ukuze kuthi lapho ekunika amandla ko-Israyeli, uwu-londoloze umlayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. 13 Uzaphumelela nxa unanzelela ukugcina izimiso lemithetho UTHIXO ayinika u-Israyeli ngoMosi. Qina, ube lesibindi. Ungesabi utshaywe luvalo.

14 Ngayo yonke imizamo yami ngilungisele indlu KATHIXO amathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayisigidi, lethusi kanye lensimbi okulesisindo esingelakubalwa, lezigodo kanye lamatshe. Lawe ungengezelela kulokho. 15 Ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, labakha ngamatshe, lababazi, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi yonke, 16 eyegolide, isiliva, ithusi kanye lensimbi, izingcitshi ezingelakubalwa. Qalisa-ke umsebenzi, UTHIXO abe lawe.”

17 UDavida waselaya bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli ukuba basize uSolomoni indodana yakhe. 18 Wathi kubo, “UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu kakho kini na? Kalinikanga ukuthula inxa zonke na? Ngoba unikele abantu belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe libuswa NGUTHIXO labantu bakhe. 19 Ngakho nikelani inhliziyo zenu ekufuneni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu. Qalisani ukwakha indlu KATHIXO uNkulunkulu, ukuze ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO lezitsha ZIKATHIXO ezingcwele kungeniswe ethempelini elizakwakhelwa iBizo LIKATHIXO.”

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AbaLevi

1 Kwathi uDavida esemdala eseluphele, wabeka uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli.

2 Wasehlanganisa bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, labaphristi kanye labaLevi. 3 AbaLevi abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu babalwa, inani lamadoda laba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lasi-ficaminwembili. 4 UDavida wasesithi: “Phakathi kwalaba, abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane bazakhangela ukuqhutshwa komsebenzi wethempeli LIKATHIXO kuthi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha bazakuba yizikhulu labahluleli. 5 Abazinkulungwane ezine bazakuba ngabalindi bamasango kuthi abazinkulungwane ezine badumise UTHIXO ngamachacho lezigubhu engizigcinele lowomsebenzi.”

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

AbakaGeshoni

7 Exukwini labakaGeshoni yilaba:
uLadani loShimeyi.
8 Amadodana kaLadani yila:
nguJehiyeli owokuqala, loZethami kanye loJoweli, bonke bebathathu.
9 Amadodana kaShimeyi yila:
nguShelomothi, loHaziyeli kanye loHarani, bonke bebathathu.
Laba babezinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLadani.

10 Lamadodana kaShimeyi yila:
nguJahathi, loZiza, loJewushi kanye loBheriya.
Laba kwakungamadodana kaShimeyi, bonke babebane.
11 UJahathi engowakuqala loZiza engowesibili, kodwa uJewushi loBheriya
abazange babelamadodana amanengi, ngakho babalwa njengemuli yinye bahle
baphiwa umsebenzi bendawonye.

AmaKhohathi

12 Amadodana kaKhohathi yila:
ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli, bonke babebane.
13 Amadodana ka-Amramu yila:
ngu-Aroni loMosi.
U-Aroni wehlukaniselwa ukunikela izinto ezingcwele kakhulu kuThixo, ukuze
yena lamadodana akhe batshise impepha phambi kukaThixo lokumkhonza
lokubusisa ngebizo lakhe kuze kube nininini. 14 Amadodana kaMosi inceku
kaNkulunkulu abalwa ndawonye labesizwana sikaLevi.
15 Amadodana kaMosi yila:
nguGeshomu lo-Eliyezari.
16 Abosendo lukaGeshomu:
nguShubhayeli engowakuqala.
17 Abosendo luka-Eliyezari:
nguRehabhiya engowakuqala.
U-Eliyezari kazange abe lamanye amadodana kodwa amadodana kaRehabhiya
ayemanengi kakhulu.
18 Amadodana ka-Izihari yila:
nguShelomithi engowokuqala.
19 Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
nguJeriya engowokuqala, lo-Amariya engowesibili,
loJahaziyeli engowesithathu kanye loJekhameyamu owesine.
20 Amadodana ka-Uziyeli yila:
nguMikha engowakuqala lo-Ishiya owesibili.

AmaMerari

21 Amadodana kaMerari yila:
nguMahili loMushi.
Amadodana kaMahili yila:
ngu-Eliyezari loKhishi.
22 U-Eliyezari wafa engelamadodana: wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Amadodakazi
endela kubafowabo, amadodana kaKhishi.
23 Amadodana kaMushi yila:
nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi, bonke bebathathu.

24 Laba kwakungabosendo lukaLevi ngezindlu zabo, abazinhloko zezindlu
njengokulotshwa kwamabizo lokubalwa kwabo ngamunye, okutsho
ukuthi, abasebenzayo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya
phezulu ababesebenza ethempelini likaThixo. 25 Ngoba uDavida wathi:
“Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, enike abantu bakhe ukuthula
lokuthi bazahlala eJerusalema kuze kube nininini, 26 abaLevi akusafanele
bathwale ithabanikeli loba kuyini okusetshenziswa ezinkonzweni zalo.”
27 Njengeziyalezelo zikaDavida zokucina, abaLevi babalwa kusukela kwa-
baleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.

28 Umsebenzi wabaLevi wawungowokuncedisa inzalo ka-Aroni emsebenzini
wethempeli LIKATHIXO: ukugcina amaguma akhona; izindlu ezisemaceleni, ukuhlam-
bulula zonke izinto ezingcwele lokwenza yonke imisebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu.
29 Babephethe umsebenzi wesinkwa sokwahlukanisela ethaleni, ifulawa yomnikelo
wamabele, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ukuxuba lokupheka isinkwa, lezilinganiso
zonke zezisindo lobukhulu bakhona. 30 Njalo babemele beme ngezinyawo ekuseni
nsuku zonke ukubonga lokudumisa UTHIXO. Kwakufanele benzenjalo lantambama,
31 lalapho kunikelwa iminikelo yokutshiswa KUTHIXO ngamaSabatha, emadilini
okuThwasa kweNyanga, lakuyo yonke imikhosi emisiweyo. Babefanele bamseben-
zele UTHIXO ngazozonke izikhathi ngenani elilingeneyo langendlela ababeyimiselwe.
32 Ngakho abaLevi bawenza umsebenzi wabo weThenteni lokuHlanganela,
laseNdaweni eNgcwele, ngaphansi kwabafowabo abayisizukulwana sika-Aroni, em-
sebenzini wethempeli LIKATHIXO.

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Izigaba ZabaPhristi

1 Lezi yizo izigaba zamadodana ka-Aroni:
Amadodana ka-Aroni nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu, lo-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari.
2 Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa uyise engakafi, njalo babengelamadodana;
ngakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari yibo ababa ngabaphristi. 3 Ngokuphathisana
loZadokhi owosendo luka-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ahimeleki owosendo luka-Ithamari,
uDavida wabehlukanisa ngezigaba kusiya ngemisebenzi ababemele bayenze.
4 Babebanengi abosendo luka-Eliyazari abakhokheli kulabosendo luka-Ithamari
ngakho behlukaniswa bamiswa njengalokhu: kwakusiba ngabalitshumi lesithupha
kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari abazinhloko labayisificaminwembili kusendo luka-
Ithamari. 5 Babakhetha kungelakubandlulula ngokuphosa inkatho, ngoba zazikhona
izikhulu zendawo yokuphephela lezikhulu zikaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabosendo
luka-Eliyazari laphakathi koluka-Ithamari.
6 Umlobi uShemaya indodana kaNethaneli, umLevi, waloba amabizo abo
phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikhulu: uZadokhi umphristi, lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-
Abhiyathari kanye lenhloko zezimuli zabaphristi labaLevi, kuthathwa imuli eyodwa
ku-Eliyazari kuphinde kuthathwe imuli eyodwa ku-Ithamari.

7 Inkatho yakuqala yadla uJehoyaribhi,
eyesibili yadla uJedaya,
8 eyesithathu yadla uHarimu,
eyesine yadla uSeworimi,
9 eyesihlanu yadla uMalikhija,
eyesithupha yadla uMijamini,
10 eyesikhombisa yadla uHakhozi,
eyesificaminwembili yadla u-Abhija,
11 eyesificamunwemunye yadla uJeshuwa,
eyetshumi yadla uShekhaniya,
12 eyetshumi lanye yadla u-Eliyashibi,
eyetshumi lambili yadla uJakhimi,
13 eyetshumi lantathu yadla uHupha,
eyetshumi lane yadla uJeshebheyabi,
14 eyetshumi lanhlanu yadla uBhiliga,
eyetshumi lesithupha yadla u-Imeri,
15 eyetshumi lesikhombisa yadla uHeziri,

eyetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili yadla uHapizezi,
16 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yadla uPhethahiya,
eyamatshumi amabili yadla uHezekhiyeli,
17 eyamatshumi amabili lanye yadla uJakhini,
eyamatshumi amabili lambili yadla uGamuli,
18 eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yadla uDelaya,
eyamatshumi amabili lane yadla uMaziya.

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

Abanye AbaLevi

20 Kwathi-ke ababesele abosendo lukaLevi:

emadodaneni ka-Amramu: uShubhayeli;
emadodaneni kaShubhayeli: nguJehideya.
21 Kuvela kuRehabhiya, amadodana akhe yila: ngu-Ishiya engowokuqala.
22 Kuma-Izihari: nguShelomothi;
emadodaneni kaShelomothi; nguJahathi.
23 Amadodana kaHebhroni yila:
nguJeriya owokuqala lo-Amariya owesibili, loJahaziyeli owesithathu lo-Jekhameyamu owesine.
24 Indodana ka-Uziyeli: nguMikha;
emadodaneni kaMikha nguShamiri.
25 Umfowabo kaMikha: ngu-Ishiya;
emadodaneni ka-Ishiya: nguZakhariya.
26 Amadodana kaMerari: nguMahili loMushi.
Indodana kaJahaziya: nguBheno.
27 Amadodana kaMerari:
Kusuka kuJahaziya: nguBheno, loShohamu, loZakhuri kanye lo-Ibhiri.
28 Kusuka kuMahili: ngu-Eliyezari, ongazange abe lamadodana.
29 Kusukela kuKhishi: indodana kaKhishi: nguJerameli.
30 Njalo lakumadodana kaMushi: nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi.

Laba kwakungabaLevi, ngezimuli zabo.

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

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Abahlabeleli

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

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

3 NgakuJeduthuni, amadodana akhe yila:
nguGedaliya, loZeri, loJeshaya loShimeyi, loHashabhiya kanye loMathithiya, beyisithupha ndawonye, besesandleni sikayise uJeduthuni, owayephrofetha esebenzisa umhubhe ukubonga lokudumisa uTHIXO.
4 NgakuHemani, amadodana akhe yila:
nguBhukhiya, loMathaniya, lo-Uziyeli, loShubhayeli kanye loJerimothi; uHananiya, loHanani, lo-Eliyatha, loGidalithi loRomamthi-Ezeri; loJoshibhekhasha, loMalothi, loHothiri kanye loMahaziyothi. 5 Bonke laba kwakungamadodana kaHemani umboni wenkosi. Bona ebaphiwe ngesithembiso sikaNkulunkulu sokumphakamisa. UNkulunkulu wapha uHemani amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi amathathu.

6 Wonke lamadoda ayephethwe ngoyise emsebenzini wokuhlabela ethempelini LIKATHIXO, ngezigubhu, amachacho lemihubhe enkonzweni endlini kaNkulunkulu.

U-Asafi, loJeduthuni kanye loHemani babengaphansi kwenkosi. 7 Bona kanye lezihlobo zabo zonke babewufundele umsebenzi wokuhlabelela njalo bengamagabazi okuhlabelela uTHIXO, babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili labantu abayisificaminwembili (288). 8 Abatsha labadala ngokufanayo, abafundisayo lababefunda, baphosa inkatho.

9 Inkatho yakuqala eyayingeka-Asafi yawela kuJosefa lamadodana akhe kanye lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili;
eyesibili yawela kuGedaliya, yena kanye lezihlobo lamadodana akhe belitshumi lambili;
10 eyesithathu yawela kuZakhuri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili;
11 eyesine yawela ku-Iziri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe belitshumi lambili;
12 eyesihlanu yawela kuNethaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe belitshumi lambili;
13 eyesithupha yawela kuBhukhiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
14 eyesikhombisa yawela kuJesarela, lamadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
15 eyesificaminwembili yawela kuJeshayiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
16 eyesificamunwemunye yawela kuMathaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
17 eyetshumi yawela kuShimeyi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
18 eyetshumi lanye yawela ku-Azareli, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
19 eyetshumi lambili yawela kuHashabhiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
20 eyetshumi lantathu yawela kuShubhayeli, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
21 eyetshumi lane yawela kuMathithiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
22 eyetshumi lanhlanu yawela kuJerimothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
23 eyetshumi lesithupha yawela kuHananiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;

24 eyetshumi lesikhombisa yawela kuJoshibhekhasha, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
25 eyetshumi lasificaminwembili yawela kuHanani, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
26 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yawela kuMalothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
27 eyamatshumi amabili yawela ku-Eliyatha, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
28 eyamatshumi amabili lanye yawela kuHothiri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
29 eyamatshumi amabili lambili yawela kuGidalithi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
30 eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yawela kuMahaziyothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili;
31 eyamatshumi amabili lane yawela kuRomamthi-Ezeri lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili.

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Abalindi BamaSango

1 Izigaba zabalindi bamasango:

KwabakoKhora:
kunguMeshelemiya indodana kaKhora, omunye wamadodana ka-Asafi.
2 UMeshelemiya wayelamadodana ahlanganisa
uZakhariya eyakuqala loJediyeli eyesibili,
loZebhadiya eyesithathu, loJathiniyeli eyesine,
3 lo-Elamu eyesihlanu, loJehohanani eyesithupha kanye
lo-Eliyehonayi eyesikhombisa.
4 U-Obhedi-Edomi laye wayelamadodana:
kunguShemaya eyakuqala, loJehozabhadi eyesibili,
loJowa eyesithathu, loSakhari eyesine,
loNethaneli eyesihlanu, 5 lo-Amiyeli eyesithupha,
lo-Isakhari eyesikhombisa, kanye loPhewulethayi eyesificaminwembili.
(Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile u-Obhedi-Edomi.)
6 Indodana yakhe uShemaya layo yayilamadodana, ayengabakhokheli kwabendlu kayise ngoba babengamadoda enelisayo. 7 Amadodana kaShemaya wona yila:
ngu-Othini, loRafayeli, lo-Obhedi kanye lo-Elizabhadi;
izihlobo zakhe u-Elihu loSemakhiya lazo zazingamadoda ayesenelisa.
8 Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi; bona kanye lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo babengamadoda enelisayo belamandla okwenza umsebenzi, bengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi, babengamatshumi ayisithupha lambili (62) sebendawonye.
9 UMeshelemiya wayelamadodana lezihlobo, amadoda ayekhaliphile ayelitshumi lasificaminwembili (18) esendawonye.

10 UHosa ongum'Merari wayelamadodana:
uShimiri engowakuqala (loba wayengasuye izibulo, uyise wayembeke kulesosikhundla sokuba ngowokuqala),
11 loHilikhiya engowesibili, loThabhaliya engowesithathu kanye
loZekhariya engowesine.
Amadodana lezihlobo zikaHosa sebendawonye babelitshumi lantathu (13).

12 Izigaba zabalindi bamasango, kusiya ngabakhokheli bazo, zazilomlandu wokwenza umsebenzi ethempelini LIKATHIXO, njengokwakusenziwa yizihlobo zabo. 13 Benza inkatho isango lilinye, kusiya ngemuli, abatsha labadala kufanana.
14 Inkatho yeSango langaseMpumalanga yawela kuShelemiya.
Basebesenzela inkatho indodana yakhe uZakhariya owayengumcebisi okhaliphileyo, inkatho yeSango langaseNyakatho yawela kuye.
15 Inkatho yeSango langaseZansi lawela ku-Obhedi-Edomi, amadodana akhe kwathiwa kawalinde isiphala.
16 Inkatho yeSango langaseNtshonalanga kanye leSango leShalekhethi emgwaqweni ongaphezulu laya kuShuphimu loHosa.

Kwalinda abalindi ngabalindi:
17 Kwakusiba labaLevi abayisithupha ngelanga empumalanga,
abane ngelanga enyakatho,
abane ezansi ngelanga
kuthi esiphaleni kube lababili lakhona ngazozonke izikhathi.
18 Phambili ngentshonalanga, kwakulabane emgwaqweni, ababili besegumeni uqobo.

19 Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango ababengabosendo lukaKhora loMerari.

Abagcinisikhwama Lezinye Izikhulu

20 Abanye babaLevi babephatha inotho yethempeli likaNkulunkulu leziligugu ezingcwele.
21 Abosendo lukaLadani, ababe ngamaGeshoni ngoLadani njalo ababezinhloko zabakaLadani umGeshoni, kwakunguJehiyeli, 22 amadodana kaJehiyeli, loZethami lomfowabo uJoweli. Laba yibo ababephethe inotho yethempeli LIKATHIXO.

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

24 uShubhayeli, owosendo lukaGeshomu indodana kaMosi, wayeyisikhulu esasiphethe ezenotho. 25 Izihlobo zakhe ngo-Eliyezari yilezi: nguRehabhiya indodana yakhe, loJeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoramu indodana yakhe, loZikhiri indodana yakhe loShelomithi indodana yakhe.
26 (UShelomithi lezihlobo zakhe babephethe zonke ezenotho ezingcwele ezazinikelwe yinkosi uDavida, labayizinhloko zezindlu ababengabalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, langabanye abalawuli bamabutho. 27 Eyinye impango eyayithunjwe ekulweni bayinikela ekulungisweni kwethempeli LIKATHIXO. 28 Lakho konke okwakunikelwe nguSamuyeli umboni loSawuli indodana kaKhishi, lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri loJowabi indodana kaZeruya, lazozonke ezinye ezazinikelwe zazisesandleni sikaShelomithi kanye lezihlobo zakhe.)
29 Kwabaka-Izihari yilaba:
UKhenaniya lamadodana akhe baphiwa umsebenzi ngaphandle kwethempeli, beyizikhulu labehluleli kwabako-Israyeli.
30 KwabakaHebhroni yilaba:
UHashabhiya lezihlobo zakhe, amadoda enelisayo ayengamakhulu alitshumi layisikhombisa ayekhangele ingxenye ka-Israyeli entshonalanga yeJodani kuwo wonke umsebenzi KATHIXO lokuba yizinceku zenkosi. 31 AmaHebhroni wona,

umkhokheli wawo kwakunguJeriya kusiya ngokulotshwa koluhlu lokuzalana kwezimuli zawo.
Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane wokubusa kukaDavida kwahlolisiswa kulololuhlu lwemibhalo, kwafunyanwa ukuthi amadoda akhaliphileyo phakathi kwamaHebhroni ayeseJazeri ngaseGiliyadi. 32 UJeriya wayelezihlobo ezingamakhulu angamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ezazikhaliphile njalo zizinhloko zezimuli zazo, ngakho inkosi uDavida wazibeka ukuthi ziphathe abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase kukho konke okwakungokukaNkulunkulu lokuyizindaba zenkosi.

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Amaviyo Empi

1 Nantu uluhlu lwabako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, ababesebenzela inkosi kulokho okuqondane lamaviyo empi ayefanele ukuzophisana ngenyanga kuze kuyephela umnyaka. Iviyo lilinye lalilamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000).

2 Owayephethe iviyo lakuqala, ngenyanga yakuqala, kwakunguJashobheyamu indodana kaZabhidiyeli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) esigabeni sakhe. 3 Yena wayengowosendo lukaPherezi njalo eyinduna yezikhulu zonke zamabutho okwenyanga yakuqala.
4 Owayephethe iviyo ngenyanga yesibili kwakunguDodayi wako-Ahohi; uMikhilothi engumkhokheli weviyo lakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
5 Umlawuli wamabutho wesithathu, owezopho lesithathu, kwakunguBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umphristi. Wayeyinduna, njalo esigabeni sakhe kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000). 6 Nguyenalo uBhenaya owayeliqhawe phakathi kwamaTshumi amaThathu njalo eyinduna yamaTshumi amaThathu. Indodana yakhe u-Amizabhadi yayiphethe iviyo lakhe.
7 Owesine, owezopho lenyanga yesine, kwakungu-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi; indodana yakhe uZebhadiya wasala esethatha isikhundla sakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
8 Owesihlanu, owezopho lenyanga yesihlanu, kwakungumlawuli uShamihuthi owako-Izira. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
9 Owesithupha, owezopho lenyanga yesithupha, kwakungu-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
10 Owesikhombisa, owezopho lenyanga yesikhombisa, kwakunguHelezi umPheloni, owako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
11 Owesificaminwembili, owezopho lenyanga yesificaminwembili, kwakunguSibhekhayi umHushathi wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
12 Owesificamunwemunye, owezopho lesificamunwemunye, kwakungu-Abhiyezeri um'Anathothi owakoBhenjamini. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

13 Owetshumi, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi, kwakunguMaharayi umNethofa
wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane
(24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
14 Owetshumi lanye, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi lanye, kwakunguBhenaya
umPhirathoni wako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamat-
shumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.
15 Owetshumi lambili, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi lambili, kwakunguHelidayi
umNethofa, owemuli ka-Othiniyeli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezinga-
matshumi amabili lane (24,000) eviyweni lakhe.

Izikhulu Zezizwana

16 Izikhulu ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli yilezi:

KwabakoRubheni: ngu-Eliyezari indodana kaZikhiri;
kwabakoSimiyoni, nguShefathiya indodana kaMahakha;
17 kwabakoLevi: nguHashabhiya indodana kaKhemuweli;
kwabako-Aroni: nguZadokhi;
18 kwabakoJuda: ngu-Elihu, umfowabo kaDavida;
kwabaka-Isakhari: ngu-Omri indodana kaMikhayeli;
19 kwabakoZebhuluni: ngu-Ishimaya indodana ka-Obhadaya;
kwabakoNafithali: nguJerimothi indodana ka-Aziriyeli
20 kwabako-Efrayimi: nguHosheya indodana ka-Azaziya;
kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase: nguJoweli indodana kaPhedaya;
21 kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase eGiliyadi: ngu-Ido indodana kaZa-
khariya;
kwabakoBhenjamini: nguJasiyeli indodana ka-Abhineri;
22 kwabakoDani: ngu-Azareli indodana kaJerohamu.

Laba babeyizikhulu ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli.

23 UDavida kazange abhale phansi inani lamadoda ayeleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lababengaphansi kwaleyo, ngoba UTHIXO wayethembise ukuthi wayezakwan-
disa u-Israyeli abe njengezinkanyezi emkhathini. 24 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya
waqalisa ukubala amadoda kodwa kaqedanga. Ulaka lwehlela u-Israyeli ngenxa
yalokho kubalwa ngakho inani lelo alibhalwanga encwadini yezindaba zeNkosi
uDavida.

Abacebisi BeNkosi

25 U-Azimavethi indodana ka-Adiyeli wayephethe iziphala zesikhosini.
UJonathani indodana ka-Uziya wayephethe iziphala emaphandleni ezabelweni,
emadolobheni, emizini kanye lasezilindweni.
26 U-Eziri indodana kaKhelubi wayephethe izisebenzi emaphandleni ezazilima
amasimu.
27 UShimeyi um'Ramathi wayephethe izivini.
UZabhidi waseShefama wayephethe izithelo zezivini zokwenza iwayini.
28 UBhali-Hanani umGederi wayephethe izihlahla zama-oliva lomkhiwane we-
sikhamore emawatheni ezintatshana zasentshonalanga.
UJowashi wayephethe amafutha e-oliva.
29 UShithirayi umSharoni wayephethe imihlambi eyayisemadlelweni aseSharoni.
UShafathi indodana ka-Adilayi, wayephethe imihlambi ezihotsheni.
30 U-Obhili owako-Ishumayeli wayephethe amakamela,
uJehideya owakoMeronothi ephethe ezabobabhemi.

31 UJazizi umHagari wayephethe ezemihlambi yezimvu.
Bonke laba babeyizikhulu ezaziphethe impahla zenkosi uDavida.

32 UJonathani, isihlobo sikaDavida, wayengumcebisi, indoda ehlakaniphileyo njalo
engumbhali.
UJehiyeli indodana kaHakhimoni wayephethe amadodana enkosi.
33 U-Ahithofeli wayengumcebisi wenkosi.
UHushayi owako-Arikhi wayengumngane wenkosi.
34 UJehoyada indodana kaBhenaya nguye owathatha isikhundla sika-
Ahithofeli kwalandela u-Abhiyathari.
UJowabi wayengumlawuli webutho lenkosi.

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Amacebo KaDavida Ngokwakhiwa KweThempeli

1 UDavida wamema zonke izikhulu zako-Israyeli zabuthana eJerusalema: izikhulu zezizwana, abalawuli bamaviyo emsebenzini wenkosi, abalawuli bezinkulungwane kanye labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezaziphethe ezezimpahla lezifuyo zenkosi lamadodana ayo, kanye lezikhulu zesigodlweni, amaqhawe labo bonke ababelez-ibindi empini.
2 Inkosi uDavida yasukuma yathi: "Lalelani, zihlobo labantu bami, bengizimisele ukwakhela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, indlu yokuhlala njalo kuyisenabelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngaze ngenza amalungiselelo okukufeza lokho. 3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kimi: 'Awuyikulakhela indlu iBizo lami, ngoba wena ungowempi njalo usuchithe igazi.'
4 Kodwa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wakhetha mina kuyo yonke indlu yak-wethu ukuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli kuze kube nininini. Wakhetha uJuda ukuba abe ngumkhokheli, kwathi khona endlini kaJuda wakhetha imuli yakwethu, kwazakuthi emadodaneni kababa kumthokozisile ukungibeka ngibe yinkosi kulolonke elako-Israyeli. 5 Kuwo wonke amadodana ami njengoba uThixo engiphe amanengi, umkhethile uSolomoni indodana yami ukuba ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhosini sombuso kaThixo ko-Israyeli. 6 Wathi kimi: 'USolomoni indodana yakho yiyo ezangakhela indlu yami ilungise lamaguma ami, ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba abe yindodana yami, lami ngizakuba nguyise. 7 Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze kube nininini nxa eqina ekugcineni imilayo yami lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenzakalayo lamuhla.'
8 Ngakho-ke phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, lebandla likaThixo uNkulunkulu, laphambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu: gcinani linanzelele imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze libe lelizwe elihle elizalitshiyela izizukulwane kube yilifa lazo kuze kube nininini.
9 Njalo wena ndodana yami, Solomoni, mamukele uNkulunkulu kayihlo, umkhonze ngokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langengqondo yokuvuma, ngoba uThixo uyihlola yonke inhliziyo kanti uyayazi iminakano lezenzo zonke. Nxa umdinga uThixo, uzamthola wena, kodwa nxa umfulathela, uzakufulathela yena kuze kube nininini. 10 Nanzelela-ke ngoba uThixo ukukhethile ukuba umakhele ithempeli libe yindawo yokukhonzela. Qina wenze umsebenzi."
11 Ngakho uDavida wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo wesakhiwo sethempeli, lowezindlu zalo, lowezindlu zenotho, lowezindlu zangaphezulu, lowezindlu zangaphakathi, lowendlu yesihlalo somusa. 12 Wamnika umdwebo wakho konke ayekutshengiswe nguMoya engqondweni yakhe ngamaguma ethempeli likaThixo, lowezindlu eziwazingelezeleyo, lowendlu yenotho yethempeli, lowendlu

yenotho yezinto ezingcwele. 13 Wamtshela langesimo sezigaba zabaphristi lezabaLevi, langawo wonke umsebenzi wasethempelini LIKATHIXO, langezitsha zonke zenkonzo, 14 langesisindo segolide lazozonke izitsha zegolide zaleyo laleyo nkonzo, langesisindo sezitsha zesiliva zaleyo laleyo nkonzo: 15 langesisindo sezinti zezibane zegolide kanye lezibane zazo, langesisindo segolide salolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, lobunzima besiliva balolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, njengokusetshenziswa kwazo enkonzweni; 16 langesisindo segolide saleyotafula lezinkwa ezahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu lesisindo sesiliva esamatafula enziwe ngesiliva; 17 isisindo segolide elicengekileyo lezinti, imiganu yokuchelisa lezinkezo zakhona, lesisindo saleso lalesositsha segolide, kanye lesaleso lalesositsha sesiliva. 18 Wamtshela langesimo se-alithare lempepha elenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo lesisindo salo, langomfanekiso wesihlalo esingamakherubhi egolide achaye amaphiko awo egubuzele ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO.

19 UDavida wasesithi: "Konke lokhu ngilakho kulotshwe ngesandla SIKATHIXO phezu kwami, njalo wanginika ukuzwisisa kukho konke lokhu langokuphelela kwesimo sakhona."

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

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Izipho Zokwakha IThempeli

1 Inkosi uDavida yathi ebandleni lonke: "Indodana yami uSolomoni, yena kanye osekhethwe nguNkulunkulu, usesengumfana njalo usesemutsha. Umsebenzi mkhulu, ngoba lesisakhiwo sobukhosi ayisiso esomuntu kodwa NGESIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu. 2 Sengilungiselele ngayo yonke inzuzo engilayo ukwakhiwa kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, igolide lokwenza izinto zegolide, isiliva sokwenza izinto zesiliva, ithusi lokwenza izinto zethusi, lensimbi yokwenza izinto zensimbi, lezigodo zokwenza izinto zezigodo, kanye lohlobo lwamatshe e-onikisi, lamatshe okubekwa, lamatshe okucecisa, lalemibala, lenhlobonhlobo zonke zamatshe amahle lamatshe alukhuni amanengi, konke lokhu ngikubuthelele ngakunengi. 3 Ngaphandle kwalokho, ngenxa yokutshisekela kwami ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, manje senginikela inotho yami yegolide lesiliva ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami ngaphezu kwakho konke engikulethileyo ethempelini leli elingcwele: 4 ngamathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezintathu egolide (igolide lase-Ofiri) lamathalenta esiliva esicengekileyo azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa okokugudula ngalo imiduli yezindlu, 5 okomsebenzi wegolide lokomsebenzi wesiliva lokwawo wonke umsebenzi ozakwenziwa yizingcitshi. Ngakho, ngubani ofuna ukuzinikela KUTHIXO lamuhla?"

6 Abazinhloko zezindlu, izikhulu zezizwana zako-Israyeli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezazikhangele ngokuqhutshwa komsebenzi wenkosi bapha ngokuzinikela. 7 Banikela emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu amathalenta azinkulungwane ezinhlanu lezinhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amathalenta ethusi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili mibili, lamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ensimbi. 8 Loba ngubani owayelamatshe aligugu wawanikela endlini yenotho yethempeli LIKATHIXO yona eyayiphethwe nguJehiyeli umGeshoni. 9 Abantu

baba lokujabula okukhulu bebona ukuzinikela kwabakhokheli babo, ngoba banikela kuTHIXO ngokukhululeka langezinhliziyo zabo zonke. UDavida inkosi laye wajabula kakhulu.

Umkhuleko KaDavida

10 UDavida wamdumisa uTHIXO phambi kwebandla lonke esithi:
“Kawudunyiswe, Wena THIXO,
Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukhokho,
kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini.
11 Bungobakho, Oh THIXO, ubukhulu lamandla
lodumo lobukhosi lenkazimulo,
ngoba konke okusezulwini lokusemhlabeni kungokwakho.
Bungobakho, Oh THIXO, ubukhosi;
uphakeme wena phezu konke.
12 Inotho lodumo kuvela kuwe;
ungumbusi wazo zonke izinto.
Esandleni sakho kukhona ukuqina lamandla.
Kukuwe ukuphakamisa lokupha amandla kubo bonke.
13 Siyakubonga khathesi, Nkulunkulu wethu,
silidumisa ibizo lakho elilodumo.
14 Kodwa mina ngiyini, bayini abantu bami, ukuthi sinikele ngenhliziyo yonke na? Konke kuvela kuwe, thina sikunike kuphela lokho okuvela esandleni sakho. 15 Singabezizweni lezethekeli emehlweni akho, njengoba labokhokho bethu bonke babenjalo. Insuku zethu emhlabeni ziyafanana lesithunzi, asisilutho, kalikho ithemba. 16 Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wethu, lokhu esesikunikele ngobunengi bakho ekwakhiweni kwethempeli eliyindawo yeBizo lakho eliNgcwele, kuvela esandleni sakho, njalo konke kuvele kungokwakho. 17 Ngiyazi, Nkulunkulu wami, uhlola inhliziyo njalo uyabuthanda ubuqotho. Zonke lezizinto ngizinikele ngokufisa langenhliziyo yobuqotho. Khathesi ngikhangele ngentokozo abantu bakho abalapha ukuthi banikele ngesifiso kuwe. 18 Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wabobaba o-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka lo-Israyeli, yenza inhliziyo zabantu bakho zime ngalokhu kulangatha, njalo inhliziyo zabo zibe kuwe kuze kube nininini. 19 Phana uSolomoni, indodana yami, inhliziyo epheleleyo ukuze agcine imilayo yakho lemithetho yakho lezimiso zakho, lokuthi akhe lesisakhiwo esiyisigodlo mina esengisilungiselele.”

20 UDavida wasesithi kulolonke ibandla, “Dumisani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.” Ngakho bonke bamdumisa uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi, bekhonza uTHIXO, behlonipha lenkosi.

USolomoni Ugcotshwa Ubukhosi

21 Ngosuku olulandelayo banikela imihlatshelo kuTHIXO leminikelo yokutshiswa: inkunzi eziyinkulungwane, lenqama eziyinkulungwane lamazinyane amaduna ayinkulungwane, leminikelo yokunathwayo, layo yonke eminye imihlatshelo banikela ngokunengi benikelela bonke abako-Israyeli. 22 Badla banatha ngokujabula okukhulu ngalolosuku phambi kukaTHIXO.

Basebememukela okwesibili uSolomoni indodana kaDavida, bamgcoba phambi kukaTHIXO ukuthi abe ngumbusi, kuthi uZadokhi abe ngumphristi. 23 USolomoni wasebusa embusweni kaTHIXO esikhundleni sikayise uDavida. Waphumelela njalo wonke u-Israyeli wamlalela. 24 Izikhulu zonke kanye lamaqhawe, ndawonye lamadodana eNkosi uDavida bazinikela ngaphansi kombuso weNkosi uSolomoni.

25 UTHIXO wamphakamisa kakhulu uSolomoni wamnika isithunzi phezu kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, njalo wamnika ubukhosi obungazange bube khona esikhosini kwabako-Israyeli.

Ukufa KukaDavida

26 UDavida indodana kaJese wayeyinkosi yabo bonke abako-Israyeli. 27 Wabusa
kwabako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane, eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi
engamatshumi amathathu lantathu eJerusalema. 28 Wafa eseluphele eseleminyaka
eminengi kakhulu lenotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.
29 Izehlakalo zombuso weNkosi uDavida kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekuphe-
leni, zilotshiwe egwalweni lwembali kaSamuyeli umboni, egwalweni lwembali
kaNathani umphrofethi kanye lasegwalweni lwembali kaGadi umboni. 30 Kubalwa
ukubusa kwakhe ngokugcweleyo, amandla lakho konke okwakusenzakala kuye
lakwabako-Israyeli leminye imibuso yawo wonke amanye amazwe.

Ugwalo Lwesibili
LwemiLando

USolomoni Ucela Inhlakanipho

1 USolomoni indodana kaDavida waqina embusweni wakhe, ngoba uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe wayelaye njalo wamenza waba mkhulu kakhulu.

2 Kwathi uSolomoni wakhuluma kubo bonke abako-Israyeli kusukela kubalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, kusiya kubahluleli lakubo bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, abazinhloko zezimuli 3 kwaze kwathi yena uSolomoni lebandla lonke baya endaweni ephakemeyo yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni, njengoba ithente lokuhlanganela likaNkulunkulu, elalenziwe nguMosi inceku kaTHIXO enkangala lalikuleyondawo. 4 UDavida wayeselethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lisuka eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi elisa endaweni ayelilungisele yona, ngoba wayeselimisele ithente eJerusalema. 5 Kodwa i-alithari lethusi elalakhiwe nguBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, laliseGibhiyoni phambi kwethabanikeli likaTHIXO; ngakho uSolomoni lebandla lonke bahamba ukuyafuna intando yakhe khona. 6 USolomoni wasesiya e-Alithareni lethusi phambi kukaTHIXO ethenteni lokuhlanganela wafika wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane phezu kwalo.

7 Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuSolomoni wathi kuye: “Cela loba kuyini okufunayo ukuze ngikunike khona.”

8 USolomoni ephendula uNkulunkulu wathi: “Utshengisile umusa omkhulu kakhulu kubaba uDavida njalo mina usungibeke ngaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 9 Khathesi, THIXO Nkulunkulu, gcwalisa isithembiso owasenza kubaba uDavida, ngoba ungenze inkosi phezu kwabantu abanengi okothuli lomhlabathi. 10 Nginika ukuhlakanipha lolwazi, ukuze ngikhokhele lababantu, ngoba ngubani ongabusa abantu bakho abanengi kangaka?”

11 UNkulunkulu wathi kuSolomoni, “Njengoba lesi kuyisifiso somoya wakho njalo kawucelanga impahla lenotho lodumo, lokubhubha kwalabo abakuzondayo, lokuthi awucelanga impilo ende kodwa ucele inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze ubuse phezu kwabantu bami engikwenze waba yinkosi yabo, 12 ngenxa yalokho ngizakunika inhlakanipho lolwazi. Njalo ngizakunika impahla, lenotho lodumo, okungakaze kwenzakale emakhosini akwandulelayo njalo akuyikwenzakala lakumakhosi alandelayo.”

13 Ngakho uSolomoni waya eJerusalema esuka endaweni yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni, evela phambi kwethente lokuhlanganela. Wabusa phezu kuka-Israyeli.

14 USolomoni wabuthanisa izinqola zokulwa lamabhiza; wayelezinqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane lamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, ayekugcina emizini yezinqola zezimpi okunye ekugcina yena eJerusalema. 15 Inkosi yandisa isiliva legolide eJerusalema kwangani ngamatshe, lezihlahla zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. 16 Amabhiza kaSolomoni ayethengwe eGibhithe laseKhuwe, abathengi besikhosini babewathenga eKhuwe. 17 Bathenga inqola yempi eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha kanye lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu. Babuya bawedlulisa wonke bayawathengisela amakhosi amaHithi kanye lawama-Aramu.

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Amalungiselelo Okwakha IThempeli

1 USolomoni wathi akwakhiwe ithempeli leBizo LIKATHIXO kanye lesigodlo
sakhe. 2 Wabutha amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa (70,000)
awokuthwala imithwalo, lamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificam-
inwembili (80,000) awokubaza amatshe emaqaqeni, lazinkulungwane ezintathu
lamakhulu ayisithupha (3,600) ayezakhangela abasebenzayo.
3 USolomoni wakhupha ilizwi elalisiya kuHiramu inkosi yaseThire lisithi:
"Ngithumela izigodo zomsedari njengalokhu owakwenza kubaba uDavida
owawumthumela umsedari ukuthi azakhele isigodlo ayezahlala kuso.
4 Sengilungiselela ukwakha ithempeli leBizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wami
lokulinikela kuye ukutshisela impepha eloqhatshi olumnandi phambi kwakhe,
lokunikela isinkwa esingcwele ngezikhathi zonke, lokunikela iminikelo
yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama langeSabatha langokuThwasa kweziNyanga
kanye lasemikhosini emisiweyo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. Lokhu
ngokumiselwe u-Israyeli ngokungapheliyo.
5 Ithempeli engizalakha lizaqakatheka, ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu mkhulu
kulabo bonke onkulunkulu. 6 Ngubani ozamakhela ithempeli, njengoba lamazulu,
kanye lamazulu aphezulu engqongeni, angeke amanele. Pho ngingubani mina
ukuba ngimakhele ithempeli, ngaphandle kwendawo yokutshisela imihlatshelo
phambi kwakhe?
7 Ngakho, ngithumela indoda eyingcitshi ekusebenzeni ngegolide langesiliva,
ithusi lensimbi, langamalembu ayibubende labomvu laluhlaza, ekwaziyo ukubal-
aza, ukuthi izosebenzela koJuda laseJerusalema labami abazingcitshi emisebenzini
yezandla, labo abalethwa ngubaba uDavida.
8 Ngithumela izigodo zomsedari lezephayini leze-aligumi ezivela eLebhanoni,
ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi abantu bakho bazingcitshi ekugamuleni izigodo khonale.
Abantu bami bazasebenza labakho 9 bengilethela izigodo ezinengi, ngoba ithempeli
engilakhayo kufanele libe ngelikhulu njalo elibukekayo. 10 Ngizanika izinceku
zakho, abagamuli bezigodo, ingqoloyi ecolekileyo eyizilinganiso ezizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili, izilinganiso zebhali ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili, amatshumi amabili ezinkulungwane zezilinganiso zewayini kanye lezilin-
ganiso zezithelo ze-oliva eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili."
11 UHiramu inkosi yaseThire waloba incwadi ephendula uSolomoni wathi:
"Kungenxa yokuthi UTHIXO uyabathanda abantu bakhe, kungakho ukwenze
waba yinkosi yabo."
12 UHiramu wabuye wengezelela wathi:
"Udumo kuye UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena owadala izulu lomhlaba!
Unike inkosi uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo, egcwele ukukhalipha lombono,
ezakwakhela UTHIXO ithempeli njalo izakhele layo isigodlo sayo.
13 Ngikuthumela uHuramu-Abhi, indoda eyingcitshi kakhulu, 14 unina wayo
wayedabuka koDani loyise evela eThire. Wafundela ukusebenza igolide lesiliva,
ithusi lensimbi, ilitshe lezigodo, kanye lamalembu ayibubende, aluhlaza labomvu
lelineni elicolekileyo. Ulobuciko kukho konke ukubalaza lokulungisa amise izimo
zezifanekiso aziphiweyo. Uzasebenza lezingcitshi zakho lalaba abenkosi yami,
enguyihlo uDavida.
15 Ngakho inkosi yami kayithumele izinceku zayo ingqoloyi lebhali lamafutha e-
oliva kanye lewayini njengokuthembisa kwayo. 16 Thina sizagamula zonke izigodo
zeLebhanoni ozifunayo, sizenze iminyaba ezandenda olwandle igelezele eJopha.
Wena uyihlangabeze uyithwalele eJerusalema."

17 USolomoni wasebala bonke abezizweni ababeko-Israyeli, ngemva kokubalwa
okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida; kwatholakala kuyikuthi babezinkulungwane
ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu ayisithupha (153,600).
18 Wasesithi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa (70,000)
ababengabokuthwala, kuthi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (80,000) babengabokubaza amatshe emaqaqeni, abazinkulungwane ezintathu
lamakhulu ayisithupha (3,600) babengabokukhangela abasebenzayo.

3

USolomoni Wakha Ithempeli

1 USolomoni waseqalisa ukwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO eJerusalema eNtabeni
yaseMoriya, lapho UTHIXO wayeke waziveza khona phambi kukayise uDavida.
Kwakusesizeni sokubhulela amabele sika-Onani umJebusi, indawo eyayilungiselelwe
nguDavida. 2 Waqalisa ukwakha ngosuku lwesibili lwenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka
wesine wokubusa kwakhe.
3 Isisekelo sesakhiwo sethempeli likaNkulunkulu esasimiswe nguSolomoni sasizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ubude baso njalo sibanzi okwezingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili (kuyisilinganiso sezingalo zakudala). 4 Umkhandlwana
owawuphambi kwethempeli wawubanzi okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ulingana lowethempeli njalo umude ukuyaphezulu lakho kuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili.
Ngaphakathi wagudula ngegolide elihle. 5 Wabethela indlu yalo enkulu ngamapulanka ephayini wasehuqa ngegolide elicengekileyo wacecisa ngokucomba amalala
lemiceco yamaketane. 6 Wagqizisa ithempeli ngamatshe aligugu. Igolide alisebenzisayo kwakuligolide lePharivayimu. 7 Wasegudula ingaphakathi yophahla lemijabo yakhona, imigubazi, imiduli lezivalo zethempeli ngegolide, njalo wabazela
amakherubhi emidulini.
8 Wakha iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, ubude bayo bulingana lobubanzi bethempeli,
izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude njalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi
bayo. Wagudula ngaphakathi ngamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide
elicengekileyo. 9 Izipikili zegolide zilesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu.
Wabuye wagudula ngegolide izindawo ezingaphezulu.
10 ENdaweni eNgcwelengcwele wenza amakherubhi abaziweyo wawahuqa ngegolide. 11 Amaphiko amakherubhi nxa evulekile eyizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili.
Uphiko olulodwa lwekherubhi lakuqala lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo njalo
luthinta umduli wethempeli, kusithi olunye uphiko, lalo luzingalo ezinhlanu, luthinta
uphiko lwelinye ikherubhi. 12 Ngokufananayo uphiko lwekherubhi lesibili lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo lalo luthinta omunye umduli wethempeli, njalo kusithi
olunye uphiko lalo oluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo, luthinta uphiko lwekherubhi
lakuqala. 13 Amaphiko amakherubhi ayechaye okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili.
Ayemi ngezinyawo zawo, ekhangele indlu enkulu.
14 Wenza ikhetheni ngelembu eliluhlaza, leliyibubende lelibomvu, langelineni
elicolekileyo, welukela imifanekiso yamakherubhi kilo.
15 Ngapha ngaphambi kwethempeli wamisa insika ezimbili, zona zombili zazizinde
okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, ngalinye lilesiduku phezulu
esilingana izingalo ezinhlanu. 16 Wenza amaketane aphotheneyo wawabeka phezu
kwezinsika. Njalo wenza amaphomegranathi alikhulu wawanamathisela emaketaneni. 17 Wasesakha izinsika zaphansi kwethempeli, eyinye ngezansi eyinye layo
ngenyakatho. Insika engezansi wayibiza ngokuthi Jakhini kwathi eyenyakatho
wayibiza ngokuthi Bhowazi.

4

Impahla ZeThempeli

1 Wenza i-alithari lethusi elizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude balo, lezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi njalo izingalo ezilitshumi ukuyaphezulu. 2 Wasesenza
uLwandle ngethusi elincibilikisiweyo, luyisizingelezi, luzingalo ezilitshumi ukusuka
okhunjini kusiya kolunye ukhumbi njalo luzingalo ezinhlanu ukuyaphezulu. Isilinganiso sokuluzingelezela sizingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu. 3 Ngaphansi kom-
phetho, kulenkunzi eziluzingelezileyo, ingalo nganye iletshumi. Inkunzi zazibun-
jelwe emizileni emibili ndawonye loLwandle.
4 ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili, ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, ezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, ezintathu eningizimu kanye lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga. ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwazo, izinqe zazo zazifulathele ngaphakathi. 5 Uhlonzi lwalungangobubanzi besandla, umphetho walo unjengomphetho wenkomitsho njengeluba liqhakaza. Lwaluthwala amatanka azinkulungwane ezintathu.
6 Wasesenza izinditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi, ezinhlanu wazifaka eceleni laseningizimu ezinye ezinhlanu wazifaka enyakatho. Zazingezokuhlambululela izinto zokusetshenziswa eminikelweni yokutshiswa, kodwa uLwandle lwalungolokugezela abaphristi.
7 Wenza izinti zezibane zegolide ezilitshumi elandela isilinganiso sazo, wazifaka ethempelini, ezinhlanu zazo eceleni leningizimu ezinye ezinhlanu ngenyakatho.
8 Wenza amatafula alitshumi wawafaka ethempelini, amahlanu ngeningizimu kwathi amahlanu ngenyakatho. Njalo wenza imiganu elikhulu eyegolide eyokuchela.
9 Wenza iguma labaphristi, leguma elikhulu kanye lezivalo zeguma, wasehuqa izivalo ngethusi. 10 Wafaka uLwandle eceleni leningizimu ejikweni leningizimu yempumalanga.
11 Wenza njalo lezimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokuchela.

Kwaba yikuqeda kukaHiramu umsebenzi ayezinikele ukuwenzela inkosi uSolomoni ethempelini likaNkulunkulu:

12 izinsika ezimbili;
iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwezinsika;
okwelukiweyo kungakubili kucecise iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwezinsika;
13 amaphomegranathi angamakhulu amane ezalukweni zombili (imizila emibili yamaphomegranathi esalukweni ngasinye, kucecisa iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwensika);
14 izinqodlana ezilenkonxa phezulu;
15 uLwandle lenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo;
16 imbiza, amafotsholo, izinti zenyama lakho konke okuhambelana lalokho.

Zonke izinto uHuramu-Abhi azenzela inkosi uSolomoni ezethempeli LIKATHIXO zazingezethusi elilolongiweyo. 17 Inkosi yabumbela lezozinto ngebumba emagcekeni aseJodani phakathi kweSukhothi leZereda. 18 Zonke lezizinto ezenziwa nguSolomoni zazinengi okukuthi isisindo sethusi lazo sasingalinganiswanga.
19 USolomoni wenza zonke izinto ezazisethempelini likaNkulunkulu:

i-alithari legolide;
amatafula esinkwa esiNgcwele;
20 izinti zezibane zegolide elihle lezibane zazo zokukhanyisa endlini engaphakathi njengokumisiweyo,

21 lamaluba, lezibane lezindlawu (zazenziwe ngegolide elihle);
22 izihlokozo zezibane ezegolide, imiganu yokuchela, lezindengezi zokuthwala
umlilo, lezivalo zethempeli eziligolide, izivalo zangaphakathi eNdaweni eN-
gcwele Kakhulu lezivalo zendlu enkulu.

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1 USolomoni eseqedile wonke umsebenzi wethempeli LIKATHIXO ayewenzile,
waletha zonke izinto ezazinikelwe nguyise uDavida, isiliva legolide lempahla
wazibeka endaweni yezenotho ethempelini likaNkulunkulu.

Ibhokisi Lesivumelwano SikaThixo Lingeniswa EThempelini

2 USolomoni wasebiza abadala bako-Israyeli ebanxusela eJerusalema, lez-
inhloko zezizwana kanye lezinduna zezimuli zako-Israyeli ukuthi bathathe ibhokisi
lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO eZiyoni, balise eMzini kaDavida. 3 Wonke amadoda ako-
Israyeli ahlangana ndawonye enkosini ngesikhathi somkhosi ngenyanga yesikhom-
bisa.
4 Kwathi bonke abadala bako-Israyeli sebefikile, abaLevi bathatha ibhokisi
lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, 5 balithwala kanye lethente lokuhlanganela lazozonke
izinto ezingcwele ezaziphakathi kwalo. Abaphristi, ababengabaLevi, bazithwala;
6 njalo iNkosi uSolomoni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababebuthene kuye
babephambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, benikela imihlatshelo eminengi yezimvu
lenkomo ezazingeke zilotshwe loba zibalwe.
7 Abaphristi basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO endaweni yalo en-
gcwele engaphakathi ethempelini, iNdawo eNgcwele Kakhulu, balifaka ngaphansi
kwamaphiko amakherubhi. 8 Amakherubhi avula amaphiko awo phezu kwendawo
yebhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO, amboza ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye lemijabo
yalo yokulithwala. 9 Imijabo yayimide kakhulu okokuthi izihloko zayo, zisuka
ebhokisini, zazibonakala endlini engcwele yangaphakathi, kodwa hatshi eNdaweni
eNgcwelengcwele; zisekhona lanamhlanje. 10 Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini ngaphan-
dle kwezibhebhedu zombili uMosi azifaka kulo eHorebhi, lapho UTHIXO enza khona
isivumelwano lo-Israyeli sebephumile eGibhithe.
11 Abaphristi basebesuka eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele. Bonke abaphristi abalapho
babezingcwelisile, kungananzwa ixuku labo. 12 Bonke abaLevi ababengabahlabeleli,
u-Asafi, uHemani, uJeduthuni lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo bamela ngem-
pumalanga kwe-alithari, begqoke ilineni elihle njalo betshaya izigubhu, amachacho
lemiqangala. Babephelekezelwa ngabaphristi abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120)
bekhalisa amacilongo. 13 Abatshayi bamacilongo labahlabeleli bahlanganyela nda-
wonye, kungathi yilizwi linye, ukuba badumise njalo bebonga UTHIXO. Sekuhlangene
amacilongo lezigubhu lokunye okukhaliswayo, baphakamisa amazwi abo bedumisa
UTHIXO behlabela besithi:
“Ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini.”
Ithempeli LIKATHIXO lagcwala iyezi, 14 ngakho abaphristi babengeke benze inkonzo
yabo ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo KATHIXO yagcwala ithempeli likaNkulunkulu.

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1 USolomoni wasesithi, “UTHIXO usetshilo ukuthi uzahlala eyezini elimnyama,
2 sengikwakhele ithempeli elimangalisayo, indawo yakho ozahlala kuyo kuze kube
nininini.”
3 Ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lisemi khonapho, inkosi yaphenduka yababusisa.
4 Yasisithi:

"Kadunyiswe uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena osegcwalise ngezandla
zakhe ayekuthembise ubaba uDavida ngomlomo wakhe. Ngoba wathi, 5 'Kusukela
ngelanga engakhupha ngalo abantu bami eGibhithe, akuladolobho engalikhethayo
laloba kusiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli, ukuba iBizo lami lakhelwe ithempeli khona,
njalo angikhethanga loba ngubani ukuba abe ngumkhokheli wabantu bami bako-
Israyeli. 6 Kodwa khathesi sengikhethe iJerusalema ukuba iBizo lami libe khonale,
njalo sengikhethe uDavida ukuba abuse abantu bami bako-Israyeli.'
7 Ubaba uDavida wayetshiseka enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba akhele iBizo LIKATHIXO
ithempeli, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 8 Kodwa uTHIXO wathi kubaba uDavida,
'Wenza kuhle ngokuba lesifiso sokungakhela ithempeli leBizo lami enhliziyweni
yakho. 9 Lanxa kunjalo, kayisuwe ozakwakha ithempeli, kodwa indodana yakho
eyinyama yakho legazi lakho, yiyo ezakwakhela iBizo lami ithempeli.'
10 UTHIXO usigcinile isithembiso asenzayo. Sengiyinkosi esikhundleni sik-
ababa uDavida njalo khathesi sengihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sika-Israyeli
njengokuthembisa KUKATHIXO, njalo sengakhele iBizo LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli ithempeli. 11 Kulapho engibeke khona ibhokisi, phakathi kwalo
kulesivumelwano SIKATHIXO asenza labantu bako-Israyeli."

Umkhuleko KaSolomoni WokuNikela

12 USolomoni wasesima phambi kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO phambi kwalo lonke
ibandla lako-Israyeli welula izandla zakhe. 13 Wayenze isitubhu sethusi, ubude
baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi baso buzingalo ezinhlanu njalo buzingalo ezin-
tathu ukuyaphezulu, sona wayesimise phakathi laphakathi kweguma elingaphandle.
Wema phezu kwesitubhu waseguqa phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lako-Israyeli
waphakamisela izandla zakhe ezulwini. 14 Wasesithi:
"Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kakho uNkulunkulu ofanana lawe ezulwini
lasemhlabeni, wena ogcina isivumelwano sakho sothando lezinceku zakho ez-
iqhubeka endleleni yakho ngezinhliziyo ezipheleleyo. 15 Usigcinile isithembiso
sakho encekwini yakho uDavida ongubaba; ngomlomo wakho uthembisile njalo
ngesandla sakho ukugcwalisile lokho njengoba kunjalo lamuhla.
16 Ngakho THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba
isithembiso owasenza kuye usithi, 'Kawuyikuswela umuntu ozakuma phambi
kwami esihlalweni sobukhosi buka-Israyeli, nxa amadodana akho ezahamba
ngokomthetho wami phambi kwami, njengalokhu okwenzileyo wena.' 17 Ngakho
khathesi, THIXO, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kaligcwaliseke ilizwi lesithembiso owa-
likhuluma kuDavida inceku yakho.
18 Kambe uNkulunkulu uzahlala labantu emhlabeni na? Amazulu, kanye
lamazulu aphezulu kakhulu, kawakulingani. Pho lisilela kanganani lelithempeli
engilakhileyo! 19 Kodwa-ke akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho lokucela kwayo
umusa, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami. Zwana ukukhala lokukhuleka kwenceku
yakho phambi kwakho. 20 Ebusuku lemini amehlo akho kakhangele lindlu, yona
eyindawo owathi iBizo lakho lizakuba kuyo. Akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho
ngalindawo. 21 Akulalele ukucela kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli
nxa bekhuleka bekhangele kule indawo. Akuzwe ezulwini, lona eliyindawo yakho
yokuhlala; ukuze uthi ungezwa, uthethelele.
22 Nxa umuntu angonela umakhelwane wakhe, afungiswe, abesefunga isifungo
phambi kwe-alithari lakho kulelithempeli, 23 zwana usezulwini, uthethelele.
Zahlulele izinceku zakho, uyigwebe leyo elecala ngalokho ekwenzileyo, njalo
uyidedele engonanga uyiphe umvuzo ofanele ukuba msulwa kwayo.
24 Kuthi lapho abantu bakho bako-Israyeli behlulwe yizitha ngoba bonile kuwe,
akuthi lapho bephenduka befakaza ibizo lakho, bekhuleka njalo becela phambi

kwakho kulelithempeli, 25 zwana usezulwini uthethelele izono zabantu bakho bako-
Israyeli ubabuyisele elizweni owabapha lona kanye laboyise.
26 Akuthi nxa emazulwini kuvalekile lingasani izulu ngoba abantu bakho bonile
kuwe, njalo bathi nxa bekhuleka bekhangele kulindawo befakaza ibizo lakho
betshiya izono zabo ngoba ubajezisile, 27 zwana usezulwini uthethelele izono
zenceku zakho, abantu bakho u-Israyeli. Bafundise indlela eqondileyo yokuphila
uthumele izulu elizweni owalinika abantu bakho ukuba libe yilifa labo.
28 Nxa kufika indlala loba isifo elizweni, loba ingumane loba isikhwekhwe,
intethe loba isikhongwane, loba izitha zibavimbezela loba kukuyiphi imizi yabo,
loba kufika incithakalo kumbe umkhuhlane bani, 29 kuthi lanxa umkhuleko
kumbe isicelo sisenziwa ngomunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, ngulowo lalowo
ebona inhlupheko lezinsizi zakhe njalo ephakamisela izandla zakhe kulelithempeli,
30 lalela usezulwini, okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala. Thethelela, wenzele umuntu
munye ngamunye lokho okuhambelana lezenzo zakhe, ngoba wena uyazazi
inhliziyo zabo (futhi nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo zabantu), 31 ukuze bakwesabe
bahambe ezindleleni zakho besaphila elizweni owalipha okhokho bethu.
32 Akuthi owezizweni ongasuye omunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli kodwa
evela elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho lesandla sakho esila-
mandla lengalo yakho elulekileyo, nxa esiza ekhuleka ekhangele kulelithempeli,
33 umuzwe usezulwini, lona eliyindawo yakho yokuhlala, umenzele owezizweni
loba kuyini akucela kuwe, ukuze kuthi abantu bonke emhlabeni balazi ibizo lakho
bakwesabe, njengalokhu abantu bakho bako-Israyeli bekwenza, ukuze bazi ukuthi
lindlu engiyakhileyo ngeyeBizo lakho.
34 Nxa abantu bakho bephuma besiya empini ukuyakulwa lezitha zabo, loba
kungaphi lapho obathuma khona, njalo kuthi nxa bekhuleka kuwe bekhangele
lelidolobho olikhethileyo kanye lalelithempeli engilakhele iBizo lakho, 35 uzwe
usezulwini imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubamele wena.
36 Nxa bonile phambi kwakho, ngoba kakho ongoniyo njalo uze ubathukuthelele
ubanikele ezitheni zabo ezibathumba zibase elizweni elikhatshana loba elise-
duzane, 37 kuthi nxa bengaguquka ezinhliziyweni zabo besemazweni abayabe
bethunjelwe kuwo, baphenduke bakuncenge besemazweni abathunjelwa khona
bathi, ‘Sonile, senza okungalunganga lokubi,’ 38 loba nxa bephendukela kuwe
ngezinhliziyo zabo zonke langemiphefumulo yabo elizweni njalo bekhuleka
bekhangele elizweni owalinika oyise, edolobheni owalikhethayo lasethempelini
engilakhele iBizo lakho; 39 ngakho wena osezulwini, endaweni yakho yokuhlala,
akuzwe imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubamele. Njalo ubathethelele abantu
bakho, bona abakoneleyo.
40 Ngakho-ke, Nkulunkulu wami sengathi amehlo akho angavuleka lezindlebe
zakho zilalele imikhuleko eyenziwa kule indawo.
41 Ngakho phakama, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu,
uze endaweni yakho yokuphumula,
wena lebhokisi lesivumelwano samandla akho.
Sengathi abaphristi bakho, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu,
bangembathiswa ngensindiso,
sengathi labathembekileyo bakho bangathokoza ngokulunga kwakho.
42 Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu, ungafulatheli ogcotshiweyo wakho.
Khumbula uthando olukhulu olwathenjiswa uDavida inceku yakho.”

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Ukunikelwa KweThempeli

1 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka, kwehla umlilo uvela ezulwini, waqhunqisa umnikelo wokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, inkazimulo KATHIXO yagcwalisa ithempeli.
2 Abaphristi behluleka ukungena ethempelini LIKATHIXO ngoba laligcwele inkazimulo KATHIXO. 3 Kwathi lapho bonke abako-Israyeli bebona umlilo usehla lenkazimulo KATHIXO ethempelini, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi embundwini weguma, badumisa bebonga UTHIXO besithi:
"Yena ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini."
4 Inkosi labantu bonke banikela imihlatshelo KUTHIXO. 5 Ngalokho inkosi uSolomoni yanikela umhlatshelo wenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili kanye lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. Ngakho inkosi labantu bonke banikela ithempeli likaNkulunkulu. 6 Abaphristi bema ngezindawo zabo, njengoba labaLevi labo bema ngamachacho lawo inkosi uDavida eyayivele iwenzele ukudumisa UTHIXO njalo ayevele esetshenziswa nxa ebonga, esithi, "Uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini." Maqondana labaLevi, abaphristi babevuthela amacilongo abo, njalo bonke abako-Israyeli babemi.
7 USolomoni wahlukanisela UTHIXO indawo yaphakathi laphakathi kweguma phambi kwethempeli LIKATHIXO, njalo kulapho anikelela khona iminikelo yokutshiswa lamafutha eminikelo yobudlelwano, ngoba i-alithari lethusi ayelenzile lalingeke lenele iminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele kanye lamafutha.
8 Ngakho ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathakazelela umkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye, ababelibandla elikhulu, abanye bevela eLebho Hamathi kusiya eSihotsheni saseGibhithe. 9 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili benza umhlangano, ngoba babekhonze ngokunikela i-alithari okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lomkhosi wezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa phezulu. 10 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lantathu lwenyanga yesikhombisa wakhulula abantu ukuthi babuyele emakhaya abo bethokoza njalo bejabula ngenhliziyo ngenxa yezinto ezinhle UTHIXO ayezenzele uDavida loSolomoni kanye labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.

UTHIXO Uzibonakalisa KuSolomoni

11 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ithempeli LIKATHIXO lesigodlo, esenelisile lokwenza konke ayekunakana ngethempeli LIKATHIXO kanye lesigodlo sakhe, 12 UTHIXO wabonakala kuye ebusuku wathi:
"Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho njalo sengizikhethele indawo le ukuba ibe lithempeli lemihlatshelo.
13 Nxa ngivala iphezulu ukuze kungabi lezulu, loba ngithumela intethe ukuchitha ilizwe, ingabe ngithumela isifo phakathi kwabantu bami, 14 nxa abantu bami, ababizwa ngebizo lami, bezazithoba bakhuleke badinge ubuso bami njalo batshiye izindlela zabo ezimbi, kulapho ngizakuzwa khona ngisezulwini ngithethelele izono zabo njalo ngiphephise ilizwe labo. 15 Ngalokho amehlo ami azavuleka, lezindlebe zami zizalalela imikhuleko eyenziwa kulindawo. 16 Ngilikhethile ngizahlukanisela lelithempeli ukuze iBizo lami libe kulo kuze kube nininini. Amehlo ami lenhliziyo yami kuzakuba kulo ngazozonke izikhathi.
17 Wena, nxa ungahamba phambi kwami njengalokhu okwenziwa nguyihlo uDavida, wenze konke engikulaya ngakho, ulandele izimiso lemithetho yami, 18 ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, njengesivumelwano engasenza loyihlo uDavida ngisithi: 'Kawuyikuswela umuntu ozabusa u-Israyeli.'
19 Kodwa ungafulathela utshiye izimiso lemilayo engikunika yona usuke uyekhothamela abanye onkulunkulu ubakhonze, 20 kulapho ngizakhucula abako-Israyeli elizweni lami, engabanika lona, kuthi lelithempeli engilahlukanisele iBizo lami ngilichithe, ngilenze libe yinto ekhohlakeleyo into eyinhlekisa kubo bonke

abantu. 21 Loba lelithempeli likhanga amehlo, bonke abedlula lapha bazamangala bathi, ‘Kanti kungani UTHIXO ekwenzile lokhu okunje kulelilizwe kanye lakulelithempeli?’ 22 Abantu bazaphendula bathi, ‘Ngoba bamfulathele UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, owabakhupha eGibhithe, basuka bayabambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bebakhonza njalo bebakhothamela, yikho ebehlisele incithakalo yonke le.’ ”

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Ezinye Izenzo ZikaSolomoni

1 Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, leyo uSolomoni akha ngayo ithempeli LIKATHIXO kanye lesigodlo sakhe, 2 uSolomoni wabuye wavusa imizi uHiramu ayemnike yona, wahlalisa abako-Israyeli kuyo. 3 USolomoni wayahlasela iHamathi-Zobha wayithumba. 4 Wakha njalo leThamari enkangala layo yonke imizi yeziphala ayakha eHamathi. 5 Wavusa iBhethi-Horoni elingaphezu kanye leBhethi-Horoni elingaphansi, imizi ebiyelweyo elemithangala lamasongo alemigoqo, 6 kanye leBhalathi lamadolobho akhe wonke ayeyiziphala lemizi yezinqola zakhe zempi kanye lamabhiza akhe lakho konke nje ayengafisa ukukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni kanye lakulo lonke ilizwe ayelibusa.

7 Abantu bonke ababesele kumaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi, lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi (lababantu babengasiwo ama-Israyeli), 8 kutshiwo labo inzalo yabo eyayisele elizweni, labo abangabhujiswanga ngama-Israyeli, uSolomoni wababutha baba yizigqili: njengoba kunjalo kuze kube lanamhla. 9 Kodwa abako-Israyeli uSolomoni kabenzanga izigqili emsebenzini wakhe; babengamadoda akhe empi, abalawuli bezinduna zebutho, labalawuli bezinqola zokulwa labokulwa ngezinqola zokulwa. 10 Njalo babeyizikhulu zenkosi uSolomoni, bengamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu ababephethe abantu.

11 USolomoni wasusa indodakazi kaFaro eMzini kaDavida wayisa esigodlweni asakhela yona, ngoba wathi, “Umkami kamelanga ahlale esigodlweni sikaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli, ngoba izindawo esezike zangena ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO zingcwele.”

12 USolomoni wasenikela KUTHIXO umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO ayelakhele phambi komkoto, 13 kulandelwa umkhuba wemihla ngemihla njengokulaya kukaMosi eqakathekisa iSabatha, lokuThwasa kweNyanga kanye lokwemikhosi emithathu yomnyaka, uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, uMkhosi wamaViki loMkhosi weziHonqo. 14 Elandela isimiso sikayise uDavida wamisa izigaba zabaphristi ngezinkonzo zabo, njalo abaLevi bekhokhela ekudumiseni lokuphathisa abaphristi kusiya ngemfanelo yemihla ngemihla. Wakhetha abalindi bamasango ngezigaba ukulinda amasango ehlukeneyo ngoba yikho okwakutshiwo nguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. 15 Kabaphambukanga kulokho inkosi uDavida eyayikutshilo mayelana labaphristi labaLevi kanye lezindlu zenotho.

16 Wonke umsebenzi kaSolomoni wenziwa, kusukela ngosuku lokubekwa kwesisekelo sethempeli LIKATHIXO kwaze kwaba sekupheleni kwawo. Kwaba yikuphela kokwakhiwa kwethempeli LIKATHIXO.

17 Ngakho uSolomoni wasesiya e-Eziyoni-Gebheri lase-Elathi ngasemakhunjini ase-Edomi. 18 UHiramu wathumela kuye imikhumbi eyayiphethwe yizinduna zakhe, amadoda ayelwazi ulwandle. Zona, kanye lezinceku zikaSolomoni zaya e-Ofiri, zayathwala igolide elingamathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, zayalethula enkosini uSolomoni.

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Inkosikazi YaseShebha Yethekelela USolomoni

1 Indlovukazi yaseShebha isizwile ngodumo lukaSolomoni, yaya eJerusalema ukuba
iyemlinga ngemibuzo enzima. Yayiphelekezelwa ludwende olukhulu, amakamela
ayethwele iziyoliso, igolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu, yafika kuSolomoni
yaxoxa laye ngakho konke eyayikumumethe. 2 USolomoni wayiphendula yonke
imibuzo yayo, akubanga lalutho olwaba nzima ukuthi aluchasisele yona. 3 Inkosikazi
yaseShebha isibonile konke ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni, lesigodlo ayesakhile,
4 lokudla kwakhe, lokuhlaliswa kwezinduna zakhe, lokuhlelwa kwezinceku za-
khe lezigqoko zazo, labaphathi benkezo lezigqoko zabo, leminikelo yokutshiswa
ayeyinikela ethempelini LIKATHIXO, kwayiqeda amandla.
5 Yathi enkosini, “Imibiko ebifika ezindlebeni zami elizweni lami ngengqube-
laphambili langenhlakanipho yakho iqotho. 6 Ngibe ngingayikholwa leyo mbiko
ngaze ngazibonela ngawami amehlo. Ngeqiniso, akufiki engxenyeni engikuzwileyo
ngokujula kwenhlakanipho yakho; engikubonileyo kwedlula engakuzwayo ngawe
ngokuphindwe kanengi. 7 Yeka ukujabula kwabantu bakho! Yeka ziyadela izikhulu
zakho, ezihlezi zimi phambi kwakho zizizwela inhlakanipho yakho! 8 Udumo
KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, obe lokuthokoza ngawe wakufaka esihlalweni sakhe
sobukhosi ukuba ube yinkosi ubusele UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngenxa yothando
lukaNkulunkulu wakho ngo-Israyeli, lokuzimisela ukubamela kuze kube nininini,
ukubekile waba yinkosi phezu kwabo, ukuze ulondoloze ukwahlulela ngemfanelo
langokulunga.”
9 Indlovukazi yasinika uSolomoni amathalenta egolide alikhulu elilamatshumi
amabili (120), iziyoliso ezinengi, lamatshe aligugu. Kwakungakaze kube leziyoliso
ezinjengalezo ezaphiwa inkosi uSolomoni yindlovukazi yaseShebha.
10 (Izinceku zikaHiramu lezikaSolomoni zaletha igolide livela e-Ofiri; zaletha
lezigodo zom’aligumu lamatshe aligugu. 11 Inkosi yasebenzisa izigodo zom’aligumu
ukwakha inyathelo lethempeli LIKATHIXO lenyathelo lesigodlo sesikhosini, kanye
lokwenza imihubhe lemiqangala yabahlabeleli. Kwakungakaze kubonakale okun-
jengalokhu kwelakoJuda).
12 Inkosi uSolomoni yapha inkosikazi yaseShebha okwedlula lokho eyayikucelile,
kwakukunengi kugabhela lokho ayekuphathelwe yinkosikazi. Yavalelisa-ke
inkosikazi yabuyela elizweni layo lobhobo lwezindwendwe zayo.

Inotho Lodumo LukaSolomoni

13 Isisindo segolide elalifika kuSolomoni minyaka yonke lalingamathalenta anga-
makhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lasithupha (666), 14 kungabalwa inzuzo
eyayivela emithelweni yabathengisi labathengi. Kunjalo-nje amakhosi ase-Arabhiya
leziphathamandla zelizwe zaletha igolide lesiliva kuSolomoni.
15 Inkosi uSolomoni yenza amahawu amakhulu angamakhulu amabili ngegolide
elikhandiweyo; lilinye langena amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha. 16 Inkosi
yasisenza ezinye ezincinyane ezingamakhulu amathathu ngegolide elikhandiweyo,
sisinye sithatha amashekeli egolide elikhandiweyo angamakhulu amathathu. Inkosi
yazibeka eSigodlweni saseGuswini laseLebhanoni.
17 Ngakho inkosi yasisenza isihlalo esikhulu sinanyekwe ngempondo zendlovu
ngaphakathi kodwa ngaphandle kuligolide elihle. 18 Isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezinyath-
elo eziyisithupha njalo kulesenabelo segolide esasixhunywe kuso. Emaceleni esihlalo
kwakulezeyamelo zengalo, yileso laleso kumi isilwane eceleni kwaso. 19 Izilwane
ezilitshumi lambili zazimi kulawomakhwelelo ayisithupha, sisinye simi nganxanye
kwekhwelelo ngalinye. Kakukho okunjalo okwakuke kwenzekala loba kuwuphi
umbuso. 20 Zonke inkezo zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazozonke izitsha

zeSigodlweni saseGuswini laseLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicolekileyo. Akukho
okwakwenziwe ngesiliva ngoba ngensuku zikaSolomoni igugu lesiliva lalilincinyane
kakhulu. 21 Inkosi yayilodibi lwemikhumbi yezokuthengiselana eyayigwedlwa nga-
bantu bakaHiramu. Yayiphenduka kanye ngemva kohambo lweminyaka emithathu,
iphenduka ithwele igolide, isiliva lempondo zendlovu, inkawu lendwangu.
22 Inkosi uSolomoni yawedlula wonke amakhosi omhlaba ngenotho langenhlaka-
nipho. 23 Amakhosi wonke omhlaba eza kuSolomoni ukuzokuzwa inhlakanipho
uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhliziyweni yakhe. 24 Minyaka yonke amlethela izipho
zesiliva lezegolide, izembatho, izikhali leziyoliso, lamabhiza kanye lezimbongolo.
25 USolomoni wayelezibaya zamabhiza lezezinqola zokulwa ezizinkulungwane
ezine, kanye lamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, ayekugcina emizini
yezinqola zokulwa okunye njalo kukuye khonapho eJerusalema. 26 Wabusa wonke
amakhosi kusukela emfuleni iYufrathe kusiya elizweni lamaFilistiya, lasemngceleni
weGibhithe. 27 Inkosi yandisa isiliva kwangani ngamatshe eJerusalema, lezihlahla
zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba.
28 USolomoni wayezuza amabhiza ayevela eGibhithe lakuwo wonke amanye amazwe.

Ukufa KukaSolomoni

29 Ezinye izehlakalo ezenzakala ekubuseni kukaSolomoni kazilotshwanga yini
kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, ezindabeni zomlandu kaNathani
umphrofethi, lasesiphrofethini sika-Ahija waseShilo, lasemibonweni ka-Ido umboni
emayelana loJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi? 30 USolomoni wabusa u-Israyeli
wonke eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. 31 Waya kwabaphansi,
wangcwatshwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowami indodana yakhe waba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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Abako-Israyeli Bavukela URehobhowami

1 URehobhowami waya eShekhemu ngoba bonke abako-Israyeli babeye khona
ukuze bamethese ubukhosi. 2 Kwathi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi
ekuzwa lokhu (wayeseGibhithe lapho abuya evela khona ngoba wayebalekele
inkosi uSolomoni.) 3 Abako-Israyeli basebethumela ilizwi bembiza uJerobhowamu,
kwathi-ke yena kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuRehobhowami bafika bathi:
4 “Uyihlo wasithwalisa umthwalo onzima, kodwa wena khathesi ake uphungule
ubunzima asethesa bona, wethule lemithwalo yethu enzima abesithwalise yona,
yikho sizakukhonza.”
5 URehobhowami wabaphendula wathi: “Libobuya ngemva kwensuku ezintathu.”
Ngakho abantu basuka bahamba.
6 INkosi uRehobhowami yasicebisana labadala ababeloyise uSolomoni esaphila,
yathi: “Lingicebisa ukuthi ngibanike mpendulo bani lababantu?”
7 Baphendula bathi, “Ungaba lomusa kulababantu, ubathokozise, ukhulumisane
labo kuhle, bazahlala bezinceku zakho.”
8 Kodwa uRehobhowami kazange akwamukele ukucebisa kwabadala wakhetha
ukudinga ulwazi kwabayintanga yakhe ababekhule bonke njalo kuyibo abasebez-
inceku zakhe. 9 Wababuza wathi, “Seluleko bani elilaso? Singabaphendula sithini
lababantu abathi kimi, ‘Ake uphungule ubunzima esabetheswa nguyihlo’?”
10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe amphendula athi, “Batshele lababantu abathi
kuwe, ‘Uyihlo wasethesa ubunzima, akusiphungulele lobubunzima’ uthi kubo,
‘Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. 11 Ubaba walethesa ubunzima, mina
ngizabungezelela. Ubaba walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa ngenkume.’ ”

12 UJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu babuyela kuRehobhowami ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwakhe ukuthi, “Phendukani lize kimi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu.” 13 Lakanye inkosi yaphendula abantu ngolaka, yalahla iseluleko sabadala, 14 yalandela iseluleko samajaha yathi, “Ubaba walethwesa ubunzima, mina ngizakwengezelela kubo. Walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa ngezinkume.” 15 Ngakho inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu, ngoba lokhu kwenziwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi LIKATHIXO ayelikhulume ngo-Ahija waseShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi.

16 Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi inkosi iyala ukubalalela bayiphendula bathi:

“Silesabelo bani kuDavida na,
    silengxenye bani endodaneni kaJese na?
Yanini emizini yenu lina bako-Israyeli!
    Sala lendlu yakho, Davida!”

Ngakho bonke abako-Israyeli babuyela emakhaya. 17 Kodwa uRehobhowami waqhubeka ebabusa abako-Israyeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda.

18 Inkosi uRehobhowami yasithuma u-Adoniramu owayengumphathi wezibhalwa, kodwa abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe wafa. Kodwa inkosi uRehobhowami yaphanga yakhwela enqoleni yayo yokulwa, yabalekela eJerusalema. 19 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.

11

1 Kwathi uRehobhowami esefike eJerusalema, wabuthanisa abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini, amadoda empi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ukuba bayekulwa labako-Israyeli ukuze babuyisele uRehobhowami embusweni.

2 Kodwa ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi: 3 “Tshela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakoJuda, labo bonke abako-Israyeli koJuda lakoBhenjamini uthi, 4 ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Lingaphumi ukuthi liyekulwa labafowenu. Buyelani emizini yenu, lina lonke, ngoba lokhu kuyikwenza kwami.’ ” Ngakho balalela ilizwi LIKATHIXO, babuyela emizini yabo, kabasayanga kulwa loJerobhowamu.

URehobhowami Wakha Izinqaba KoJuda

5 URehobhowami wahlala eJerusalema njalo wakha imizi eyizinqaba koJuda: 6 iBhethilehema, le-Ethamu, leThekhowa, 7 leBhethi Zuri, leSokho, le-Adulami, 8 leGathi, leMaresha, leZifi, 9 le-Adorayimi, leLakhishi, le-Azekha, 10 leZora, le-Ayijaloni, kanye leHebhroni. Le kwakuyimizi ebiyelweyo koJuda lakoBhenjamini. 11 Waqinisa izinqaba zayo wabeka abalawuli bempi kuyo, wabuthela ezinqabeni ukudla lamafutha om’oliva lewayini. 12 Wafaka izihlangu lemikhonto kuyo yonke imizi, wayiqinisa kakhulu. Ngakho-ke wabusa koJuda lakoBhenjamini.

13 Abaphristi labaLevi kulezozabelo kulolonke elako-Israyeli bamsekela. 14 AbaLevi bahle batshiya amadlelo abo lempahla, baya koJuda laseJerusalema, ngoba uJerobhowamu lamadodana akhe wala ukuthi bangabaphristi BAKATHIXO. 15 Wasekhetha abakhe abaphristi wababeka ezindaweni zokukhonzela, labezithombe zembuzi lezamathole ayezenzile. 16 Abezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli ababezimisele ukukhonza UTHIXO uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, balandela abaLevi eJerusalema ukuyanikela imihlatshelo yabo KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. 17 Baqinisa umbuso kaJuda basekela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni iminyaka emithathu, belandela indlela kaDavida lekaSolomoni ngalesosikhathi.

Abemuli KaRehobhowami

18 URehobhowami wathatha uMahalathi, indodakazi kaJerimothi indodana ka-
Davida, leka-Abhihayili indodakazi ka-Eliyabi indodana kaJese, waba ngumkakhe,
19 wamzalela amadodana la: uJewushi loShemariya loZahamu. 20 Wasethatha
njalo uMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu owamzalela o-Abhija lo-Athayi loZiza
loShelomithi. 21 URehobhowami wathanda kakhulu uMahakha indodakazi ka-
Abhisalomu ukwedlula bonke omkakhe labafazi beceleni; wathatha abafazi abalit-
shumi lasificaminwembili, labafazi beceleni abangamatshumi ayisithupha.
22 URehobhowami wabeka u-Abhija indodana kaMahakha ukuba abe yinkosana
enkulu kubafowabo ngoba wayeqonde ukumenza inkosi. 23 Wenza ngokuhlakanipha,
amadodana akhe wawabeka ezindaweni zonke zakoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kuyo
yonke imizi ebiyelweyo. Wasebanika ukudla okunengi, wabadingela labafazi
abanengi.

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UShishakhi Uhlasela IJerusalema

1 Ngemva kokuba uRehobhowami eselamandla, lombuso wakhe usuqinile, yena
kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli bawudela umlayo kaTHIXO. 2 Kodwa ngoba
bona kuTHIXO, uShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlasela iJerusalema ngomnyaka
wesihlanu wokubusa kwenkosi uRehobhowami. 3 Wahlasela ngezinqola zokulwa
ezingamakhulu alitshumi lambili labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamat-
shumi ayisithupha, labantu abangelakubalwa ubunengi babo abanye bengabeLib-
hiya, lamaSukhi labaKhushi abeza laye bevelela ngaseGibhithe, 4 wathumba imizi
yakoJuda ebiyelweyo waze wayafika leJerusalema.
5 Ngakho uShemaya umphrofethi waya kuRehobhowami kanye lakubakhokheli
bakoJuda ababebuthene eJerusalema ngokwesaba uShishakhi, wafika wathi
kubo, “Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO uthi, ‘Lingilahlile lina; ngakho sengilinikela
kuShishaki.’ ”
6 Abakhokheli bako-Israyeli lenkosi yabo bazithoba batsho bathi, “uTHIXO ulungile.”
7 Kwathi uTHIXO esebonile ukuzithoba kwabo ilizwi lakhe lafika kuShemaya
lisithi: “Njengoba bezithobile, kangisayikubabhubhisa, kodwa ngizabakhulula
emva kwesikhatshana, lolaka lwami kalusayikwehliselwa eJerusalema ngesandla
sikaShishakhi. 8 Kodwa bazakuba yizinceku zakhe ukuze bazi umahluko phakathi
kokungikhonza lokukhonza amakhosi amanye amazwe.”
9 UShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe wasehlasela iJerusalema, wabutha yonke inotho
yasethempelini likaTHIXO kanye lenotho yasesigodlweni sesikhosini. Wathatha konke
waze wathatha lezihlangu zegolide ezazenziwe nguSolomoni. 10 Ngakho iNkosi uRe-
hobhowami yasisenza izihlangu zethusi endaweni yalezo njalo yazibeka ngaphansi
kwabalawuli babalindi bamasango asesigodlweni sesikhosini. 11 Kwakusithi lapho
inkosi isiya ethempelini likaTHIXO, abalindi babehamba layo bephethe izihlangu,
kuze kuthi emva kwesikhathi bazibuyisele endlini yabalindi.
12 Ngenxa yokuthi uRehobhowami wazithoba, ulaka lukaTHIXO lwadeda kuye,
kasazange abe esabhujiswa. Ngempela kwakukhona okuhle koJuda.
13 Inkosi uRehobhowami yaqinisa umbuso wayo eJerusalema njalo yaqhubeka
ibusa. Ekugcotshweni kwakhe ubukhosi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane
lanye, wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema umuzi kaTHIXO
ayewukhethile phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli ukuze abeke iBizo lakhe. Ibizo
likanina linguNahama, engowako-Amoni. 14 Wenza okubi wona ngoba engazange
abeke inhliziyo yakhe ekumdingeni uTHIXO.
15 Okumayelana lokubusa kukaRehobhowami, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube
sekupheleni, akulotshwanga na emibhalweni kaShemaya umphrofethi leka-Ido

umboni mayelana lokuzalana kwabantu? Kwaba lempi njalo phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu. 16 URehobhowami wakhothama, wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. U-Abhija, indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi waba yinkosi ngemva kukayise.

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U-Abhija Ubusa KoJuda

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJerobhowamu, u-Abhija waba yinkosi yakoJuda, 2 njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emithathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguMikhaya, indodakazi ka-Uriyeli waseGibhiya.

Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Abhija loJerobhowamu. 3 Bathi behlangana ekulweni, u-Abhija wayelamadoda aqinileyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, kanti uJerobhowamu wahlangabezana laye elamadoda azinkulungwane ezificaminwembili.

4 U-Abhija wema phezu kweNtaba iZemarayimu, elizweni lamaqaqa lako-Efrayimi, wathi: “Wena Jerobhowamu kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, lalelani kimi, lizwe! 5 Alikwazi na ukuthi UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, unikele ubukhosi bako-Israyeli kuDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini ngesivumelwano setswayi na? 6 Kukanti uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, isikhulu sikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, uhlamukele inkosi yakhe. 7 Abantu ababi bamlandela behlamukela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni esesemncinyane engakaqedisisi njalo engakabi lamandla okumelana labo.

8 Khathesi licabanga ukumelana lombuso KATHIXO, ophethwe ngamadodana kaDavida ngoba libona libanengi kakhulu, lilamathole eGolide elawenzelwa nguJerobhowamu ukuba abe ngonkulunkulu. 9 Kalibaxotshanga yini abaphristi BAKATHIXO, amadodana ka-Aroni, kanye labaLevi, lazibekela abenu abaphristi njengalokhu okwenziwa ngabantu bamanye amazwe na? Kuthi lowo ofika elenkunzi loba inqama eziyisikhombisa ukuba ahlukaniselwe UTHIXO waba ngumphristi walokho okungayisikho onkulunkulu.

10 Kodwa thina, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu ngowethu, asimdelanga. Thina abaphristi esilabo ngamadodana ka-Aroni, amkhonzayo UTHIXO, njalo baphathiswa ngabaLevi. 11 Bayanikela KUTHIXO ekuseni lantambama insuku zonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lempepha elephunga elihle. Bayalungisa izinkwa ezahlukaniselwe UTHIXO etafuleni legolide elihle, balumathise izibane oluthini lwegolide ntambama nsuku zonke. Thina siyawulalela umlayo KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu. Kodwa lina limdelile. 12 UNkulunkulu ulathi, nguye osikhokhelayo. Abaphristi bakhe abaphethe amacilongo bazawavuthela besibizela ekulweni lani. Madoda ako-Israyeli, lingabokulwa LOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, ngoba aliyikuphumelela.”

13 UJerobhowamu wayesethumele elinye iviyo lamabutho akhe ngemva ukuze athi yena ejamelane labakoJuda phambili lona licathamele ngemva kwabo. 14 AbakoJuda bafulathela kodwa babona ukuthi babehlaselwa inxa zonke phambili langemva kwabo. Bakhala KUTHIXO. Abaphristi bevuthela amacilongo abo 15 kwathi abakoJuda bakhwaza ngephimbo lokuhlasela empini. Kuthe kuzwakala ukukhwaza ngephimbo lokuhlasela, uNkulunkulu wabhuqa uJerobhowamu labo bonke abako-Israyeli phambi kuka-Abhija labakoJuda. 16 Abako-Israyeli babalekela abakoJuda njalo uNkulunkulu wabanikela ezandleni zabo. 17 U-Abhija lamabutho akhe babulala amadoda amanengi kakhulu, kwafa amadoda ako-Israyeli aqinileyo empini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 18 Amadoda ako-Israyeli aqinileyo ngalesosikhathi anqotshwa, kwathi abakoJuda baphumelela ngoba babethembele KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo.

19 U-Abhija waxotshana loJerobhowamu wamthathela amadolobho eBhetheli,
leleJeshana kanye lele-Efroni, lemizi eyayiseduzane khonapho. 20 UJerobhowamu
kazange abuse futhi kusabusa u-Abhija. UTHIXO wamtshaya wafa.
21 Kodwa u-Abhija waqina waba lamandla embusweni. Wathatha abafazi
abalitshumi lane waba lamadodana angamatshumi amabili lamadodakazi alitshumi
lesithupha.
22 Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kuka-Abhija, akwenzayo lakutshoyo, kulotshiwe
ezindabeni zomphrofethi u-Ido.

14

1 Ngakho u-Abhija waya kubokhokho bakhe wembelwa eMzini kaDavida. Indodana
yakhe u-Asa wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi, njalo ngezinsuku zokubusa
kwakhe kwaba lokuthula elizweni okweminyaka elitshumi.

U-Asa Uba Yinkosi YakoJuda

2 U-Asa wenza okuhle lokulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe.
3 Wasusa wonke ama-alithare ezizweni lezindawo zokukhonzela, wadiliza izinsika
zakhona lezithombe zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera. 4 Walaya abakoJuda ukuba
bakhonze UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, balandele yonke imithetho
lemilayo yakhe. 5 Wavala izindawo zokukhonzela lama-alithare empepha kuwo
wonke amadolobho akoJuda, ngakho kwaba lokuthula ekubuseni kwakhe. 6 Wakha
imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda, njengoba kwakulokuthula elizweni. Kakho owalwa impi
laye ngaleyominyaka, ngoba UTHIXO wamnika ukuphumula.
7 Wathi kwabakoJuda, “Kasakheni imizi le siyizingelezele ngemiduli, lemiphot-
shongo, lamasango leminxibo. Ilizwe lilokhu lingelethu, ngoba simtholile UTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu; simkhonzile usesilethele ukuthula inxa zonke.” Basebesakha
njalo baphumelela.
8 U-Asa wayelamabutho empi azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu koJuda,
ayehlome ngamahawu amakhulu lemikhonto, lamanye azinkulungwane ezinga-
makhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisificaminwembili koBhenjamini, ayehlome ngez-
ihlangu ezincinyane lamadandili. Wonke kungamadoda alezibindi zokulwa.
9 UZera umKhushi waphuma ebathukuthelele ephelekezelwa libutho elikhulu
lezinqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu amathathu, waze wayafika eMaresha. 10 U-
Asa waphuma laye ukuyamjamela, bafika bajama eSigodini saseZefatha phansi
kweMaresha.
11 U-Asa wasekhuleka KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: “Thixo, kakho omunye
onjengawe ongavikela ababuthakathaka kwabalamandla. Sisize, Oh THIXO Nku-
lunkulu wethu, ngoba thina sithembele kuwe, ngebizo lakho siphumile ukuba silwe
lalelibutho lempi elikhulu kangaka. Oh THIXO, unguNkulunkulu wethu; umuntu
angezake amelane lawe.”
12 UTHIXO wawatshaya wawabhuqa amaKhushi phambi kuka-Asa labakoJuda.
AmaKhushi abaleka, 13 kodwa u-Asa lamabutho akhe waxotshana lawo waze
wayawafikisa eGerari. Kwafa amaKhushi amanengi okokuthi kasazange azame
ukuqoqana kutsha; abhuqwa phambi KUKATHIXO laphambi kwamabutho akhe.
Amadoda akoJuda atshuquluza impango enengi kakhulu. 14 Atshabalalisa yonke
imizi yaseGerari, ngoba ukuthukuthela KUKATHIXO kwakuphezu kwayo. Atshuquluza
yonke imizi ngoba impango yayinengi kuyo. 15 Ahlasela izihonqo zabelusi njalo
abutha imihlambi yezimvu, imbuzi kanye lamakamela. Asebuyela eJerusalema.

15

Imvuselelo Ka-Asa

1 Umoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kuka-Azariya indodana ka-Odedi.
2 Waphuma ukuba ayehlangabezana lo-Asa wasesithi kuye, “Lalela kimi, Asa
labo bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini. UTHIXO ulawe nxa wena ukuye. Nxa
umfuna, uzamthola, kodwa nxa umlahla uzakulahla. 3 Okwesikhathi eside abako-
Israyeli babengelaye uNkulunkulu weqiniso, bengelaye umphristi wokufundisa njalo
bengelawo umthetho. 4 Kodwa osizini lwabo baphendukela KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, bamdinga bamthola. 5 Ngalezonsuku, ngenxa yokuxokozela okukhulu
kwezizwe, kwakungelula ukuhambahamba. 6 Kwakulencithakalo isizwe sichithwa
ngesinye, umuzi uchithwa ngomunye, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabehlisela zonke
inhlobonhlobo zosizi. 7 Kodwa wena, qina ungayekethisi, ngoba owakho umsebenzi
uzakuba lomvuzo.”
8 U-Asa wathi ewezwa lamazwi lesiphrofethi sika-Azariya indodana ka-Odedi
umphrofethi, waqina waba lesibindi. Wasusa zonke izithombe ezinengisayo
kulolonke ilizwe lakoJuda lelakoBhenjamini lasemizini ayeyithumbile emaqaqeni
ako-Efrayimi. Wavuselela i-alithari LIKATHIXO elaliphambi komkoto wethempeli
LIKATHIXO.
9 Wasebuthanisa bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini kanye labantu ababevela ko-
Efrayimi, lakoManase kanye lakoSimiyoni ababehlezi phakathi kwabo, ngoba babeba-
nengi kakhulu abako-Israyeli ababethe ngokubona ukuthi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wayelaye bathutha beza ngakuye.
10 Babuthana eJerusalema ngenyanga yesithathu ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu
wokubusa kuka-Asa. 11 Ngalesosikhathi benza imihlatshelo KUTHIXO eyezinkomo
ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lezimvu kanye lembuzi eziyizinkulungwane eziy-
isikhombisa kulezo ababezithumbe babuya lazo. 12 Benza isivumelwano sokuba
bamdinge UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, ngezinhliziyo zabo ezipheleleyo
langomoya. 13 Bonke ababengayi kumdinga UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
babefanele babulawe, loba bebancinyane loba bebakhulu, loba kungowesilisa kumbe
owesifazane. 14 Benza isifungo KUTHIXO ngokuvungama, bememeza njalo bevuthela
lamacilongo lempondo. 15 AbakoJuda bathokoza bonke ngesifungo ngoba babesenze
ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. Bamdinga UTHIXO ngokulangatha, wabavumela ukuthi
bamthole. Ngakho UTHIXO wabanika ukuthula inxa zonke.
16 Inkosi u-Asa yasusa ugogo wayo uMahakha esikhundleni sokuba yindlovukazi
ngoba wayenze insika yokukhonzela unkulunkulukazi u-Ashera oyisinengiso. U-Asa
wayidiliza insika, wayiqumaquma wayitshisela eSigodini saseKhidironi. 17 Lanxa
engasusanga izindawo zokukhonzela ko-Israyeli, u-Asa wayezinikele KUTHIXO
ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke empilweni yakhe yonke. 18 Wangenisa ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu isiliva legolide lezinto lezo yena kanye loyise ababezahlukanisele
UTHIXO.
19 Akusazange kube lempi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amathathu
lanhlanu wokubusa kuka-Asa.

16

Iminyaka Ka-Asa Yokucina

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesithupha wokubusa kuka-Asa uBhasha
inkosi yako-Israyeli wasuka wayavimbezela uJuda wakhela iRama inqaba ukun-
qabela loba ngubani ukuthi angaphumi loba angangeni elizweni lika-Asa inkosi
yakoJuda.
2 Ngakho u-Asa wathatha isiliva legolide esiphaleni senotho sethempeli LIKATHIXO
lakwesakhe esigodlweni sakhe wakuthumela kuBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu,
owayebusa eDamaseko. 3 Wathi, “Kasenze isivumelwano mina lawe njengalokho
okwakwenziwe ngubaba loyihlo. Uyabona, nanku mina ngikuthumele isiliva legolide.

Wena yesula isivumelwano sakho loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli yikho ezahlehla angiyekele.”

4 UBheni-Hadadi wavumelana lenkosi u-Asa wahle wathumela abalawuli bam-abutho akhe ukuba bayehlasela imizi yako-Israyeli. Banqoba elako-Ijoni, lelakoDani le-Abheli-Mayimi kanye layo yonke imizi yeziphala zakoNafithali. 5 UBhasha wathi ekuzwa lokhu wema ukwakha iRama wahle wayekela umsebenzi wakhe. 6 Ngakho inkosi u-Asa yaletha wonke amadoda akoJuda athutha amatshe lezigodo eRama okwakusetshenziswa nguBhasha. Wakha ngakho iGebha leMizipha.

7 Ngalesosikhathi uHanani umboni wafika ku-Asa inkosi yakoJuda wathi kuye: “Ngenxa yokuthi wethembele enkosini yase-Aramu wadela ukwethembela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ibutho lenkosi yase-Aramu seliphunyukile esandleni sakho. 8 Kanti amaKhushi lamaLibhiya babengelabutho elilamandla amakhulu lamanani amanengi ezinqola zokulwa lamadoda alwa ngamabhiza na? Kodwa-ke kwathi usuthembele kuThixo, wabanikela esandleni sakho. 9 Ngoba amehlo kaThixo athungatha umhlaba wonke ukuze aqinise labo abanhliziyo zabo zizimisele kuye. Usuwenze ubuwula, ngakho kusukela khathesi uzahlala usempini.”

10 U-Asa wazondela umboni ngenxa yalokho; wathukuthela wahle wamfaka entolongweni. Kusenjalo u-Asa waphatha abanye babantu ngochuku.

11 Izehlakalo zombuso ka-Asa, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. 12 Ngomnyaka wa-matshumi amathathu layisificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe u-Asa wahlaselwa ngumkhuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. Loba umkhuhlane wakhe wawubuhlungu kakhulu, kazange adinge usizo kuThixo, kodwa wayesiya ezinyangeni. 13 Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane lowodwa u-Asa wafa walala kunye laboyise. 14 Bamngcwaba ethuneni ayezenzele lona eMzini kaDavida. Bambeka phezu kwethala elaligcwele amakha enhlobo ngenhlobo ayexutshwe ngokuhlakanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha, babasa umlilo omkhulu wokumhlonipha.

17

UJehoshafathi Inkosi YakoJuda

1 UJehoshafathi indodana ka-Asa waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; wazilungisela ukumelana lo-Israyeli empini. 2 Wabeka amabutho emizini ebiyelweyo yakoJuda wafaka amaviyo koJuda kanye lasemizini yako-Efrayimi eyayithunjwe nguyise u-Asa.

3 UThixo wayelaye uJehoshafathi ngoba ngeminyaka yakuqala wayehamba ngezindlela ezalandelwa nguyise uDavida. Kabadinganga oBhali, 4 kodwa wadinga uNkulunkulu kayise njalo walalela imilayo yakhe kazange alingisele okwakusenziwa ngabako-Israyeli. 5 UThixo wawuqinisa umbuso wakhe, bonke abakoJuda baletha izipho kuJehoshafathi, ngakho wanotha kakhulu njalo wahlonitshwa kakhulu. 6 Inhliziyo yakhe yayi kuThixo ngokuzinikela okukhulu ezindleleni zakhe; njalo wasusa zonke izindawo zokukhonzela wadiliza lezinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera koJuda.

7 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wathuma izikhulu zakhe oBheni-Hali, lo-Obhadaya, loZakhariya, loNethaneli kanye loMikhaya ukuba ziyefundisa emizini yakoJuda. 8 Ndawonye lazo kwakulabanye abaLevi uShemaya loNethaniya, loZebhadiya, lo-Asaheli, loShemiramothi, loJehonathani, lo-Adonija, loThobhija kanye loThobhi-Adonija lo-Elishama loJehoramu abaphristi. 9 Bafundisa kulolonke elakoJuda, bethwele uGwalo lwemiThetho kaThixo; babhoda yonke imizi yakoJuda befundisa abantu.

10 Ukumesaba uTHIXO kwagcwala kuyo yonke imibuso yamazwe akhelane loJuda,
ngakho abasayanga empini loJehoshafathi. 11 Amanye amaFilistiya alethela uJe-
hoshafathi izipho lesiliva njengomthelo, lama-Arabhu aletha imihlambi yezimvu:
izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa enqama, lembuzi eziy-
izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.
12 UJehoshafathi waba lamandla amakhulu angezelelweyo, wakha izinqaba
lamadolobho eziphala koJuda 13 njalo wayelokudla okunengi emizini yakoJuda.
Wayelamabutho akwaziyo ukulwa ayehlala eJerusalema. 14 Wona ayemi kanje
ngezimuli:

KwabakoJuda, abalawuli bamaviyo enkulungwane babeyilaba:
u-Adina umlawuli wayelamaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amathathu (300,000);
15 kulandele uJehohanani umlawuli, elamabutho azinkulungwane ezinga-
makhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (280,000);
16 kulandele u-Amasiya indodana kaZikhiri, owazinikela ukusebenzela uTHIXO
elamaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili (200,000).
17 KwabakoBhenjamini:
kwakungu-Eliyada, indoda eliqhawe, elamadoda azinkulungwane ezinga-
makhulu amabili (200,000) ayehlome ngamadandili lezihlangu;
18 kulandele uJehozabhadi elamadoda azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili (180,000) ayehlomele ukulwa impi.

19 Yiwo la amadoda ayesebenzela inkosi, ngaphandle kwalawo ayesemzini ebiyel-
weyo kulolonke elakoJuda.

18

UMikhaya Uphrofetha Okubi Ngo-Ahabi

1 Ngakho uJehoshafathi wayenothe kakhulu njalo ehlonipheka, waba lobunini lo-
Ahabi ngokwendiselana. 2 Ngemva kweminyaka ethile wayakwethekelela u-Ahabi
eSamariya. U-Ahabi wamhlabela izimvu ezinengi lenkomo yena kanye labantu
ayelabo njalo wamkhuthaza ukuba ahlasele iRamothi Giliyadi. 3 U-Ahabi inkosi
yako-Israyeli yabuza uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Uzahamba lami na
ukuyahlasela iRamothi Giliyadi?”
UJehoshafathi waphendula wathi, “Mina nginjengawe, abantu bami banjengabantu
bakho; sizakuba lawe empini.” 4 Kodwa uJehoshafathi waphinda wathi enkosini
yako-Israyeli, “Akubuze kuTHIXO kuqala.”
5 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibuthanisa abaphrofethi, amadoda angamakhulu
amane, yababuza yathi, “Siphume impi siyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi, loba ngizithibe
na?”
Bayiphendula bathi, “Hamba, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.”
6 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Kambe kakusela mphrofethi kaTHIXO lapha
esingabuza kuye na?”
7 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uTHIXO
ngaye kodwa ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe okuhle ngami, uhlala ekhuluma
okubi. Ibizo lakhe nguMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.”
UJehoshafathi wathi, “Inkosi kayimelanga itsho njalo.”
8 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yabiza esinye sezikhulu zayo yathi kuso, “Ngibizela
uMikhaya indodana ka-Imla khathesi.”

9 Bembethe izembatho zabo zobukhosi, inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi inkosi
yakoJuda babehlezi ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi esizeni sokubhulela amabele
esangweni laseSamariya labo bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha phambi kwabo.
10 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wayekhande impondo zensimbi, wasesithi,
"Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uthi: 'Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza ama-Aramu uwab-
hubhise.' "
11 Bonke abaphrofethi babevele bephrofetha okufananayo besithi, "Hlasela
iRamothi Giliyadi unqobe, ngoba UTHIXO uyinikile esandleni senkosi."
12 Isithunywa esasithunywe ukuyabiza uMikhaya sathi kuye, "Khangela, abanye
abaphrofethi bafakaza bengela kuthandabuza ukuthi inkosi izanqoba. Lawe
vumelana labo, ukhulume okuyithokozisayo."
13 Kodwa uMikhaya wathi, "Ngeqiniso njengoba UTHIXO ekhona, engingamtshela
khona yilokhu okutshiwo NGUTHIXO."
14 Uthe efika, inkosi yambuza yathi, "Mikhaya, siye empini eRamothi Giliyadi, loba
ngizithibe na?"
Yena waphendula wathi: "Hlasela unqobe, ngoba bazanikelwa ezandleni zakho."
15 Inkosi yathi kuye, "Kumele ngikufungise kangaki ukuze ungangikhohlisi kodwa
ungitshele iqiniso ebizweni LIKATHIXO?"
16 Ngakho uMikhaya waphendula wathi, "Ngabona abako-Israyeli bonke
behlakazekile emaqaqeni njengezimvu ezingelamelusi, UTHIXO wathi, 'Lababantu
kabalamkhokheli. Kabazibuyelele emakhaya ngokuthula.' "
17 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, "Kangikutshelanga yini ukuthi uvele
kaphrofethi lutho oluhle ngami kodwa okubi kuphela na?"
18 UMikhaya waqhubeka wathi, "Ngakho zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO: Ngabona
UTHIXO ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lebutho lonke lasezulwini limi ngakwe-
sokudla langakwesokhohlo. 19 Njalo UTHIXO wathi, 'Ngubani ozakhohlisa u-Ahabi
inkosi yako-Israyeli ukuba ahlasele eRamothi Giliyadi njalo ayofela khona na?'
Omunye wabonisa lokhu, omunye laye lokhuyana. 20 Ekucineni kwavela umoya,
wema phambi KUKATHIXO wathi: 'Mina ngizamhuga.'
UTHIXO wathi kuwo: 'Ngendlela bani na?'
21 Wona wathi: 'Ngizahamba ngiyekuba ngumoya wokuqamba amanga emilonyeni
yabo bonke abaphrofethi bakhe.'
UTHIXO wathi: 'Uzaphumelela ukumhuga. Hamba-ke uyekwenza lokho.'
22 Ngakho khathesi UTHIXO usefake umoya wenkohliso emilonyeni yabaphrofethi
bakho bonke laba. UTHIXO usekumisele ukubhujiswa."
23 Ngakho uZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana waphakama wayawakala uMikhaya
ngempama ebusweni, watsho embuza wathi, "Umoya KATHIXO wasuka njani kimi
ukuyakhuluma kuwe na?"
24 UMikhaya waphendula wathi, "Wena ngokwakho uzakubona lokho mhla
ubalekela endlini engaphakathi usiyacatsha."
25 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi, "Bambani uMikhaya, limbuyisele ku-Amoni umbusi
wedolobho lakuJowashi indodana yenkosi 26 lithi: 'Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi, ithi:
Valelani umuntu lo entolongweni, lingamniki lutho ngaphandle kwesinkwa lamanzi
ngize ngiphenduke kukuhle.' "
27 UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: "Nxa ungaphenduka kuhle, UTHIXO uyabe
engakhulumanga ngami." Waqhubeka wathi, "Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni
amazwi ami!"

Ukubulawa Kuka-Ahabi ERamothi Giliyadi

28 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda baya eRamothi
Giliyadi. 29 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: "Mina ngizakuya empini

ngizazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sami, kodwa wena gqoka ezakho ezobukhosi.”
Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sayo yangena empini.
30 Ngakho inkosi yase-Aramu yayiqonqosele abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa yathi,
“Lingalwi lamuntu, loba ngomncinyane loba ngomkhulu, ngaphandle kwenkosi
yako-Israyeli.” 31 Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathi bebona uJehoshafathi bathi,
“Yiyonale inkosi yako-Israyeli.” Ngakho bamphendukela ukuba bamhlasele, kodwa
uJehoshafathi wahlaba umkhosi, uTHIXO wamsiza. UNkulunkulu wabenza baya
khatshana laye, 32 ngoba abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathi sebebonile ukuthi kasiyo
inkosi yako-Israyeli, abazange besaxotshana laye.
33 Kodwa omunye watshoka kungananzelelwe umtshoko waphutsha emkhandlwini
wesikhali wagwaza inkosi yako-Israyeli. Inkosi yatshela umtshayeli wenqola yokulwa
yathi, “Phendula inqola yakho ungisuse lapha, sengilimele.” 34 Impi yalwiwa ilanga
lonke, njalo inkosi yako-Israyeli yeyama enqoleni yayo yokulwa ikhangele ama-
Aramu kwaze kwaba ntambama. Kuthe litshona layo yabe isifa.

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1 UJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi esebuyela eJerusalema esigodlweni sakhe
ephephile, 2 uJehu umboni, indodana kaHanani, waphuma ukuba ayomhlangabeza
wasesithi enkosini, “Kufanele yini ukuba uncedise ababi njalo uthande abamzondayo
uTHIXO? Ngenxa yalokho, ulaka lukaThixo luphezu kwakho. 3 Kodwa-ke kukhona
okuhle ngawe, ngoba uziqedile elizweni lonke izinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera,
inhliziyo yakho wayimisela ukudinga uNkulunkulu.”

UJehoshafathi Ukhetha Abehluleli

4 UJehoshafathi wayehlala eJerusalema, waphuma wahambela abantu kusukela
eBherishebha kusiya elizweni lamaqaqa lako-Efrayimi wabaphendula ukuba
bamkhonze uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. 5 Wakhetha abehluleli elizweni,
kuwo wonke amadolobho abiyelweyo akoJuda. 6 Wabatshela wathi: “Linanzelele
elikwenzayo, ngoba kalehluleli umuntu kodwa lehlulela uTHIXO, yena uzalisiza
ekwahluleleni. 7 Ngakho mesabeni uTHIXO linanzelele elikwenzayo, yahlulelani
ngonanzelelo ngoba kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu kakukho ukwehlulela kubi loba
ubandlululo loba ukufumbathisana.”
8 Lakhona eJerusalema, uJehoshafathi wabeka abaLevi abathile labaphristi lez-
inhloko zezindlu zabako-Israyeli ukuba balawule umthetho kaTHIXO balamule
lemibango. Babehlala eJerusalema. 9 Wabanika iziqondiso ezithi: “Kumele lethem-
beke ngokumesaba uTHIXO, ngobuqotho langenhliziyo nye epheleleyo. 10 Wonke
amacala eza kini evela ezihlotsheni zenu kuwo wonke amadolobho elihlala kiwo
loba kungamacala okuchitha igazi loba awokwephula umthetho, imilayo, izimiso loba
iziqondiso, baxwayiseni ukuba bangoni kuTHIXO, funa ulaka lwakhe lwehlele phezu
kwenu labafowenu. Lingenza lokho aliyikwenza isono.
11 U-Amariya umphristi omkhulu nguye ozalikhangela emsebenzini wonke
kaTHIXO, kuthi uZebhadiya indodana ka-Ishumayeli, umkhokheli wesizwe sakoJuda
alikhokhele ezintweni eziqondane lenkosi, abaLevi labo bazakuba yizikhulu zenu.
Yenzani ngesibindi, njalo sengathi uTHIXO angaba lalabo abazakwenza ngobuqotho.”

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UJehoshafathi Unqoba AmaMowabi Lama-Amoni

1 Ngemva kwalokho amaMowabi lama-Amoni kanye labanye bamaMewuni ba-
phuma impi ukuba bayehlasela uJehoshafathi.

2 Amanye amadoda aya kuJehoshafathi afika athi kuye, “Kulempi enkulu
ezayo ukuzakuhlasela evela ngase-Edomi, ngaphetsheya kolwandle. IsiseHaza-
zoni Thamari” (okuyikuthi, Eni-Gedi). 3 Ngokwethuka, uJehoshafathi wazimisela
ukumdinga UTHIXO, wamemezela ukuba akuzilwe ukudla kulolonke elakoJuda.
4 Abantu bakoJuda baqoqana bahlangana bezodinga usizo KUTHIXO, lakanye ba-
phuma kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda.

5 Ngakho uJehoshafathi wema phambi kwebandla lakoJuda lelaseJerusalema
ethempelini LIKATHIXO phambi kweguma elitsha 6 wathi,

“Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wabokhokho, kakusuwe yini uNkulunkulu osezulwini?
Ubusa phezu kwemibuso yezizwe zonke. Amandla asesandleni sakho, njalo kakho
ongamelana lawe. 7 Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, awubaxotshanga ababekuleli lizwe
phambi kwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli wabanika ukuba libe ngelabo nini lanini
abesizukulwane sika-Abhrahama umngane wakho na? 8 Sebehlale kulo njalo
sebakhe indawo yokukhonzela yeBizo lakho, besithi, 9 ‘Nxa sisehlelwa zinhlupheko,
loba yinkemba yokwahlulela, loba yizifo loba yindlala, sizakuma ngobukhona
bakho phambi kwalelithempeli elileBizo lakho sikhale kuwe ekuhlukuluzweni
kwethu, wena uzasizwa njalo usisindise.’

10 Kodwa khathesi nanka amadoda ama-Amoni lamaMowabi labeNtabeni
yaseSeyiri, abelizwe owalela u-Israyeli ukuba alinqobe ekuphumeni kwakhe
eGibhithe; okwabangela ukuthi babatshiye abaze bababhubhisa. 11 Khangela
ukuthi khathesi baphindisela ngokunganani ngokusemuka isipho owasipha sona
ukuba sibe yilifa lethu. 12 Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, awuyikubahlulela na? Ngoba
asilamandla okumelana lebutho elikhulu kangaka elisihlaselayo. Asikwazi esin-
gakwenza, kodwa amehlo ethu aphezu kwakho.”

13 Wonke amadoda akoJuda, labomkabo labantwabawo lensane, bema lapho
phambi KUKATHIXO.

14 UMoya KATHIXO wehlela kuJahaziyeli indodana kaZakhariya, indodana kaB-
henaya, indodana kaJeyiyeli, indodana kaMathaniya, umLevi oyisizukulwane sika-
Asafi, emi phambi kwebandla.

15 Wasesithi: “Lalela, wena Nkosi Jehoshafathi labo bonke abahlala koJuda
labaseJerusalema! Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO kini: ‘Lingesabi njalo lingadediswa
yibukhulu bebutho laleyompi. Ngoba ukulwa akusikwenu, kodwa ngokukaNku-
lunkulu. 16 Kusasa hambani liyejamelana labo. Bona bazakhwela ngokhalo lwaseZizi,
lina lizabathola ekucineni kodonga eNkangala yaseJeruweli. 17 Aliyikuyilwa limpi.
Lunganini ezindaweni; lime ngesibindi lizabona ukuhlenga KUKATHIXO azalenzela
khona, Oh lina bakaJuda lani beJerusalema. Lingesabi, lingadangali. Phumani kusasa
liyehlasela, UTHIXO uzakuba lani.’ ”

18 UJehoshafathi wakhothama ubuso buphansi kanti njalo bonke abakoJuda
labaseJerusalema bawela phansi ngobuso bemkhonza UTHIXO. 19 Ngakho abanye
abaLevi bamaKhohathi, lamaKhora bema bamdumisa UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli, ngelizwi eliphakemeyo okuphezulu.

20 Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu basuka baya eNkangala yaseThekhowa. Bathi be-
suka lapho, uJehoshafathi waphakama wathi, “Lalelani kimi, bantu bakoJuda
lani baseJerusalema! Thembelani KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphathisa;
likholwe abaphrofethi bakhe, lizaphumelela.” 21 Ngemva kokubuza abantu, uJe-
hoshafathi wakhetha amadoda okuhlabelela UTHIXO lokumdumisa ngenxa yenkaz-
imulo yobungcwele bakhe bekhokhele amabutho, besithi:

“Mbongeni UTHIXO,
ngoba uthando lwakhe lumi nininini.”

22 Bathi beqalisa ukuhlabelela njalo bedumisa, UTHIXO wabeka abantu bokucathamela abase-Amoni labase-Mowabi labaseNtabeni iSeyiri ababedinga ukuhlasela uJuda, behlulwa. 23 Amadoda ako-Amoni lawamaMowabi avukela amadoda ayevela eNtabeni yaseSeyiri ukuba bawabulale bawatshabalalise. Ngemva kokuba sebeqedile ukubulala abaseSeyiri, banceda ngokubulalana bodwa.

24 Amadoda akoJuda athe efika endaweni emalungana lenkangala bakhangela lapho okwakulebutho elikhulu khona babona ngezidumbu zelekene phansi, kungekho loyedwa owayebalekile. 25 Ngakho uJehoshafathi lamanye amadoda bahamba bayabutha impango, njalo phakathi kwayo bafumana impahla zokusebenzisa lezembatho lezinye njalo impahla eziligugu ukwedlula lezo ababengazithwala. Impango yayinengi kwaze kwathatha insuku ezintathu beyithutha. 26 Ngosuku lwesine babuthana eSigodini saseBherakha, lapho abadumisela khona UTHIXO. Kungenxa yalokho yonale indawo yabizwa ngokuthi iSigodi saseBherakha kuze kube lamuhla.

27 Ngakho wonke amadoda akoJuda lawaseJerusalema abuyela ngokuthokoza eJerusalema, bekhokhelwa nguJehoshafathi ngoba UTHIXO wayebenzele lokho okwakubajabulisile phezu kwezitha zabo. 28 Bangena eJerusalema baya ethempelini LIKATHIXO betshaya imihubhe lemiqangala lamacilongo.

29 Ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke imibuso emazweni besizwa ngokulwa KUKATHIXO esilwa lezitha zika-Israyeli. 30 Lakanye umbuso kaJehoshafathi waba lokuthula, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe wayemnike ukuphumula inxa zonke.

Isiphetho Sombuso KaJehoshafathi

31 Ngakho uJehoshafathi wabusa koJuda. Waba yinkosi yakoJuda eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Unina wayengu-Azubha indodakazi kaShilihi. 32 Wahamba ngezindlela zikayise u-Asa njalo kazange aphambuke kuzo; wenza okulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO. 33 Izindawo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga njalo abantu babelokhu bengazimiselanga ngezinhliziyo zabo ngokupheleleyo kuNkulunkulu waboyise.

34 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaJehoshafathi kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni, zilotshiwe embalini kaJehu, indodana kaHanani, yona elotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli.

35 Ngokuqhubeka kwezikhathi, uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda waba lesibopho asenza lo-Ahaziya inkosi yako-Israyeli, owayelecala lokwenza okubi. 36 Wavumelana laye ukuba bakhe imikhumbi yokuthwala impahla zokuthengiselana. Ngemva kokuba isiyakhiwe e-Eziyoni-Gebheri, 37 u-Eliyezari indodana kaDodavahu waseMaresha wakhuluma isiphrofethi esilahla uJehoshafathi, esithi, “Ngenxa yokuthi wenza isibopho lo-Ahaziya, UTHIXO uzadiliza lokho okwenzileyo.” Imikhumbi yabhidlika ayaze yenelisa ukungena olwandle isiyathengisa.

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1 Ngakho uJehoshafathi waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshwa kanye labo emzini kaDavida uyise. UJehoramu indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. 2 Abafowabo bakaJehoramu, amadodana kaJehoshafathi, babengo-Azariya, loJehiyeli, loZakhariya, lo-Azariyahu, loMikhayeli kanye loShefathiya. Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yako-Israyeli. 3 Uyise wayebanike izipho ezinengi zesiliva lezegolide kanye lezinye impahla eziligugu, lamadolobho abiyelweyo koJuda, kodwa ubukhosi wayebunike uJehoramu ngoba eyindodana yakhe yamazibulo.

UJehoramu Inkosi YakoJuda

4 UJehoramu esengenile esikhundleni sikayise waqinisa umbuso wakhe, wabulala bonke abafowabo ngenkemba kanye lamanye amakhosana ako-Israyeli.
5 UJehoramu waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, njalo
wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. 6 Walandela izindlela
zamakhosi ako-Israyeli, njengalokho okwakwenziwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba
wathatha indodakazi ka-Ahabi. Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. 7 Lanxa kunjalo,
ngenxa yesivumelwano uThixo ayesenze loDavida, uThixo kathandanga ukuyidiliza
indlu kaDavida. Wayethembise ukumbekela isibane yena kanye lesizukulwane sakhe
nini lanini.
8 Ngensuku zikaJehoramu, abase-Edomi bahlamukela uJuda babeka eyabo inkosi.
9 Ngakho uJehoramu waya khonale lezikhulu zakhe lazozonke izinqola zakhe zempi.
Abase-Edomi bamhanqa kanye labalawuli bezinqola zakhe zempi, kodwa wavuka
ebusuku waphunyuka. 10 Kuze kube lamhla abase-Edomi balokhu behlamukela
uJuda.
AbaseLibhina labo bahlamuka ngasolesi isikhathi, ngoba uJehoramu wayefulathele
uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise. 11 Njalo wamisa izindawo zokukhonzela emaqaqeni
akoJuda, wenza abaseJerusalema ukuba bakhonze izithombe, wadukisa abakoJuda.
12 UJehoramu wemukela incwadi eyayivela ku-Elija umphrofethi isithi:
“Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida, uthi: ‘Kawuhambanga ezindleleni zikaJehoshafathi uyihlo lezika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. 13 Kodwa
ulandele izindlela zamakhosi ako-Israyeli, waholela abakoJuda labantu baseJerusalema ekuzingcoliseni njengalokhu indlu ka-Ahabi eyakwenzayo njalo usubulele abafowenu abendlu kayihlo ababengcono kulawe. 14 Ngakho-ke uThixo
usezabatshaya abantu bakini lamadodana akho, labomkabo lakho konke okungokwakho, ngesidutshulo esikhulu. 15 Lawe uqobo uzagula umkhuhlane omubi owesifo samathumbu akho, amathumbu akho aze ahotshuke ngokuhamba kwensuku
ngenxa yesifo.’ ”
16 UThixo wamvusela uJehoramu ulaka lwamaFilistiya lama-Arabhu ayehlala
eduzane lamaKhushi. 17 Bahlasela koJuda, bangena khona bathutha zonke impahla ababezitholile esigodlweni senkosi, labantwabayo labomkayo. Akulandodana
eyasalayo ngaphandle kuka-Ahaziya isicino sabo.
18 Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uThixo wehlisela uJehoramu isifo samathumbu
esingelaphekiyo. 19 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi ekupheleni komnyaka wesibili,
amathumbu akhe ahotshuka ngenxa yesifo, wafa esebuhlungwini obukhulu. Abantu
bakhe abazange babase umlilo wokumhlonipha njengalokhu ababekwenza kuboyise.
20 UJehoramu waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, njalo
wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. Wafa engakhalelwa muntu,
wabekwa eMzini kaDavida, kodwa kungesikho emangcwabeni amakhosi.

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U-Ahaziya iNkosi YakoJuda

1 Abantu baseJerusalema babeka u-Ahaziya, indodana encinyane kaJehoramu,
ukuba abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise, njengoba abahlaseli ababeze lama-Arabhu
enkambeni, babebulele wonke amadodana akhe amadala. Ngakho u-Ahaziya
indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa.
2 U-Ahaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili ekubeni kwakhe
yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okomnyaka owodwa. Unina wayengu-Athaliya,
umntanomntanakhe ka-Omri.
3 Laye ngomunye owalandela izindlela zabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba unina wamkhuthaza ukwenza okubi. 4 Wona phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe

ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba ngemva kokufa kukayise bahle baba ngabacebisi bakhe,
babangela ukuchitheka kwakhe. 5 Walalela ukweluleka kwabo aze ahambe loJoramu
indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli empini yokuhlasela uHazayeli inkosi yase-
Aramu eRamothi Giliyadi. Ama-Aramu alimaza uJoramu; 6 wahle wabuyela
eJezerili ukuba ayephozisa amanxeba okulinyazwa kwakhe eRama ekulweni kwakhe
loHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu.

Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waya eJezerili
ukuyabona uJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi njengoba wayeselimele.

7 Ngokwethekelela kuka-Ahaziya kuJoramu, uNkulunkulu wayemise ukumbhub-
hisa u-Ahaziya. Ngoba ekufikeni kwakhe khonale wahle waphuma loJoramu
ukuyahlangabeza uJehu indodana kaNimishi owayegcotshwe NGUTHIXO ukubhub-
hisa indlu ka-Ahabi. 8 Kwathi lapho uJehu esenza lokhu okuyifaneleyo indlu
ka-Ahabi, wahlangana lezikhulu zakoJuda lamadodana abafowabo baka-Ahaziya
ababesebenzela u-Ahaziya, wababulala. 9 Wasedinga u-Ahaziya abantu bakhe
bambamba esecatshile eSamariya, bamletha kuJehu, wabulawa. Bamngcwaba ngoba
bathi: “Wayeyindodana kaJehoshafathi owadinga UTHIXO ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke.”
Ngakho kwakungaselamuntu endlini ka-Ahaziya olamandla okuwumisa umbuso.

U-Athaliya LoJowashi

10 Kwathi u-Athaliya unina ka-Ahaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe isi-
file, waqhubekela phambili edinga ukubhubhisa umndlunkulu wendlu yako-
Juda. 11 Kodwa uJehoshabhiyathi, indodakazi yenkosi uJehoramu, watshontsha
uJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya phakathi kwamakhosana omndlunkulu ayesezab-
hujiswa wamfihla endlini yakhe yokulala kanye lomlizane wakhe. Njengoba
uJehoshebha indodakazi yenkosi uJehoramu wayengumkaJehoyada umphristi njalo
engudadewabo ka-Ahaziya, wamfihla umntwana ukuze angabulawa ngu-Athaliya.
12 Wacatsha labo ethempelini likaNkulunkulu okweminyaka eyisithupha yokubusa
kuka-Athaliya elizweni.

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1 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada waqunga isibindi. Wenza isivumelwano
labalawuli bamakhulu embuthweni: o-Azariya indodana kaJerohamu lo-Ishumayeli
indodana kaJehohanani, lo-Azariya indodana ka-Obhedi, loMaseya indodana ka-
Adaya kanye lo-Elishafathi indodana kaZikhiri. 2 Bangena kulolonke elako-
Juda, baqoqa abaLevi kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda labayizinhloko zezimuli zako-
Israyeli. Ekufikeni kwabo eJerusalema, 3 ibandla lonke lenza isivumelwano lenkosi
ethempelini likaNkulunkulu.

UJehoyada wathi kubo, “Indodana yenkosi izabusa, njengoba UTHIXO wath-
embisa abayinzalo kaDavida. 4 Ngakho nanku okumele likwenze: Ingxenye
yesithathu yenu baphristi labaLevi abalinda ngeSabatha bafanele balinde eminyango,
5 eyinye ingxenye yesithathu esigodlweni somndlunkulu kanye lenye njalo ingx-
enye yesithathu ezalinda eSangweni leSisekelo, kuthi wonke amanye amadoda
abesemagumeni ethempeli LIKATHIXO. 6 Kakho ozangena ethempelini LIKATHIXO
ngaphandle kwabaphristi labaLevi abazabe besemsebenzini; labo bezangena ngoba
behlanjululwe, kodwa wonke amanye amadoda azalinda lokho azabe ekutshengiswe
NGUTHIXO. 7 AbaLevi bazahonqolozela inkosi, ngulowo lalowo wabo ehlomile.
Loba ngubani ozangena ethempelini kumele abulawe. Lingaxekelani lenkosi loba
kungaphi lapho ezabe ikhona.”

8 AbaLevi lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda benza khonokho kanye ababekutshelwe
nguJehoyada umphristi. Kwaba ngulowo lalowo wathatha abantu bakhe, kula-
banye ababesiyaqalisa amazopho abo ngeSabatha labanye ababetshayisa ngemva

kwamazopha abo ngoba uJehoyada umphristi wayelokhu engakakhululi loba iviyo elilodwa. 9 Wasenika abalawuli bamaviyo amabutho alikhulu imikhonto lamahawu amakhulu lamancinyane ayekade engawenkosi uDavida ayesethempelini likaNkulunkulu. 10 Wasemisa wonke amadoda, ngamunye ephethe izikhali zakhe ezandleni, ezingelezele inkosi eduze kwe-alithari lethempeli, kusukela eceleni langezansi kusiya enyakatho yethempeli.

11 UJehoyada lamadodana akhe basebeveza indodana yenkosi njalo bayethesa umqhele; bayiqhubela lencwadi yesivumelwano bayibeka yaba yinkosi. Bayigcoba bavungama bathi: “Mpilonde nkosi!”

12 U-Athaliya uthe esizwa umsindo wabantu begijima njalo behalalisa inkosi, wasuka waya kubo ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 13 Lakanye wayibona inkosi imi ensikeni yayo ngasemangenelweni. Izikhulu labavutheli bamacilongo besekele inkosi, njalo bonke abantu belizwe bejabula bevuthela amacilongo, kanye labahlabeleli bephethe izinto zokuhlabelela bekhokhela emkhosini wokuhaya inkosi. U-Athaliya wadabula izigqoko zakhe njalo wamemeza ethi: “Umvukela! Umvukela!”

14 UJehoyada umphristi wathumela abalawuli bamaviyo amabutho alikhulu, ababelawula amabutho, wathi: “Mkhupheleni phandle u-Athaliya phakathi kwamaviyo kuthi loba ngubani omlandelayo limbulale ngenkemba.” Ngoba umphristi wayethe, “Lingambulaleli ethempelini LIKATHIXO.” 15 Ngakho bambamba esefikile emangenelweni eSango laMabhiza emagumeni esigodlo, njalo kulapho abambulalela khona.

16 UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano sokuthi yena kanye labantu lenkosi bazakuba ngabantu BAKATHIXO 17 Bonke abantu baya ethempelini likaBhali, balidilizela phansi, babhidliza lama-alithare akhe lezithombe zakhe, babulala uMathani umphristi kaBhali phambi kwama-alithare.

18 UJehoyada wabeka abalindi bethempeli LIKATHIXO ezandleni zabaphristi, ababengabaLevi, bona uDavida ayevele ebenzele amazopho abo ethempelini, ukuze balethe iminikelo yokutshiswa KATHIXO njengokulotshwa kwayo eMthethweni kaMosi, kulokujabula lokuhlabelela njengokulaya kukaDavida. 19 Wahlalisa njalo abalindiminyango emasangweni ethempeli LIKATHIXO ukuze kungangeni loyedwa ongahlanjululwanga.

20 Wasethatha abalawuli bamabutho alikhulu, lezikhulu lababusi babantu kanye labantu bonke belizwe basebeletha inkosi ethempelini LIKATHIXO. Bangena esigodlweni ngeSango elingaPhezulu bahlalisa khona inkosi esihlalweni soBukhosi, 21 njalo bonke abantu elizweni bajabula. Kwaba lokuthula kulolonke idolobho ngoba u-Athaliya wayesebulewe ngenkemba.

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UJowashi Ulungisa IThempeli

1 UJowashi waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisikhombisa yokuzalwa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. Ibizo likanina linguZibhiya owayevela eBherishebha. 2 UJowashi wenza okulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO iminyaka yonke uJehoyada engumphristi. 3 UJehoyada wamdingela abafazi ababili, wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.

4 Ngemva kwesikhathi esithile uJowashi wabona kufanele ukuthi alungise kutsha ithempeli LIKATHIXO. 5 Wabuthanisa abaphristi labaLevi wathi kubo: “Yanini emizini yakoJuda liyeqoqa imali yomnyaka ngomnyaka kuye wonke um’Israyeli, lilungiswe kutsha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wenu. Kwenzeni khathesi.” Kodwa abaLevi abazange bakwenze masinyane.

6 Ngakho inkosi yabiza uJehoyada umphristi omkhulu yathi kuye, “Kungani
ungatshelanga abaLevi ukuba baqoqe koJuda laseJerusalema umthelo owabekwa
nguMosi inceku kaThixo kanye lasebandleni lako-Israyeli okweThente loBufakazi
na?”
7 Amadodana ka-Athaliya umfazi oxhwalileyo adiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu
abuye azisebenzisela lezinto zalo ezingcwele kuboBhali.
8 Ngokulaya kwenkosi, kwenziwa ibhokisi labekwa phandle, esangweni lethempeli
likaThixo. 9 Kwasekumenyezelwa kulolonke elakoJuda laseJerusalema ukuba
kulethwe kuThixo, umthelo owawumiswe nguMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu enkangala
ukuba uzakhitshwa ngabako-Israyeli. 10 Izikhulu zonke labantu bonke baletha
okwabo ngokujabula, bakufaka ebhokisini laze lagcwala. 11 Kwakusithi nxa ibhokisi
lingalethwa ngabaLevi ezikhulwini zenkosi zithi zingabona ukuthi sekulemali enengi,
unobhala wesigodlweni lesikhulu somphristi omkhulu bafike bathulule okwakuseb-
hokisini babe sebelibuyisela endaweni yalo. Bakwenza lokho ngezikhathi zonke
baze babuthelela imali enengi kakhulu. 12 Inkosi loJehoyada baholisa abantu
ababesenza umsebenzi owawufanele wenziwe ethempelini likaThixo. Baqhatsha
ababazi bamatshe lababazi ukuze bakhe kutsha ithempeli likaThixo, labakhandi
bezinsimbi kanye labakhandi bethusi besakha kutsha ithempeli.
13 Amadoda ayebona ngokuqhutshwa komsebenzi ayekhaliphile, njalo umsebenzi
ayewukhangele waqhubeka kuhle. Lakhiwa kutsha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu
labuyela esimeni salo elaliyiso njalo baliqinisa. 14 Bathe sebeqedile, baletha imali
eyasalayo enkosini lakuJehoyada, benza ngayo impahla zethempeli likaThixo: izitsha
zokusebenzela kanye lezeminikelo yokutshiswa, izinditshi lezinye izitsha zegolide
lezesiliva. UJehoyada esaphila, iminikelo yokutshiswa yayihlezi ikhona ethempelini
likaThixo.
15 UJehoyada wayeseluphele eleminyaka eminengi, wafa eleminyaka yokuzalwa
elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu. 16 Wangcwatshwa lamakhosi eMzini kaDavida
ngenxa yalokho okuhle akwenza ko-Israyeli ekwenzela uNkulunkulu ethempelini
lakhe.

Ububi BukaJowashi

17 Ngemva kokufa kukaJehoyada, izikhulu zakoJuda zayakhonza enkosini uJowashi,
yazilalela. 18 Balidela ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise, basebekhonza
izinsika zika-Ashera, lezithombe zakhe. Ngenxa yalesisono, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu
lwehlela phezu kwabakoJuda laseJerusalema. 19 Lanxa uThixo wathumela abaphro-
fethi ebantwini ukuba bababuyisele kuye njalo lanxa bafakaza ngokungavumelani
labo, abazange babalalele.
20 Ngakho uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela kuZakhariya indodana yomphristi uJe-
hoyada. Wema phambi kwabantu wathi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu:
‘Kungani lingalaleli imilayo kaThixo? Aliyikuphumelela. Ngenxa yokumlahla uThixo
elikwenzileyo, laye uselilahlile.’ ”
21 Kodwa bamhlamukela, kwathi ngokuqondisa kwenkosi bamkhanda bambulala
ngamatshe egumeni lethempeli likaThixo. 22 INkosi uJowashi ayizange izihluphe
ngomusa eyayiwenzelwe nguJehoyada uyise kaZakhariya kodwa yabulala indodana
yakhe, yona yathi ekufeni kwayo, “UThixo kakubone lokhu, aphindisele.”
23 Ekupheleni komnyaka amabutho ama-Aramu ahlasela uJowashi; ahlasela koJuda
laseJerusalema abulala bonke abakhokheli babantu. Impango yonke ayithumela
enkosini yawo eDamaseko. 24 Kwathi loba impi yama-Aramu yayikade ize lamadoda
amalutshwana, uThixo wanikela ezandleni zawo ibutho elikhulu kakhulu. Njen-
goba abakoJuda babemlahlile uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, uJowashi
wehlulelwa ngokufaneleyo. 25 Ama-Aramu athi esehlehla, atshiya uJowashi elimele

kakhulu. Izikhulu zakhe zamhlamukela ngokubulala kwakhe indodana kaJehoyada umphristi, zahle zambulalela embhedeni wakhe. Ngakho wafa wayangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavida, kodwa kungasikho emathuneni amakhosi.
26 Laba abaceba ukumbulala kwakunguZabhadi, indodana kaShimeyathi owesifazane wama-Amoni loJehozabhadi, indodana kaShimirithi owesifazane wamaMowabi. 27 Imbali yamadodana akhe, iziphrofethi ezinengi ngaye, lembali yokwakhiwa kutsha kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu kulotshiwe egwalweni lwezindaba zamakhosi. U-Amaziya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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U-Amaziya Inkosi YakoJuda

1 U-Amaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala ekubekweni kwakhe ukuba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina linguJehowadani evela eJerusalema.
2 Wenza okulungileyo emehlweni kaThixo, kodwa kakwenzanga ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. 3 Kwathi umbuso wakhe usuqinile, wabulala izikhulu zakhe ezazibulele inkosi uyise. 4 *Kodwa amadodana azo kawabulalanga, wenza okuseMthethweni, eNcwadini kaMosi, lapho uThixo wapha umlayo wathi: “Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwababo, labantwababo kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise; ngulowo lalowo uzafela izono zakhe.”
5 U-Amaziya wabuthanisa abantu bakoJuda wabamisa ngezindlu zabo bephethwe yizinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu kwelakoJuda lelakoBhenjamini. Wasebutha kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, wathola bezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, amadoda akhethiweyo, angaphuma impi, angahloma ngemikhonto langezihlangu. 6 Wabuya waqhatsha ko-Israyeli amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu.
7 Kodwa kwafika kuye inceku kaNkulunkulu yathi: “Nkosi yami, amabutho ako-Israyeli la akufanelanga aphume impi kanye lawe ngoba uThixo kakho kwabako-Israyeli, kakho lakubani ebantwini bako-Efrayimi. 8 Loba ungaze uhambe uyekulwa ngesibindi empini, uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha phambi kwesitha ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okukusiza loba ukukuchitha.”
9 U-Amaziya wasebuza inceku kaNkulunkulu wathi, “Pho ngizakuthini ngamathalenta alikhulu engiwabhadalele amabutho ako-Israyeli?”
Inceku kaNkulunkulu yaphendula yathi, “UThixo angakunika okunengi kakhulu kulalokho.”
10 U-Amaziya wawakhulula amabutho ayevela ko-Efrayimi wathi kawabuyele kibo. Lokhu amabutho abazondela abakoJuda abuyela kibo ngokufuthelana okukhulu.
11 U-Amaziya wasequnga isibindi, waphuma lamabutho akhe, waya eSigodini seTswayi, lapho abulala khona amadoda aseSeyiri azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. 12 Ibutho lakoJuda lathumba amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ephila, lawaqhuba layawafikisa engqongeni yeliwa lapho awaphosela khona phansi aphahlazeka wonke aba yizicucu.
13 Kwathi amabutho ayebuyiselwe emuva ngu-Amaziya ngoba engasafuni ukuthi amlwele impi, ahamba ehlasela imizi yaseSamariya laseBhethi-Horoni kwelakoJuda. Abulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezintathu njalo athutha impango enengi kakhulu.
14 U-Amaziya wathi esevela bulala ama-Edomi wabuya ethwele onkulunkulu babantu baseSeyiri. Wabamisa baba ngonkulunkulu bakhe wakhothama kubo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa. 15 Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha wathukuthelela u-Amaziya, wasethuma umphrofethi owafika wambuza wathi, “Kungani udinga uncedo

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kubonkulunkulu balababantu na, abehluleka ukuvikela abantu babo ekubahlaseleni kwakho?”
16 Wathi esakhuluma, inkosi yathi kuye, “Sikubekile yini ukuba ngumcebisi wenkosi na? Thula! Kungani udinga ukubulawa na?”

Ngakho umphrofethi wema kodwa wasesithi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzimisele ukuthi akubhubhise, ngoba lokhu akwenzileyo kutsho ukuthi awuzange ulalele ukucebisa kwami.”
17 Ngemva kokuba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda eseke wabuza abacebisi bakhe, wathumela ilizwi kuJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi, indodana kaJehu, inkosi yako-Israyeli wathi: “Woza, siqondane ubuso ngobuso.”
18 Kodwa uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waphendula u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Isihlahla sameva saseLebhanoni sathumela umbiko kwesomsedari waseLebhanoni sathi: ‘Yendisela indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami ibe ngumkayo.’ Ngakho kwavela isilo saseLebhanoni sanyathela safohloza isihlahla sameva. 19 Uzitshela ukuthi usuyinqobile i-Edomi, khathesi usuziqhenya. Kodwa hlala ekhaya! Kungani uzibangela uhlupho oluzakuchitha luze luchithe loJuda na?”
20 Kodwa u-Amaziya kazange alalele ngoba uNkulunkulu wayekumisile ukuthi uzabanikela kuJowashi, ngenxa yokukhonza kwabo onkulunkulu bama-Edomi. 21 Ngakho uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wasehlasela. Yena kanye lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda baqondana ubuso ngobuso eBhethi-Shemeshi koJuda. 22 UJuda wachithwa ngu-Israyeli, kwathi amadoda wonke abalekela emizini yawo. 23 UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wathumba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya, eBhethi-Shemeshi. Ngakho uJowashi waya laye eJerusalema njalo wadiliza umduli weJerusalema kusukela eSangweni lika-Efrayimi kusiya eSangweni laseJikweni isibanga esingaba ngamanyathelo angamakhulu ayisithupha ubude baso.
24 Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva lazozonke impahla azithola ethempelini likaNkulunkulu ezazilindwe ngu-Obhedi-Edomi, kanye leziligugu zenotho yesigodlweni lezithunjwa, wasebuyela eSamariya.

25 U-Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waphila okweminyaka elitshumi lemihlanu ngemva kokufa kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli. 26 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Amaziya, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, azilotshwanga yini egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lako-Israyeli na? 27 Kusukela ekuphambukeni kuka-Amaziya engasalandeli UTHIXO, bamsongela eJerusalema wabalekela eLakhishi, kodwa bathumela amadoda amlandela eLakhishi ambulalela khonale. 28 Wabuyiswa esethwelwe ngebhiza wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaJuda.

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U-Uziya Inkosi YakoJuda

1 Ngakho bonke abantu bakoJuda bathatha u-Uziya, owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha ubudala, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise u-Amaziya. 2 Nguye owakha kutsha umuzi we-Elathi wawubuyisela koJuda ngemva kokufa kwenkosi u-Amaziya owangcwatshwa kubokhokho bakhe.

3 U-Uziya wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha ubudala ekubeni kwakhe yinkosi njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili. Ibizo likanina linguJekholiya; evela eJerusalema. 4 Wenza okulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise u-Amaziya. 5 Wazimisela ukumdinga uNkulunkulu ngezinsuku zikaZakhariya, owamfundisa ukumesaba uNkulunkulu. Esamlandela UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa.

6 Waphuma impi wayakulwa lamaFilistiya wadiliza imiduli yaseGathi, lase-
Jabhine lase-Ashidodi. Wasesakha kutsha imizi eseduzane le-Ashidodi leminye
kwezinye iziqinti phakathi kwamaFilistiya. 7 UNkulunkulu wayelaye ekuhlaseleni
kwakhe amaFilistiya kanye lama-Arabhu ayehlala eGuri Bhali kanye lekuhlaseleni
amaMewuni. 8 Ama-Amoni aletha umthelo wawo ku-Uziya, udumo lwakhe lwanda
lasemingceleni kusiyafika eGibhithe, ngoba wayeselamandla amakhulu.

9 U-Uziya wakha imiphotshongo eJerusalema ngaseSangweni leNgosi langas-
eSangweni leSigodi langasengosini yomduli, wayivikela ngezinqaba. 10 Wakha
njalo imiphotshongo enkangala, wemba imithombo eminengi, ngoba wayefuyile
elemihlambi yezifuyo emawatheni amaqaqa lasemagcekeni. Wayelabantu bokulima
lababesezivinini emaqaqeni lasemhlabeni ovundileyo, ngoba wayethanda ukulima.

11 U-Uziya wayelamabutho ayekwazi ukulwa ebuthwe ngamaviyo ayeqoqwe
nguJeyiyeli umabhalane loMaseya isikhulu esasiqondiswa nguHananiya, omunye
wezikhulu zomndlunkulu. 12 Inani labakhokheli lonke ngezimuli emadodeni
okulwa lalizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha (2,600). 13 Babelawula
ibutho elilamadoda abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lesikhombisa
lamakhulu amahlanu (307,500) ayefundele ukulwa, amaviyo alamandla okuhlo-
mulela inkosi ezitheni zayo. 14 U-Uziya wahlomisa amabutho akhe wonke ngez-
ihlangu, imikhonto, ingowane zensimbi lamabhatshi ensimbi, lemitshoko lamatshe
ezavutha. 15 EJerusalema wakhandisa imitshina yokufutha imitshoko leyokujik-
ijela amatshe amakhulu ayikhandisa emadodeni ayezingcitshi eyayisetshenziswa
emiphotshongweni esemajikweni. Udumo lwakhe lwanda lwayafika kude, ngoba
wancediswa kakhulu waze waba lamandla amakhulu kakhulu.

16 Kodwa kwathi u-Uziya eselamandla amakhulu, ukuziqhenya kwakhe
kwamlethela incithakalo. Kazange athembeke kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe,
waze wangena ethempelini LIKATHIXO, ukuba ayetshisa impepha e-alithareni
lempepha. 17 U-Azariya umphristi labanye abaphristi BAKATHIXO abangamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili abalezibindi bamlandela phakathi ethempelini. 18 Bajamelana
laye bathi kuye, “Akulunganga ukuthi wena, Uziya, utshisele uTHIXO impepha. Lokho
ngokwabaphristi, abenzalo ka-Aroni, abehlukaniselwa ukutshisa impepha. Phuma
kulindawo engcwele, ngoba awuzange wethembeke, njalo awuyikuphakanyiswa
NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu.”

19 U-Uziya owayephethe udengezi lokutshisela impepha esandleni sakhe,
wathukuthela. Uthe elokhu esakhwazela abaphristi ngoba kwabo phambi kwe-
alithari lempepha ethempelini LIKATHIXO, kwaqalisa ubulephero ebunzini lobuso
bakhe. 20 Kwathi u-Azariya umphristi omkhulu labanye abaphristi bemkhangela,
babona eselobulephero ebunzini lakhe, ngakho baphanga bamkhuphela phandle.
Lakanye yena ngokwakhe wayevele esefisa ukuphuma, ngoba uTHIXO wayesemtshay-
ile.

21 U-Uziya inkosi waba lobulephero kwaze kwaba lilanga lakhe lokufa. Wayesehlala
endlini yakhe eyayimi yodwa ngoba elobulephero njalo engasavunyelwa ethempelini
LIKATHIXO. UJothamu indodana yakhe yaphatha isigodlo njalo yaphatha abantu
bonke belizwe.

22 Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso ka-Uziya, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni,
zilotshwe ngumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. 23 U-Uziya waphumula
labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa eduze kwabo ensimini yokungcwaba eyayingeya-
makhosi ngoba abantu bathi, “Wayelobulephero.” Ngakho uJothamu indodana yakhe
wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi.

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UJothamu Inkosi YakoJuda

1 UJothamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala eqalisa
ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Ibizo
likanina lalinguJerusha indodakazi kaZadokhi. 2 Wenza okulungileyo phambi
kukaTHIXO njengalokhu okwenziwa nguyise u-Uziya kodwa yena kasangenanga
ethempelini LIKATHIXO njengoyise. Lanxa kunjalo, abantu baqhubeka besenza
okubi. 3 UJothamu wakha wavuselela iSango langaPhezulu lethempeli LIKATHIXO
wenza njalo umsebenzi omkhulu emdulini ngapha ngaseqaqeni lwe-Ofeli. 4 Wakha
amadolobho emaqaqeni aseJuda lemiphotshongo ezindaweni ezenileyo.
5 UJothamu wahlasela inkosi yama-Amoni wawanqoba. Ngalowomnyaka ama-
Amoni athela kuye ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lezilinganiso zezilimo zengqoloyi
ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zebhali. Ama-Amoni
amlethela inani elifananayo ngomnyaka wesibili langomnyaka wesithathu.
6 UJothamu waba lamandla amakhulu ngoba waqina kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe.
7 Ezinye izehlakalo embusweni kaJothamu, kanye lezimpi azilwayo lokunye ayek-
wenza, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda. 8 Waba
yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo wabusa okweminyaka
elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. 9 UJothamu waphumula labokhokho bakhe,
wangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavida. U-Ahazi indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla
waba yinkosi.

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U-Ahazi Inkosi YakoJuda

1 U-Ahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili ubudala nyakana esiba yinkosi,
njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Kenzanga njengoyise
uDavida, kazange enze okulungileyo emehlweni kaTHIXO. 2 Wahamba ngezindlela
zamakhosi ako-Israyeli njalo wabaza izithombe zokukhonza oBhali. 3 Watshisa imih-
latshelo eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu wanikela amadodana akhe emlilweni, elandela
izindlela ezenyanyekayo zezizwe uTHIXO ayezixotshe mandulo kokufika kwabako-
Israyeli. 4 Wanikela imihlatshelo njalo watshisa impepha ezindaweni zokukhonzela
phezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziyizithingithingi.
5 Ngakho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe wamnikela enkosini yama-Aramu. Ama-
Aramu amnqoba athumba abantu bakhe abanengi abaletha eDamaseko.
Yena njalo wanikelwa ezandleni zenkosi yako-Israyeli, yona eyambulalela abantu
abanengi kakhulu. 6 Kwathi ngelanga elilodwa uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya wabu-
lala amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili koJuda ngoba abakoJuda
babemfulathele uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu waboyise. 7 UZikhiri ibutho lako-Efrayimi,
wabulala uMaseya indodana yenkosi, lo-Azirikhamu isikhulu somndlunkulu, kanye
lo-Elikhana, owayengumsekeli wenkosi. 8 Abako-Israyeli bathumba ezihlotsheni zabo
zakoJuda omkabo, lamadodana lamadodakazi abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amabili. Babutha njalo impango enengi kakhulu, abayithwala babuyela layo
eSamariya.
9 Kodwa umphrofethi wenkosi okwakuthiwa ngu-Odedi wayekhonale, ngakho
waphuma ukuyahlangabeza ibutho ekuphendukeni kwalo eSamariya. Wathi kulo,
“Ngenxa yokuthi uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo wayethukuthelele abakoJuda,
wabanikela ezandleni zenu. Kodwa lina selibabhubhise ngolaka oluze lwayathinta
ezulwini. 10 Khathesi selifuna ukuthi amadoda labesifazane bakoJuda laseJerusalema
babe yizigqili zenu. Kodwa lina ngokwenu kalonanga yini kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu

wenu na? 11 Lalelani kimi! Buyiselani amadoda akini eliwenze izibotshwa, ngoba
ulaka LUKATHIXO olwesabekayo luphezu kwenu."
12 Abanye babakhokheli bako-Efrayimi u-Azariya indodana kaJehohanani, loB-
herekhiya indodana kaMeshilemothi, loJehizikhiya indodana kaShalumi, kanye
lo-Amasa indodana kaHadilayi bamelana lalabo ababevela empini bathi kubo,
13 "Lingalethi lezozibotshwa lapha, ngoba kungenzeka sibe lecala phambi KUKATHIXO.
Selidinga ukuthi lengezelele lelocala phezu kwesono sethu na? Ngoba icala lethu
livele likhulu, njalo lentukuthelo yakhe eyesabekayo iphezu kwabako-Israyeli."
14 Ngakho amabutho akhulula ababebotshiwe asebuyisela lempahla ezaziyimpango
phambi kwezikhulu laphambi kwebandla. 15 Amadoda ayeqanjwe ngamabizo
abuyisela izibotshwa ezimpahleni zempango bagqokisa ababenqunu. Babanika
izigqoko lamanyathelo, ukudla lokunathwayo, kanye lomuthi wokwelapha. Bonke
ababuthakathaka babagadisa obabhemi. Ngakho babathatha bababuyisela kwa-
banye babo eJerikho, iDolobho lamaLala, basebebuyela eSamariya.
16 Ngalesosikhathi inkosi u-Ahazi yacela uncedo enkosini yase-Asiriya. 17 Ama-
Edomi ayesephendukile ezohlasela abakoJuda njalo asuka eqhuba izibotshwa,
18 kanti amaFilistiya lawo ngapha ayesehlasele amadolobho angaphansi kwa-
maqaqa kanye laseNegebi yakoJuda. Bathumba basebehlala khona eBhethi-
Shemeshi, le-Ayijaloni leGederothi, kanye laseSokho, leThimina leGimizo lemizana
eyayiseduze lalapho. 19 UTHIXO wabatshaya abakoJuda ngoba u-Ahazi inkosi
yako-Israyeli wayekhuthaze ukona kwabakoJuda watshengisela ukungathembeki
okukhulu KUTHIXO. 20 UThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya esikhundleni sokum-
siza laye wafika wengezelela uhlupho. 21 U-Ahazi wathatha ezinye zezimpahla
zasethempelini LIKATHIXO lezinye azithatha endlini yomndlunkulu esigodlweni waze
wathatha lezamakhosana wayaziqhubela inkosi yase-Asiriya, kodwa lakho lokhu
akumncedanga.
22 Kwathi lanxa inkosi u-Ahazi iphakathi kobunzima, yandisa ukona kwayo
KUTHIXO. 23 Yanikela imihlatshelo kubonkulunkulu baseDamaseko, ababeyehlule,
ngoba yakhumbula yathi, "Njengoba onkulunkulu bamakhosi ama-Aramu be-
wancedile, ngizanikela imihlatshelo kubo ukuze bangisize lami." Kodwa-ke kwahle
kwaba yikuwa kwayo lokuchitheka kwabako-Israyeli.
24 U-Ahazi wabutha zonke izitsha ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wazisusa. Wavala
iminyango yethempeli LIKATHIXO wasesakha ama-alithare kuwo wonke amajiko
eJerusalema. 25 Wakha izindawo zokukhonzela kuwo wonke amadolobho akoJuda
ukuze atshisele onkulunkulu imihlatshelo; wathukuthelisa UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
wabokhokho babo.
26 Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso wakhe lezindlela zakhe zonke, kusukela ekuqaleni
kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda lako-
Israyeli. 27 U-Ahazi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa labo
emzini waseJerusalema, kodwa kabekwanga emathuneni amakhosi ako-Israyeli.
UHezekhiya indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

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UHezekhiya Uhlambulula IThempeli

1 UHezekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemihlanu ubudala ethatha
ubukhosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasifi-
camunwemunye. Ibizo likanina lalingu-Abhija indodakazi kaZakhariya. 2 Wenza
okulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida.
3 Ngenyanga yakuqala ngomnyaka wakuqala wokubusa kwakhe, wavula
iminyango yethempeli LIKATHIXO wayilungisa. 4 Wamema ababaphristi kanye labaLevi,

wababuthanisa egumeni eliseceleni langempumalanga 5 wathi: “Lalelani kimi,
lina baLevi! Zihlambululeni khathesi njalo lihlambulule lethempeli LIKATHIXO,
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo. Lisuse amanyala endaweni engcwele. 6 Obaba baben-
gathembekanga; benza okubi emehlweni KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu bamdela.
Indawo KATHIXO bayincitsha ubuso bakhangela eceleni njalo bamfulathela UTHIXO.
7 Bavala njalo izivalo zomphempe bacitsha izibane. Abazange batshise impepha
njalo kabalethanga iminikelo yokutshiswa endaweni engcwele kaNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli. 8 Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo selwehlele phezu kwabakoJuda laphezu kwabase-
Jerusalema; UTHIXO usebenze besabeka, bathuthumelisa baba yinto yokweyiswa,
njengoba lizibonela ngawenu amehlo. 9 Lokhu sekubangele ukubulawa kwabo
ngenkemba njalo lokuthi amadodana lamadodakazi labomkethu babe sekuthun-
jweni. 10 Khathesi ngifuna ukwenza isivumelwano LOTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli, ukuze ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo lusidedele. 11 Madodana ami, kalingabi nga-
banganani ziyo ngoba UTHIXO uselikhethile lina ukuma phambi kwakhe limkhonze,
limsebenzele lokutshisa impepha.”

12 Ngakho laba abaLevi bahle baqalisa umsebenzi:

KwabakaKhohathi,
uMahathi indodana ka-Amasayi loJoweli indodana ka-Azariya;
kwabakaMerari,
uKhishi indodana ka-Abhidi lo-Azariya indodana kaJehaleleli;
kwabakaGeshoni,
uJowa indodana kaZima lo-Edeni indodana kaJowa;
13 kwabosendo luka-Elizafani,
kunguShimiri loJeyiyeli;
kwabosendo luka-Asafi,
kunguZakhariya loMathaniya;
14 kwabosendo lukaHemani,
kunguJehiyeli loShimeyi;
kwabosendo lukaJeduthuni,
kunguShemaya lo-Uziyeli.

15 Bathi sebebuthanise abafowabo bazihlambulula bona, bangena ukuyahlambul-
ula ithempeli LIKATHIXO, njengokuqondisa kwenkosi, eyayilandela ilizwi LIKATHIXO.
16 Abaphristi bangena endaweni engcwele KATHIXO ukuba bayeyihlambulula.
Konke okwakungcolile ethempelini LIKATHIXO bakukhuphela egumeni lethempeli
LIKATHIXO. AbaLevi bakuthwala baya lakho eSigodini saseKhidironi. 17 Baqalisa
ukwahlukanisela ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yakuqala, kwathi ngosuku lwesi-
ficaminwembili lwenyanga bafika emphempeni KATHIXO. Ngezinsuku ezilandelayo
ezificaminwembili bangcwelisa ithempeli LIKATHIXO uqobo, baze baqeda ngosuku
lwetshumi lesithupha lwenyanga yakuqala.
18 Basebengena enkosini uHezekhiya ukuba bayembikela bathi: “Sesilihlambulule
lonke ithempeli LIKATHIXO, le-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke,
kanye lethala lokwendlalela isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo kanye lazozonke impahla
zakhona. 19 Sesilungise sangcwelisa zonke izitsha ezasuswa yinkosi u-Ahazi ngokun-
gathembeki kwakhe eseseyinkosi. Khathesi seziphambi kwe-alithari LIKATHIXO.”
20 Ekuseni ngosuku olulandelayo inkosi uHezekhiya wabuthanisa izikhulu
zedolobho ndawonye wasesiya ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 21 Baletha inkunzi eziy-
isikhombisa, lenqama eziyisikhombisa, lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhom-
bisa kanye lempongo eziyisikhombisa kungumnikelo wesono sombuso, lesendlu

yokukhonzela kanye lesikaJuda. Inkosi yalaya abaphristi, abenzalo ka-Aroni, ukunikela ngalokho e-alithareni LIKATHIXO. 22 Ngakho babulala inkunzi, abaphristi bathatha igazi bachela ngalo e-alithareni; kwalandela inqama abazibulala bachela igazi lazo e-alithareni; basebebulala amazinyane ezimvu bachela igazi lawo e-alithareni. 23 Impongo zomnikelo wesono zalethwa phambi kwenkosi laphambi kwebandla, babeka izandla zabo phezu kwazo. 24 Abaphristi basebebulala impongo baletha igazi lazo e-alithareni kungumnikelo wesono ukuze kwenzelwe wonke u-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana, ngoba inkosi yayilaye ukuthi kube lomnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono kunikelelwa wonke u-Israyeli.

25 AbaLevi yababeka phakathi kwethempeli LIKATHIXO belezigubhu, lamachacho lemihubhe njengalokho okwakumiswe nguDavida loGadi umboni wenkosi loNathani umphrofethi; lokhu kwakungumlayo KATHIXO oweza ngabaphrofethi bakhe. 26 Ngakho abaLevi balinda belamachacho kaDavida, abaphristi belamacilongo.

27 UHezekhiya wakhupha isiqondiso sokuba kwenziwe umnikelo wokutshiswa e-alithareni. Kuthe kuqalisa umnikelo, ukuhlabelela UTHIXO lakho kwaqalisa, kwahamba kanyekanye lamacilongo kanye lamachacho kaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli. 28 Ibandla lonke lakhothama lakhonza, abahlabeleli behlabela labamacilongo bewavuthela. Konke lokhu kwaqhubeka kwaze kwaphela umnikelo wokutshiswa.

29 Ngemva kokuphela kweminikelo inkosi labo bonke ababekhona baguqa bakhonza. 30 Inkosi uHezekhiya lezikhulu zayo yatshela abaLevi ukuba badumise UTHIXO ngamazwi kaDavida kanye laka-Asafi umboni. Ngakho badumisa ngokuhlabelela ngenjabulo bakhothamisa amakhanda abo bakhonza.

31 UHezekhiya wasesithi, “Selizinikele KUTHIXO khathesi. Wozani lilethe imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga ethempelini LIKATHIXO.” Ngakho ibandla laletha imihlatshelo leminikelo, yokubonga, njalo ababelenhliziyo ezivumayo baletha iminikelo yokutshiswa.

32 Inani leminikelo yokutshiswa eyalethwa libandla kwakuzinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezilikhulu lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu angamakhulu amabili, konke kungokomnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO. 33 Izifuyo ezahlukaniselwa ukuba ngumhlatshelo kwakuzinkunzi ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezintathu. 34 Kodwa, abaphristi babebalutshwana kakhulu ekuhlinzeni ezomnikelo wokutshiswa; ngakho basebencediswa ngabafowabo abaLevi waze waphela umsebenzi njalo abanye abaphristi baze bangcweliswa ngoba abaLevi babekunanzelele kakhulu ukuzingcwelisa kulabaphristi. 35 Umnikelo wokutshiswa wawumnengi, kanye lamafutha omnikelo wobudlelwano kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo okwakuhambelana lomnikelo wokutshiswa.

Ngakho lokhu kwaba yikuvuselelwa kwenkonzo ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 36 UHezekhiya labo bonke abantu bajabula ngababekuphiwe nguNkulunkulu ekwenzela abantu bakhe, ngoba kwakwenzakale ngokuphangisa.

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UHezekhiya Ugcina IPhasika

1 UHezekhiya wanxusa bonke abako-Israyeli labakoJuda, wanxusa labako-Efrayimi labakoManase ngezincwadi eJerusalema, ukuthi bazokudla iPhasika ethempelini LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 2 Inkosi lezikhulu zayo lebandla lonke eJerusalema bavumelana ukwenza ukugcina iPhasika ngenyanga yesibili. 3 Babengenelisanga ukwenza umkhosi ngesikhathi sawo ngoba abaphristi babebalutshwana ababezingcwelisile njalo labantu babengabuthananga eJerusalema.

4 Icebo leli lakhanya lilihle enkosini lasebandleni lonke. 5 Baquma ukuthi kukhutshwe
ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli kusukela eBherishebha kusiya koDani, kunxuswa
abantu ukuthi beze eJerusalema emkhosini wePhasika LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli. Umkhosi lo wawungakaze wenziwe ngabanengi kusiya ngomthetho
owalotshwa phansi.

6 Ngokulaya kwenkosi, izithunywa zangena kulolonke elako-Israyeli lelakoJuda
ziphethe izincwadi ezazivela enkosini lasezikhulwini zayo, ezazilotshwe ukuthi:

"Bantu bako-Israyeli, buyelani KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama lo-Isaka
lo-Israyeli, ukuze abuyele kulabo benu abaseleyo abaphunyuke ezandleni za-
makhosi ase-Asiriya. 7 Lingabi njengaboyihlo lezihlobo zenu ababengathem-
bekanga KUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, waze wabenza baba yisibonelo
sokwesabekayo njengoba libona. 8 Lingabi ntamolukhuni njengaboyihlo; zehliseni
KUTHIXO. Wozani endlini yokukhonza aseyingcwelisile kuze kube nininini.
Mkhonzeni UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo lusuke
kini. 9 Nxa libuyela KUTHIXO, abafowenu labantwabenu bazathola umusa kulabo
ababathumbayo, babuye kulelilizwe, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu ulomusa
lesihawu. Kayikulifulathela nxa libuyela kuye."

10 Ngakho izithunywa zaphuma zangena kuyo yonke imizi lemizana ko-Efrayimi
lakoManase, zayafika lakhonale koZebhuluni, kodwa abantu bazihleka ulunya
njalo baziklolodela. 11 Lanxa kunjalo, abanye abantu bako-Asheri labakoManase
labakoZebhuluni bazithoba baya eJerusalema. 12 Njalo lakoJuda isandla sikaNku-
lunkulu sasisebantwini ukubapha ukubambana engqondweni ukuze benze lokho
inkosi lezikhulu zayo eyayithe abakwenze, njengokutsho kwelizwi LIKATHIXO.

13 Kwabuthana abantu abalixuku elikhulu eJerusalema bethakazelela uMkhosi
weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo ngenyanga yesibili. 14 Basusa ama-alithare
eJerusalema bakhucula ama-alithare empepha bawathwala bayawaphosela eSigodini
saseKhidironi.

15 Babulala amazinyane ezimvu awePhasika ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga
yesibili. Abaphristi labaLevi bayangeka bazihlambulula baletha iminikelo yokut-
shiswa ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 16 Basebebuyela ezikhundleni zabo zenjayelo njen-
gokumisiweyo emthethweni kaMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Abaphristi bachela igazi
ababeliqhutshelwa ngabaLevi. 17 Njengoba babebanengi ababengazihlambululanga
exukwini, abaLevi bahlaba amanye amazinyane ezimvu awePhasika besenzela
labo ababengahlanjululwanga ngokomkhuba njalo bengelakho ukuzahlukanisela
izimvu zabo phambi KUKATHIXO. 18 Lanxa abantu abanengi ababevela ko-Efrayimi,
koManase, ko-Isakhari lakoZebhuluni babengakazihlambululi, kodwa badla iPhasika,
okwakungekho emthethweni olotshiweyo. Kodwa uHezekhiya wabakhulekela wathi:
"Kungathi UTHIXO, olungileyo, angathethelela bonke 19 abamdingayo uNkulunkulu
UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo loba bengahlambulukanga ngokomthetho
wendawo engcwele." 20 Lakanye UTHIXO wawuzwa umkhuleko kaHezekhiya wasilisa
abantu.

21 Ama-Israyeli ayeseJerusalema athakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ngokujabula okukhulu, abaLevi labaphristi behlabelela
KUTHIXO insuku zonke, bephathiswa ngamachacho okudumisa UTHIXO.

22 UHezekhiya wabakhuthaza bonke abaLevi abatshengisela ukuzinikela emseben-
zini KATHIXO. Ngalezonsuku eziyisikhombisa badla leyongxenye eyayiyisabelo sabo
njalo banikela umnikelo wobudlelwano bamdumisa UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

23 Ibandla lonke laselivumelana ukuthakazelela umkhosi lo okwezinye insuku
eziyisikhombisa; ngakho umkhosi bawuqhuba okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa

bejabula. 24 UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda walethela ibandla inkunzi eziyinkulungwane lezimvu ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lembuzi zingezebandla, kwathi izikhulu lazo zaletha inkunzi eziyinkulungwane lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Abaphristi abanengi kakhulu bazihlambulula. 25 Ibandla lonke lakoJuda lajabula, ndawonye labaphristi labaLevi labo bonke ababebuthene bevela ko-Israyeli, ndawonye labezizweni ababevela ko-Israyeli lababehlala koJuda. 26 Kwaba lokujabula okukhulu eJerusalema, ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli kwakungazange kube lomkhosi onjalo eJerusalema. 27 Abaphristi labaLevi bema babusisa abantu, uNkulunkulu wabezwa, ngoba imikhuleko yabo yafika ezulwini, endaweni yakhe engcwele ahlala kiyo.

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1 Sekuphelile konke lokhu abako-Israyeli ababesemkhosini bangena emizini yako-Juda, badiliza izinsika zokukhonzela u-Ashera. Badiliza izindawo zokukhonzela lama-alithare kulolonke elakoJuda lakoBhenjamini kanye lako-Efrayimi lakoManase. Bathe sebekudilizile konke lokhu, abako-Israyeli babuyela emizini yabo, ezindaweni zabo.

Iminikelo Yenkonzo

2 UHezekhiya wamisa abaphristi labaLevi ngezigaba ngamunye wabo kusiya ngemisebenzi yabo yobuphristi kumbe eyabaLevi eyokunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano, ukukhonza, ukubonga kanye lokuhlabelela indumiso emasangweni endaweni ehlala uTHIXO. 3 Inkosi yapha okuvela kweyayo inotho iminikelo yokutshiswa yekuseni lantambama kanye lokweminikelo yokutshiswa ngamaSabatha, leyokuThwasa kweziNyanga kanye leyemikhosi emisiweyo njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaTHIXO. 4 Inkosi yathi abantu abahlala eJerusalema kumele banike abaphristi labaLevi imfanelo yabo ukuze basebenze ngokuzinikela eMthethweni kaTHIXO. 5 Masinyazana ngemva kwesiqondiso, abako-Israyeli banikela kakhulu ngokwesivuno sakuqala samabele, lokwewayini elitsha, lokwamafutha lokwenyosi lakho konke okwakutholakala emasimini. Baletha okunengi kakhulu, okwetshumi kukho konke. 6 Amadoda ako-Israyeli lawakoJuda ayehlala emizini yakoJuda lawo aletha okwetshumi kwemihlambi yenkomo leyezimvu zawo lezinto ezingcwele zokunikela kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wawo, azibuthelela inqwabanqwaba. 7 Baqalisa ukukwenza lokhu ngenyanga yesithathu baze baqeda ngenyanga yesikhombisa. 8 UHezekhiya lezikhulu zakhe befika bebona lezozinqwabanqwaba badumisa uTHIXO njalo babusisa abantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.

9 UHezekhiya wabuza abaphristi labaLevi ngenqwabanqwaba; 10 u-Azariya umphristi omkhulu, owendlu kaZadokhi wamphendula wathi, “Kusukela abantu beqalise ukuletha iminikelo yabo ethempelini LIKATHIXO, sesizuze ukudla okunengi njalo okusalayo kunengi kakhulu, ngoba uTHIXO ubabusisile abantu bakhe, yikho kulalokhu okunengi kangaka okuseleyo.”

11 UHezekhiya wapha imilayo yokuba kwakhiwe iziphala ethempelini LIKATHIXO, lakanye lokho kwenziwa. 12 Ngakho baqhubeka beletha izipho ngokwethembeka, lokwetshumi kanye lezipho eziqakathekileyo. UKhenaniya induna enkulu, um-Levi, wayephethe lezizinto, njalo umfowabo uShimeyi wayengumsekeli wakhe. 13 UJehiyeli, lo-Azaziya, loNahathi, lo-Asaheli, loJerimothi, loJozabhadi, lo-Eliyeli, lo-Isimakhiya loMahathi kanye loBhenaya babekhangele umsebenzi bengaphansi kukaKhenaniya lomfowabo uShimeyi, njengokukhethwa kwabo yinkosi uHezekhiya lo-Azariya isikhulu esasikhangele ithempeli likaNkulunkulu.

14 UKhore indodana ka-Imna umLevi, owayengumlindi weSango langeM-pumalanga, wayephethe iminikelo yokuzithandela kuNkulunkulu, enguye owaba

okunikelwe kuThixo kanye lezipho ezingcwelisiweyo. 15 U-Edeni, loMiniyamini,
loJeshuwa, loShemaya, lo-Amariya kanye loShekhaniya bamncedisa kakhulu bethembekile emizini yabaphristi, besabelana kusiya ngezigaba zabaphristi, abadala labatsha, ngokufananayo.
16 Phezu kwalokho, babesabela abesilisa kusukela kwabaleminyaka emithathu
ngokulotshwa egwalweni lokuzalana kwabo bonke ababezangena ethempelini
likaThixo besiyakwenza imisebenzi etshiyeneyo kusiya ngemilandu yabo ngezigaba zabo. 17 Babela abaphristi ngezimuli zabo njengokulotshiweyo egwalweni
lokuzalana kwabo njalo kwabanjalo lakubaLevi abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa labadala, kusiya ngemisebenzi yabo langezigaba zabo. 18 Lokhu
kwakuhlanganisa abantwana, abesifazane kanye lamadodana lamadodakazi esigaba sonke kwabasegwalweni lokuzalana kwabo. Ngoba babethembekile ngokuzahlala bengcwele.
19 Abaphristi abayinzalo ka-Aroni, ababehlala eziqintini eduzane lamadolobho loba
kwamanye amadolobho, babeqanjwe ngamabizo ukuthi babelane iziqa baze babele lalabo bonke ababelotshiwe ezingwalweni zokuzalana kwabaLevi.
20 Lokhu yikho okwenziwa nguHezekhiya kulolonke elakoJuda, esenza okufaneleyo
lokulungileyo ngokwethemba kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. 21 Kukho konke ayekwenza emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu lasekulaleleni kwakhe umthetho lemilayo, wadinga uNkulunkulu njalo wasebenza ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. Ngalokho waphumelela.

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USenakheribhi Usongela IJerusalema

1 Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uHezekhiya ayekwenze ngokwethembeka, kweza
uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela elakoJuda. Wavimbezela amadolobho ayelezinqaba, edinga ukuwanqoba abe ngawakhe. 2 UHezekhiya uthe ebona ukuthi
uSenakheribhi usefikile njalo uhlose ukuhlasela iJerusalema, 3 wabuza izikhulu
zakhe kanye labebutho ukuthi kwakungaba njani ukuthi kuvalwe amanzi avela emithonjeni engaphandle kwedolobho, bahle bamncedisa. 4 Ixuku elikhulu lamadoda
labuthana, lakanye bawavala amanzi awemthonjeni lawesifula esasidabula phakathi kwelizwe. Bathi, “Kungani amakhosi ase-Asiriya afanele afice amanzi amanengi na?” 5 Ngakho wasebenza ngamandla evuselela umduli lokwakha imiphotshongo phezu kwawo. Wakha omunye umduli ngaphandle kwalowo waseqinisa imithangala eyayivele ingeyoMuzi kaDavida. Wenza lezikhali lezihlangu ezinengi kakhulu.
6 Wabeka izikhulu zebutho zaphatha abantu wasezimisa phambi kwakhe egcekeni
lesango elingasedolobheni wazikhuthaza ngalamazwi: 7 “Qinani libe lesibindi.
Lingesabi njalo lingethuselwa libutho elikhulu kangaka lenkosi yase-Asiriya ngoba kulamandla amakhulu akithi adlula akuye. 8 Yena ulengalo yenyama kuphela, kodwa
thina siloThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ukusisiza lokusilwela izimpi zethu.” Abantu baba lesibindi ngenxa yalokho okwatshiwo yinkosi yakoJuda uHezekhiya.
9 Muva, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya lawo wonke amabutho akhe esavimbezele eLakhishi, wathuma izikhulu zakhe eJerusalema ziphethe lelilizwi elalisiya kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kanye labantu bonke abakoJuda abebekhona lapho wathi:
10 “Nanku okutshiwo nguSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya uthi: Usithatha
ngaphi wena isibindi, esokuthi wale ulokhu useJerusalema yona ivinjezelwe?
11 Nxa uHezekhiya esithi, ‘UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu uzasisindisa ezandleni
zenkosi yase-Asiriya,’ uyalikhohlisa, ukuba life ngendlala langomhawu wamanzi.
12 UHezekhiya akasuye yini ngokwakhe owasusa izindawo zikankulunkulu lowu

eziphakemeyo lama-alithare, esithi kuJuda leJerusalema, ‘Kumele likhonzele e-alithareni elilodwa njalo litshisele kulo imihlatshelo na’?
13 Kutsho ukuthi alikwazi yini lokho engikwenzileyo lalokho okwenziwa ngobaba ebantwini bamanye amazwe na? Kambe onkulunkulu balezozizwe benelisa yini ukukhulula ilizwe labo esandleni sami na? 14 Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe balezozizwe ezabhujiswa ngobaba owake wenelisa ukukhulula abantu bakhe kimi na? UNkulunkulu wenu angalikhulula njani esandleni sami? 15 Qaphelani lingakhohliswa nguHezekhiya limyekele elilahlekisa. Lingamethembi, ngoba kakho unkulunkulu loba ngowasiphi isizwe loba yiwuphi umbuso oseke wenelisa ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami loba esandleni sabokhokho. Pho kanganani ukuba owenu unkulunkulu angalikhulula yini esandleni sami!”
16 Izikhulu zikaSenakheribi zaqhubekela phambili zikhuluma kubi ngoTHIXO uNkulunkulu langenceku yakhe uHezekhiya. 17 Inkosi yaloba lezincwadi ithuka uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, isitsho lokhu okubi ngaye: “Njengoba onkulunkulu babantu bamanye amazwe behluleka ukukhulula abantu babo esandleni sami, kuyafanana kunjalo uNkulunkulu kaHezekhiya kasoze enelise ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami.” 18 Basebememeza ngesiHebheru ebantwini baseJerusalema ababephezu komduli, bebethusela ukuze besabe babesebethumba idolobho. 19 Bakhuluma ngoNkulunkulu weJerusalema njengalokho abakwenza ngabonkulunkulu babanye abantu bemhlabeni, izinto ezibunjwe yizandla zabantu.
20 INkosi uHezekhiya lomphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi bakhala ngomkhuleko ngalokhu. 21 UTHIXO wathuma ingilosi, eyabhubhisa wonke amadoda empi labakhokheli lezikhulu enkambeni yenkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngakho wabuyela elizweni lakhe ngokuyangeka. Esengene ethempelini likankulunkulu wakhe, amanye amadodana akhe amjuqa ngenkemba.
22 Ngalokho uTHIXO wamsindisa uHezekhiya labantu baseJerusalema esandleni sikaSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya lakuzo zonke ezinye izitha. UTHIXO wabavikela wabaphatha kuhle inxa zonke. 23 Abanengi balethela uTHIXO iminikelo eJerusalema kanye lezipho eziligugu kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Kusukela lapho waba lesithunzi wahlonitshwa yizizwe zonke.

Ukuziqhenya, Ukuphumelela Lokufa KukaHezekhiya

24 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Wakhuleka kuTHIXO, wamphendula ngokumnika isibonakaliso. 25 Kodwa inhliziyo kaHezekhiya yagcwala ngokuzikhukhumeza ngakho kazange azihluphe ngesihawu ayesitshengisiwe; ngakho intukuthelo kaTHIXO yehlela phezu kwakhe lasebantwini bakoJuda labaseJerusalema. 26 Ngakho uHezekhiya waphenduka ukuzikhukhumeza ngenhliziyo yakhe, labantu baseJerusalema labo benza njalo; ngalokho ulaka lukaTHIXO alusabehlelanga ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya.
27 UHezekhiya wayelenotho enengi njalo elodumo, wasesakha izindlu zokulondolozela isiliva sakhe legolide kanye lamatshe akhe aligugu, iziyoliso, izihlangu lakho konke okunye okuligugu. 28 Wakha njalo iziphala zokugcinela amabele, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, wakha izibaya zemihlobo eyehlukeneyo yenkomo, lezibaya zemihlambi yezimvu. 29 Wakha imizi wazuza imihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamnika inotho enkulu kakhulu.
30 UHezekhiya nguye owavala amanzi entombo yangaphezulu kweGihoni wawadonsa agelezela ngentshonalanga koMuzi kaDavida. Waphumelela kukho konke ayekwenza. 31 Ekufikeni kwamanxusa ayethunywe ngababusi beBhabhiloni bezobuza ngomangaliso owawenzakele elizweni, uNkulunkulu wamtshiya ukuze amhlole ukuthi azi konke okwakusenhliziyweni yakhe.

32 Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukaHezekhiya lemisebenzi yakhe yokuzinikela
kulotshiwe embonweni womphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi egwalweni lwa-
makhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. 33 UHezekhiya waphumula labokhokho bakhe
wangcwatshwa eqaqeni lapha okulamangcwaba abosendo lukaDavida. AbakoJuda
bonke labantu baseJerusalema bamhlonipha ekufeni kwakhe. Kwathi uManase
indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

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UManase Inkosi YakoJuda

1 UManase waba yinkosi eleminyaka elitshumi lambili ubudala njalo wabusa
eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu. 2 Wenza ububi
emehlweni kaThixo, elandela imikhuba eyenyanyekayo yezizwe uThixo ayezixot-
shile phambi kuka-Israyeli. 3 Wavuselela izindawo zokukhonzela ezazibhidlizwe
nguyise uHezekhiya; waphinda wakhela oBhali ama-alithare kanye lezinsika zika-
Ashera. Wakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi zezulu wazikhonza. 4 Wakha ama-
alithare ethempelini likaThixo, lona uThixo ayekhulume ngalo wathi: “IBizo lami
lizahlala eJerusalema kuze kube nininini.” 5 Emagumeni womabili ethempeli
likaThixo wakhela izinkanyezi zezulu ama-alithare. 6 Wanikela amadodana akhe
emlilweni eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu, wenza imilingo, ukuvumisa, lokuthakatha
njalo wayahlahlula lakwabalamadlozi. Wenza okubi kakhulu phambi kukaThixo,
wamthukuthelisa.
7 Wathatha isithombe ayesibazile wasibeka ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, lelo uN-
kulunkulu ayethe kuDavida lasendodaneni yakhe uSolomoni, “Kulelithempeli kanye
laseJerusalema, engilikhethileyo ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli, ngizafaka iBizo lami kuze
kube nininini. 8 Angiyikuyekela inyawo zabako-Israyeli zisuke kulelilizwe engalabela
okhokho babo, nxa bezananzelela benze konke engabalaya ngakho okwemithetho,
izimiso leziqondiso ezaphiwa uMosi.” 9 Kodwa uManase wakhokhelela abakoJuda
labaseJerusalema ekulahlekeni, benza ububi okwedlula izizwe uThixo azibhubhisa
mandulo kokufika kwabako-Israyeli.
10 UThixo wakhuluma kuManase labantu bakhe, kodwa kabalalelanga. 11 Ngakho
uThixo wabehlisela abalawuli bamabutho enkosi yase-Asiriya, abathumba uManase,
bamfaka umkhala emakhaleni, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi bamusa eBhab-
hiloni. 12 Ekuhlulukelweni kwakhe wacela umusa kaThixo uNkulunkulu waboyise.
13 Ngakho uthe esekhuleka kuThixo, wezwa ukuncenga kwakhe walalela isicelo
sakhe; wambuyisela eJerusalema ebukhosini bakhe. Ngalokho uManase wakwazi
ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu.
14 Ngemva kwalokho wakha kutsha umduli wangaphandle owoMuzi kaDavida,
entshonalanga kwentombo yesigodini seGihoni, kusiya emangenelweni eSango
leNhlanzi kubhoda uqaqa lwe-Ofeli; njalo wawakha waba mude kulakuqala. Wafaka
abalawuli bamabutho kuwo wonke amadolobho alezinqaba koJuda.
15 Wasusa bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni wasusa lesithombe ethempelini
likaThixo, lawo wonke ama-alithare ayewakhele eqaqeni lwethempeli kanye lase-
Jerusalema; konke lokhu wakulahlela ngaphandle kwedolobho. 16 Wavuselela i-
alithari likaThixo wenza iminikelo yobudlelwano leminikelo yokubonga phezu
kwalo njalo watshela uJuda ukumkhonza uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 17 Kodwa
abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo ezindaweni zokukhonzela, kodwa benikela
kuphela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wabo.
18 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaManase, kanye lomkhuleko wakhe kuNkulunkulu
wakhe lamazwi akhulunywa ngababoni kuye ngebizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli, kulotshiwe embalini yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. 19 Umkhuleko wakhe lokuthi

uNkulunkulu wakwamukela njani ukuncenga kwakhe, lokona kwakhe konke, kanye lokungathembeki, lalezozindawo zokukhonzela ayezakhile lezinsika zika-Ashera lezithombe engakazehlisi ngokuzithoba, kulotshiwe konke emibhalweni yababoni.
20 UManase waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa esigodlweni sakhe. U-Amoni indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla sakhe.

U-Amoni Inkosi YakoJuda

21 U-Amoni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emibili. 22 Wenza ububi phambi KUKATHIXO, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise uManase. U-Amoni wakhonza njalo wanikela imihlatshelo kuzozonke izithombe ezazenziwe nguManase. 23 Kodwa kenzanga njengoyise uManase, ngoba yena kazehlisanga phansi KUKATHIXO; u-Amoni wenza amacala ngokuphindiweyo.
24 Izikhulu zika-Amoni zathama icebo zambulalela esigodlweni sakhe. 25 Kodwa abantu belizwe babulala bonke labo ababethame amacebo ngenkosi u-Amoni, babeka uJosiya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

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Imvuselelo KaJosiya

1 UJosiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisificaminwembili ubudala njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye. 2 Wenza okulungileyo phambi KUKATHIXO njalo wahamba ngenyathelo likayise uDavida, kazange aphambukele kwesokudla loba esokhohlo.
3 Ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe, elokhu esesengumntwana, waqalisa ukumdinga uNkulunkulu kakhokho wakhe uDavida. Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili waqalisa ukuhlambulula elakoJuda laseJerusalema, wavala izindawo zokukhonzela, izinsika zika-Ashera, izithombe ezibaziweyo lezikhandiweyo.
4 Ngeziqondiso zakhe kwabhidlizwa ama-alithare aboBhali; waqoba ama-alithare empepha ayengaphezu kwawo; wahlikiza izinsika zika-Ashera, izithombe kanye lemifanekiso. Lokhu wakuvadlaza wasekuchithizela phezu kwamangcwaba alabo ababenikele imihlatshelo kulezozithombe. 5 Watshisela amathambo abaphristi ema-alithareni abo, ngalokho wahlambulula elakoJuda laseJerusalema. 6 Emizini yakoManase, lako-Efrayimi lakoSimiyoni, kuze kuyefika koNafithali, lasemanxiweni aseduzane layo, 7 wadiliza ama-alithare lezinsika zika-Ashera njalo wahlifiza izithombe zaba yimpuphu wachithiza ama-alithare empepha kulolonke elako-Israyeli aba yizicucu. Wasebuyela eJerusalema.
8 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJosiya, ukuze ahlambulule ilizwe kanye lethempeli, wathumela uShafani indodana ka-Azaliya loMaseya umbusi wedolobho, loJowa indodana kaJowahazi, umlobi, ukuba bavuselele ithempeli LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe.
9 Baya kuHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu bamnika imali eyayilethwe ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, eyayiqoqwe ngabaLevi ababengabagcini beminyango beyiqoqa ebantwini bakoManase, lako-Efrayimi layo yonke insalela yabako-Israyeli lakubo bonke abantu bakoJuda labakoBhenjamini lababehlala eJerusalema.
10 Basebeyiqhubela amadoda ayekhethelwe ukukhangela ukuqhubeka komsebenzi wasethempelini LIKATHIXO. Lamadoda ayeholisa ababevuselela lokwakha kutsha ithempeli. 11 Eyinye bayiqhubela ababazi labakhi ukuze bathenge amatshe abaziweyo lezigodo lezintungo zezindlu ezadilika amakhosi akoJuda engananzelele.
12 Amadoda ayisebenza imisebenzi yawo ngokwethembeka. Ayekhokhelwa njalo eqondiswa ngoJahathi lo-Obhadaya, abaLevi bosendo lukaMerari, uZakhariya

loMeshulami abosendo lukaKhohathi. AbaLevi bonke ababengamagabazi kwezamachacho omculo, 13 babephethe izisebenzi njalo bekhangele izisebenzi kulowo lalowo umsebenzi. Abanye abaLevi babengonobhala, labalobi kanye labalindi beminyango.

Ukutholakala KoGwalo LwemiThetho

14 Besakhipha imali eyayingeniswe ethempelini LIKATHIXO, uHilikhiya umphristi wafumana uGwalo loMthetho KATHIXO owawuphiwe uMosi. 15 UHilikhiya wathi kuShafani unobhala, “Sengilutholile uGwalo loMthetho ethempelini LIKATHIXO.” Waselunika uShafani.

16 Ngalokho uShafani waluthatha walusa enkosini wayibikela wathi: “Izikhulu zakho ziyakwenza konke ozilaye ukuba zikwenze. 17 Sebeyibhadele imali leyo eyayisethempelini LIKATHIXO njalo sebeyitshiyele abakhangeli bomsebenzi kanye lezisebenzi.” 18 Ngakho uShafani unobhala wabikela inkosi, wathi, “UHilikhiya umphristi usengiphe ugwalo.” Ngakho uShafani waselubala phambi kwenkosi.

19 Inkosi yonela ukuzwa amazwi oMthetho, yadabula izembatho zayo 20 yapha leziziqondiso kuHilikhiya, lo-Ahikhami indodana kaShefani, lo-Abhidoni indodana kaMikha, loShafani unobhala kanye lo-Asaya inceku yenkosi yathi: 21 “Hambani liyengibuzela KUTHIXO lensalela yako-Israyeli labakoJuda ngalokhu okulotshwe kulolugwalo olutholakeleyo. Lukhulu ulaka LUKATHIXO phezu kwethu ngenxa yabokhokho abangazange balilalele ilizwi LIKATHIXO; kabenzanga ngendlela okulotshwe ngayo kulolugwalo.”

22 UHilikhiya lalabo ayethunywe labo yinkosi bahamba ukuba bayekhuluma loHulida umphrofethikazi owayengumkaShalumi indodana kaThokhathi, indodana kaHasira, umlondolozi wezembatho. UHulida wayehlala eJerusalema endaweni yeSiqinti Sesibili.

23 Wathi kubo, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Tshelani umuntu olithume kimi lithi, 24 ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uthi: Ngizakwehlisela lindawo labantu bayo incithakalo lazozonke izithuko ezilotshiweyo egwalweni olufundwe phambi kwenkosi yakoJuda. 25 Ngoba bangidelile batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha njalo bangithukuthelisile ngakho konke abakwenze ngezandla zabo, ulaka lwami luzakwehlela phezu kwalindawo njalo aluyikucitshwa.’ 26 Tshelani inkosi yakoJuda, elithume ukuzabuza KUTHIXO lithi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, mayelana lamazwi owezwileyo: 27 Njengoba uzisolile wazehlisa ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu wezwa ukuthi utheni ngalindawo labantu bayo njalo langenxa yokuthi uzehlisile wazithoba phambi kwami wadabula izembatho zakho walila phambi kwami, ngikuzwile, utsho njalo UTHIXO. 28 Wena ngizakususa ngikuse kubokhokho bakho, njalo uzangcwatshwa ngokuthula. Amehlo akho awayikubona leyoncithakalo engizayehlisela indawo le lakulabo abahlala khona.’ ”

Ngempela bayithatha leyompendulo baya layo enkosini.

29 Inkosi yasibuthanisa bonke abadala bakoJuda labaseJerusalema. 30 Yaya ethempelini LIKATHIXO labantu bakoJuda, kanye labaseJerusalema, labaphristi kanye labaLevi labantu bonke kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu. Inkosi yabafundela wonke amazwi ayeseGwalweni lweSivumelwano, olwatholakala ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 31 Inkosi yema ensikeni yayo yavuselela isivumelwano sayo phambi KUKATHIXO, ukumkhonza UTHIXO lokwamukela imilayo yakhe, leziqondiso, lezimiso zakhe ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomphefumulo wayo wonke, lokulalela amazwi esivumelwano esilotshiweyo ogwalweni.

32 Yasifungisa bonke ababeseJerusalema labakoBhenjamini ukuba bazasigcina;
abantu baseJerusalema bakwenza lokho belandela isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo.
33 UJosiya wasusa zonke izithombe ezenyanyekayo ezabelweni zonke ezazingezako-
Israyeli, wenza bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo. Ngezin-
suku zokuphila kwakhe kazange aphambuke endleleni kaTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
wabokhokho babo.

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UJosiya Wenza UMkhosi WePhasika

1 UJosiya wenza uMkhosi wePhasika kuTHIXO eJerusalema, iwundlu lePhasika
lahlatshwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala. 2 Wabeka abaphristi
ngemisebenzi yabo njalo wabakhuthaza emsebenzini wethempeli likaTHIXO.
3 KubaLevi, ababefundisa abako-Israyeli bonke njalo ababevele behlukaniselwe
uTHIXO wathi: “Bekani ibhokisi lesivumelwano elingcwele ethempelini elakhiwa
nguSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli. Akumelanga libe lithwalwa
ngamahlombe enu. Khathesi khonzani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu labantu bakhe
bako-Israyeli. 4 Hlanganani ngezindlu zenu langezigaba zenu, kusiya ngeziqondiso
ezalotshwa nguDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loSolomoni indodana yakhe.
5 Manini endaweni engcwele leqembu labaLevi kuzozonke izigaba ngezindlu
zezihlobo zenu, kube ngabemuli. 6 Hlabani amawundlu ePhasika, lizihlambulule
lilungisele izihlobo zenu lenze njengokutsho kwelizwi likaTHIXO ngoMosi.”
7 UJosiya wanika abantu makhaza bonke ababekhona izimvu lembuzi eziy-
izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu zomnikelo wePhasika, kanye lenkomo
eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu, zonke zingezayo inkosi.
8 Izikhulu zakhe lazo zapha ngokuzinikela ebantwini zapha labaphristi la-
baLevi. UHilikhiya, loZakhariya loJehiyeli, abaphrofethi bethempeli likaNku-
lunkulu, bapha abaphristi iminikelo yePhasika engamakhulu angamatshumi amabili
lesithupha lenkomo ezingamakhulu amathathu. 9 Abanye abapha kanye loKhenaniya
loShemaya, loNethaneli, abafowabo, kanye loHashabhiya, loJeyiyeli, loJozabhadi,
abakhokheli babaLevi, bapha okomnikelo wePhasika izinkulungwane ezinhlanu
kanye lenkomo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ezabaLevi.
10 Inkonzo yalungiswa kwathi abaphristi bema ezindaweni zabo labaLevi ezigabeni
zabo ngeziqondiso zenkosi. 11 Amawundlu ePhasika ahlatshwa, abaphristi bemukela
igazi bachela ngalo, abaLevi ngalesosikhathi babehlinza. 12 Babeka eceleni iminikelo
yokutshiswa ukuze banike izigaba ngezigaba zezimuli zabantu ukuze banikele
kuTHIXO, njengokulotshiweyo eGwalweni lukaMosi. Benza okufaneleyo lasenkomeni.
13 Bosa izinyamazana zePhasika emlilweni njengokulaywa kwabo, babilisa iminikelo
engcwele ezimbizeni, ezindengezini lasemapaneni baphanga bakuphakela abantu.
14 Ngemva kwalokho, bazilungisela okwabo ndawonye lokwabaphristi, ngoba
abaphristi, abayinzalo ka-Aroni, babephathekile ngeminikelo yokutshiswa kanye
leyamahwahwa kwaze kwaba kusihlwa. Ngakho abaLevi bazilungisela okwabo
lokwabaphristi abangabendlu ka-Aroni.
15 Abahlabeleli, abenzalo ka-Asafi, babesezindaweni ezaqanjwa nguDavida, lo-
Asafi, loHemani kanye loJeduthuni umboni wenkosi. Abalindi bamasango esangweni
linye ngalinye akuzange kudingeke ukuthi basuke ezindaweni zabo, ngoba abaLevi
abayizihlobo zabo babebalungisele okwabo.
16 Ngakho ngalesosikhathi umsebenzi kaTHIXO wenzelwa ukugcinwa kwePhasika
lokunikelwa kweminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni likaTHIXO, njengoba inkosi

uJosiya yayitshilo. 17 Abako-Israyeli ababekhona bathakazelela iPhasika ngalesosikhathi njalo bathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 18 IPhasika lalingazange ligcinwe ngalindlela ko-Israyeli kusukela ngezinsuku zomphrofethi uSamuyeli; njalo kayikho leyodwa inkosi yako-Israyeli eyayike yathakazelela iPhasika elinjengaleli elenziwa nguJosiya, labaphristi, labaLevi labo bonke abakoJuda labako-Israyeli ababelapho labantu baseJerusalema. 19 LeliPhasika lathakazelelwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili wokubusa kukaJosiya.

Ukufa KukaJosiya

20 Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uJosiya eseqondisile konke ngeThempeli, uNekho inkosi yaseGibhithe wayahlasela iKharikhemishi eYufrathe, uJosiya waphuma ukuyadibana laye empini. 21 Kodwa uNekho wamthumela amanxusa esithi, “Kulokuxabana bani phakathi kwami lawe, we nkosi yakoJuda? Phela angihlaseli wena khathesi, ngihlaselana laleyondlu engilwa layo impi. UNkulunkulu ungitshele ukuba ngiphangise; wena mana ungaphikisani loNkulunkulu, yena olami, funa akubhubhise.”
22 Kodwa uJosiya kazange amyekele, wazifihla ukuze abe sempini. Kazange alalele akutshelwa nguNekho kuvela kuNkulunkulu kodwa laye wayakulwa emagcekeni aseMegido.
23 Abatshoki bayiciba inkosi uJosiya, yatshela izikhulu zayo yathi, “Ngisusani lapha, sengilimele kakubi.” 24 Ngakho bamethula enqoleni yakhe yokulwa, bamfaka kweyinye ayelayo bamusa eJerusalema, lapho afela khona. Wangcwatshwa emathuneni abokhokho bakhe, bonke abakoJuda labako-Israyeli bamlilela.
25 UJeremiya laye waloba isililo ngoJosiya, njalo kuze kube lamuhla abahlabeleli bonke abesilisa labesifazane lokhu behaya isililo ngoJosiya. Lokhu kulila kwaba ngumkhuba ko-Israyeli njalo kubhaliwe eZililweni.
26 Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukaJosiya lezinye izenzo zokuzinikela kwakhe, mayelana lokulotshiweyo eMthethweni KATHIXO 27 zonke izehlakalo, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekuphetheni, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda.

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1 Abantu belizwe bathatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya bamenza inkosi eJerusalema esikhundleni sikayise.

Ukubusa KukaJehowahazi

2 UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu yobudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okwezinyanga ezintathu. 3 Inkosi yaseGibhithe yamethula ubukhosi eJerusalema njalo yathelisa abakoJuda amathalenta alikhulu esiliva kanye lethalenta legolide. 4 Inkosi yaseGibhithe, yabeka u-Eliyakhimu, umfowabo kaJehowahazi, ukuba abe yinkosi yakoJuda laseJerusalema yasiguqula ibizo lika-Eliyakhimu laba nguJehoyakhimi. Kodwa uNekho wathatha umfowabo ka-Eliyakhimu uJehowahazi wamusa eGibhithe.

UJehoyakhimi Inkosi YakoJuda

5 UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Wenza ububi phambi KUKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe. 6 UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wamhlasela wambopha ngamaketane ethusi wasemusa eBhabhiloni. 7 UNebhukhadineza wasuka lezinye impahla zethempeli LIKATHIXO wazisa ethempelini lakhe elaliseBhabhiloni.

8 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaJehoyakhimi, lamanyala awenzayo lakho konke
okwatholakala kulihlazo ngaye, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli
lakoJuda. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

UJehoyakhini Inkosi YakoJuda

9 UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili ubudala esiba yinkosi,
njalo wabusa eJerusalema okwezinyanga ezintathu lezinsuku ezilitshumi. Wenza
ububi phambi kukaThixo. 10 Kwathi entwasa, inkosi uNebhukhadineza yathumela
ukuthi bamlethe eBhabhiloni, kanye lempahla eziligugu ezazivela ethempelini
likaThixo, wabeka uZedekhiya isinini sikaJehoyakhini ukuba yinkosi yakoJuda
laseJerusalema.

UZedekhiya Inkosi YakoJuda

11 UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo
wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. 12 Wenza okubi emehlweni
kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe njalo kazange azithobe ngaphansi komphrofethi
uJeremiya, owayekhulumela uThixo. 13 Wahlamukela inkosi uNebhukhadineza,
owayemfungise ngebizo likaNkulunkulu. Waba lenkani, lenhliziyo elukhuni, kazange
azithobe kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 14 Abakhokheli bonke babaphristi
lababantu baqhubeka ngokungathembeki, belandela izenzo ezingamanyala zezizwe,
bengcolisa ithempeli likaThixo, ayezehlukanisele lona eJerusalema.

Ukuwa KweJerusalema

15 UThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, wathumela ilizwi ephindaphinda
ngezithunywa zakhe, ngoba wayelesihawu ebantwini bakhe kanye lendawo yakhe
yokuhlala. 16 Kodwa izithunywa zikaNkulunkulu babezihleka ulunya, beseyisa
amazwi akhe njalo beklolodela abaphrofethi bakhe lwaze lwavutha ulaka lukaThixo
ebantwini bakhe kungasekho okunganceda. 17 Ngakho wathuma inkosi yaseBhab-
hiloni, yabulala amajaha akibo ngenkemba endlini engcwele, njalo akusindanga jaha
loba ntombi, indoda endala loba oseluphele. UNkulunkulu wabanikela bonke esan-
dleni sikaNebhukhadineza. 18 Wathutha zonke impahla zethempeli likaNkulunkulu
wazisa eBhabhiloni, zonke ezincinyane lezinkulu, kanye lezenotho yethempelini
likaThixo lezenotho yenkosi leyezikhulu zayo. 19 Batshisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu
njalo badiliza umduli weJerusalema; batshisa zonke izigodlo batshabalalisa lakho
konke okwakuligugu khonapho.

20 Wathatha bonke ababesele bengadliwanga yinkemba wabasa eBhabhiloni baba
yizichaka zakhe lezamadodana akhe kwaze kwangena umbuso wasePhezhiya.
21 Ilizwe lazuza ukuphumula kwalo kwamasabatha; kusosonke isikhathi salo
sencithakalo laphumula kwaze kwaphela iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa
ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya.

22 Ngomnyaka wakuqala wenkosi yasePhezhiya uKhurosi, ukuze kugcwaliseke
ilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya, uThixo wathinta inhliziyo kaKhurosi
inkosi yasePhezhiya ukuba yenze isimemezelo kuwo wonke umbuso wayo, ukuthi
sibhalwe phansi kuthiwe:

23 “Nanti ilizwi likaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya elithi:

‘UThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini unginike yonke imibuso yomhlaba njalo
ungikhethile ukuba ngimakhele ithempeli eJerusalema koJuda. Loba ngubani,
wabantu bakhe phakathi kwenu sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe angaba laye,
kahambe.’ ”

U-Ezra

UKhurosi Ubuyisela Izithunjwa

1 Ngomnyaka wakuqala wenkosi yasePhezhiya uKhurosi, ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi
LIKATHIXO elakhulunywa nguJeremiya, UTHIXO wathinta inhliziyo kaKhurosi inkosi
yasePhezhiya ukuba yenze isimemezelo kuwo wonke umbuso wayo, ukuthi sibhalwe
phansi kuthiwe:
2 "Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi uKhurosi wasePhezhiya:
'UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, ungiphile yonke imbuso yasemhlabeni njalo
ungikhethile ukuthi ngimakhele ithempeli eJerusalema koJuda. 3 Loba ngubani
wabantu bakhe phakathi kwenu angahamba aye eJerusalema koJuda ayekwakha
ithempeli LIKATHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uNkulunkulu oseJerusalema njalo
sengathi uNkulunkulu wabo angaba labo. 4 Akuthi abantu loba ngabakuyiphi
indawo lapho okungabe kuseselensalela kabamuphe isiliva legolide, impahla
lezifuyo, leminikelo yokuzithandela yethempeli likaNkulunkulu eJerusalema.' "
5 Kwasekusithi abazinhloko zemizi yakoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kanye labaphristi
labaLevi, labo bonke ababethintwe inhliziyo zabo nguNkulunkulu, bazilungisela
ukuhamba ukuyakwakha indlu KATHIXO eJerusalema. 6 Bonke omakhelwane babo
babancedisa ukuzuza izinto zesiliva legolide, impahla lezifuyo, lezipho eziligugu
phezu kwayo yonke iminikelo yokuzizwela.
7 Phezu kwalokho iNkosi uKhurosi yakhupha zonke izitsha ezazingezethempeli
LIKATHIXO ezazithunjwe nguNebhukhadineza eJerusalema zabekwa ethempelini
likankulunkulu wakhe. 8 UKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya wathi kazilethwe nguMithire-
dathi umgcinisikhwama onguye owazibalayo ezibalela uSheshibhazari inkosana
yakoJuda.

9 Nanzi-ke lezompahla:

imiganu yegolide yayingamatshumi amathathu (30),
imiganu yesiliva yayiyinkulungwane (1,000),
amapane esiliva ayengamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye (29),
10 imiganu yegolide ezingubhe yayingamatshumi amathathu (30),
eyesiliva efana layo yayingamakhulu amane letshumi (410),
ezinye impahla zaziyinkulungwane (1,000).

11 Sekukonke, kwakuyizinkulungwane ezinhlanu lamakhulu amane ezinto
zegolide lesiliva (5,400).

USheshibhazari weza lazozonke lezizinto lapho izithunjwa zafika eJerusalema
zivela eBhabhiloni.

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Uluhlu Lwalabo Ababuyayo Ekuthunjweni

1 Manje-ke yilaba abantu bendawo ababuyayo ekuthunjweni, ababethunjiwe
nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabasa eBhabhiloni (babuyela
eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo emzini wakibo, 2 behamba loZerubhabheli,
loJeshuwa, loNehemiya, loSeraya, loRelayiya, loModekhayi, loBhilishani,
loMisipha, loBhigivayi, loRehumi loBhana):

Uluhlu lwamadoda ako-Israyeli:
3 isizukulwane
sikaPharoshi sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu elilamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili (2,172),
4 esikaShefathiya sasingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili (372),
5 esika-Ara sasingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu (775),
6 esikaPhahathi-Mowabi (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa loJowabi) sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lambili (2,812),
7 esika-Elamu sasiyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane (1,254),
8 esikaZathu sasingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amane lanhlanu (945),
9 esikaZakhayi sasingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha (760),
10 esikaBhani sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili (642),
11 esikaBhebhayi sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lantathu (623),
12 esika-Azigadi sasiyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lambili (1,222),
13 esika-Adonikhamu sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lasithupha (666),
14 esikaBhigivayi sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha (2,056),
15 esika-Adini sasingamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu lane (454),
16 esika-Atheri (ngoHezekhiya) sasingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificaminwembili (98),
17 esikaBhezayi sasingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu (323),
18 esikaJora sasilikhulu letshumi lambili (112),
19 esikaHashumi sasingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu (223),
20 esikaGibhari sasingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu (95),
21 amadoda
eBhethilehema ayengamakhulu amabili lantathu (123),
22 eNethofa ayengamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha (56),
23 e-Anathothi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili (128),
24 e-Azimavethi ayengamatshumi amane lambili (42),
25 eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, eKhefira leBherothi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu (743),
26 eRama leGebha ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye (621),
27 eMikhimashi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili (122),
28 eBhetheli le-Ayi ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu (223),
29 eNebho ayengamatshumi amahlanu lambili (52),
30 eMagibhishi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha (156),
31 kweyinye i-Elamu ayeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane (1,254),
32 eHarimi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili (320),
33 eLodi, eHadidi le-Ono ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (725),
34 eJerikho ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu (345),
35 eSenaya ayezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu (3,630).

36 Abaphristi:
esizukulwaneni
sikaJedaya (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa) babengamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu (973),
37 kwesika-Imeri babeyinkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu lambili (1,052),
38 kwesikaPhashuri babeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lasikhombisa (1,247),
39 kwesikaHarimi babeyinkulungwane letshumi lasikhombisa (1,017).

40 AbaLevi:
besizukulwane
sikaJeshuwa loKhadimiyeli (abosendo lukaHodaviya) babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane (74).

41 Abahlabeleli:
besizukulwane
sika-Asafi babelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili (128).

42 Abalindi bamasango:
besizukulwane
sikaShalumi, lo-Atheri, loThalimoni,
lo-Akhubi, loHathitha loShobhayi babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lasificamunwemunye (139).

43 Izinceku zethempelini:
zesizukulwane
sikaZiha, loHasufa, loThabhawothi,
44 loKherosi, loSiyaha, loPhadoni,
45 loLebhana, loHagabha, lo-Akhubi,
46 loHagabi, loShalimayi, loHanani,
47 loGideli, loGahari, loReyaya,
48 loRezini, loNekhoda, loGazami,
49 lo-Uza, loPhaseya, loBhesayi,
50 lo-Asina, loMewunimi, loNefusimi,
51 loBhakibhuki, loHakufa, loHahuri,
52 loBhaziluthi, loMehida, loHasha,
53 loBhakhosi, loSisera, loThema,
54 loNeziya kanye loHathifa.
55 Izizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni:
isizukulwane
sikaSothayi, loHasoferethi, loPheruda,
56 loJala, loDakhoni, loGideli,
57 loShefathiya, loHathili,
loPhokherethi-Hazebhayimi kanye lo-Ami.
58 Izinceku zethempelini lezizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni
zazingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili (392).

59 Abalandelayo laba bavela emadolobheni aseTheli Mela, eTheli Hasha, eKherubi, e-Adani, lase-Imeri, kodwa behluleka ukuveza ukuthi usendo lwabo lwaphuma ko-Israyeli:
60 abesizukulwane
sikaDelaya, loThobhiya loNekhoda babengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili (652).

61 Ababephuma kubaphristi kwakuyilaba:
Abesizukulwane
sikaHobhaya, esikaHakhozi lesikaBhazilayi (indoda eyayithethe indodakazi kaBhazilayi umGiliyadi layo yayibizwa ngalelobizo).
62 Laba baphenya imibhalo yembali yezimuli zabo, kodwa bayiswela
ngakho basuswa ebuphristini kwathiwa bangcolile. 63 Umbusi wabalaya
ukuthi bangakudli loba yikuphi ukudla okungcwele kuze kube lomphristi
wokubuza inkatho i-Urimi leThumimi.

64 Ixuku lonke lalilinani elifika izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane
lambili, lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi ayisithupha (42,360),
65 ngaphandle kwezinceku lezincekukazi zabo ezizinkulungwane
eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi amathathu
lasikhombisa (7,337); njalo babe labahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane
abangamakhulu amabili (200). 66 Babelamabhiza angamakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lasithupha (736), lezimbongolo
ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu (245),
67 lamakamela angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu
(435) kanye labobabhemi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha ezilamakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili (6,720).

68 Bathi ukufika kwabo endlini kaThixo eJerusalema abanye bezinhloko zezimuli benza umnikelo wokuzizwela waba ngowokwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo. 69 Banikela esikhwameni esikhulu ngokwamandla abo ukwenza umsebenzi lo banika amadrakhima azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye egolide (61,000) lesiliva esifika izinkulungwane ezinhlanu samamina (5,000) lezembatho zobuphristi ezilikhulu (100).
70 Abaphristi, labaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindi bamasango kanye lezinceku zethempelini bahlala emadolobheni akibo, ndawonye labanye abantu, labo bonke abako-Israyeli bahlala emadolobheni akibo.

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Ukwakhiwa Kutsha Kwe-alithari
1 Kwathi sekufika inyanga yesikhombisa, lapho abako-Israyeli sebehlezi emizini yakibo, abantu babuthana njengomuntu munye eJerusalema. 2 Kwasekusithi uJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labaphristi ayesebenza labo kanye loZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli labakhula bakhe baqalisa ukwakha i-alithari likaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukwenza umhlatshelo womnikelo wokutshiswa kulo, mayelana lalokho okulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. 3 Lokuba babesesaba abantu bendawo, balakha i-alithari esisekelweni salo benza iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo kulo, yomibili imihlatshelo yokusa lowokuhlwa. 4 Kwathi njalo belandela okulotshiweyo bawugubha uMkhosi weziHonqo besenza inani elifaneleyo leminikelo yokutshiswa elungiselwe lelo lalelo ilanga. 5 Emva kwalokho baletha iminikelo yenjayelo eyokutshiswa, iminikelo yokuThwasa kweNyanga leminikelo yayo yonke imikhosi kaThixo emisiweyo engcwele, kanye laleyo eyayilethwa njengeminikelo yokuzithandela eyalethwa kuThixo. 6 Ngelanga lokuqala lenyanga yesikhombisa baqalisa ukuletha iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo, lokuba isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo sasingakabekwa.

Ukwakhiwa Kutsha KweThempeli

7 Basebesipha ababazi bamatshe lababazi nje imali, bapha ukudla lokunathwayo
lamafutha ebantwini baseThire leSidoni, ukuze balethe izigodo zemisedari ngendlela
yolwandle kusuka eLebhanoni kusiya eJopha njengoba kwakuvunyelwe nguKhurosi
inkosi yasePhezhiya.
8 Ngenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesibili bebuyile endlini kaNkulunkulu
eJerusalema, uZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, loJeshuwa indodana
kaJozadaki labo bonke abafowabo (abaphristi labaLevi labo bonke ababuyayo
eJerusalema bevela ebugqilini) bawuqalisa umsebenzi, bakhetha abaLevi
abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ukuthi baphathe umsebenzi
wokwakha indlu kaThixo. 9 UJeshuwa lamadodana akhe labafowabo loKhadimiyeli
lamadodana akhe (abazukulu bakaHodaviya) lamadodana kaHenadadi kanye
lamadodana abo labafowabo, bonke bengabaLevi, bahlangana ndawonye
ukukhangela labo ababesebenza endlini kaNkulunkulu.
10 Kwathi abakhi sebesibekile isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo abaphristi bagqoka
izembatho zabo, baphatha amachacho, kanye labaLevi (amadodana ka-Asafi)
bephethe izigubhu, bonke bema ezindaweni zabo ukudumisa uThixo njengok-
wamiswa nguDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli. 11 Badumisa bebonga, bahlabelela uThixo
bathi:
"Ulungile;
uthando lwakhe ku-Israyeli lumi laphakade."
Bonke abantu bamemeza bedumisa uThixo ngoba isisekelo sendlu kaThixo sasesi-
bekiwe. 12 Kodwa abanengi babaphristi abadala labaLevi kanye lezikhulu zezimuli
ababelibonile ithempeli lakuqala, bakhala kakhulu bebona isisekelo saleli ithempeli
sibekwa, ikanti abanye babo bamemeza ngokuthaba. 13 Kakho owayengawehlukanisa
umsindo wokumemeza kokuthokoza lomsindo wokukhala ngoba abantu benza
umsindo omangalisayo. Njalo umsindo lowo wezwakala kude.

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Ukulwiswa Kanye Lokwakhiwa KweThempeli

1 Kwathi lapho izitha zakoJuda lakoBhenjamini sezizwile ukuthi ababeyizithunjwa
basebesakha ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli 2 beza kuZerubhabheli
lakulabo ababezinhloko zezimuli bathi, "Yekelani silincedise ukwakha ngoba lathi,
njengani, siyamdinga uNkulunkulu wenu njalo kukade sisenza imihlatshelo kuye
kusukela esikhathini sika-Esarihadoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, onguye owasiletha lapha."
3 Kodwa uZerubhabheli, loJeshuwa labo bonke ababezinhloko zezimuli zako-
Israyeli baphendula bathi, "Kalilani lakho ukwakhisana lathi ithempeli likaNku-
lunkulu wethu. Thina sodwa sizalakha, silakhela uThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli,
njengokulaywa kwethu nguKhurosi, inkosi yasePhezhiya."
4 Kwasekusithi abantu balelolizwe baqalisa ukubadondisa abantu bakoJuda
babenza besaba ukuqhubeka besakha. 5 Bathenga abacebisi bokudunga umsebenzi
bawunyampise ngasosonke isikhathi sokubusa kukaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya
kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDariyu inkosi yasePhezhiya.

Ukulwisana Kwamuva Ngezinsuku Zika-Ekisekisi Lo-Athazekisisi

6 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kuka-Ahasuweru bethesa abantu bakoJuda labaseJerusalema
icala.
7 Njalo kwathi ngezinsuku zika-Athazekisisi inkosi yasePhezhiya uBhishilamu,
loMithiredathi loThabheli labo bonke abangane babo baloba incwadi isiya ku-
Athazekisisi. Incwadi leyo yayibhalwe ngolimi lwesi-Aramayikhi ngendlela yokuloba
kwawo ama-Aramu.

8 URehumi umlawuli webutho loShimishayi unobhala babhala incwadi isiya ku-
Athazekisisi inkosi besola iJerusalema besithi:
9 URehumi umlawuli webutho loShimishayi unobhala kanye labo bonke
abahlangene labo, abehluleli lezinduna zabantu abasuka eThripholi, ePhezhiya,
e-Ereki leBhabhiloni lama-Elamu aseSusa, 10 kanye labanye abantu inkosi enkulu
ehloniphekayo u-Ashuribhaniphali (u-Osinaphari) eyabaxotshayo yayabahlalisa
edolobheni laseSamariya lakwezinye izindawo ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe.
11 (Nanka amazwi encwadi leyo abayibhalayo.)
Kuyo iNkosi u-Athazekisisi,
Ivela ezincekwini zakho, abantu abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe:
12 Inkosi ifanele yazi ukuthi amaJuda afikayo kithi lapha evela kuwe aseye
eJerusalema njalo sebelakha kutsha idolobho lelo elihlamukayo, elibi kakhulu.
Sebevusa imiduli bevuselela lezisekelo.
13 Phezu kwalokho inkosi kufanele ukuba yazi ukuthi aluba idolobho leli lingaze
lakhiwe lemiduli yalo imiswe njalo, kakusayikubhadalwa imithelo lenkongozelo
yenkosi, lomthetho wokungenisa impahla ezweni, besekusithi-ke isikhwama
senkosi sisilele izimali. 14 Pho njengoba thina silomlandu ophuma esigodlweni
njalo kungafanelanga ukuthi sibone inkosi idelelwa, sithumela umbiko lo ukuyazisa
inkosi, 15 ukuze kuhlolisiswe ezingwalweni zezindaba ezatshiywa yilabo abakwan-
dulelayo. Kulezongwalo uzathola ukuthi idolobho leli lidolobho lokuhlamuka,
lilohlupho emakhosini lakwezinye izigaba zombuso, liyindawo yokuhlamuka
kulokhu kwasukela endulo. Yilokho okwabangela ukubhidlizwa kwalelidolobho.
16 Inkosi siyazisela ukuthi aluba idolobho leli lingakhiwa, imiswe njalo imiduli yalo,
izakube ingasasalanga lalutho ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe.
17 Inkosi yathumela impendulo le:
KuRehumi umlawuli wempi loShimishayi unobhala labo bonke abaphathisana
labo abahlala eSamariya lakwezinye izindawo ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe:
Ngiyalibingelela.
18 Incwadi elasithumela yona isiguqulwe ulimi yabalwa phambi kwami.
19 Ngakhupha ilizwi kwaphenywa, kwafunyanwa ukuthi idolobho leli lilembali
ende eyokuvukela amakhosi, liyindawo yokuhlamuka lokuxhwala. 20 IJerusalema
isike yaba lamakhosi alamandla ayebusa kulolonke elangaphetsheya kweYufrathe,
kubhadalwa kuwo imithelo, inkongozelo yenkosi lemithelo yokungenisa impahla
elizweni. 21 Manje-ke khuphani umlayo kulawomadoda ukuthi kabamise um-
sebenzi, ukuze idolobho leli lingakhiwa ngize ngitsho mina. 22 Nanzelelani ukuthi
lingayilibali indaba le. Kuyekelelwani indaba le ikhula yona ilimaza izifiso zenkosi?
23 Incwadi yeNkosi u-Athazekisisi yonela ukubalelwa uRehumi loShimishayi
unobhala lalabo ababephathisa bahle bahamba masinyane kubaJuda eJerusalema
bababamba ngamandla ukumisa umsebenzi.

24 Kanjalo umsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema wema kwaze kwaba
ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaDariyu inkosi yasePhezhiya.

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Incwadi KaThathenayi Isiya KuDariyu

1 Ngalesosikhathi uHagayi umphrofethi loZakhariya umphrofethi, umzukulu ka-
Ido babephrofitha kubaJuda laseJerusalema ngebizo likaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli
onguye owayephezu kwabo. 2 Kwasekusithi uZerubhabheli indodana kaShelathiyeli
loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki baqalisa ukwakha kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu
eJerusalema. Abaphrofethi bakaNkulunkulu babelabo bebancedisa.

3 Ngalesosikhathi uThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe loShethari-
Bhozenayi labaphathisi babo baya kubo bababuza bathi, “Ngubani olivumeleyo
ukwakha kutsha ithempeli leli lokuvuselela lesisakhiwo?” 4 Babuza njalo bathi,
“Ngobani amabizo amadoda ayakhayo indlu le na?” 5 Kodwa ilihlo likaNkulunkulu
wabo lalibalindile abadala babaJuda njalo kabazange beme kuze kuyefika umbiko
kuDariyu kubuye njalo impendulo yakhe ibhaliwe.
6 Le yiyo incwadi eyathunyelwa nguThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya
kweYufrathe loShethari-Bhozenayi labasekeli babo, izinduna zaphetsheya
kweYufrathe yaya kuDariyu iNkosi. 7 Umbiko abawuthumelayo wawubhalwe kanje:
Kuyo iNkosi uDariyu:
Ukubingelela okuhle.
8 Inkosi kufanele yazi ukuthi saya esiqintini sakoJuda, ethempelini likaNku-
lunkulu omkhulu. Abantu bayalakha ngamatshe amakhulu, kunqunyiswa
imijabo emidulini. Umsebenzi uqhutshwa ngokukhuthala, njalo uyaphambili
ngokuphangisa ukhokhelwa yibo.
9 Sabuza abadala bakhona sathi, “Ngubani oliphe imvumo yokwakha kutsha
leli ithempeli lokuvuselela isakhiwo lesi?” 10 Njalo sababuza amabizo abo ukuze
sibhale amabizo abakhokheli babo sisenzela ukukwazisa.
11 Nansi impendulo abasipha yona:

“Siyizinceku zikaNkulunkulu wezulu lomhlaba, yikho silakha kutsha ithempeli
elakhiwa kudala, elakhiwa yinkosi enkulu yako-Israyeli yaliqeda. 12 Kodwa ngenxa
yokuthi okhokho bethu bamthukuthelisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, wabanikela
ezandleni zikaNebhukhadineza umKhaladiya, inkosi yaseBhabhiloni owalibhidl-
izayo lelithempeli abantu wabaxotshela eBhabhiloni.
13 Kodwa ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKhurosi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, iNkosi
uKhurosi wakhupha isimemezelo sokuthi kwakhiwe indlu kaNkulunkulu.
14 Wabuye wasusa ethempelini laseBhabhiloni impahla zegolide lesiliva ezendlu
kaNkulunkulu ezazithethwe nguNebhukhadineza ethempelini eJerusalema
waziletha ethempelini eBhabhiloni. Kwathi iNkosi uKhurosi yazinika indoda
eyayithiwa nguSheshibhazari, eyamkhetha ukuba ngumbusi, 15 wamtshela wathi,
‘Thatha impahla lezi uhambe lazo uyezibeka ethempelini eJerusalema. Njalo
yakha kakutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo.’
16 Yikho uSheshibhazari weza wabeka izisekelo zendlu kaNkulunkulu
eJerusalema. Kusukela ngalelolanga kuze kube manje ibilokhu isakhiwa kodwa
kayikapheli.”

17 Ngakho-ke nxa kulungile enkosini, kakudingisiswe ezincwadini zezindaba
zamakhosi aseBhabhiloni kubonwe ingabe yikho na ukuthi iNkosi uKhurosi
wayesenzile isimemezelo sokuthi yakhiwe indlu le kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema.
Lapho-ke inkosi kayisithumele isinqumo sayo ngendaba le.

6

Isimemezelo SikaDariyu

1 INkosi uDariyu wasekhupha umlayo, basebephenya ezincwadini ezaziqoqwe
ndawonye endlini yenotho yesizwe eBhabhiloni. 2 Kwafunyanwa khona umqulu
womgoqwa enqabeni yase-Ekhibhathana elizweni laseMediya kulotshwe lokhu
kuwo:
Umbhalo wesimiso:
3 Ngomnyaka wokuqala weNkosi uKhurosi, inkosi yakhupha isimemezelo
mayelana lethempeli likaNkulunkulu eJerusalema:

Ithempeli kalakhiwe kutsha libe yindawo yokwenzela imihlatshelo, njalo izisekelo zalo kazibekwe. Kalibe yizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ukuphakama, ububanzi bube yizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, 4 kwakhiwe imizila emithathu yamatshe amakhulu lomzila owodwa wezigodo. Izindleko zonke zizabhadalwa yisikhwama sesikhosini. 5 Akuthi njalo impahla zegolide lesiliva uNebhukhadineza azithatha ethempelini eJerusalema waziletha eBhabhiloni zibuyiselwe ezindaweni zazo ethempelini eJerusalema; zimele zibekwe endlini kaNkulunkulu.

6 Ngakho-ke wena Thathenayi, mbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, loShethari-Bhozenayi labaphathisi benu bakulowo umango, sukani lapho. 7 Lingaphazamisi umsebenzi wethempeli lelo likaNkulunkulu. Yekelani umbusi wamaJuda labadala bamaJuda bakhe kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo.

8 Njalo sengimisa umlayo walokho okumele lina likwenzele abadala bamaJuda ekwakhiweni kwendlu kaNkulunkulu:

Izindleko zala amadoda zizabhadalwa ngokugcweleyo yisikhwama senkosi, kuthathwa emithelweni yangaphetsheya kweYufrathe ukuze umsebenzi ungaze wema. 9 Loba yini efunekayo, amajongosi, inqama, amazinyane amaduna eminikelo yokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu wezulu, lengqoloyi, itswayi, iwayini lamafutha okuyabe kucelwe ngabaphristi eJerusalema, kabakuphiwe nsuku zonke kungaphuthi, 10 ukuze benze imihlatshelo ethokozisayo kuNkulunkulu wezulu njalo bakhulekele impilakahle yenkosi lamadodana ayo.

11 Phezu kwalokho ngibeka umthetho othi nxa ekhona ozaguqula lesisimiso, kakuhwatshwe uthungo endlini yakhe aphakanyiswe axhonxwe kulo. Akuthi ngenxa yalelicala indlu yakhe ibhidlizwe ibe yinqwaba yenhlabathi. 12 Sengathi uNkulunkulu owenza ukuthi iBizo lakhe lihlale khona, angayichitha loba yiphi inkosi loba ngabantu abaphakamisa isandla sabo ukuguqula umlayo lo loba ukudiliza ithempeli leli eliseJerusalema.

Mina kaDariyu ngiwumisile umthetho lo. Kawulandelwe ngokukhuthala.

Ukuqedwa Lokunikelwa KweThempeli

13 Kwathi-ke, ngenxa yomthetho iNkosi uDariyu eyase iwuthumele, uThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, loShethari-Bhozenayi labasekeli babo bakwenza lokho ngenkuthalo. 14 Yikho-ke abadala bamaJuda baqhubeka ngokwakha bephumelela betshunyayezwa nguHagayi umphrofethi loZakhariya, umzukulu ka-Ido. Baqeda ukulakha ithempeli belandela umlayo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli kanye lezimiso zikaKhurosi, loDariyu lo-Athazekisisi, amakhosi asePhezhiya. 15 Ithempeli laqedwa ngosuku lwesithathu enyangeni ka-Adari, ngomnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kweNkosi uDariyu.

16 Kwasekusithi abantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, labaLevi labo bonke ababethunjiwe benza umkhosi. 17 Ukunikela indlu kaNkulunkulu le bapha umnikelo wenkunzi ezilikhulu, inqama ezingamakhulu amabili, amazinyane amaduna angamakhulu amane njalo lempongo ezilitshumi lambili njengomnikelo wesono ka-Israyeli wonke. 18 Njalo bagcoba abaphristi ezigabeni zabo labaLevi ngamaxuku abo ukwenza umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, njengokulotshiweyo eNcwadini kaMosi.

IPhasika

19 Ngelanga letshumi lane lenyanga yokuqala, izithunjwa zathakazelela iPhasika. 20 Abaphristi labaLevi babezihlambulule behlanzekile ngokomkhuba. AbaLevi balihlaba izinyane lePhasika elabo bonke ababethunjiwe, labafowabo abaphristi njalo bezihlabela labo ngokwabo. 21 Ngakho abako-Israyeli ababebuyile ebugqilini balidla,

kanye labo bonke labo abasebezehlukanisile emikhutsheni engcolileyo yabomakhelwane beZizwe ukuze badinge UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 22 Bathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa bethokoza, ngoba UTHIXO wayebagcwalise ngokuthokoza ngokuguqula ingqondo yenkosi yase-Asiriya ukuthi ibancedise emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

7

U-Ezra Uza EJerusalema

1 Ngemva kwalezizinto, ngesikhathi sokubusa kuka-Athazekisisi inkosi
yasePhezhiya, u-Ezra indodana kaSeraya, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana
kaHilikhiya, 2 indodana kaShalumi, indodana kaZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi,
3 indodana ka-Amariya, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaMerayothi, 4 indodana
kaZerahiya, indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaBhukhi, 5 indodana ka-Abhishuwa,
indodana kaFinehasi, indodana ka-Eliyazari, indodana ka-Aroni umphristi omkhulu,
6 u-Ezra lo weza evela eBhabhiloni. Wayeyisifundiswa esazi kakhulu ngoMthetho
kaMosi, owawuphiwe NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Inkosi yayimuphe konke
ayekucelile, ngoba isandla SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe sasiphezu kwakhe.
7 Abanye abako-Israyeli, labaphristi, lamaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindi bamasango
lezinceku zethempelini labo babuya eJerusalema ngomnyaka wesikhombisa
wokubusa kwenkosi u-Athazekisisi.
8 U-Ezra wafika eJerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu ngomnyaka wesikhombisa
wenkosi. 9 Wayeqalise uhambo lwakhe esuka eBhabhiloni ngelanga lakuqala
lenyanga yokuqala, wafika eJerusalema ngelanga lakuqala lenyanga yesihlanu, ngoba
isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwakhe. 10 Ngoba u-Ezra wayezinikele
ekufundeni lokugcina uMthetho KATHIXO lokufundisa izimiso zawo ko-Israyeli.

Incwadi YeNkosi U-Athazekisisi Isiya Ku-Ezra

11 Nansi incwadi iNkosi u-Athazekisisi ayeyiphe u-Ezra umphristi lomabhalane,
indoda eyayifundile ezindabeni zemithetho lezimiso ZIKATHIXO ku-Israyeli:

12 Athazekisisi, nkosi yamakhosi,
Ku-Ezra umphristi, umfundisi womthetho kaNkulunkulu wasezulwini:
Ngiyabingelela.

13 Manje-ke ngimisa umthetho wokuthi ingqe ngubani wako-Israyeli osembusweni wami, kugoqela abaphristi labaLevi, ofisa ukuhamba lawe eJerusalema,
kahambe. 14 Uthunywa yinkosi labacebisi bayo abayisikhombisa ukuba uyofunisisa ngoJuda langeJerusalema mayelana loMthetho kaNkulunkulu wakho,
owuphetheyo. 15 Njalo ubothatha isiliva legolide elinikwe ngesihle yinkosi labacebisi bayo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ohlala eJerusalema, 16 kanye lesiliva legolide
lonke ongalizuza elizweni laseBhabhiloni kanye leminikelo yokuzizwela eyabantu
labaphristi benikelela ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wabo eJerusalema. 17 Ngaleyomali
umele uthenge inkunzi, lenqama, lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna, ndawonye leminikelo yabo yamabele leyokunathwayo, konke kunikelwe e-alithareni lethempeli
likaNkulunkulu wenu eJerusalema.
18 Wena labazalwane bakho abangamaJuda selingenza lokho okuyabe kufanele
ngesiliva legolide eliseleyo, mayelana lentando kaNkulunkulu wenu. 19 Hambisani
kuNkulunkulu weJerusalema zonke impahla eliziphathisiweyo ezokukhonza
ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wenu. 20 Akuthi loba yini efunekayo ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu wenu elifuna ukuthi izuzakale, kayidingwe ngendleko ephuma
esikhwameni senkosi.

21 Mina, iNkosi Athazekisisi ngimisa umthetho wokuthi bonke abaphathi
bezikhwama abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe baphe u-Ezra umphristi, umfundisi
woMthetho kaNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngokuphangisa loba yini ayicelayo kini,
22 kuze kube ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lamasaka alikhulu engqoloyi,
imigqomo elikhulu yewayini, imigqomo elikhulu yamafutha e-oliva, letswayi elin-
gelakulinganiswa. 23 Ingqe yini emiswe nguNkulunkulu wasezulwini, kakwenziwe
ngokukhuthala kusenzelwa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wasezulwini. Kakudingeki
ukuthi ulaka luze lwehliselwe phezu kwenkosi lamadodana ayo. 24 Yazini
njalo ukuthi kalilamvumo yokubiza imithelo loba inkongozelo yenkosi kumbe
imbadalo yokungenisa impahla elizweni kubaphristi, labaLevi, labahlabeleli,
labalindimasango, lezinceku zethempelini loba kwezinye izisebenzi zale indlu
kaNkulunkulu.
25 Yikho wena Ezra, ngokuhlakanipha olakho okukaNkulunkulu wakho,
beka abathonisi labehluleli ukwahlulela kuhle bonke abantu abangaphetsheya
kweYufrathe, bonke abayaziyo imithetho kaNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele ufundise
labo abangayaziyo. 26 Lowo ongawulaleliyo umthetho kaNkulunkulu wenu
lomthetho wenkosi ngeqiniso umele ajeziswe ngokufa, loba ngokuxotshwa, loba
ngokuhluthunelwa impahla loba ngokufakwa entolongweni.
27 Udumo kalube kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, okufakileyo enhliziy-
weni yenkosi ukuletha inhlonipho endlini kaThixo eJerusalema ngale indlela 28 njalo
otshengise umusa wakhe kini phambi kwenkosi labeluleki bakhe lazozonke izinduna
zakhe ezilamandla. Ngenxa yokuthi isandla sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wami besiphezu
kwami, ngaba lesibindi ngaqoqa amadoda angabakhokheli ko-Israyeli ukuthi ba-
hambe lami.

8

Uluhlu Lwenhloko Yemizi Ababuya Lo-Ezra

1 Laba bazinhloko zezimuli lalabo ababhalisa kubo abeza lami sisuka
eBhabhiloni ngesikhathi sokubusa kweNkosi u-Athazekisisi:

2 abesizukulwane sikaFinehasi,
uGeshomu;
abesizukulwane sika-Ithamari,
uDanyeli;
abesizukulwane sikaDavida,
uHathushi 3 owesizukulwane sikaShekhaniya;
abesizukulwane sikaPharoshi,
uZakhariya, okwabhalisa kanye laye amadoda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu
(150);
4 abesizukulwane sikaPhahathi-Mowabi:
kwakungu-Eliyehonayi indodana kaZerahiya oweza lamadoda angamakhulu
amabili (200);
5 abesizukulwane sikaZathu,
kwakunguShekhaniya indodana kaJahaziyeli, oweza lamadoda angamakhulu
amathathu (300);
6 abesizukulwane sika-Adini,
kwakungu-Ebhedi indodana kaJonathani, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi
amahlanu (50);
7 abesizukulwane sika-Elamu,
kwakunguJeshaya indodana ka-Athaliya, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi ay-
isikhombisa (70);
8 abesizukulwane sikaShefathiya,

kwakunguZebhadiya indodana kaMikhayeli, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (80);
9 abesizukulwane sikaJowabi,
kwakungu-Obhadaya indodana kaJehiyeli, oweza lamadoda angamakhulu amabili aletshumi lasificaminwembili (218);
10 abesizukulwane sikaBhani,
kwakunguShelomithi indodana kaJosifiya, oweza lamadoda alikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha (160),
11 abesizukulwane sikaBhebhayi,
kwakunguZakhariya indodana kaBhebhayi, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili (28);
12 abesizukulwane sika-Azigadi,
kwakunguJohanani indodana kaHakathani, oweza lamadoda alikhulu letshumi (110);
13 abesizukulwane sika-Adonikhamu,
abokucina, kwakungu-Elifelethi, uJuweli loShemaya, beza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha (60);
14 abesizukulwane sikaBhigivayi,
kwakungu-Uthayi loZakhuri, abeza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa (70).

Ukubuyela EJerusalema

15 Ngababuthanisa eMgelweni wamanzi agelezela ku-Ahava, samisa khona okwensuku ezintathu. Ngathi sengihlola phakathi kwabantu labaphristi, kangitholanga loyedwa wamaLevi khona. 16 Yikho ngasengibiza u-Eliyezari, lo-Ariyeli, loShemaya, lo-Elinathani, loJaribi, loNathani, loZakhariya loMeshulami ababengabakhokheli, loJoyaribi lo-Elinathani ababengabantu abafundileyo, 17 ngabathumela ku-Ido, lezihlobo zakhe, izinceku zethempelini eKhasifiya, ukwenzela ukuthi basilethele izikhonzi zendlu kaNkulunkulu. 18 Ngoba isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwethu, basilethela uSherebhiya, indoda emadodeni, owesizukulwane sikaMahili indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli, lamadodana kaSherebhiya labafowabo, amadoda alitshumi lasificaminwembili (18); 19 loHashabhiya, kanye loJeshaya owesizukulwane sikaMerari, kanye labafowabo labantwababo, bonke babengamadoda angamatshumi amabili (20). 20 Bona beza lezinceku zethempelini ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili (220) ezazimiswe nguDavida lezinduna zakhe ukuncedisa abaLevi. Bonke babhalwa phansi amabizo abo.

21 Khonapho, ekhunjini loMgelo we-Ahava, ngamemezela ukuzila ukudla, ukuze sizehlise phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu simcele asiphe uhambo oluhle, thina labantwabethu, lempahla zethu zonke. 22 Ngaba lenhloni ukucela enkosini amabutho labagadi bamabhiza ukuthi basivikele ezitheni endleleni ngoba inkosi sasiyitshele sathi, “Isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wethu siphezu kwakhe lowo okhangele kuye, kodwa ulaka lwakhe olukhulu luyavutha kulabo abamfulathelayo.” 23 Ngakho sazila ukudla, samncenga uNkulunkulu wethu ngakho lokhu, wawuphendula umkhuleko wethu.

24 Ngasengisehlukanisa kwabanye abaphristi abalitshumi lambili abangabakhokheli, ndawonye loSherebhiya, loHashabhiya labalitshumi labafowabo, 25 ngabalinganisela umnikelo wesiliva legolide lempahla ezaziyizipho ezasisuka enkosini, labacebisi bayo, lezikhulu zayo labako-Israyeli bonke ababekhona lapho, siyisipho sendlu kaNkulunkulu. 26 Ngabalinganisela amathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu (650) esiliva, impahla zesiliva ezilobunzima obungamathalenta alikhulu (100), amathalenta alikhulu (100) egolide, 27 imiganu yegolide engamatshumi amabili (20) kuthiwa intengo yayo ingaba ngamadariki

ayinkulungwane (1,000), lezitsha ezimbili ezethusi elilolongiweyo eliligugu njengegolide.

28 Ngathi kubo, “Lina kanye lempahla lezi lingcwelisiwe eNkosini. Isiliva
legolide kungumnikelo wokuzithandela kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu.
29 Kulindeni ngonanzelelo lize liyokulinganisa emakamelweni endlu kaThixo
eJerusalema phambi kwabakhokheli babaphristi lamaLevi labayizinhloko zezimuli
zako-Israyeli.” 30 Kwathi-ke abaphristi labaLevi basemukela isiliva legolide lempahla
ezingcwele ezazilinganisiwe ukuze zisiwe endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu eJerusalema.

31 Ngosuku lwetshumi lambili lwenyanga yokuqala saphakama sasuka eMgelweni
we-Ahava saqonda eJerusalema. Isandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu sasiphezu kwethu,
wasivikela ezitheni lasezigebengwini indlela yonke. 32 Ngakho safika eJerusalema,
saphumula khona okwensuku ezintathu.

33 Ngosuku lwesine sangena endlini kaNkulunkulu salinganisa isiliva legolide
lempahla zonke ezingcwelisiweyo sazibeka ezandleni zikaMeremothi indodana ka-
Uriya umphristi. U-Eliyezari indodana kaFinehasi laye wayekhona, labaLevi oJozab-
hadi indodana kaJeshuwa loNowadiya indodana kaBhinuwi. 34 Konke kwakukhona
ngenani lakho langesisindo, kwathi isisindo sonke salotshwa phansi ngasonaleso
isikhathi.

35 Yikho izithunywa ezabuya ebugqilini zenza umnikelo wokutshiswa kuNku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli: inkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ezika-Israyeli wonke, inqama
ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha, amawundlu amaduna angamat-
shumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa kanye lomnikelo wesono oyizimpongo ezilitshumi
lambili. Konke lokhu kwakungumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. 36 Bathi njalo
bethula imilayo yenkosi kuzikhulu zenkosi lakubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe,
okwathi-ke bona bancedisa abantu kanye lasendlini kaNkulunkulu.

9

Umkhuleko Ka-Ezra Ngokuthathana Kwemihlobo

1 Sezenziwe zonke lezi izinto, abakhokheli beza kimi bathi, “Abantu bako-
Israyeli bonke, labaphristi, labaLevi kabazehlukanisanga labantu bezizwe abalezenzo
ezinengekayo, abanjengamaKhenani, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaJebusi, ama-Amori,
amaMowabi, amaGibhithe lama-Amoni. 2 Bathatha amanye amadodakazi abo
aba ngomkabo bathathela lamadodana abo, baxubanisa isizwe esingcwele labantu
abahlezi labo. Njalo abakhokheli lezikhulu yibo abakhokheleyo kulokhu kungathem-
beki.”

3 Ngathi ngikuzwa lokho ngadabula isigqoko sami lejazi lami, ngadonsa inwele
ekhanda lami lezindevu zami ngahlala phansi ngididekile. 4 Kwasekusithi wonke
lowo owethuswa ngamazwi kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli waziqoqa phansi kwami
ngenxa yalokhu ukona kwezithunjwa. Ngahlala khonapho ngididekile kwaze kwaba
ngumhlatshelo wakusihlwa.

5 Kwathi-ke ngomhlatshelo wakusihlwa, ngaphakama ekuzehliseni kwami, isigqoko
sami lejazi lami kudabukile, ngaguqa, izandla zami zivuliwe kuThixo uNkulunkulu
wami 6 ngakhuleka ngathi:

> “Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyangekile kakhulu njalo ngilenhloni ukuphakamisela
> ubuso bami kuwe, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba izono zethu ziphakeme kulamakhanda
> ethu lecala lethu selifikile emazulwini. 7 Kusukela ensukwini zabokhokho bethu
> kuze kube manje, icala lethu likhulu. Ngenxa yezono zethu, thina lamakhosi ethu
> labaphristi bethu sesilokhu sidliwa yinkemba njalo sigqilazwa, siphangwa njalo
> siyangiswa ngamakhosi ezizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla.

8 Kodwa khathesi, okwesikhatshana nje, uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu ube lomusa
ngokusitshiyela insalela lokusipha indawo eqinileyo endlini yakhe engcwele,
okuthi ngakho uNkulunkulu wethu uletha ukukhanya emehlweni ethu lokukhu-
luleka kancinyane ekugqilazweni kwethu. 9 Lokuba siyizigqili, uNkulunkulu
wethu kasidelanga ebugqilini bethu. Usitshengise umusa emehlweni amakhosi
asePhezhiya; usiphile impilo entsha ukuba sakhe kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu
wethu sivuselele amanxiwa ayo, njalo usesiphile umduli wokusivikela koJuda
laseJerusalema.
10 Kodwa manje, awu Nkulunkulu wethu, kuyini esingakutsho sekwenzakale
lokhu? Ngoba siyidelile imilayo 11 owayinika ngezinceku zakho abaphrofethi uze
uthi: 'Ilizwe eselingena kulo ukulithatha yilizwe elingcolisiweyo ngokuxhwala
kwabantu balo. Ngemikhuba yabo enengekayo sebeligcwalise ngamanyala abo
kusukela ngapha kwalo kuze kufike ekucineni ngale. 12 Ngakho-ke lingendiseli
amadodakazi enu emadodaneni abo kumbe amadodana enu athathe amadodakazi
abo. Lingadingi isibopho sobudlelwano labo loba nini, ukuze liqine lidle izinto
ezinhle zelizwe elizalitshiyela abantwabenu njengelifa laphakade.'
13 Osekwenzakele kithi kungumvuzo wezenzo zethu ezimbi lecala lethu elikhulu,
ikanti wena Nkulunkulu wethu usijezise okunganeno kwezono zethu wasipha
abayinsalela kanje. 14 Sizaphinda njalo sephule imilayo yakho sendiselane labantu
bezizwe abagila imikhuba eyenyanyekayo kangaka na? Ungaze wasizondela
kakhulu na usibhubhise ungasitshiyeli lansalela loba abasindileyo na? 15 Oh THIXO,
Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ulungile! Namhlanje sisele njengensalela. Nanku silapha
phambi kwakho ngecala lethu, lokuba engekho ongema ebukhoneni bakho ngenxa
yalo icala lethu."

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Abantu Bavuma Isono

1 Lapho u-Ezra wayekhuleka njalo evuma izono, ekhala eziwisela phansi phambi
kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, ixuku elikhulu labako-Israyeli kubalisa amadoda labafazi
labantwana, babuthana kuye. Labo bakhala kabuhlungu. 2 Yikho uShekhaniya
indodana kaJehiyeli, omunye wesizukulwane sika-Elamu, wathi ku-Ezra, "Kasizange
sithembeke kuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba sathatha abafazi bezizweni ebantwini
esakhelene labo. Kodwa loba kunjalo ithemba lisekhona ngo-Israyeli. 3 Manje kasen-
zeni isivumelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ukubalahla bonke labobafazi la-
bantwababo njengeseluleko senkosi yami lalabo abayesabayo imilayo kaNkulunkulu
wethu. Kakwenziwe ngendlela yoMthetho. 4 Sukuma; indaba le isezandleni zakho.
Thina sizakusekela, yikho yiba lesibindi ukwenze."

5 Ngakho u-Ezra waphakama wafungisa bonke abakhokheli babaphristi labaLevi
lo-Israyeli wonke ukwenza lokho okwakumisiwe. Basenza lesosifungo. 6 U-Ezra
wasesuka endlini kaNkulunkulu waya endlini kaJehohanani indodana ka-Eliyashibi.
Elapho kadlanga lutho njalo kazange anathe manzi, ngoba waqhubeka elilela
ukungathembeki kwezithunjwa.

7 Kwasekukhutshwa isimemezelo kulolonke elakoJuda kanye leJerusalema ukuthi
zonke izithunjwa kaziqoqane eJerusalema. 8 Ingqe ngubani ongafikanga phakathi
kwensuku ezintathu wayezathathelwa yonke impahla alayo, kulandelwa isinqumo
sezinduna labadala, kuthi yena ngokwakhe axotshwe emphakathini walabo aba-
bethunjiwe.

9 Phakathi kwalezonsuku ezintathu wonke amadoda akoJuda lakoBhenjamini
ayesebuthene eJerusalema. Kwathi ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lenyanga yesi-
ficamunye bonke abantu babehlezi esigcawini phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu,
bekhathazekile ngombuthano lowo njalo begxanxwa lizulu elalisina. 10 Kwathi u-
Ezra umphristi wasukuma wathi kubo, “Kalithembekanga; lisuke lathatha abafazi
bezizweni, lengeza icala lika-Israyeli. 11 Manje-ke vumani izono zenu kuThixo,
uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, lenze intando yakhe. Zahlukaniseni kulababantu
elakhelene labo lasebafazini benu abezizwe.”
12 Inkundla yonke yaphendula ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: “Uqondile! Kumele senze
njengoba usitsho. 13 Kodwa kulabantu abanengi lapha futhi lesi yisikhathi sezulu;
ngakho ngeke sime lapha phandle. Futhi indaba le ingazake iphethwe ngosuku
olulodwa kumbe ezimbili, ngoba sonile kakhulu ngento le. 14 Akuthi izinduna zethu
zisimele thina sonke. Akuthi wonkemuntu emizini yethu othethe umfazi wabezizwe
eze ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, eze labadala kanye labehluleli balowomuzi, luze ludede
kithi ulaka olwesabekayo lukaNkulunkulu wethu.” 15 Kwaba nguJonathani kuphela,
indodana ka-Asaheli loJahizeya indodana kaThikhiva, besekelwa nguMeshulami
loShabhethayi umLevi abakuphikisayo lokhu.
16 Ngakho izithunjwa zenza njengokwakumisiwe. U-Ezra umphristi wakhetha
amadoda ayeyizinhloko zezimuli, oyedwa emulini, bonke baqanjwa ngamabizo.
Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi bahlala phansi bawahlolisisa lawomacala,
17 kwathi ngelanga lokuqala ngenyanga yokuqala baqeda ukuphatha indaba ya-
madoda ayethethe abafazi bezizweni.

Ababelecala Lokuthatha Abafazi Bezizweni

18 Phakathi kwezizukulwane zabaphristi, laba abalandelayo yibo ababe-
thethe abafazi bezizweni:
Abesizukulwane sikaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo:
uMaseya, u-Eliyezari, uJaribhi loGedaliya. 19 (Bonke baphakamisa izandla
zabo bafunga ukubalahla abafazi babo, kwathi ngenxa yecala labo ngulowo
wakhupha inqama emhlambini ukuba ngumnikelo wesono.)
20 Abesizukulwane sika-Imeri:
nguHanani loZebhadiya.
21 Abesizukulwane sikaHarimi:
nguMaseya, lo-Elija, loShemaya, loJehiyeli lo-Uziya.
22 Abesizukulwane sikaPhashuri:
ngu-Eliyonayi, loMaseya, lo-Ishumayeli, loNethaneli, loJozabhadi lo-Eleyasa.

23 Phakathi kwabaLevi nampa:
uJozabhadi, loShimeyi, loKhelaya (kutshiwo uKhelitha), loPhethahiya, loJuda lo-
Eliyezari.
24 Phakathi kwabahlabeleli nampa:
u-Eliyashibi.
Phakathi kwabalindimasango:
nguShalumi, loThelemu lo-Uri.

25 Phakathi kwabanye abako-Israyeli:
Abesizwe sikaPharoshi:
nguRamiya, u-Iziya, uMalikhija, uMijamini, u-Eliyezari, uMalikhija loBhenaya.
26 Abesizukulwane sika-Elamu:
nguMathaniya, uZakhariya, uJehiyeli, u-Abhidi, uJeremothi lo-Elija.
27 Abesizukulwane sikaZathu:
ngu-Eliyonayi, u-Eliyashibi, uMathaniya, uJeremothi, uZabhadi lo-Aziza.

28 Abesizukulwane sikaBhebhayi:
nguJehohanani, uHananiya, uZabhayi lo-Athilayi.
29 Abesizukulwane sikaBhani:
nguMeshulami, uMaluki, u-Adaya, uJashubi, uSheyali loJeremothi.
30 Abesizukulwane sikaPhahathi-Mowabi:
ngu-Adina, uKhelali, uBhenaya, uMaseya, uMathaniya, uBhezaleli, uBhinuwi loManase.
31 Abesizukulwane sikaHarimi:
ngu-Eliyezari, u-Ishiya, uMalikhija, uShemaya, uSimiyoni, 32 uBhenjamini, uMaluki, loShemariya.
33 Abesizukulwane sikaHashumi:
nguMathenayi, uMathatha, uZabhadi, u-Elifelethi, uJeremayi, uManase loShimeyi.
34 Abesizukulwane sikaBhani:
nguMadayi, u-Amramu, u-Uweli, 35 uBhenaya, uBhedeya, uKheluhi, 36 uVaniya, uMeremothi, u-Eliyashibi, 37 uMathaniya, uMathenayi loJasu.
38 Abesizukulwane sikaBhinuwi loBhani:
nguShimeyi, 39 uShelemiya, uNathani, u-Adaya, 40 uMakhinadebhayi, uShashayi, uSharayi, 41 u-Azareli, uShelemiya, uShemariya, 42 uShalumi, u-Amariya loJosefa.
43 Abesizukulwane sikaNebho:
nguJeyiyeli, uMathithiya, uZabhadi, uZebhina, uJadayi, uJoweli loBhenaya.

44 Bonke laba bathatha abafazi bezizweni, abanye babo bazala abantwana labafazi labo.

UNehemiya

UMkhuleko KaNehemiya

1 La ngamazwi kaNehemiya indodana kaHakhaliya:

Kwathi ngenyanga kaKhisilevi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili, ngisenqabeni
yaseSusa, 2 uHanani, omunye wabafowethu, wafika evela koJuda elamanye amadoda,
ngababuza ngamaJuda lawo ayeyinsalela asinda ebugqilini, njalo ngabuza nge-
Jerusalema.
3 Bathi kimi, “Labo abasindayo ebugqilini ababuyelayo elizweni baphakathi
kohlupho olumangalisayo lokuyangeka okukhulu. Umduli weJerusalema wadilika
lamasango ayo atshiswa ngomlilo.”
4 Ngathi sengizwile lezizinto ngahlala phansi ngakhala. Okwensuku ezithile
ngalila, ngazila ukudla njalo ngikhuleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu wasezulwini.
5 Ngasengisithi:

“Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wasezulwini, uNkulunkulu omkhulu owesabekayo,
ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando lalabo abamthandayo, abalalela imilayo
yakhe, 6 ake kuthi indlebe yakho ilalele lamehlo akho avuleke ukuze uzwe
umkhuleko okhulekwa yinceku yakho kuwe imini lobusuku, ikhulekela izinceku
zakho, abantu bako-Israyeli. Ngiyazivuma izono ezenziwe kuwe yithi ama-Israyeli,
kugoqela mina lendlu kababa. 7 Senzile ububi kuwe. Kasilalelanga imilayo yakho,
izimemezelo lemithetho owayinika inceku yakho uMosi.”

8 Khumbula umlayo owalaya ngawo inceku yakho uMosi wathi, “Aluba lin-
gathembekanga ngizalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe, 9 kodwa nxa libuya kimi
lilalele imilayo yami, lapho-ke loba abathunjiweyo bakini besemkhawulweni
womhlaba, ngizabaqoqa besuka khonale ngibabuyise endaweni engiyikhethileyo
ukuba likhaya leBizo lami.

10 Bazinceku zakho labantu bakho owabahlengayo ngamandla akho amakhulu
lesandla sakho esilamandla. 11 Oh Thixo, akuthi indlebe yakho ilalele umkhuleko
wale inceku yakho, lomkhuleko wezinceku zakho ezithokoza ekwesabeni ibizo
lakho. Phumelelisa inceku yakho lamuhla ngokuyipha isihawu phambi kwendoda
le.”

Ngangingumphathi wezitsha zokudla kwenkosi.

2

U-Athazekisisi Uthumela UNehemiya EJerusalema

1 Ngenyanga kaNisani ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili weNkosi u-Athazekisisi,
ngesikhathi ephiwa iwayini, ngalithatha iwayini ngalisa enkosini. Ngangingakaze
ngivele kuyo ngidanile; 2 ngakho inkosi yangibuza yathi, “Kungani ubuso bakho
bukhanya buhlobile kanje wena ungaguli? Lokhu ngeke kube ngokunye ngaphandle
kokudana okusenhliziyweni.”

Ngezwa ngisesaba kakhulu, 3 kodwa ngathi enkosini, “Phila lanini nkosi! Ubuso
bami bungayekelelani na ukuhloba njengoba idolobho lapho okulele khona okhokho
selingamanxiwa nje, lamasango alo atshiswa ngomlilo na?”

4 Inkosi yathi kimi, “Pho ufunani?”

Ngasengikhuleka kuNkulunkulu wezulwini, 5 yikho ngasengiyiphendula inkosi
ngathi, “Aluba kungaba yikuthanda kwenkosi njalo nxa inceku yakho ifumene umusa
emehlweni ayo, kayingithumele kulelodolobho elikoJuda lapho okwambelwa khona
okhokho ukuze ngiyolakha kakutsha.”
6 Inkosi eyayihlezi lendlovukazi eceleni kwayo yangibuza yathi, “Uhambo lwakho
luzathatha isikhathi esingakanani, njalo uzabuya nini?” Inkosi yathanda ukuthi
ngihambe; yikho ngamisa isikhathi.
7 Ngaphinde ngathi kuyo, “Nxa kuyikuthanda kwenkosi, ngicela izincwadi ziye
kubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, ukwenzela ukuthi bangivikele ohanjweni
lwami ngize ngiyefika koJuda? 8 Njalo ngicela incwadi eya ku-Asafi, umphathi
wegusu lenkosi, yikho ezanginika izigodo zokwenza izinsika zamasango esigodlo
eduzane lethempeli lezomduli wedolobho kanye lezendlu engizahlala kuyo.” Kwathi
ngoba isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wami sasiphezu kwami, inkosi yazamukela
izicelo zami. 9 Yikho ngasengisiya kubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe ngabapha
izincwadi zenkosi. Inkosi yayingiphe futhi abalawuli bebutho kanye lamabutho
amabhiza ukuba bangiphelekezele.
10 Kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi umHoroni loThobhiya um’Amoni owayeyinduna
bekuzwa lokhu, bakhathazeka kakhulu ukuthi ukhona owayeselande ukuzathuthuk-
isa inhlalo yaba-Israyeli.

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11 Ngaya eJerusalema, kwathi sengihlale khona insuku ezintathu 12 ngaphuma
kusebusuku ngilamadoda ambalwa. Ngangingazange ngitshele muntu ngalokho
uNkulunkulu wami ayekubeke enhliziyweni yami ngeJerusalema. Ngangingelanya-
mazana ngaphandle kwaleyo engangiyigadile.
13 Ebusuku ngaphuma ngeSango leSigodi ngaqonda uMthombo weKhanka leSango
loBulongwe, ngihlola imiduli yeJerusalema, eyayibhidliziwe, kanye lamasango ayo
ayetshiswe ngomlilo. 14 Ngaqhubeka sengiqonde eSangweni loMthombo leSiziba
Senkosi, kodwa kwakungelantshukuntshu yokudlula ubabhemi wami engangim-
gadile; 15 yikho ngasengikhwela ngesigodi kusebusuku, ngihlola umduli. Ekuci-
neni ngaphenduka ngangena ngeSango leSigodi. 16 Izinduna kazizange zikwazi
ukuthi ngangiye ngaphi lokuthi ngangisenzani, ngoba ngangivele ngingakatsho
lutho kubaJuda loba kubaphristi loba ezikhulwini loba ezinduneni loba lakubobani
ababezakwenza umsebenzi.
17 Ngasengisithi kubo, “Liyalubona uhlupho esiphakathi kwalo: iJerusalema
selingamanxiwa nje, lamasango alo atshisiwe ngomlilo. Wozani, siwakhe kutsha
umduli weJerusalema ukuze singabi silokhu sihlaziswa.” 18 Ngaphinda ngabatshela
ngesandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wami kimi lokuthi inkosi yayitheni kimi.
Baphendula bathi, “Kasiqaliseni ukwakha.” Yikho bahle bawuqalisa umsebenzi lo
omuhle.
19 Kodwa kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi umHoroni, loThobhiya induna yom’Amoni
loGeshemi umArabhu bekuzwa lokho, basichithoza basihleka. Babuza bathi, “Kuyini
lokhu elikwenzayo. Selihlamukele inkosi na?”
20 Ngabaphendula ngokuthi, “UNkulunkulu wasezulwini uzasiphumelelisa. Thina
izinceku zakhe sesiqalisa ukwakha kutsha, kodwa lina, kalilasabelo eJerusalema, loba
imfanelo loba lungelo bani lomdabuko wenu.”

3

Abakhi Bomduli

1 U-Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu labanye bakhe abangabaphristi baya emseben-
zini wokwakha bavuselela iSango leZimvu. Balinikela basebemisa kuhle izivalo zalo,

bakha baze bayafika eMphotshongweni weKhulu, lawo abawunikelayo, baqhubeka
bayafika eMphotshongweni kaHananeli. 2 Amadoda aseJerikho wona akha isigaba
esilandelayo, kwathi uZakhuri indodana ka-Imri wakha eceleni kwabo.

3 ISango leNhlanzi lakhiwa ngamadodana kaHasena. Amisa imigubazi yalo afaka
lezivalo lamabhawudo kanye leminxibo yakhona. 4 UMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya,
indodana kaHakhozi, yena wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo. Kusukela kuye kwakha
uMeshulami indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana kaMeshezabeli, kwalandela kuye
uZadokhi indodana kaBhana laye wayesakha. 5 Isigaba esilandelayo savuselelwa
ngamadoda aseThekhowa, kodwa izikhulu zakhona zala ukusebenza ngaphansi
kwabakhokheli babo.

6 ISango leJeshana lavuselelwa nguJoyada indodana kaPhaseya loMeshulami
indodana kaBhesodeya. Bamisa imigubazi yalo bafaka izivalo lamabhawudo
leminxibo ezindaweni zakhona. 7 Eceleni kwabo, kwakuvuselela amadoda aseGib-
hiyoni lawaseMizipha, uMelathiya waseGibhiyoni loJadoni waseMeronothi, izindawo
ezaziphethwe ngumbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe. 8 U-Uziyeli indodana kaHar-
ihaya, omunye wabakhandi begolide, wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo; uHananiya,
omunye wabenzi bamakha, laye wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo. Balivuselela
iJerusalema kwaze kwafika eMdulini Obanzi. 9 URefaya indodana kaHuri, umbusi
wengxenye yeJerusalema, walungisa isigaba esilandelayo. 10 Okubambene lalapha
kwavuselelwa nguJedaya indodana kaHarumafi okwakumalungana lendlu yakhe,
loHathushi indodana kaHashabhineya wavuselela eceleni kwakhe. 11 UMalikhija
indodana kaHarimi loHashubhi indodana kaPhahathi-Mowabi bavuselela esinye
isigaba loMphotshongo Wamaziko. 12 UShalumi indodana kaHaloheshi, umbusi
wengxenye yeJerusalema, wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo esizwa ngamadodakazi
akhe.

13 ISango leSigodi lavuselelwa nguHanuni lezakhamizi zaseZanowa. Balakha
kutsha bafaka izivalo zalo lamabhawudo kanye leminxibo ezindaweni zakhona.
Bavusa njalo umduli okwezinyathelo ezingamakhulu amahlanu kusiyafika eSang-
weni loBulongwe.

14 Isango loBulongwe lalungiswa nguMalikhija indodana kaRekhabi, umbusi we-
siqinti saseBhethi-Hakheremi. Walivuselela wafaka izivalo lamabhawudo leminxibo
yakhona ezindaweni zakhona.

15 ISango loMthombo lavuselelwa nguShaluni indodana kaKholi-Hoze, umbusi
wesiqinti saseMizipha. Walivuselela, wafaka uphahla lezivalo lamabhawudo leminx-
ibo ezindaweni zakhona. Wavuselela futhi umduli weSiziba saseSilowami, eceleni
kweSivande senkosi kwaze kwayafika ezinyathelweni ezehla zisuka eDolobheni
likaDavida. 16 Ngale kwakhe, uNehemiya indodana ka-Azibhuki, umbusi wengxenye
yesiqinti saseBhethi Zuri wavuselela kwaze kwayafika maqondana lamathuna
kaDavida, kusiyafika echibini lokwembiwa leNdlu yaMaqhawe.
17 Kulandela yena, kwaba ngabaLevi ababesakha ngaphansi kukaRehumi indodana
kaBhani. Eceleni kwakhe, kwakusakha uHashabhiya, umbusi wengxenye yesiqinti
seKheyila, owayesakhela isiqinti sakhe. 18 Kulandela yena, kwakusakha amadoda
akibo engaphansi kukaBhavayi indodana kaHenadadi, umbusi wenye ingxenye
yesiqinti saseKheyila. 19 Kulandela yena, kungu-Ezeri indodana kaJeshuwa, umbusi
waseMizipha, owavuselela esinye isigaba, kusukela endaweni eqondane lomqanso
oya endlini yezikhali kwaze kwafika ejikweni. 20 Kulandela yena, kunguBharukhi

indodana kaZabhayi owakha esinye isigaba ngesivuvu, kusukela ejikweni kusiya
entubeni engena endlini ka-Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu. 21 Kulandela yena,
esinye isigaba savuselelwa nguMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya, indodana kaHakhozi,
kusukela entubeni yako-Eliyashibi kusiya lapho ecina khona.
22 Sekusuka lapho kwalungisa abaphristi bakulowomango. 23 Ngale kwabo,
kwakusakha uBhenjamini loHashubhi belungisa phambi kwendlu yabo; kulandela
bona, kwasebenza u-Azariya indodana kaMaseya, indodana ka-Ananiya, esakha
eduze lendlu yakhe. 24 Kulandela yena, uBhinuwi indodana kaHenadadi wavuselela
esinye isigaba, kusukela endlini ka-Azariya kusiya ejikweni, 25 loPhalali indodana
ka-Uzayi wasebenza maqondana lejiko lomphotshongo othutsha phezu kwesigodlo
esingaphezulu kusiya egcekeni labalindi. Kulandela yena, kunguPhedaya indodana
kaPharoshi 26 lezinceku zethempelini ezazihlala eqaqeni luka-Ofeli abakha baze
bafika endaweni malungana leSango laManzi kusiya empumalanga kanye lomphot-
shongo othutshayo. 27 Kulandela bona, kwakungamadoda aseThekhowa avuselela
esinye isigaba, kusukela emphotshongweni omkhulu othutshayo kusiya emdulini ka-
Ofeli.

28 Ngaphezulu kweSango leBhiza, kwakusakha abaphristi, ngulowo phambi
kwendlu yakhe. 29 Kulandela bona, uZadokhi indodana ka-Imeri wayesakha phambi
kwendlu yakhe. Kulandela yena, kwakunguShemaya indodana kaShekhaniya,
umlindi weSango laseMpumalanga, laye owakhayo. 30 Owamlandelayo, nguHananiya
indodana kaShelemiya, loHanuni, indodana yesithupha kaZalafi, laye wavuselela
esinye isigaba. Owalandela bona nguMeshulami indodana kaBherekhiya owakha
malungana lalapho ayehlala khona. 31 Kulandela yena, kwakunguMalikhija, omunye
wabakhandi begolide, wakha kwaze kwayafika endlini yezinceku zethempelini
kanye labathengisi, malungana leSango lokuHlolwa, kuze kufike endlini engaphezulu
kwejiko; 32 kwathi phakathi kwendlu engaphezu kwejiko leSango leZimvu abakhandi
begolide labathengisi baba yibo abavuselelayo.

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Impikiswano Ekwakheni Kutsha

1 Kwathi uSanibhalathi esizwa ukuthi sasiwuvusa umduli, wazonda waze
wagcwalelana. Wabahleka ulunya amaJuda, 2 wasesithi phambi kwabakhula bakhe
lebutho laseSamariya, “OkungamaJuda lokhu kuthi kwenzani kambe? Kungawuvusa
umduli wakho na? Kuzayenza imihlatshelo na? Kuzawuqeda ngalanga linye? Kun-
gakubuyisa na ukuphila ematsheni lawana azinqwaba zengcekeza etshe kanjeyana?”
3 UThobhiya um’Amoni, owayeseceleni kwakhe wathi, “Lokhu abakwakhayo, loba
nje ikhanka lingakhwela phezu kwakho, lingawudiliza umduli wabo wamatshe!”

4 Sizwe, Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba siyeyiswa. Phindisela kubo emakhanda
izithuko zabo. Banikele babe yimpango elizweni lobugqili. 5 Ungaligubuzeli icala
labo kumbe wesule izono zabo emehlweni akho, ngoba bebehlambaza abakhi.

6 Ngakho sawakha umduli wonke waze waphakama okufika ingxenye yobude
bawo, ngoba abantu basebenza ngenhliziyo yabo yonke.
7 Kodwa kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi, loThobhiya, lama-Arabhu, lama-Amoni
lamadoda ase-Ashidodi besizwa ukuthi ukuvuselelwa kwemiduli yaseJerusalema
kwasekuqhubekile njalo lezikhala zazivalwa bazonda kakhulu. 8 Baceba ukuba beze
bazohlasela iJerusalema bavuse uthuli kulo. 9 Kodwa sakhuleka kuNkulunkulu wethu
sabeka abalindi emini lebusuku ukuthi balindele lokhukuhlaselwa.

10 Kusenjalo, abantu bakoJuda bathi, “Amandla abasebenzi asededa, ikanti izibi
zisezinengi okokuthi siyehluleka ukuqhubeka ngokwakha umduli.”
11 Izitha zethu lazo zathi, “Besalibele nje futhi bengakasiboni, bazaqabuka
sesiphakathi kwabo sesibabulala siwuphethe lumsebenzi.”
12 Kwasekusithi amaJuda ababehlala eduze labo beza bazasitshela baphindaphinda
besithi, “Lingaze liqonde ngaphi bazalihlasela kuphela.”
13 Ngasengimisa abanye abantu ngezimuli zabo ezindaweni lapho umduli
owawuphansi khona, ezazingeneka lula, behlomile ngezinkemba, lemikhonto
langemitshoko. 14 Ngemva kokuba sengiwuhlolisisile wonke umumo, ngasukuma
ngathi ezikhulwini, lezinduna lakubantu bonke jikelele, “Lingabesabi. Khumbulani
uThixo, omkhulu owesabekayo, lilwele abafowenu, amadodana lamadodakazi enu,
abafazi benu lemizi yenu.”
15 Kwathi izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi sasesilazi icebo lazo lokuthi uNkulunkulu
wayeselifubisile, sonke sabuyela kuwo umduli, ngulowo kowakhe umsebenzi.
16 Kusukela ngalelolanga, ingxenye yamadoda engangilawo yenza umsebenzi,
enye ingxenye yahloma ngemikhonto, lamahawu, lemitshoko lamabhatshi ensimbi.
Izinduna zazimisa ngemva kwabo bonke abantu bakoJuda 17 ababesakha umduli.
Labo ababethwala izinto zokwakha babesenza umsebenzi ngesandla esisodwa
ngesinye umuntu ephethe isikhali, 18 njalo ngulowo lalowo umakhi wayehlome
inkemba ilengiswe eceleni kwakhe nxa esebenza. Kodwa indoda yokutshaya icilongo
yahlala ikimi.
19 Ngasengisithi ezikhulwini, lezinduna lakubantu bonke jikelele, “Umsebenzi
ubanzi usabalele, njalo sehlukene kakhulu omunye komunye kulandela umduli.
20 Lingezwa ingabe kungaphi okukhala khona icilongo, phuthumani khona lize kithi.
UNkulunkulu wethu uzasilwela!”
21 Yikho sawuqhuba umsebenzi ingxenye yamadoda ihlomile ngemikhonto,
kusukela emathathakusa kuze kuphume izinkanyezi. 22 Ngasonaleso isikhathi
ngabuye ngathi ebantwini, “Akuthi yonke indoda kanye lomsizi wayo balale
ngaphakathi kweJerusalema ebusuku, ukuze babengabalindi bethu ebusuku, babe
ngabasebenzi emini.” 23 Mina labafowethu, lamadoda ayelami, labalindi ababelami
kasizange sihlubule izigqoko zethu; ngulowo waphatha isikhali sakhe loba engena
emanzini.

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UNehemiya Usiza Abampofu

1 Ngalesosikhathi amadoda labomkabo baxokozela kakhulu besola abazalwane
babo bamaJuda. 2 Abanye babesithi, “Thina lamadodana lamadodakazi ethu
sibanengi kakhulu; ukuthi sidle ukuze siphile kumele sizuze amabele.”
3 Abanye babesithi, “Sesibambisa ngamasimu ethu, langezivini zethu kanye lemizi
yethu ukuzuza amabele ngesikhathi sendlala.”
4 Abanye njalo labo babesithi, “Sesiseboleka imali ukuze sikwazi ukubhadala
imithelo yenkosi eyamasimu ethu lezivini zethu. 5 Loba siyinyamanye legazi
linye labantu bakithi njalo loba amadodana ethu elingana lawabo, kodwa sizibona
sesifuqela amadodana lamadodakazi ethu ebugqilini. Abanye bamadodakazi ethu
bavele sebegqilaziwe, kodwa kasilamandla, ngoba amasimu ethu lezivini zethu
sekungokwabanye.”
6 Ngathi sengizwile ukukhala kwabo kanye lensolo yabo, ngathukuthela kakhulu.
7 Ngakuhlolisisa kuhle konke lokhu engqondweni yami ngasengicala izikhulu lezin-
duna. Ngathi, “Libhadalisa abantu bakini inzuzo!” Ngasengibiza umhlangano
omkhulu ukuthi ngiqondane labo, 8 ngathi, “Ngokusemandleni ethu, sesabahlenga

abazalwane bethu abangamaJuda ababethengiselwe kwabeZizwe. Kodwa manje selibathengisa abafowenu, babuye bathengiselwe kithi njalo!" Bathula ngoba baswela abangakutsho.

9 Ngaqhubeka ngathi, "Elikwenzayo kakulunganga. Kungani lingahambi ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu na ukuze lingaklolodelwa yizitha zethu zabeZizwe? 10 Mina labafowethu labantu bami lathi siyabeboleka abantu imali lamabele. Kodwa ukufuna inzuzo kakuphele! 11 Babuyiseleni khona manje amasimu abo, lezivini zabo, lezihlahla zabo zama-oliva kanye lezindlu zabo, njalo lenzuzo yokweboleka leyo eliyithathayo kubo, ingxenye eyodwa yekhulu emalini, emabeleni, ewayinini elitsha lemafutheni."

12 Bathi, "Sizakubuyisela. Njalo kasiyikubiza lutho kubo. Sizakwenza njengoba usitsho."

Ngasengibiza abaphristi ngathi izikhulu lezinduna kabenze isifungo sokuthi bazakwenza lokho abakuthembisileyo. 13 Njalo ngathintitha amavinqo esigqoko sami ngathi, "UNkulunkulu uzamthintitha kanje emkhupha endlini yakhe laselifeni lakhe wonke umuntu ongemi ngalesi isithembiso. Kanjalo umuntu onjalo kathintithwe achithwe!"

Besizwa lokho umhlangano wonke wathi, "Ameni," badumisa uTHIXO. Abantu benza njengokuthembisa kwabo.

14 Kwathi njalo, kusukela ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili wokubusa kweNkosi u-Athazekisisi, sengibekiwe ukuba ngumbusi wabo elizweni lakoJuda, kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wakhe wamatshumi amathathu lambili, iminyaka elitshumi lambili, mina labazalwane bami kasizange sikuthinte ukudla okwakwabelwe umbusi. 15 Kodwa ababusi bangaphambili, labo abangandulelayo, babethwalisa nzima abantu ngokuthatha kubo amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amane phezu kokudla lewayini. Labasekeli babo labo bathwalisa nzima abantu. Kodwa ngenxa yokumesaba uNkulunkulu mina kangikwenzanga lokho. 16 Esikhundleni salokho, ngazinikela emsebenzini womduli lo. Wonke amadoda ayelami abuthana khona ukuzasebenza; kasizange sizizuzele umhlaba.

17 Phezu kwalokho, amaJuda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu kanye lezinduna babesidla kwami kanye lalabo abeza kithi bevela ezizweni eziseduze. 18 Insuku ngensuku kwakuhlatshwa inkabi eyodwa, lezimvu zekhethelo eziyisithupha, lenkukhu, kulungiselwe mina, kuthi kuzozonke insuku ezilitshumi kulethwe yonke imihlobo yewayini. Phezu kwakho konke lokhu, kangizange ngikubize lokho kudla okwakuyisabelo sombusi, ngoba abantu laba babethwele nzima ngezinto ezifunekayo.

19 Ungikhumbule ngomusa, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngenxa yakho konke esengikwenzele lababantu.

6

Ukuqhubeka Kwempikiswano Ekwakheni Kutsha

1 Kwathi ukuba ilizwi lifike kuSanibhalathi, loThobhiya, loGeshemi um'Arabhu lakuzo zonke izitha zethu ukuthi ngasengiwakhile kutsha umduli kungasasalanga sikhala kuwo loba nje ngalesosikhathi ngangingakafaki izivalo emasangweni, 2 uSanibhalathi loGeshemi bangithumela lelilizwi: "Woza, kesihlangane komunye wemizi esemagcekeni ase-Ono."

Kodwa babeceba ukungenza kubi; 3 yikho ngasengithuma izithunywa kubo lale impendulo: "Ngiphezu komsebenzi omkhulu yikho ngeke ngize. Kungani umsebenzi ufanele ume ngiwutshiyela ukuza kini na?" 4 Kwaze kwaba kane bengithumela mbiko munye, lami ngala ngampendulo nye.

5 Kwathi ngesikhathi sesihlanu, uSanibhalathi wathuma inceku yakhe iphethe lona
lelolizwi, ilencwadi esandleni ingavalwanga 6 ilotshwe ukuthi:
"Kubikwa phakathi kwezizwe loGeshemi uthi kuliqiniso ukuthi wena lama-
Juda liceba ukuhlamuka, ngakho lakha umduli. Njalo, imbiko le ithi wena
usufuna ukuba yinkosi yawo 7 futhi usuze wabeka abaphrofethi ukuthi benze
lesisimemezelo ngawe eJerusalema esithi: 'Sekulenkosi koJuda!' Umbiko lo
ungahle uyofika enkosini; yikho woza sibonisane."
8 Ngambuyisela impendulo le: "Akulanto enjalo mayelana lalokho othi kuyenza-
kala; konke kuphume engqondweni yakho."
9 Bonke babezama ukusethusela, bekhumbula besithi, "Izandla zabo zizaphela
amandla bangabe besasebenza, yikho umsebenzi kawuyikuphela."
Kodwa ngakhuleka ngathi, "Manje qinisa izandla zami."
10 Ngelinye ilanga ngaya endlini kaShemaya indodana kaDelaya, indodana kaMe-
hethabheli, owayezivalele endlini yakhe. Wathi, "Kasihlangane endlini kaNku-
lunkulu, phakathi kwethempeli, sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngoba kulamadoda
abuyayo ebusuku ukuzokubulala."
11 Kodwa ngathi, "Umuntu onjengami kungamfanela ukubaleka na? Kumbe
umuntu onjengami angangena ethempelini ukusiza impilo yakhe na? Kangiyi!"
12 Ngabona ukuthi wayengathunywanga nguNkulunkulu, kodwa wayenze isiphro-
fethi sokungilahla ngoba oThobhiya loSanibhalathi babemthengile. 13 Wayethengwe
ukuthi angethuse ukuze ngenze isono ngokwenza lokhu, ukwenzela ukuthi bangiphe
ibizo elibi ngizondakale.

14 Bakhumbule oThobhiya loSanibhalathi, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngenxa
yalokho asebekwenzile; mkhumbule njalo umphrofethikazi uNowadiya labo bonke
labobaphrofethi abebekade bezama ukungethusa. 15 Ngakho umduli waphela ngo-
suku lwamatshumi amabili ku-Eluli, ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu
lambili.

Ukuqediswa Komduli

16 Izitha zethu zonke sezikuzwile lokho, zonke izizwe eziseduze zesaba zalahla
ithemba, ngoba zananzelela ukuthi umsebenzi lo wenziwa uxhaswe nguNkulunkulu.
17 Njalo, ngalezonsuku izikhulu zakoJuda zazithumezela izincwadi ezinengi
kuThobhiya, lezimpendulo zikaThobhiya zabe zilokhu zifika kuzo. 18 Phela abanengi
koJuda babebambelele kuye ngesifungo, ngoba wayengumkhwenyana kaShekhaniya
indodana ka-Ara, futhi indodana yakhe uJehohanani yayithethe indodakazi kaMeshu-
lami indodana kaBherekhiya. 19 Ikanti njalo babelokhu behlezi bengibikela ngezenzo
zakhe ezinhle, basuke bayemtshela ukuthi ngitheni. Njalo uThobhiya wathumezela
izincwadi ukungethusela.

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1 Umduli usuyakhwe kutsha lezivalo sengizifakile ezindaweni zazo, abalindi
bamasango labahlabeleli labaLevi bakhethwa. 2 Ngabeka umfowethu uHanani
ukuphatha iJerusalema, kanye loHananiya umlawuli wesigodlo lenqaba ngoba
wayeyindoda elobuqotho, emesabayo uNkulunkulu kulamadoda amanengi. 3 Ngathi
kubo, "Amasango aseJerusalema makangavulwa ilanga lize litshise. Nxa abalindi-
masango belokhu besemsebenzini, kabavale iminyango bayinxibe. Njalo khethani
izakhamizi zeJerusalema ukuba ngabalindi, abanye ezindaweni lapho abamiswe
khona, abanye eduze lezindlu zabo."

Uluhlu Lwezithunjwa Ezaphendukayo

4 Idolobho lalilikhulu libanzi, kodwa kwakulabantu abalutshwana phakathi kwalo,
lezindlu zazingakavuselelwa. 5 Kwathi uNkulunkulu wami wakubeka enhliziyweni
yami ukuqoqa ndawonye izikhulu, lezinduna labantukazana nje ukuthi bazobhalisa
ngezimuli. Ngathola umbhalo wezizukulwane walabo ababuya kuqala. Nanku
engakuthola kubhaliwe lapho:

> 6 laba yibo abantu belizwe abafikayo bephuma ebugqilini ababethunjiwe
> nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. Baba yizigqili (babuyela
> eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo waya emzini wakibo, 7 abeza kanye
> loZerubhabheli, loJeshuwa, loNehemiya, lo-Azariya loRamiya, loNa-
> hamani, loModekhayi, loBhilishani loMisipherethi, loBhigivayi, loNehumi
> loBhana):

uluhlu lwamadoda ako-Israyeli:

8 awesizukulwane
sikaPharoshi ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu elilamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lambili (2,172),
9 akaShefathiya ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili
(372),
10 aka-Ara ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili (652),
11 akaPhahathi-Mowabi (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa loJowabi) ayezinkulungwane
ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lasificaminwembili (2,818),
12 aka-Elamu ayeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane
(1,254),
13 akaZathu ayengamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu
(845),
14 akaZakhayi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha (760),
15 akaBhinuyi ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lasificaminwem-
bili (648),
16 akaBhebhayi ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lasificamin-
wembili (628),
17 aka-Azigadi ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
amabili lambili (2,322),
18 aka-Adonikhamu ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha
lasikhombisa (667),
19 akaBhigivayi ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi ayisithupha lasikhom-
bisa (2,067),
20 aka-Adini ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu (655),
21 aka-Atheri (ngoHezekhiya) ayengamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificam-
inwembili (98),
22 akaHashumi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwem-
bili (328),
23 akaBhezayi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lane (324),
24 akaHarifi ayelikhulu letshumi lambili (112),
25 akaGibhiyoni ayengamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu (95),
26 amadoda ayeseBhethilehema leNethofa ayelikhulu lamatshumi ayisificamin-
wembili lasificaminwembili (188),
27 ayese-Anathothi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili (128),
28 ayeseBethi Azimavethi ayengamatshumi amane lambili (42),
29 ayeseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, leKhefira leBherothi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi amane lantathu (743),

30 ayeseRama leGebha ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye (621),
31 ayeseMikhimashi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili (122),
32 ayeseBhetheli le-Ayi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu (123),
33 awakweyinye iNebho ayengamatshumi amahlanu lambili (52),
34 awakweyinye i-Elamu ayeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane (1,254),
35 ayeseHarimi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili (320),
36 aseJerikho ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu (345),
37 ayeseLodi, eHadidi le-Ono ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lane (721),
38 ayeseSenaya ayezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu (3,930).

39 Abaphristi:
abesizukulwane
sikaJedaya (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa) babengamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu (973),
40 abaka-Imeri babeyinkulungwane elamatshumi amahlanu lambili (1,052),
41 abakaPhashuri babeyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lasikhombisa (1,247),
42 abakaHarimi babeyinkulungwane eletshumi lasikhombisa (1,017).

43 AbaLevi:
abesizukulwane
sikaJeshuwa (ngoKhadimiyeli ngosendo lukaHodaviya) babengamatshumi aysikhombisa lane (74).

44 Abahlabeleli:
Abesizukulwane
sika-Asafi babelikhulu lamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili (148).

45 Abalindimasango ethempeli:
abesizukulwane
sikaShalumi, lo-Atheri, loThalimoni, lo-Akhubi, loHathitha loShobhayi babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembili (138).

46 Izinceku zethempelini:
abesizukulwane
sikaZiha, loHasufa loThabhawothi,
47 loKherosi, loSiya, loPhadoni,
48 loLebhana, loHagabha, loShalimayi,
49 loHanani, loGideli, loGahari,
50 loReyaya, loRezini, loNekhoda,
51 loGazami, lo-Uza, loPhaseya,
52 loBhesayi, loMewunimi, loNefushesimi,
53 loBhakibhuki, loHakufa, loHahuri,
54 loBhaziluthi, loMehida, loHasha,
55 loBhakhosi, loSisera, loThema,
56 loNeziya loHathifa.
57 Abezizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni:
Abesizukulwane
sikaSothayi, loSoferethi loPherida,

58 loJayala, loDakhoni, loGideli,
59 loShefathiya, loHathili,
loPhokherethi-Hazebhayimi lo-Amoni.
60 Izinceku zethempelini labezizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni babengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili (392).

61 Abalandelayo laba bavela emadolobheni aseTheli Mela, eTheli Hasha, eKherubi, e-Adoni, lase-Imeri, kodwa behluleka ukuveza ukuthi usendo lwabo lwaphuma ko-Israyeli:
62 abesizukulwane
sikaDelaya, loThobhiya loNekhoda babengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili (642).

63 Ababephuma kubaphristi kwakuyilaba:
abesizukulwane
sikaHobhaya, esikaHakhozi lesikaBhazilayi (indoda eyayithethe indodakazi kaBhazilayi umGiliyadi layo yayibizwa ngalelobizo).
64 Laba baphenya imibhalo yembali yezimuli zabo, kodwa bayiswela ngakho basuswa ebuphristini kwathiwa bangcolile. 65 Ngakho-ke, umbusi wabalaya ukuthi bangakudli loba yikuphi ukudla okungcwele kuze kubekhona umphristi wokubuza inkatho i-Urimi leThumimi.

66 Ixuku lonke lalilinani elifika inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha (42,360), 67 ngaphandle kwezinceku zabo ezesilisa labesifazane ezazifika inkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lasikhombisa (7,337); njalo belabahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane abafika amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu (245). 68 Kwakulamabhiza ayefika amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lasithupha (736), imbongolo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu (245), amakamela angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu (435),
69 labobabhemi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili (6,720).

70 Ezinye inhloko zezimuli zancedisa emsebenzini. Umbusi wanikela esikhwameni esikhulu, amadrakhima egolide ayinkulungwane (1,000), imiganu engamatshumi amahlanu (50) lezigqoko zabaphristi ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amathathu (530). 71 Abanye abazinhloko zezimuli baphosela esikhwameni amadrakhima egolide azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili (20,000) lamamina esiliva azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amabili (2,200). 72 Sekukonke okwaphiwa ngabantu bonke kwaba ngamadrakhima egolide azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili (20,000), amamina esiliva azinkulungwane ezimbili (2,000) lezigqoko zabaphristi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lasikhombisa (67).
73 Abaphristi, labaLevi, labalindimasango, labahlabeleli, lezinceku zethempelini, kanye labanye abantu lo-Israyeli wonke, bahlala emadolobheni akibo.

8

U-Ezra Ufundela Abantu Umthetho

1 Kwathi sekuyinyanga yesikhombisa abako-Israyeli basebehlezi emadolobheni akibo. Bonke abantu babuthana ngangqondo yinye egcekeni elaliphambi kweSango

laManzi. Bacela u-Ezra umbhali ukuthi alethe iNcwadi yoMthetho kaMosi, uTHIXO ayelaye ngawo ama-Israyeli.
2 Yikho kwathi ngelanga lokuqala lenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ezra umphristi
wawuletha uMthetho phambi komhlangano, owawugcwele amadoda labafazi labo
bonke ababelokuzwisisa. 3 Wafunda kakhulu kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kwaze
kwaba semini enkulu ekhangele egcekeni leSango laManzi phambi kwamadoda,
labafazi labanye ababelokuzwisisa. Bonke abantu balalelisisa ukuzwa iNcwadi
yoMthetho.
4 U-Ezra umbhali wayemi phezu kwethala eliphakemeyo elalenziwe ngezigodo
lenzelwe umkhosi lo. Eceleni kwakhe kwesokunene kwakumi uMathithiya, loShema,
lo-Anaya, lo-Uriya, loHilikhiya, loMaseya; kwathi kwesokhohlo kunguPhedaya,
loMishayeli, loMalikhija, loHashumi, loHashibhadana, loZakhariya loMeshulami.
5 U-Ezra wayivula incwadi. Bonke abantu babembona ngoba wayemi ekuphaka-
meni ngaphezu kwabo; kwathi lapho eyivula abantu basukuma. 6 U-Ezra wamdumisa
uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, kwathi bonke abantu baphendula baphakamisa
izandla zabo bathi, “Ameni! Ameni!” Basebekhothama bekhonza uTHIXO bethe mbo
ngobuso phansi.
7 AbaLevi ababalisa uJeshuwa, loBhani, loSherebhiya, loJamini, lo-Akhubi, loShab-
hethayi, loHodiya, loMaseya, loKhelitha, lo-Azariya, loJozabhadi, loHanani loPhelaya
bafundisa abantu uMthetho abantu belokhu bemi khonapho. 8 Babebala eNcwadini
yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu, bewuchasisa baveze lokho okutshoyo ukuze abantu
bakuzwisise lokho okwakubalwa.
9 Kwasekusithi uNehemiya umbusi, lo-Ezra umphristi lombhali, kanye labaLevi
ababefundisa abantu bathi kubo bonke, “Lelilanga lingcwele kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu. Lingalili kumbe likhale.” Kwakungoba bonke babekhala lapho babelalele
amazwi oMthetho.
10 UNehemiya wathi, “Hambani liyozitika ngokudla okumnandi lokunathwayo
okumnandi, okunye likuthumele labo abangelakho okulungisiweyo. Ilanga lanamhla
lingcwele kuTHIXO wethu. Malingadani, ngoba ukuthokoza kukaTHIXO kungamandla
enu.”
11 AbaLevi babathulisa bonke abantu, bathi, “Thulani, ngoba lolu lusuku ol-
ungcwele. Lingadani.”
12 Kwathi abantu bonke basebehamba bayakudla banatha, bathumela okunye
ukudla kwabanye bazithokozisa kakhulu, ngoba manje basebewazwisisa lawomazwi
abasebewazwile.
13 Ngosuku lwesibili lwenyanga, abazinhloko zezimuli zonke, kanye labaphristi
labaLevi, babuthana ku-Ezra umbhali ukuba bahlolisise amazwi oMthetho.
14 Bakufumana kubhaliwe eMthethweni, owalaywa nguTHIXO ngoMosi, ukuthi ama-
Israyeli babemele bahlale ezihonqweni ngesikhathi somkhosi wenyanga yesikhom-
bisa 15 lokuthi njalo lelilizwi babemele balimemezele liye kuwo wonke amadolobho
abo laseJerusalema elithi: “Phumani liye emaqaqeni liyokhwebula amagatsha
ama-oliva lama-oliva eganga, lamamithili, lamalala lezihlahla ezilomthunzi, lenze
izihonqo,” njengoba kulotshiwe.
16 Ngakho abantu baphuma babuya lamagatsha bazakhela izihonqo ephahleni
lwezindlu zabo, emagumeni abo, emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu lasegcekeni
eliseSangweni laManzi lalelo elaliseSangweni lika-Efrayimi. 17 Ixuku lonke elavela
ebugqilini lakha izihonqo lahlala kuzo. Kusukela ensukwini zikaJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni kuze kube yilolosuku, ama-Israyeli ayengazange awenze kanjalo lowo
mkhosi. Kwakukukhulu ukuthokoza kwabo.
18 Insuku ngensuku, kusukela kolokuqala kusiya kolokucina, u-Ezra wayebala
eNcwadini yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu. Bawuthakazelela lowo mkhosi okwensuku

eziyisikhombisa, kwathi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, kwabakhona umhlangano omkhulu, njengokumisiweyo emthethweni.

9

Abako-Israyeli Bavuma Izono Zabo

1 Ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lane aleyonyanga, ama-Israyeli ahlangana ndawonye, azila ukudla egqoke amasaka njalo bezithele uthuli emakhanda abo. 2 Labo ababengabako-Israyeli ngomdabuko bazehlukanisa kwabezizwe. Bema ezindaweni zabo bavuma izono zabo lobubi babokhokho babo. 3 Bema khonapho ababekhona babala eNcwadini yoMthetho kaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo okwengxenye yesine yosuku, kwathi enye ingxenye yesine babevuma izono zabo njalo bekhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. 4 Ethaleni kwakumi abaLevi, uJeshuwa, loBhani, loKhadimiyeli, loShebhaniya, loBhuni, loSherebhiya, loBhani loKhenani, abamemeza baqongisa amazwi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. 5 Njalo abaLevi ababalisa uJeshuwa, loKhadimiyeli, loBhani, loHashabhineya, loSherebhiya, loHodiya, loShebhaniya, loPhethahiya bathi: “Sukumani lidumise uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, okhona kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade.

Libusisiwe ibizo lakho elingcwele, sengathi lingaphakanyiswa ngaphezulu kwakho konke ukubusiswa lokudunyiswa. 6 Wena wedwa unguThixo. Wenza amazulu, kanye lamazulu aphezukonke, lazozonke izinkanyezi zawo, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, inlwandle lakho konke okukuzo. Uyapha ukuphila kukho konke, lamabutho wonke asezulwini ayakukhonza.

7 UnguThixo uNkulunkulu, owakhetha u-Abhrama wamkhupha e-Uri lamaKhaladiya wambiza ngokuthi ngu-Abhrahama. 8 Wabona ukuthi inhliziyo yakhe yayithembekile kuwe, ngakho wenza isivumelwano laye ukupha izizukulwane zakhe ilizwe lamaKhenani, lamaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi, lamaJebusi lamaGigashi. Usigcinile isithembiso sakho ngoba ulungile.

9 Wakubona ukuhlupheka kwabokhokho bethu eGibhithe; wezwa ukukhala kwabo eLwandle oluBomvu. 10 Wathumela izibonakaliso ezingumangaliso lezimanga kuFaro, kuzozonke izinduna zakhe lakubo bonke abantu belizwe lakhe, ngoba wawukwazi ukuthi amaGibhithe abaphatha njani ngodlakela. Wazenzela ibizo, elimiyo kuze kube lamuhla. 11 Walwehlukanisa ulwandle phambi kwabo, ukuze bedlule kulo emhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa waphosela labo ababebaxhuma ekujuleni, njengelitshe liphoselwa ethwaceni lwamanzi. 12 Emini wawubakhokhela ngensika yeyezi, ebusuku ngensika yomlilo ukubapha ukukhanya endleleni ababehamba ngayo.

13 Wehla weza eNtabeni yaseSinayi; wakhuluma kubo usezulwini. Wabapha izimiso lemithetho eqondileyo njalo elungileyo, lezimemezelo lemilayo elungileyo. 14 Wabazisa ngeSabatha lakho elingcwele njalo wabapha imilayo, lezimiso lemithetho ngenceku yakho uMosi. 15 Ngesikhathi belambile wabapha isinkwa sivela ezulwini njalo ekomeni kwabo wabalethela amanzi ephuma edwaleni; wabatshela ukuthi bangene balithathe ilizwe owafunga uphakamisa isandla ukubapha.

16 Kodwa bona, okhokho bethu, baba yiziqholo baqinisa intamo, kabaze balalela imilayo yakho. 17 Bala ukulalela njalo behluleka ukukhumbula izimanga owazenzayo phakathi kwabo. Baqinisa intamo kwathi ekuhlamukeni kwabo bakhetha umkhokheli ukuze babuyele ebugqilini babo. Kodwa unguNkulunkulu oxolelayo, olomusa lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela kodwa wandile ngothando. Ngakho kawubafulathelanga, 18 lalapho sebezibumbele isithombe sethole besithi, ‘Lo ngunkulunkulu wenu owalikhuphayo eGibhithe,’ lanxa benze amanyala esabekayo.

19 Ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu kawubakhalalanga enkangala. Emini
insika yeyezi kayikhawulanga ukubakhokhela endleleni yabo, loba insika yomlilo
ebusuku ukukhanyisa indlela ababemele bahambe ngayo. 20 Wanika uMoya
wakho omuhle ukubafundisa. Kawuyigodlanga imana yakho emilonyeni yabo,
njalo wabapha amanzi ukucitsha umhawu wabo. 21 Okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane wabagcina enkangala; kabazange baswele lutho, izembatho zabo kaziguganga lezinyawo zabo kazivuvukanga.
22 Wabapha imibuso lezizwe, wababela lemingcele ekude. Balithatha ilizwe
likaSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani. 23 Wenza
amadodana abo aba manengi njengezinkanyezi zomkhathi, wabaletha elizweni
owawutshele okhokho babo ukuba bangene kulo balithathe. 24 Amadodana abo
angena alithatha ilizwe. Wawehlukanisa phambi kwabo amaKhenani, ababehlala
phakathi kwelizwe; wanikela amaKhenani kubo, ndawonye lamakhosi awo labantu
belizwe, ukuba benze kubo njengokuthanda kwabo. 25 Bathumba amadolobho
abiyelweyo lomhlaba ovundileyo; bazithatha izindlu ezazigcwaliswe ngakho konke
okuhle, lemithombo eyayivele igejiwe, izivini, lezivande zama-oliva lezihlahla
ezinengi ezezithelo. Badla bazitika bakhithika imikhaba; bazithokozisa ngokulunga
kwakho okukhulu.
26 Kodwa kabalalelanga bakuhlamukela; umthetho wakho bawubeka ngemva
kwabo. Babulala abaphrofethi bakho, ababebakhuza ukuze babuyele kuwe;
bahlambaza ngendlela eyesabekayo. 27 Ngakho wabanikela ezitheni zabo,
zabancindezela. Kodwa kwathi sebencindezelwe bakhala kuwe. Usezulwini
wabezwa, kwathi ngesihawu sakho esikhulu wabapha abakhululi, ababahlengayo
ezandleni zezitha zabo.
28 Kodwa bonela ukuphumula, baphinda njalo benza okubi phambi kwakho.
Wase ubadela ezandleni zezitha zabo ukuthi zibabuse. Kwathi lapho sebekhala
kuwe njalo, wezwa usezulwini, kwathi ngesihawu sakho wabakhulula izikhathi
ngezikhathi.
29 Wabaxwayisa ukuthi babuyele emthethweni wakho, kodwa baqholoza
kabaze bayilalela imilayo yakho. Benza isono ngezimiso zakho, okuthi nxa
umuntu ezilalela aphile. Ngobuqholo bakufulathela, baqinisa intamo, bala ukulalela. 30 Okweminyaka eminengi wababekezelela. NgoMoya wakho wabakhuza
ngabaphrofethi bakho. Kodwa kabananzanga, ngakho wabanikela ebantwini
abakhelene labo. 31 Kodwa ngomusa wakho omkhulu kawubaqedanga njalo
kawubadelanga, ngoba unguNkulunkulu olomusa, olozwelo.
32 Ngakho-ke manje, Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla
njalo omangalisayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando, ungadeleli bonke lobu
ubunzima obusehleleyo thina laphezu kwamakhosi ethu labakhokheli, phezu
kwabaphristi labaphrofethi bethu, phezu kwabobaba labantu bakho bonke,
kusukela ensukwini zamakhosi ase-Asiriya kuze kube lamuhla. 33 Kukho konke
lokho okwenzakeleyo kithi, ubeqotho; wenze ngokuthembeka, thina sisenza okubi.
34 Amakhosi ethu, abakhokheli bethu, abaphristi bethu labobaba abawulandelanga
umthetho wakho; abayinanzanga imilayo yakho izixwayiso owabapha zona.
35 Loba babesembusweni wabo, bekholisa ukulunga kwakho kubo elizweni
elibanzi elivundileyo lelo owabapha lona, kabakukhonzanga futhi kabaguqukanga
ezindleleni zabo ezimbi.
36 Kodwa ake ubone, siyizigqili lamuhla, izigqili elizweni owalipha okhokho bethu
ukuthi badle izithelo zalo lezinye izinto ezinhle eziphuma kulo. 37 Ngenxa yezono
zethu, isivuno salo esinengi siya emakhosini osuwabeke phezu kwethu. Abusa
phezu kwemizimba yethu laphezu kwezinkomo zethu njengokuthanda kwawo.
Siphakathi kosizi olumangalisayo.”

Isivumelwano Sabantu

38 “Ngenxa yakho konke lokhu, sesisenza isivumelwano esibophayo, sisibhala
phansi, njalo abakhokheli bethu, abaLevi labaphristi bethu bafaka uphawu lwabo
kuso.”

10

1 Labo abafaka uphawu lwabo yilaba:

Umbusi:
uNehemiya indodana kaHakhaliya.

LoZedekhiya, 2 loSeraya, lo-Azariya, loJeremiya,
3 loPhashuri, lo-Amariya, loMalikhija,
4 loHathushi, loShebhaniya, loMaluki,
5 loHarimi, loMeremothi, lo-Obhadaya,
6 loDanyeli, loGinethoni, loBharukhi,
7 loMeshulami, lo-Abhija, loMijamini,
8 loMaziya, loBhiligayi loShemaya.
Laba babe ngabaphristi.

9 AbaLevi:
uJeshuwa indodana ka-Azaniya, uBhinuwi owamadodana kaHenadadi loKhadimiyeli,
10 labasekeli babo: uShebhaniya, uHodiya, uKhelitha, uPhelaya loHanani,
11 uMikha, uRehobhi, uHashabhiya,
12 uZakhuri, uSherebhiya, uShebhaniya,
13 uHodiya, uBhani loBheninu.

14 Abakhokheli babantu yilaba:
uPharoshi, uPhahathi-Mowabi, u-Elamu, uZathu uBhani,
15 uBhuni, u-Azigadi, uBhebhayi,
16 u-Adonija, uBhigivayi, u-Adini,
17 u-Atheri, uHezekhiya, u-Azuri,
18 uHodiya, uHashumi, uBhezayi,
19 uHarifi, u-Anathothi, uNebhayi,
20 uMagiphiyashi, uMeshulami, uHeziri,
21 uMeshezabeli, uZadokhi, uJaduwa,
22 uPhelathiya, uHanani, u-Anaya,
23 uHosheya, uHananiya, uHashubhi,
24 uHaloheshi, uPhiliha, uShobeki,
25 uRehumi, uHashabhina, uMaseya,
26 u-Ahija, uHanani, u-Anani,
27 uMaluki, uHarimi loBhana.

28 Inengi labantu, abaphristi, abaLevi, abalindimasango, abahlabeleli, lezinceku
zethempeli labo bonke abazehlukanisayo ebantwini bezizwe ngenxa yoMthetho
kaNkulunkulu, kanye lamakhosikazi abo lamadodana lamadodakazi abo ayeseqe-
disisa 29 bonke bahlanganyela labafowabo ababeyizikhulu, ukuzibopha ngesiqalek-
iso langesifungo ukuwulandela uMthetho kaNkulunkulu owanikwa ngoMosi inceku

kaNkulunkulu lokulalela kuhle yonke imilayo, leziqondiso lezimemezelo ZIKATHIXO iNkosi yethu.
30 Sithembisa ukuthi kasiyikwendisa amadodakazi ethu ebantwini esakhelene
labo loba sithathele amadodana ethu amadodakazi abo.
31 Nxa labo esakhelene labo beletha impahla kumbe amabele okuthengiswa
ngeSabatha, kasiyikuthenga kubo ngeSabatha loba ngaliphi ilanga elingcwele.
Kuwo wonke umnyaka wesikhombisa sizayekela amasimu ethu alaluke njalo
sizacitsha zonke izikwelede.
32 Siyazethesa umlandu wokugcwalisa umlayo wokupha okwesithathu
kweshekeli ngomnyaka okomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu: 33 okwesinkwa
esibekwe etafuleni; okomnikelo wenjayelo owamabele lowokutshiswa;
okweminikelo yamaSabatha, eyamadili okuThwasa kweNyanga leminye imikhosi
emisiweyo; eyiminikelo engcwele, iminikelo yesono yokubuyisana eka-Israyeli;
leyayo yonke imilandu yendlini kaNkulunkulu.
34 Thina abaphristi, abaLevi labantu sesenze inkatho ukubona ukuthi yiphi
imuli emele ilethe inkuni ngasiphi isikhathi endlini kaNkulunkulu ezokutshiswa
e-alithareni LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni.
35 Njalo sizethesa umlandu wokuletha endlini KATHIXO umnyaka ngomnyaka
izithelo zakuqala zamabele ethu lokwezithelo zonke zezihlahla.
36 Njengoba kulotshiwe njalo eMthethweni, sizaletha amazibulo amadodana ethu,
awenkomo zethu, lawemihlambi yethu yezimvu endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu,
kubaphristi abasebenza khona.
37 Futhi njalo, sizaletha okuya eziphaleni zasendlini kaNkulunkulu, kubaphristi,
okokuqala kwempuphu yethu, okweminikelo yamabele ethu, izithelo zezihlahla
zethu zonke lewayini lethu elitsha kanye lamafutha. Njalo sizaletha okwetshumi
okwamabele ethu kubaLevi, ngoba ngabaLevi abaqoqa okwetshumi kuwo wonke
amadolobho esisebenza kuwo. 38 Umphristi odabuka ku-Aroni kaphelekezele
abaLevi besamukela okwetshumi, njalo abaLevi kumele balethe okwetshumi okom-
nikelo wetshumi kuze endlini kaNkulunkulu, eziphaleni eziqondane lesikhwama.
39 Abantu bako-Israyeli, kanye labaLevi, bamele balethe iminikelo yabo yamabele,
iwayini elitsha lamafutha eziphaleni lapho okugcinwa khona impahla zendlu
engcwele, njalo lapho okuhlala khona abaphristi abasebenzayo labalindimasango
labahlabeleli.
"Kasiyikuyidela indlu kaNkulunkulu."

11

Izakhamizi Ezintsha ZeJerusalema

1 Abakhokheli babantu bafika bahlala eJerusalema. Abantu bonke basebesenzisa
inkatho ukukhetha oyedwa etshumini ngalinye owayemele ayehlala eJerusalema,
idolobho elingcwele, kuthi abaseleyo abayisificamunwemunye bahlale emadolobheni
akibo. 2 Abantu bawabonga wonke amadoda azinikelayo ukuyahlala eJerusalema.

3 Laba yibo abakhokheli bezigodi abayahlala eJerusalema (amanye ama-
Israyeli, labaphristi, labaLevi, lezinceku zethempelini kanye labezizukul-
wane zezisebenzi zikaSolomoni bahlala emadolobheni akoJuda, ngulowo
esabelweni sakhe emadolobheni ehlukeneyo, 4 kwathi abanye babantu
bakoJuda lakoBhenjamini bahlala eJerusalema):

Abesizukulwane sikaJuda:

U-Athaya indodana ka-Uziya, indodana kaZakhariya, indodana ka-Amariya,
indodana kaShefathiya, indodana kaMahalaleli owosendo lukaPherezi;
5 loMaseya indodana kaBharukhi, indodana kaKholi-Hoze, indodana kaHazaya,
indodana ka-Adaya, indodana kaJoyaribi, indodana kaZakhariya, isizukulwane
sikaShilo.
6 Abesizukulwane sikaPherezi ababehlala eJerusalema babefika 468, amadoda
aqinileyo.
7 Abesizukulwane sikaBhenjamini:
uSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaJoyedi, indodana kaPhedaya, in-
dodana kaKholaya, indodana kaMaseya, indodana ka-Ithiyeli, indodana ka-
Jeshaya, 8 labalandeli bakhe, uGabhayi loSalayi, amadoda afika amakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili (928).
9 UJoweli indodana kaZikhiri wayenguye induna yabo, loJuda indodana ka-
Hasenuwa wayephethe iSiqinti seSibili sedolobho.
10 Ababesuka kubaphristi:
uJedaya; indodana kaJoyaribi; uJakhini;
11 uSeraya indodana kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaZadokhi,
indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi, umphathi endlini kaNku-
lunkulu, 12 labasekeli babo, abaqhuba umsebenzi wethempeli, amadoda afika
amakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amabili lambili (822);
u-Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaPhelaliya, indodana ka-Amizi, indo-
dana kaZakhariya, indodana kaPhashuri, indodana kaMalikhija, 13 labasekeli
bakhe, ababe yizinhloko zezimuli, amadoda afika amakhulu amabili lamat-
shumi amane lambili (242);
u-Amashisayi indodana ka-Azareli, indodana ka-Ahizayi, indodana kaMeshile-
mothi, indodana ka-Imeri, 14 labasekeli bakhe, ababengamadoda aqinileyo
alikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasitshiyagalombili (128).
Induna yabo kwakunguZabhidiyeli indodana kaHagedolimi.
15 Ababesuka kubaLevi:
uShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, indodana ka-Azirikhamu, indodana kaHasha-
bhiya, indodana kaBhuni;
16 uShabhethayi loJozabhadi, bobabili bezinduna zabaLevi ababekhangele um-
sebenzi waphandle kwendlu kaNkulunkulu;
17 uMathaniya indodana kaMikha, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana ka-Asafi,
umqondisi owayekhokhela inkonzo yokubonga lemkhulekweni;
uBhakhibhukhiya, engowesibili phakathi kwabasekeli bakhe;
u-Abhida indodana kaShamuwa, indodana kaGalali, indodana kaJeduthuni.
18 AbaLevi ababesemzini ongcwele babefika amakhulu amabili lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lane (284).
19 Abalindimasango:
u-Akhubi, loThalimoni labasekeli babo, ababelinda amasango babengamadoda
afika ikhulu elilamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili (172).

20 Bonke abanye abako-Israyeli, kanye labaphristi labaLevi, babekuwo wonke
amadolobho akoJuda, ngulowo esesabelweni sakwabo esomdabuko.

21 Izinceku zethempelini zazihlala entabeni i-Ofeli, ziphethwe nguZiha loGishipha.

22 Umlawuli wabaLevi eJerusalema waye ngu-Uzi indodana kaBhani, indodana
kaHashabhiya, indodana kaMathaniya, indodana kaMikha. U-Uzi wayengomunye

wabazukulu baka-Asafi, ababengabahlabeleli abakhangele inkonzo endlini kaNkulunkulu. 23 Abahlabeleli babengaphansi kwezimiso zenkosi, ezaziqondisa ababemele bakwenze insuku zonke.
24 UPhethahiya indodana kaMeshezabeli, omunye wesizukulwane sikaZera indodana kaJuda, wayengumeluleki wenkosi mayelana lezindaba zonke zabantu.
25 Mayelana lemizi kanye lamasimu ayo, abanye babantu bakoJuda bahlala eKhiriyathi Aribha lakweminye imizi eseduze, eDibhoni lemizini eseduze kwayo, eJekhabhizeli lemizana yakhona, 26 eJeshuwa, eMolada, eBhethi Phelethi, 27 eHazari-Shuwali, eBherishebha lemizana yakhona, 28 eZikhilagi, eMekhona lemizana yakhona, 29 e-Eni Rimoni, eZora, eJamuthi, 30 eZanowa, e-Adulami lemizana yakhona, eLakhishi lamasimu ayo, lase-Azekha lemizana yakhona. Yikho babehlala yonke indawo kusukela eBherishebha kusiya eSigodini sikaHinomu.
31 Abesizukulwane sikaBhenjamini ababesuka eGebha bahlala eMikhimashi, e-Aya, eBhetheli lemizana yakhona, 32 e-Anathothi, eNobhi, le-Ananiya, 33 eHazori, eRama leGithayimi, 34 eHadidi, eZebhoyimi laseNebhalathi, 35 eLodi lase-Ono, njalo laseSigodini seZingcitshi.
36 Abanye bezigaba zabaLevi bakoJuda bahlala koBhenjamini.

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AbaPhristi LabaLevi

1 Laba ngabaphristi labaLevi ababuya loZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli kanye loJeshuwa:

USeraya, uJeremiya, u-Ezra,
2 u-Amariya, uMaluki, uHathushi,
3 uShekhaniya, uRehumi, uMeremothi,
4 u-Ido, uGinethoni, u-Abhija,
5 uMijamini, uMowadiya, uBhiliga,
6 uShemaya, uJoyaribi, uJedaya,
7 uSalu, u-Amoki, uHilikhiya loJedaya.

Laba babengabakhokheli babaphristi labakhulu babo ngezinsuku zika-Jeshuwa.

8 AbaLevi babe nguJeshuwa, loBhinuwi, loKhadimiyeli, loSherebhiya, loJuda njalo loMathaniya, okwathi yena, labakhula bakhe yibo ababekhokhela izingoma zenkonzo yokubonga. 9 UBhakhibhukhiya lo-Uni, labakhula babo, babesima ngale bakhangelane labo ezinkonzweni.

10 UJeshuwa wayenguyise kaJoyakhimu,
uyise ka-Eliyashibi,
u-Eliyashibi uyise kaJoyada,
11 uJoyada uyise kaJonathani,
uJonathani uyise kaJaduwa.

12 Ngezinsuku zikaJoyakhimu, laba babezinhloko zezimuli zabaphristi:

abendlu kaSeraya, nguMeraya;
abendlu kaJeremiya nguHananiya;

13 abendlu ka-Ezra, nguMeshulami;
abendlu ka-Amariya, nguJehohanani;
14 abendlu kaMaluki, nguJonathani;
abendlu kaShebhaniya, nguJosefa;
15 abendlu kaHarimi, ngu-Adina;
abendlu kaMeremothi, nguHelikhayi;
16 abendlu ka-Ido, nguZakhariya;
abendlu kaGinethoni, nguMeshulami;
17 abendlu ka-Abhija nguZikhiri;
abendlu kaMiniyamini lekaMowadiya, nguPhilithayi;
18 abendlu kaBhiliga nguShamuwa;
abendlu kaShemaya nguJonathani;
19 abendlu kaJoyaribi, nguMathenayi;
abendlu kaJedaya, ngu-Uzi;
20 abendlu kaSalu, nguKhalayi;
abendlu ka-Amoki, ngu-Ebheri;
21 abendlu kaHilikhiya, nguHashabhiya;
abendlu kaJedaya nguNethaneli.

22 Abazinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi ngezinsuku zika-Eliyashibi, loJoyada, uJohanani loJaduwa, kanye lezabaphristi, babhalwa phansi kubusa uDariyu wasePhezhiya.
23 Abakhokheli bezimuli ezizukulwaneni zikaLevi kuze kube yisikhathi sikaJohanani indodana ka-Eliyashibi babhalwa phansi encwadini yemilando. 24 Abakhokheli babaLevi babengoHashabhiya, loSherebhiya, loJeshuwa indodana kaKhadimiyeli, labakhula babo ababesima baqondane labo nxa bedumisa njalo besenza inkonzo yokubonga, yilabo bevumela abanye, njengokwamiswa nguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu.
25 UMathaniya, loBhakhibhukhiya, u-Obhadaya, uMeshulami, uThalimoni lo-Akhubi babe ngabalindimasango ababelinda iziphala emasangweni. 26 Bawenza umsebenzi lo ngezinsuku zikaJoyakhimu indodana kaJeshuwa, indodana kaJozadaki, langezinsuku zikaNehemiya umbusi lo-Ezra umphristi lombhali.

Ukunikelwa Komduli WaseJerusalema

27 Ekunikelweni komduli waseJerusalema, abaLevi badingwa lapho ababehlala khona balethwa eJerusalema ukuzathakazelela umkhosi wokunikelwa ngezingoma langokubonga langokutshaya izigubhu lamachacho lemiqangala. 28 Abahlabeleli labo balethwa ndawonye besuka emangweni oseduze leJerusalema, basuka emizini yamaNethofa, 29 eBhethi Giligali, lasemangweni waseGebha le-Azimavethi, ngoba abahlabeleli basebezakhele imizi eduze leJerusalema. 30 Kwathi lapho abaphristi labaLevi sebezihlambulule ngokomkhuba, bahlambulula abantu, amasango lomduli.
31 Ngathi abakhokheli bakoJuda bakhwele phezu komduli. Njalo ngamisa amaqembu amakhulu amabili awabahlabeleli ukuthi babonge. Elinye lalimele likhwele phezulu komduli kwesokunene, kusiya ngesangweni loBulongwe.
32 UHoshayiya lengxenye yabakhokheli bakoJuda babalandela, 33 kunye lo-Azariya, lo-Ezra, loMeshulami, 34 loJuda, loBhenjamini, loShemaya, loJeremiya, 35 kanye labanye abaphristi ababelamacilongo, loZakhariya indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaMathaniya indodana kaMikhaya, indodana kaZakhuri, indodana ka-Asafi, 36 labakhula bakhe oShemaya, lo-Azareli, loMilalayi, loGilalayi, loMayi, loNethaneli, loJuda loHanani bephethe amachacho njengokwakumiswe nguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. U-Ezra umbhali nguye owayekhokhele udwendwe. 37 SebeseSangweni loMthombo baqhubeka bakhwela izinyathelo eziya

eMzini kaDavida emqansweni oya emdulini bedlula ngaphezulu kwendlu kaDavida baya eSangweni laManzi ngempumalanga.

38 Iqembu lesibili labahlabeleli lona lafulathela elakuqala laya le. Ngabalandela phezu komduli ngilengxenye yabantu, sedlula uMphotshongo waMaziko siqonda uMduli Obanzi, 39 sedlula isango lika-Efrayimi, leSango likaJeshana, iSango leNhlanzi, uMphotshongo kaHananeli loMphotshongo weKhulu saze sayafika eSangweni leZ-imvu. ESangweni laBalindi bafika bema.

40 Amaqembu lawo abahlabeleli amabili ayesipha ukubonga asesima ezindaweni zawo endlini kaNkulunkulu; lami ngenze njalo, kanye lengxenye yezinduna, 41 labaphristi o-Eliyakhimu, loMaseya, loMiniyamini, loMikhaya, lo-Eliyonayi, loZa-khariya loHananiya belamacilongo abo 42 njalo loMaseya, loShemaya, lo-Eliyezari, lo-Uzi, loJehohanani, loMalikhija, lo-Elamu lo-Ezeri. Amaqembu abahlabeleli ahlabela ekhokhelwa nguJezirahiya. 43 Ngalelolanga banikela imihlatshelo emangalisayo, bethokoza ngoba UTHIXO wayebaphe ukuthokoza okukhulu. Abesifazane kanye labantwana labo bathokoza. Umsindo wokuthokoza eJerusalema wawuzwakala kude.

44 Ngalesosikhathi kwakhethwa amadoda ukugcina iziphala zalokho okwakulethwa, izithelo zokuqala kanye lokwetshumi. Okusuka emasimini aseduzane lamadolobho babemele bakulethe eziphaleni lezo zilinganiso ezazivumelwa nguMthetho okwabaphristi labaLevi, ngoba uJuda wayejabuliswe ngumsebenzi owawuqhutshwa ngamaphristi lamaLevi. 45 Bayiphatha inkonzo kaNkulunkulu wabo lenkonzo yokuhlanjululwa, njalo benzenjalo labahlabeleli kanye labalindimasango, njengemilayo kaDavida lendodana yakhe uSolomoni. 46 Ngoba kudala, ensukwini zikaDavida lo-Asafi, kwakulabaqondisi babahlabeleli labezingoma zokudumisa lokubonga uNkulunkulu. 47 Yikho ngezinsuku zikaZerubhabheli loNehemiya, ama-Israyeli onke apha isabelo sansukuzonke esabahlabeleli labalindimasango. Baphinda njalo babeka eceleni esinye isabelo esabanye abaLevi, kwathi abaLevi labo bacezula okunye kwabo kwaba ngokwabosendo luka-Aroni.

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Izenzo Zokulunga ZikaNehemiya Ezokucina

1 Ngalelolanga iNcwadi kaMosi yabalelwa abantu besizwa kwafunyanwa kuyo kubhaliwe ukuthi akungabi lam'Amoni loba um'Mowabi ovunyelwa emhlangan-weni kaNkulunkulu, loba sekutheni, 2 ngoba babengahlangabezanga ama-Israyeli ngokudla lamanzi kodwa bathenga uBhalamu ukuba abaqalekise. (UNkulunkulu wethu kodwa waguqula isiqalekiso leso saba yisibusiso.) 3 Kwathi abantu sebe-wuzwile umthetho, babasusa ko-Israyeli bonke labo ababedabuka ezizweni.

4 Mandulo kwalokhu, u-Eliyashibi umphristi nguye owayephethe iziphala zendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu. Wasuka wezwana kakhulu loThobhiya, 5 wasemlungisela indlu enkulu eyayikade isetshenziswa ukulondoloza amabele omnikelo lempepha kanye lempahla zethempeli, kanye njalo lamabele awokwetshumi, lewayini elitsha lamafutha, konke okwakumiswe ukuthi kube ngokwabaLevi, labahlabeleli labalindi-masango, kanye lezipho eziya kubaphristi.

6 Kodwa kwathi kusenzakala konke lokhu, mina ngangingekho eJerusalema, ngoba ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lambili wokubusa kuka-Athazekisisi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngabuyela enkosini. Muva kwalokho ngacela imvumo kuye 7 ngabuyela eJerusalema. Kulapho engafika ngabona khona ngaleyonto embi eyenziwa ngu-Eliyashibi ngokupha uThobhiya indlu emagumeni asendlini kaNku-lunkulu. 8 Ngacaphuka kakhulu ngaphosela phandle zonke impahla zikaThobhiya.

9 Ngakhupha ilizwi ukuthi kazihlanjululwe izindlu, ngasengibuyisela kuzo impahla
zendlini kaNkulunkulu, ndawonye lamabele omnikelo lempepha.
10 Ngezwa njalo ukuthi abaLevi babengaphiwanga lokho okwakuyisabelo sabo,
lokuthi bonke abaLevi labahlabeleli ababeqhuba inkonzo basebebuyele emasi-
mini abo. 11 Ngazikhwazela izinduna ngazibuza ngathi, “Kungani indlu kaNku-
lunkulu ingasakhathalelwa na?” Ngasengibabizela ndawonye ngababeka ezindaweni
zemisebenzi yabo.
12 Bonke abakoJuda baletha okwetshumi kwamabele, iwayini elitsha lamafutha
eziphaleni. 13 Ngasengibeka uShelemiya umphristi, loZadokhi umbhali, lomLevi
owayethiwa nguPhedaya ukuba baphathe iziphala, ngenza uHanani indodana
kaZakhuri, indodana kaMathaniya, ukuba ngumsekeli wabo, ngoba amadoda la
kwakuthiwa athembekile. Baphiwa umlandu wokwabela abafowabo isabelo sabo.

14 Ungikhumbule ngalokhu, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungakucitshi lokho engikwen-
zele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami ngokuthembeka kanye lezinkonzo ezikuyo.

15 Ngalezonsuku ngabona abantu bakoJuda bevoxa izikhamelo zewayini
ngeSabatha njalo beletha amabele bewethesa kubobabhemi, kunye lewayini,
lamagrebisi, lomkhiwa leminye imithwalo. Konke lokhu babekuletha eJerusalema
ngeSabatha. Ngakho-ke ngasengibaxwayisa ukuthi bangathengisi ukudla ngosuku
lolo. 16 Abantu beThire ababehlala eJerusalema babeletha inhlanzi lemihlobo
yonke yezimpahla bezithengisa eJerusalema ebantwini bakoJuda ngeSabatha.
17 Ngazikhuza izikhulu zakoJuda ngathi kuzo, “Manyala bani la eliwenzayo lingcolisa
usuku lweSabatha na? 18 Kakusikho yini okwenziwa ngoyihlomkhulu, okwabangela
ukuthi UTHIXO wethu, ehlisele kithi laphezu kwalelidolobho lobubunzima na? Manje
selibuye lisandisa ulaka ku-Israyeli ngokugcolisa iSabatha.”
19 Kwathi nxa selimathunzi emasangweni aseJerusalema kungakabi yiSabatha,
ngalaya ukuthi iminyango kayivalwe ingaze yavulwa iSabatha ize idlule. Ngamisa
emasangweni abanye abantu bami ukuze kungangeni mthwalo ngosuku lweSabatha.
20 Okwezikhathi ezimbalwa abathengi labathengisi bezinhlobo zonke zezimpahla
balala ngaphandle kweJerusalema. 21 Kodwa ngabaxwayisa ngathi, “Lenzelani
ukulala phansi komduli na? Lingakuphinda lokhu kuzakuba lokuxabana.” Kusukela
kulesosikhathi kabasaphindanga beza ngeSabatha. 22 Ngasengilaya abaLevi ukuthi
bazihlambulule besebesiyalinda amasango ukuze kugcinwe usuku lweSabatha
lungcwele.

Ungikhumbule langalokhu njalo, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, njalo utshengise umusa
kimi mayelana lothando lwakho olukhulu.

23 Phezu kwalokho, ngalezonsuku ngabona amadoda akoJuda ayethethe abafazi
base-Ashidodi, le-Amoni laseMowabi. 24 Ingxenye yabantwababo babekhuluma
ulimi lwase-Ashidodi kumbe ulimi lwabanye abantu, bengakwazi ukukhuluma
isiHebheru. 25 Ngabathethisa, ngakhuluma iziqalekiso phezu kwabo. Amanye
amadoda ngawatshaya ngaze ngawasiphuna inwele zawo. Ngathi kabenze isifungo
ngebizo likaNkulunkulu ngathi, “Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni abo,
njalo lingathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi abo futhi lani lingazithatheli wona.
26 Kwakungasimitshado enjengale yini eyenza uSolomoni inkosi yako-Israyeli yenze
isono? Phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi kwakungelankosi efana laye. Wayethandwa
nguNkulunkulu wakhe, njalo uNkulunkulu wamenza inkosi ka-Israyeli wonke, kodwa
laye wahugelwa esonweni ngabafazi bezizweni. 27 Manje-ke sesingezwa ukuthi lani

selisenza wonke amanyala la esabekayo njalo kalisathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthatha abafazi bezizwe na?”
28 Omunye wamadodana kaJoyada indodana ka-Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu wayengumkhwenyana kaSanibhalathi umHoroni. Ngahle ngamxotshela khatshana kwami.

29 Ubakhumbule, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba babungcolisile ubuphristi lesivumelwano sobuphristi lesabaLevi.

30 Ngakho ngabahlambulula abaphristi labaLevi kuzozonke izinto zezizweni, ngababela imisebenzi yabo, ngulowo waqondana lomsebenzi wakhe. 31 Ngaphinde ngenza amalungiselelo okulethwa kwenkuni ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo, njalo lawezithelo zokuqala.

Ungikhumbule ngomusa, Oh Nkulunkulu wami.

U-Esta

INdlovukazi UVashithi Ikhutshwa Ebukhosini

1 Lokhu yikho okwenzakala ngesikhathi sika-Ahasuweru, owayebusa izifunda ezingaphezu kwekhulu elilamatshumi amabili lasikhombisa (127) kusukela e-Indiya kuze kuyefika eTopiya. 2 Ngalesosikhathi inkosi u-Ahasuweru wayebusa esesigodlweni saseSusa, 3 kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe, wenzela izikhulu zakhe kanye leziphathamandla zakhe idili elikhulu. Abakhokheli bebutho basePhezhiya labaseMediya, amakhosana, kanye lezikhulu zezifunda zonke zazikhona.

4 Okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili (180) watshengisa ubukhulu benotho yombuso wakhe kanye lobucwazicwazi lobukhosi bombuso wakhe. 5 Kwathi lezonsuku seziphelile, inkosi yenza idili elikhulu elabakhona okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, endaweni ehonqolozelweyo esigodlweni senkosi, lisenzelwa bonke abantu abaziwayo labantukazana ababesesigodlweni saseSusa. 6 Egumeni kwakulezilengiso ezimhlophe leziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, zibotshelwe emasongweni esiliva ngentambo zelineni elimhlophe lelembu eliyibubende ensikeni zamatshe aqinileyo. Kwakulemibheda yegolide lesiliva phezu kwephansi elaligandelwe ngamatshe aligugu, abomvu, aluhlaza, amhlophe lamnyama lamanye adulayo.

7 Iwayini lalinathelwa ezinkezweni zegolide, inye ngayinye yehlukene kwezinye, njalo iwayini lesikhosini lalilinengi, kutshengisa ukukhululeka kwesandla senkosi. 8 Ngokulaya kwenkosi, isethekeli sinye ngasinye sasikhululekile ukuthi sinathe ngokwentando yaso, ngoba inkosi yayilaye zonke iziphathamandla ezazisipha iwayini ukuthi ziphe umuntu wonke njengokufisa kwakhe.

9 INdlovukazi uVashithi layo yenzela abesifazane ababesesigodlweni seNkosi u-Ahasuweru idili elikhulu.

10 Ngelanga lesikhombisa, inkosi u-Ahasuweru isidakiwe ngenxa yewayini, yalaya abathenwa abayisikhombisa ababeyisebenzela, uMehumani, uBhizitha, uHaribhona, uBhigitha, u-Abhagitha, uZethari loKharikhasi, 11 ukuthi balethe kuyo iNdlovukazi uVashithi ethwele umqhele wakhe wobukhosi ukuze abukise ubuhle bakhe ebantwini kanye lezikhulwini, ngoba wayemuhle kakhulu. 12 Kodwa kwathi abathenwa beyitshela ngokulaya kwenkosi, iNdlovukazi uVashithi yala ukuya. Ngakho inkosi yathukuthela yavutha ngolaka.

13 Njengoba kwakuyinjwayelo ukuthi inkosi icebisane lezingcitshi ezindabeni eziphathelene lemithetho kanye lokwahlulela, yakhuluma lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo ayezwisisa ngomumo walezozikhathi 14 njalo ayeseduzane kakhulu lenkosi kwakunguKharishena, uShethari, u-Adimatha, uThashishi, uMeresi, uMarisena loMemukhani, izikhulu eziyisikhombisa zasePhezhiya laseMediya ezazilemvumo yokuya enkosini njalo zilezikhundla eziphakemeyo embusweni.

15 Yasibuza yathi, “Umthetho uthi kwenziweni eNdlovukazini uVashithi? Phela kayilalelanga umlayo wenkosi u-Ahasuweru awuthumele kuyo ngabathenwa.”

16 UMemukhani wasephendula phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikhulu zayo wathi, “INdlovukazi uVashithi yonile, hatshi enkosini kuphela, kodwa lasezikhulwini zonke kanye labantu bonke bezabelo zonke zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru. 17 Phela isenzo seNdlovukazi sizakwazakala kuwo wonke amakhosikazi, abesedelela omkawo esithi, ‘Inkosi u-Ahasuweru yalaya iNdlovukazi uVashithi ukuthi ilethwe phambi kwayo, kodwa yala ukuza.’ 18 Lamhlanje amakhosikazi aphakemeyo asePhezhiya kanye laseMediya asizwileyo isenzo seNdlovukazi azaphendula izikhulu zenkosi zonke ngendlela efananayo. Kuzakuba khona ukungahloniphi kanye lengxabangxoza.

19 Ngakho-ke, nxa kulungile enkosini, kakube lomthetho ozaphuma esigodlweni
njalo ulotshwe emithethweni yelizwe lePhezhiya leMediya, ongeke uguqulwe njalo,
ukuthi uVashithi akumelanga aphinde angene lapho okulenkosi u-Ahasuweru.
Njalo inkosi kayiphe isikhundla sayo sobundlovukazi komunye ongcono kulayo.
20 Kuzakuthi nxa umthetho wenkosi umenyezelwa kuwo wonke umbuso wayo
omkhulu, abesifazane bonke bazahlonipha omkabo kusukela komncane kusiya
komkhulu.”
21 Inkosi kanye lezikhulu zayo bathokoza ngalokhu kucebisa, inkosi yasisenza
khona lokho uMemukhani akucebisayo. 22 Yathumela izincwadi kuzozonke izabelo
zombuso, kuleso laleso sabelo incwadi yaso ngolimi olukhulunywa kuso, kwa-
menyezelwa ngendimi zazo ukuthi yileyo laleyo ndoda kumele ibuse umuzi wayo.

2

U-Esta Ubekwa Ukuba YiNdlovukazi

1 Emva kokuba ukuthukuthela kweNkosi u-Ahasuweru sekudedile, yamkhumbula
uVashithi kanye lalokho ayekwenzile, lalokho okwakumenyezelwe ngaye. 2 Izinceku
zenkosi zasezisithi kuyo, “Akudingelwe inkosi amantombazana agcweleyo, amahle.
3 Inkosi kayikhethe iziphathamandla kuzozonke izabelo zombuso wayo ukuthi zilethe
wonke amantombazana amahle endlini yabesifazane esigodlweni saseSusa. Bafakwe
ezandleni zikaHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi, okhangele abesifazane; zilungiswe kuhle
njalo ziphiwe amakha okuziqhola. 4 Besekusithi intombi ethokozisa inkosi ibe
yiNdlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashithi.” Iseluleko lesi sayithokozisa inkosi, yasisi-
landela.
5 Kwakukhona esigodlweni saseSusa umJuda owendlu yakoBhenjamini, ok-
wakuthiwa nguModekhayi, indodana kaJayiri, indodana kaShimeyi, indodana
kaKhishi, 6 owayethunjwe eJerusalema nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,
kanye loJekhoniya inkosi yakoJuda wayephakathi kwabathunjwayo.
7 UModekhayi wayelomzawakhe okwakuthiwa nguHadasa, amondla ngoba enge-
layise lonina. Intombazana le yayisaziwa langokuthi ngu-Esta, yayibukeka kakhulu,
inhle njalo uModekhayi wayeyondle njengendodakazi yakhe ize ifelwe nguyise
lonina. 8 Kwathi umlayo wenkosi kanye lesimiso sekumenyezelwe, amantombazana
amanengi alethwa esigodlweni saseSusa afakwa ezandleni zikaHegayi. U-Esta
laye wathathwa wasiwa esigodlweni sobukhosi wanikelwa ngaphansi kukaHegayi,
owayelinda indawo yabesifazane.
9 Intombazana le yamthokozisa wayithanda. Wahle wayinika okokuzilungisa kuhle
lamakha okuziqhola kanye lokudla okuhle. Wayipha amantombazana ayisikhombisa
okuyisebenzela ayekhethwe esigodlweni senkosi, wayisusa kanye lamantombazana
ayo, wabafaka endaweni yabesifazane enhle kakhulu.
10 U-Esta wayengavezanga ukuthi udabuka ngaphi lembali yemuli yakibo, ngoba
uModekhayi wayethe angakwenzi lokho.
11 Insuku zonke uModekhayi wayehamba eduzane leguma lendlu yabesifazane
ukuze ezwe ukuba u-Esta uqhuba njani lokuthi uyaphila na.
12 Intombi yayiqeda izinyanga eziyisithupha igcotshwa, ilungiswa kuhle njalo
iqholwa ngamakha njengalokho okwakulungiselelwa abesifazane; izinyanga eziy-
isithupha igcotshwa ngamafutha emure lezinye eziyisithupha iqholwa ngamakha
lokunye okokuqhola, ingakayi eNkosini u-Ahasuweru.
13 Indlela intombi eyayisiya ngayo enkosini yile: loba yini intombi eyayiyifuna
yayikuphiwa ukuze ihambe lakho esigodlweni senkosi isuka endlini yabesifazane.
14 Ntambama yayisiya esigodlweni kuthi ekuseni ibuyele kweyinye indawo yabesi-
fazane iyelondolozwa nguShahashigazi, umthenwa wenkosi owayegcina abafazi

beceleni. Wayengabuyeli enkosini ngaphandle kokuba yona ithokoza ngaye njalo imbize ngebizo lakhe.

15 Kwathi lapho ithuba lika-Esta (intombazana eyayondliwe nguModekhayi, indodakazi kamalumakhe u-Abhihayili) selifikile ukuthi aye enkosini, kacelanga lutho ngaphandle kwalokho okwakukhulunywe nguHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi owayelondoloza abesifazane. U-Esta wathakazelelwa yibo bonke abambonayo. 16 U-Esta wasiwa enkosini ngenyanga yetshumi, inyanga yeThebhethi, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kweNkosi u-Ahasuweru. 17 Inkosi yakhangwa ngu-Esta kakhulukazi okwedlula abanye bonke abesifazane, njalo yamthakazelela yathokoza ngaye okwedlula zonke ezinye izintombi ezigcweleyo. Ngakho yamethesa umqhele wobukhosi yamenza waba yindlovukazi endaweni kaVashithi.

18 Inkosi yasisenza idili elikhulu kakhulu, idili lika-Esta, isenzela izikhulu kanye leziphathamandla zayo. Yamemezela usuku lwekhefu kuzozonke izabelo, yapha lezipho ngesandla esikhululekileyo sobukhosi.

UModekhayi Uvumbulula Icebo Elibi

19 Kwathi izintombi ezigcweleyo sezihlangene okwesibili, uModekhayi wayehlezi esangweni lenkosi. 20 U-Esta wayekwenze kwaba yimfihlo okwemuli yakhe lalapho adabuka khona njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguModekhayi ukuba akwenze, njalo waqhubeka elandela imilayo kaModekhayi njengalokhu ayekwenza esamkhulisa.

21 Ngesikhathi uModekhayi ehlezi esangweni lenkosi, abathenwa benkosi ababili ababelinda emnyango, uBhigithani loThereshi, bathukuthela baceba ukuyibulala inkosi u-Ahasuweru.

22 Kodwa uModekhayi wakuzwa ababekuceba wasetshela iNdlovukazi u-Esta, owabika lokho enkosini, ebabaza isenzo esihle sikaModekhayi.

23 Kwathi lowombiko usuhlolisisiwe kwatholakala ukuthi uliqiniso, iziphathamandla lezo zombili zalengiswa endaweni yokulenga. Konke lokhu kwalotshwa ogwalweni lwezindaba phambi kwenkosi.

3

Icebo LikaHamani Lokubulala AmaJuda

1 Ngemva kwalezo zehlakalo, inkosi u-Ahasuweru wenza uHamani indodana kaHamedatha um'Agagi waba lodumo ngokumphakamisa, wamupha isikhundla esiphakemeyo, esihloniphekayo ukwedlula esezinye zezikhulu zonke. 2 Zonke iziphathamandla zesigodlweni esangweni lenkosi zaguqa phansi zamkhothamela uHamani, ngoba inkosi yayilaye lokho ngaye. Kodwa uModekhayi kazange amkhothamele loba amkhonze.

3 Ngakho iziphathamandla zesigodlweni esangweni lenkosi zabuza uModekhayi zisithi, "Kungani ungalaleli umlayo wenkosi?"

4 Bakhuluma laye insuku ngezinsuku kodwa wala ukwenza lokho. Ngakho bamtshela uHamani ngalokho befuna ukubona kumbe isenzo sikaModekhayi sasizakwamukeleka, ngoba wayebatshelile ukuthi yena ungumJuda.

5 Kwathi uHamani ebona ukuthi uModekhayi kamguqeli njalo kamkhonzi, wathukuthela kakhulukazi.

6 Kwathi ngoba esekwazi ukuthi uModekhayi udabuka ngaphi, wawulahla umqondo wokubulala uModekhayi yedwa. Kodwa uHamani wadinga indlela yokubulala bonke abomhlobo kaModekhayi, amaJuda, kuwo wonke umbuso ka-Ahasuweru.

7 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokubusa kuka-Ahasuweru, ngenyanga yakuqala, inyanga ethiwa nguNisani, benza inkatho ethiwa *yiphuri* phambi kukaHamani ukuze

bakhethe usuku lenyanga. Inkatho yadla inyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa yi-Adari.
8 UHamani wasesithi eNkosini u-Ahasuweru, “Kukhona abantu abathile
abahlakazeke basabalala phakathi kwabantu abasezabelweni zonke zombuso wakho
abalemikhuba eyehlukene leyabantu bonke, njalo abangalaleli imithetho yenkosi.
Inkosi akumelanga ibayekelele kulokho. 9 Nxa lokhu kulungile enkosini, kakube
lesimemezelo somthetho wokuba babhujiswe. Mina ngizafaka phakathi kwengcebo
yesigodlweni amathalenta esiliva alitshumi lenkulungwane ukuphathisa amadoda
azakwenza umsebenzi lo.”
10 Ngakho inkosi yakhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo emunweni yayipha
uHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um’Agagi, isitha samaJuda. Inkosi yathi
kuHamani, 11 “Gcina imali le, wenze ebantwini njengokuthanda kwakho.”
12 Kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu ngenyanga yokuqala onobhala besigodlweni
babizwa. Babhala ngokulotshwa kwesabelo sinye ngasinye njalo ngolimi lwabantu
balesosabelo, yonke imilayo kaHamani eyayisiya kuziphathamandla zenkosi, ababusi
bezabelo ezehlukeneyo kanye lasezikhulwini ezaziphethe abantu abehlukeneyo.
Yayibhalwe ngebizo leNkosi u-Ahasuweru ngokwakhe njalo yadindwa ngophawu
lwendandatho yakhe. 13 Izincwadi zathunyelwa ngezithunywa kuzozonke izabelo
zenkosi kulomlayo wokuba kubhujiswe, kubulawe njalo kutshabalaliswe wonke
amaJuda, abatsha labadala, abesifazane labantwana ngelanga elilodwa, ilanga
letshumi lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, enyangeni ethiwa ngu-Adari, njalo
lokuphanga impahla yabo.
14 Amazwi esimemezelo leso ayezakhutshwa abe ngumthetho omisiweyo kuzo-
zonke izabelo, aziswe bonke abantu bakuzo zonke izizwe ukuze bazilungiselele
lolosuku.
15 Izithunywa zakhuthazwa ngumlayo wenkosi, zaphuma zakhupha umthetho
omisiweyo esigodlweni saseSusa. Inkosi loHamani bahlala phansi banatha, kodwa
abedolobho laseSusa badideka.

4

UModekhayi Ucela U-Esta Ukuba Asize

1 Kwathi uModekhayi esezwile ngakho konke okwasekwenziwe, wadabula iziqgoko
zakhe, wagqoka amasaka okulila, wazihuqa ngomlotha, waphuma wangena phakathi
komuzi ekhala kakhulu njalo kabuhlungukazi.
2 Kodwa wahamba wayafika esangweni lenkosi, ngoba akulamuntu owayevun-
yelwa ukungena egqoke amasaka okulila. 3 Kuzozonke izabelo lapho isimiso
somthetho lomlayo wenkosi okwafika khona, kwaba lokulila okukhulu kubaJuda,
bazila ukudla, bakhala njalo belila. Abanengi balala emlotheni begqoke amasaka
okulila.
4 Kwathi izinceku zika-Esta kanye labathenwa bakhe befika bemtshela ngoMod-
ekhayi, waba lokudabuka okukhulu. Wamthumela izembatho zokuthi agqoke
endaweni yamasaka okulila, kodwa wala ukuzamukela.
5 U-Esta wasebiza uHathakhi, omunye wabathenwa benkosi owayekhethwe ukuba
yinceku yakhe, wamlaya ukuba ayedingisisa lokho okwakukhathaza uModekhayi
lembangela yakho.
6 Ngakho uHathakhi waya kuModekhayi egcekeni ledolobho phambi kwesango
lenkosi.
7 UModekhayi wamtshela konke okwakwenzakale kuye, kugoqela inani lemali
uHamani ayethembise ukulibhadala lingene enothweni yenkosi kusenzelwa ukub-
hujiswa kwamaJuda. 8 Wamupha njalo amazwi esimemezelo leso ayesekhutshwe
aba ngumthetho omisiweyo wokubhujiswa kwabo, owawumenyezelwe eSusa, ukuze

awutshengise u-Esta njalo amchazele ngawo; njalo wamtshela ukuthi amkhuthaze
ukuba aye enkosini ukuyacela isihawu sayo encengela abantu bakibo. 9 UHathakhi
wabuyela wayamtshela u-Esta lokho okwakukhulunywe nguModekhayi.
10 Yena wasemlaya ukuba athi kuModekhayi, 11 "Zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi
kanye labasezigodlweni ezabelweni bayakwazi ukuthi inkosi ilomthetho owodwa zwi
kuloba yiphi indoda loba owesifazane osondela enkosini angene endlini ephakathi
engabizwanga; kufanele abulawe, ngaphandle kokuba inkosi yelule intonga yayo
yegolide imkhombe ngayo ukuze impilo yakhe iphephe. Kodwa, sekwedlule
amalanga angamatshumi amathathu selokhu ngacina ukubizelwa enkosini."
12 Kwathi amazwi ka-Esta ebikwa kuModekhayi, 13 waphendula wathi: "Ungaca-
bangi ukuthi ngoba wena usendlini yenkosi nguwe wedwa kuwo wonke amaJuda
ozaphepha. 14 Nxa ungala uthule ngalesisikhathi, usizo lokukhululwa kwamaJuda
kuzavela kwenye indawo, kodwa wena kanye lemuli kayihlo lizabhubha. Njalo kwazi
bani, ukuthi uze kulesi sikhundla sobukhosi ngenxa yesikhathi esinjengalesi na?"
15 U-Esta wasethumela impendulo le kuModekhayi: 16 "Hamba uyebuthanisa
ndawonye wonke amaJuda aseSusa, lingizilele ukudla. Lingaze ladla loba ukunatha
okwensuku ezintathu, ebusuku lemini. Mina kanye lezincekukazi zami sizazila
njengani. Nxa lokhu sekwenziwe, ngizakuya enkosini loba nje lokho kungekho
emthethweni. Nxa ngisifa, ngiyabe ngifile."
17 Ngakho uModekhayi wasuka wayakwenza lokho okwakulaywe ngu-Esta.

5

Isicelo Sika-Esta Enkosini

1 Ngelanga lesithathu u-Esta wagqoka izembatho zakhe zobukhosi wema
enkundleni engaphakathi kwesigodlo phambi kwendlu yenkosi. Inkosi yayihlezi
esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi endlini yayo, ikhangele emnyango.
2 Yathi ibona iNdlovukazi u-Esta imi enkundleni, yathokoza ngaye, yasiselula
intonga yayo yegolide eyayisesandleni sayo, yamkhomba ngayo. U-Esta wasesondela
wathinta isihloko sentonga.
3 Inkosi yasibuza yathi, "Kutheni Ndlovukazi Esta? Siyini isicelo sakho na?
Uzanikwa loba yini, okungafika kungxenye yombuso."
4 U-Esta wathi, "Nxa inkosi ithokoza ngalokhu, bengicela ukuthi inkosi kanye
loHamani beze lamhla edilini engililungisele yona."
5 Inkosi yathi, "UHamani keze khathesi, ukuze kwenziwe okucelwa ngu-Esta."
Inkosi loHamani baya edilini elalilungiswe ngu-Esta.
6 Kwathi besanatha iwayini, inkosi yambuza njalo u-Esta yathi, "Siyini isicelo
sakho? Uzakukwamukeliswa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Uzanikwa loba yini okungafika
kungxenye yombuso."
7 U-Esta waphendula wathi, "Isikhalazo sami lesicelo sami yilokhu: 8 Nxa inkosi
ingamukela ngomusa njalo nxa inkosi ithokoza ngokwamukela isikhalazo sami njalo
igcwalise isicelo sami, bengicela ukuthi inkosi kanye loHamani kusasa beze edilini
engizabalungisela lona. Kulapho engizaphendula okubuzwe yinkosi."

UHamani Uthukuthelela UModekhayi

9 UHamani wasuka lapho mhlalokho ethabe kakhulukazi. Kodwa uthe ebona uMod-
ekhayi esesangweni lenkosi wananzelela ukuthi kamsukumeli loba ukutshengisa uk-
wesaba phambi kwakhe, wagcwalelana ngokumthukuthelela uModekhayi. 10 Kodwa
wazibamba waya emzini wakhe, wabiza abangane bakhe ndawonye kanye loZereshi
umkakhe, 11 uHamani wasezincoma kubo ngenotho yakhe enengi, langamadodana

akhe amanengi, kanye lazozonke izindlela inkosi eyayimhlonipha ngazo lokuthi imphakamise yambeka phezu kwezinye izikhulu leziphathamandla.

12 UHamani wengeza wathi, “Njalo akusikho kodwa lokhu. Yimi ngedwa zwi
umuntu omenywe yiNdlovukazi u-Esta ukuba ngiphelekezele inkosi edilini elenzi-
leyo. Njalo usenginxusile kanye lenkosi kusasa. 13 Kodwa konke lokhu akungisuthisi
ikakhulu nxa ngilokhu ngibona umJuda loya onguModekhayi ehlezi esangweni
lenkosi.”

14 Umkakhe uZereshi kanye labangane bakhe bonke bathi kuye, “Yenza indawo
yokulengisa abantu, ibe zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ubude,
ubusucela inkosi ekuseni ukuba ilengise uModekhayi lapho. Ube usuziyela edilini
uchelesile.” Umcabango lo wamthokozisa kakhulu uHamani, yasisakhiwa indawo
yokulengisa.

6

UModekhayi Unikwa Udumo

1 Ngalobobusuku inkosi yaswela ubuthongo; ngakho yalaya ukuba kulethwe kuyo
ugwalo lwemiLando, imibhalo yombuso wayo, izobalelwa. 2 Kwatholakala emib-
halweni ukuba uModekhayi wayeveze ukuba uBhigithani loThereshi, abathenwa
benkosi ababelinda entubeni, babecebe ukubulala inkosi u-Ahasuweru.

3 Inkosi yathi, “UModekhayi wazuza dumo bani lokwaziwa ngalokhu?” Izinceku
zenkosi zathi, “Akulalutho alwenzelwayo.”

4 Inkosi yasisithi, “Ngubani osenkundleni na?” UHamani wayesanda kungena
enkundleni yangaphandle yesigodlo ezokhuluma lenkosi mayelana lokulengisa
uModekhayi endaweni ayeyakhele lokho.

5 Izinceku zayo zathi, “UHamani umi enkundleni.” Inkosi yalaya yathi, “Mn-
geniseni.”

6 UHamani esengenile, inkosi yathi kuye, “Kuyini okungenzelwa umuntu inkosi
ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo?”

UHamani wacabanga ngaphakathi wathi, “Kambe ngubani ongaphiwa udumo
yinkosi ngaphandle kwami?” 7 Ngakho waphendula inkosi wathi, “Emuntwini
inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo, 8 kabamlethele isembatho sobukhosi
esesake sagqokwa yinkosi kanye lebhiza eselake lagadwa yinkosi, elilomqhele
wobukhosi ekhanda lalo. 9 Isembatho leso kanye lebhiza kakube sezandleni zesinye
sezikhulu zenkosi ezihloniphekayo kakhulu. Umuntu lo inkosi ethokoza ngaye efuna
ukumupha udumo kagqokiswe lezozembatho, abesekhokhelwa edabula phakathi
kwemigwaqo yedolobho egade ibhiza, kumenyezwe phambi kwakhe ukuthi, ‘Lokhu
yikho okwenziwa emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo!’ ”

10 Inkosi yasilaya uHamani yathi, “Hamba khona manje uyethatha izembatho
kanye lebhiza wenze njengokucebisa kwakho kuModekhayi umJuda ohlezi esangweni
lenkosi. Ungaze watshiya loba yikuphi okuqambileyo.”

11 UHamani wasethatha izembatho kanye lebhiza. Wamgqokisa uModekhayi,
wasemkhokhela ephezu kwebhiza, wadabula imigwaqo yedolobho, ehamba
ememeza esithi, “Lokhu yikho okwenziwa emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba
imuphe udumo!”

12 Ngemva kwalokho uModekhayi wabuyela esangweni lenkosi. Kodwa uHamani
watshitsha waya ngekhaya, emboze ikhanda ngosizi, 13 watshela uZereshi umkakhe
kanye labangane bakhe bonke ngakho konke okwakumehlele. Abeluleki bakhe
lomkakhe uZereshi bathi kuye, “Njengoba uModekhayi osuqale ukuwa phambi

kwakhe engumJuda ngokwemvelo, awungeke umelane laye, uzatshabalala ngempela.” 14 Kwathi besakhuluma laye, kwafika abathenwa benkosi bamthatha masinyane ukuya edilini elalilungiswe ngu-Esta.

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Ukulengiswa KukaHamani

1 Inkosi loHamani basebesiyakudla leNdlovukazi u-Esta, 2 kwathi besanatha iwayini ngalelolanga lesibili, inkosi yabuza njalo yathi, “Ndlovukazi Esta, kuyini okucelayo na? Uzakukwamukeliswa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Uzanikwa loba yini okungafika kungxenye yombuso.”

3 INdlovukazi yaphendula yathi, “Nxa ngifumene umusa kuwe nkosi, njalo nxa inkosi kuyithokozisa, bengicelela ukuphila, yiso isicelo sami lesi. 4 Ngoba mina kanye labantu bakithi sithengisiwe ukuze sichithwe njalo sibulawe ukuze singabikhona emhlabeni. Ngabe besimane sathengiswa njengezigqili zesilisa lezesifazane, bengizazithulela, ngoba akulahlupho olunje olungabangela ukuthi inkosi iphanjaniswe.”

5 Inkosi u-Ahasuweru wathi ku-Esta iNdlovukazi, “Ngubani lowo? Ungaphi umuntu obelesibindi sokwenza into enje?”

6 U-Esta wathi, “Isitha lomuntu ololunya nguyenalo uHamani olomona.”

UHamani wasethuthumela phambi kwenkosi lendlovukazi. 7 Inkosi yasukuma igcwele ulaka yatshiya iwayini layo yaya phandle esivandeni sesigodlo. Kwathi uHamani ebona ukuthi inkosi yayisiyenze isinqumo ngempilo yakhe, wasala ngemuva ukuba azincengele impilo yakhe eNdlovukazini u-Esta.

8 Kwathi inkosi isiphendukile esivandeni sesigodlo ingena endlini yedili, yathola uHamani eziphosa esihlalweni lapho u-Esta ayehlezi khona.

Inkosi yababaza yathi, “Kambe ungadlova indlovukazi ngikhonapha endlini na!”

Kwathi ilizwi lelo liphuma emlonyeni wenkosi, bagubuzela ubuso bukaHamani.

9 Kwathi uHaribhona, omunye wabathenwa ababesebenzela inkosi wathi, “Kulensika yokulengisa abantu ephakeme okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu emiswe eduze lendlu kaHamani. Yena ubeyenzele uModekhayi, owaveza icebo elibi ukusiza inkosi.”

Inkosi yathi, “Mlengiseni kuyo!” 10 Bamlengisa kuleyonsika ayeyilungisele ukulengisa uModekhayi. Ulaka lwenkosi lwaseludeda.

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Isimemezelo SeNkosi NgabaJuda

1 Mhlalokho inkosi u-Ahasuweru yanika iNdlovukazi u-Esta impahla kaHamani, isitha samaJuda. UModekhayi weza phambi kwenkosi, ngoba u-Esta wayesechazile ngobuhlobo babo. 2 Inkosi yakhupha indandatho yayo yophawu lobukhosi, eyayisiyithathele uHamani, yayipha uModekhayi. U-Esta wamkhetha uModekhayi ukuba aphathe impahla kaHamani.

3 U-Esta wabuye wancenga enkosini, eziwisela ezinyaweni zayo njalo ekhala. Wayicela ukuba inqabele icebo elibi likaHamani um’Agagi, ayelicebe ngamaJuda. 4 Inkosi yasiselulela intonga yayo yegolide ku-Esta owasukuma wama phambi kwayo. 5 Wathi, “Nxa kuyithokozisa inkosi, njalo nxa ingamukela ngokuthokoza ibona kuyinto efanele ukwenziwa, njalo nxa ithokoza ngami, akubhalwe umlayo ozachitha izincwadi ezalotshwa nguHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um’Agagi, ezazibhalwe ngezimiso zokuchitha amaJuda kuzozonke izabelo zenkosi.

6 Kambe kungavuma njani ukubona incithakalo isehlela abantu bakithi? Kungavuma njani ukuba ngibone incithakalo yemuli yakithi?”

7 Inkosi u-Ahasuweru waphendula iNdlovukazi loModekhayi umJuda ngokuthi,
“Ngoba uHamani ehlasele amaJuda, sengiphe u-Esta impahla yakhe, njalo sebem-
lengise esakhiweni sokulengisa.
8 Ngakho-ke bhala omunye umlayo ngebizo lenkosi usenzela amaJuda njen-
gokubona kwakho, ubusuyingcina ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, ngoba awukho
umbiko olotshwe ngebizo lenkosi wangcinwa ngophawu lwendandatho yayo on-
gadilizwa.”
9 Onobhala besigodlweni bahle babizwa masinyane, ngelanga lamatshumi amabili
lantathu ngenyanga yesithathu, inyanga ethiwa nguSivana. Babhala yonke imilayo
kaModekhayi kumaJuda, lakuziphathamandla, kubabusi lakuzikhulu kuzozonke
izabelo ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa (127) kusukela e-Indiya kuze
kuyefika eTopiya. Imilayo leyo yayibhalwe ngombhalo walelo lalelo lizwe ngolimi
lwalabobantu njalo lakubaJuda ngombhalo wabo lolimi lwabo.
10 UModekhayi wabhala ngebizo leNkosi u-Ahasuweru, wangcina izincwadi lezo
ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, wathuma izithunywa ezazigada amabhiza ayele-
siqubu efuyelwe ukusetshenziswa yinkosi.
11 Isimiso somlayo wenkosi sasinika amaJuda kuwo wonke amadolobho imvumo
yokuhlangana lokuzivikela; ukuchitha, ukubulala babhubhise yonke impi ehlomileyo
eyaloba yisiphi isizwe loba isifunda esasingabahlasela kanye labesifazane labant-
wana; lokuthi baphange impahla yezitha zabo.
12 Ilanga elamiswayo ukuba amaJuda enze lokho kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-
Ahasuweru lalingeletshumi lantathu ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa
ngu-Adari. 13 Isimiso somlayo lowo sasizakhutshwa sibe ngumthetho kuzozonke
izabelo, umenyezelwe ebantwini bezizwe zonke ukuze amaJuda ahlale elungele
ngalelolanga ukuphindisela ezitheni zawo.
14 Izithunywa zaphuma ngokuphangisa zigade amabhiza esigodlweni, zifuqwa
ngumlayo wenkosi. Isimiso somlayo samenyezelwa edolobheni laseSusa.

Ukunqoba KwamaJuda

15 UModekhayi wasuka phambi kwenkosi egqoke izembatho zobukhosi ezilombala
oluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lomhlophe, umqhele wegolide omkhulu kanye lesem-
batho esiyibubende eselembu lelineni elihle. Kwaba ledili lentokozo edolobheni
laseSusa.
16 Kwaba yisikhathi sokuthaba lokuthokoza, injabulo lodumo kubaJuda.
17 Kuzozonke izabelo lakuwo wonke amadolobho, ingqe lapho isimiso somlayo
wenkosi esaya khona, kwaba lentokozo lenjabulo kubaJuda, kwaba lamadili
kwadliwa. Abantu abanengi bakwezinye izizwe baba ngabaJuda ngenxa yokwesaba
amaJuda.

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Ukunqoba KwamaJuda

1 Ngelanga letshumi lantathu ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa ngu-
Adari, isimemezelo somlayo wenkosi kwakufanele senziwe. Ngalelilanga izitha
zamaJuda zazisithi zizakuwanqoba, kodwa akusayanga njengokucabangela kwabo
ngoba amaJuda aba yiwo anqobayo. 2 AmaJuda abuthana emadolobheni awo
kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru ukuhlasela labo ababefuna ukubachitha.
Kakho owayengamelana labo, ngoba abantu bezizwe zonke ezinye babebesaba.
3 Ngakho zonke izikhulu zezabelo, iziphathamandla, ababusi kanye lezisebenzi
zenkosi bancedisa amaJuda, ngoba besesaba uModekhayi.
4 UModekhayi wayesengumuntu omkhulu esigodlweni; udumo lwakhe
lwamemetheka kuzozonke izabelo, waba lamandla amakhulu kakhulu.

5 AmaJuda acakaza izitha zawo zonke ngenkemba, enza intando yawo ezitheni
ezaziwazonda.
6 Esigodlweni saseSusa, amaJuda abulala njalo achitha amadoda angamakhulu
amahlanu.
7 Abulala njalo uPharishandatha, uDalifoni, u-Asiphatha, 8 uPhoratha, u-Adaliya, u-
Aridatha, 9 uPharimashitha, u-Arisayi, u-Aridayi loVayizatha, 10 amadodana alitshumi
kaHamani indodana kaHamedatha, isitha samaJuda. Kodwa abazange bayithathe
impango.
11 Inani lalabo ababulawayo esigodlweni saseSusa labikwa enkosini ngalelolanga.
12 Inkosi yathi eNdlovukazini u-Esta, “AmaJuda asebulale njalo achitha amadoda
angamakhulu amahlanu kanye lamadodana kaHamani alitshumi enqabeni yaseSusa.
Kuyini asebekwenze kwezinye izabelo zenkosi? Tshono, siyini isicelo sakho?
Uzakunikwa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Lakho uzakwenzelwa.”
13 U-Esta wathi, “Nxa kuyithokozisa inkosi, phana imvumo kubaJuda abaseSusa
ukuthi benze isimiso somlayo lo kusasa njalo uvumele ukuba amadodana kaHamani
alitshumi alengiswe esakhiweni sokulengisa.”
14 Inkosi yalaya ukuba kwenziwe lokho. Isimiso somlayo samenyezelwa eS-
usa, alengiswa amadodana kaHamani alitshumi. 15 AmaJuda aseSusa ahlangana
ndawonye ngelanga letshumi lane ngenyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari, abulala amadoda
angamakhulu amathathu eSusa, kodwa abazange bayithinte impango.
16 Kusenjalo, amaJuda ayesele ezabelweni zenkosi ahlangana ukuba azivikele
lokuthi athole ukuphumula ezitheni zawo. Abulala izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlanu kodwa kawazange ayithinte impango.
17 Lokhu kwenzakala ngelanga letshumi lantathu ngenyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari,
kwathi ngelanga letshumi lane aphumula alenza ilanga lentokozo ledili.

Idili LePhurimi

18 AmaJuda aseSusa wona ayehlangene ngelanga letshumi lantathu leletshumi lane,
kwathi ngeletshumi lanhlanu aphumula alenza laba lilanga lentokozo lokudla.
19 Yikho amaJuda ahlala emaphandleni lemizini engelamithangala ethakazelela
usuku lwetshumi lane olwenyanga ka-Adari njengelanga lentokozo ledili, ilanga
lokuphana izipho.

Ukujeziswa KwePhurimi

20 UModekhayi wabhala ngalezizinto, wasethumela izincwadi kuwo wonke ama-
Juda kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru, eziseduze lezikhatshana, 21 ukuthi
babeledili lokuthokoza minyaka yonke ngamalanga etshumi lane letshumi lanhlanu
enyangeni ethiwa ngu-Adari 22 kube yisikhumbuzo sesikhathi lapho amaJuda athola
khona ukuphumula ezitheni zawo, njalo kuyinyanga lapho usizi lwaba yintokozo
lokulila kwaba lilanga lokujabula. Wawabhalela ukuba akhumbule lawo malanga
abe zinsuku zokuthokoza lamadili njalo aphanane izipho zokudla kanye lokupha
abayanga izipho.
23 Ngakho amaJuda avuma ukuqhubeka ngamadili entokozo ayewaqalile, esenza
lokho uModekhayi ayewabhalele ngakho.
24 Ngoba uHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um’Agagi, isitha samaJuda wonke,
wayecebe ukuwachitha amaJuda njalo wayenze inkatho okuthiwa *yiphuri* eyadala
ukubhujiswa lencithakalo yawo. 25 Kodwa kwathi icebo lelo selivelile enkosini,
yathumela imilayo ebhaliweyo ukuthi amaqhinga amabi kaHamani ayekade
ewamisele amaJuda acine esephendukela yena, njalo yena lamadodana akhe
balengiswe endaweni eyakhelwe lokho.
26 (Ngakho amalanga lawo athiwa yiPhurimi, kusuka ebizweni elithi *phuri*.) Ngenxa
yakho konke okubhalwe encwadini le lakho konke ababekubonile lokwakwenzakale

kubo, 27 amaJuda akwenza umlandu wawo ukuthi aqalise umkhuba wokuthi
wona kanye lezizukulwane zawo labo bonke abahlanganyela lawo kumele loba
kutheni baphumule ngezinsuku lezi ezimbili minyaka yonke, ngendlela eyayimisiwe
langesikhathi esasiqanjiwe. 28 Amalanga la kumele akhunjulwe njalo alandelwe
kuzozonke izizukulwane zezimuli zonke, ezifundeni zonke lemadolobheni wonke.
Akumelanga amalanga ePhurimi la ayekelwe ukuthakazelelwa ngamaJuda, loba
ukuthi isikhumbuzo sawo sikhohlakale kumbe sitshabalale kuzizukulwane zawo.
29 Ngakho, iNdlovukazi u-Esta, indodakazi ka-Abhihayili, kanye loModekhayi
umJuda, babhala ngegunya langamandla amakhulu beqinisekisa incwadi yesibili
eyayimayelana lePhurimi. 30 UModekhayi wathumela izincwadi kubo bonke abanga-
maJuda ezifundeni ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa (127) embusweni
ka-Ahasuweru, amazwi okubafisela ukuthula lokubaqinisa, 31 ukuba lezinsuku
zePhurimi ngezikhathi ezazimisiwe, njengokumemezela kukaModekhayi umJuda
leNdlovukazi u-Esta, lanjengalokhu ababeziqalisele khona kanye lezizukulwane zabo
mayelana lezikhathi zokuzila lokulila. 32 Isimemezelo sika-Esta saqinisa imithetho le
emayelana lePhurimi, kwalotshwa phansi emibhalweni.

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Ubukhulu BukaModekhayi

1 Inkosi u-Ahasuweru wenza isinqumo sokuthelisa abantu kuwo wonke umbuso
lasemikhunjini ekhatshana. 2 Zonke izenzo zamandla akhe amakhulu, kanye
lemibhalo elandisa ngobukhulu bukaModekhayi inkosi eyayimphakamise ngabo,
akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwemiLando yamakhosi aseMediya lasePhezhiya?
3 UModekhayi umJuda wayelandela inkosi u-Ahasuweru esikhundleni embusweni,
engumhlonitshwa omkhulu phakathi kwamaJuda, njalo eqakathekiswa ngabanengi
kubaJuda bakibo, ngoba wayesebenzela ukuphila kuhle kwabantu bakibo njalo
wayemela inhlalakahle yawo wonke amaJuda.

UJobe

Isingeniso

1 Elizweni lase-Uzi kwakuhlala indoda eyayithiwa nguJobe. Indoda le yayingelasici, iqotho; yayimesaba uNkulunkulu njalo ikuxwaya okubi. 2 Yayilamadodana
ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu, 3 ilezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, amakamela azinkulungwane ezintathu, izipani zenkabi ezingamakhulu
amahlanu labobabhemi abangamakhulu amahlanu, njalo ilezisebenzi ezinengi.
Yayinothile kulabo bonke abantu beMpumalanga.
4 Amadodana akhe ayesenza amazopha okwenza amadili okuthakazelela amalanga
okuzalwa kwawo ezindlini zawo, anxuse odadewabo bobathathu ukuzakudla
anathe labo. 5 Kwakusithi mhla idili liphela, uJobe wayewabiza azowahlambulula.
Ekuseni kakhulu wayesenza umnikelo wokutshiswa wamunye ngamunye esithi,
“Mhlawumbe abantwabami benzile isono bathuka uNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni
zabo.” Lo waba ngumkhuba wakhe uJobe.

Ukulingwa Kokuqala KukaJobe

6 Ngelinye ilanga izingilosi zeza ukuzezethula phambi KUKATHIXO, loSathane weza
lazo. 7 UTHIXO wathi kuSathane, “Uvela ngaphi?”
USathane wamphendula UTHIXO wathi, “Ngivela ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni, ngihambahamba ngisiya le lale.”
8 UTHIXO wasesithi kuSathane, “Usuke wayinanzelela yini inceku yami uJobe?
Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile, indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu,
exwaya okubi.”
9 USathane waphendula wathi, “Kambe uJobe umesaba kungelasizatho na uNkulunkulu? 10 Kawumbiyelanga ngothango yini yena lendlu yakhe, kanye lakho
konke alakho? Uwubusisile umsebenzi wezandla zakhe kuze kuthi imihlambi yakhe
yezimvu leyenkomo igcwale ilizwe lonke. 11 Kodwa ake welule isandla sakho uchithe
konke alakho, uzabona uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho.”
12 UTHIXO wathi kuSathane, “Kulungile, konke alakho kusezandleni zakho, kodwa
yena ngokwakhe ungamthinti.”
USathane wasesuka phambi KUKATHIXO.
13 Ngelinye ilanga amadodana kaJobe lamadodakazi akhe ayezitika ngokudla,
enatha iwayini endlini yomnewabo omdala, 14 isithunywa safika kuJobe sathi, “Inkabi
bezilima labobabhemi besidla eduze khonapho, 15 kwafika amaSabhini ahlasela
aqhuba konke ahamba. Izisebenzi azicakazile ngenkemba kwasala mina ngedwa
engisindileyo ukuzakubikela!”
16 Sisakhuluma esinye isithunywa safika sathi, “Umlilo kaNkulunkulu wehle
uvela ezulwini wazitshisa izimvu lezisebenzi, kusele mina ngedwa engisindileyo
ukuzakubikela!”
17 Elokhu esakhuluma kwafika esinye isithunywa sathi, “AmaKhaladiya abe ngamaqembu amathathu ehlela emakameleni akho awaqhuba ahamba lawo. Izisebenzi
azicakazile ngenkemba kwasila mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!”
18 Elokhu esakhuluma kwafika njalo esinye isithunywa sathi, “Amadodana
lamadodakazi akho abesidla edilini enatha iwayini endlini yomnewabo omdala,
19 kwathi masinyane vungu isavunguzane siqhamuka enkangala saphekula amagumbi womane endlu. Yathi mbo phezu kwabo bahle bafa, kwasila mina ngedwa
ukuzakubikela!”

20 Ekuzwa lokho uJobe wasukuma wadabula isembatho sakhe, waphuca ikhanda
lakhe. Wazilahla phansi wakhonza 21 wathi:
"Ngaphuma ngize esiswini sikamama,
njalo ngizasuka ngize.
UTHIXO wapha njalo usethethe;
kalidunyiswe ibizo LIKATHIXO."
22 Phakathi kwakho konke lokhu uJobe kazange enze isono ngokubeka umlandu
wokuthi athi uNkulunkulu wonile.

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Ukulingwa Kwesibili KukaJobe

1 Kwelinye ilanga njalo izingilosi zeza phambi KUKATHIXO, loSathane laye weza lazo
ukuzezethula kuye. 2 UTHIXO wasesithi kuSathane, "Uvela ngaphi?"
USathane wamphendula wathi, "Ngivela ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni, ngihamba-
hamba ngisiya le lale kuwo."
3 UTHIXO wasesithi kuSathane, "Usuke wayinanzelela yini inceku yami uJobe?
Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile, indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu,
exwaya okubi. Ulokhu emi kubo ubuqotho bakhe lanxa wangiphoqa ukuthi
ngimdilize kungelasizatho."
4 USathane waphendula wathi, "Isikhumba ngesikhumba! Umuntu anganikela loba
yini alayo ukusiza impilo yakhe. 5 Kodwa yelula isandla sakho umtshaye inyama
lamathambo akhe, uzabona uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho."
6 UTHIXO wathi kuSathane, "Kulungile, usezandleni zakho, kodwa ungayithinti
impilo yakhe."
7 Ngakho uSathane wasesuka phambi KUKATHIXO wathela uJobe izilonda ezibuh-
lungu kusukela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe kusiyafika esicholo sekhanda lakhe.
8 UJobe wasethatha ucezu lodengezi wazihwaya ngalo ehlezi esilotheni.
9 Umkakhe wathi kuye, "Ulokhu ubambelele kubo ubuqotho bakho na? Mthuke
uNkulunkulu uzifele!"
10 Wamphendula wathi, "Ukhuluma njengomfazi oyisiwula. Sizakwamukela okuhle
kuNkulunkulu singalwamukeli uhlupho na?"
Kukho konke lokhu uJobe kenzanga isono ngakutshoyo.

Abangane BakaJobe Abathathu

11 Kwathi abangane bakaJobe abathathu, u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi umShuhi
loZofari umNahama sebezwile ngazozonke inhlupho ezazimwele, basuka emakhaya
abo bahlangana bavumelana ukuthi bahambe bayomqinisa njalo bamduduze.
12 Bathi bembona besesebucwala kabaze bamazi; baqhinqa isililo, badabula izem-
batho zabo, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo. 13 Basebehlala phansi laye okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa. Kakho kubo owatsho ulutho kuye ngoba
babona ubuhlungu obukhulu ayephakathi kwabo.

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Inkulumo KaJobe

1 Ngemva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe waliqalekisa ilanga azalwa
ngalo. 2 Wathi:
3 "Sengathi ilanga lokuzalwa kwami lingatshabalala,
lalobobusuku okwathiwa, 'Kuzelwe umfana!'
4 Lolosuku sengathi lungaphenduka ubumnyama;

sengathi uNkulunkulu ophezulu angangalunanzi;
lokukhanya kucime ngalo.
5 Sengathi ubumnyama lethunzi elikhulu kungaluginya njalo;
sengathi iyezi lingalusibekela;
sengathi umnyama ungalugubuzela.
6 Lobobusuku, sengathi ubumnyama bungabuthi jwamu;
sengathi bungayekelwa ukubalwa kanye lezinsuku zomnyaka
futhi bungangeniswa lakuyiphi inyanga.
7 Sengathi lobobusuku bungaba yinyumba;
sengathi kungeze kwezwakala umsindo wentokozo ngalo.
8 Sengathi labo abaqalekisa insuku bangaluqalekisa lolosuku,
labo abazimisele ukuhlokoza uLeviyathani.
9 Sengathi izinkanyezi zalo zokusa zingafiphala;
lulindele imini kube yize
lungayiboni imisebe yokuqala yokusa,
10 ngoba kaluyivalanga iminyango yesibeletho ngisiza
ukufihla uhlupho emehlweni ami.

11 Kungani ngingafanga ngizalwa,
ngahle ngacitsha ngisaphuma esiswini na?
12 Kungani kwaba lamadolo okungemukela
lamabele okungimunyisa na?
13 Ngoba manje ngabe ngilele ekuthuleni;
ngabe ngisebuthongweni ekuphumuleni
14 kanye lamakhosi lababusi bomhlaba,
ababezakhele izindawo okwamanje sezingamanxiwa,
15 kanye lamakhosana ayelegolide,
egcwalise izindlu zawo ngesiliva.
16 Kumbe kungani ngingathukuzwanga emhlabathini njengomphunzo na,
njengosane oluvele lungazange lubone ukukhanya kosuku?
17 Khonale ababi kabasaxokozeli,
njalo khonale abakhatheleyo basekuphumuleni.
18 Abathunjiweyo labo bazuza ukukhululeka;
kabasakuzwa ukuhaladwa ngumtshayeli wabathunjiweyo.
19 Abantukazana lezikhulu bakhonale,
lesigqili siyakhululwa enkosini yaso.

20 Kungani ukukhanya kuphiwa labo abasosizini na,
lokuphila kulabo abalobuhlungu emphefumulweni,
21 kulabo abakhalela ukufa okungafikiyo,
abakuthungathayo ukwedlula ingcebo efihliweyo,
22 abaphuphuma ngenjabulo
bathokoza nxa sebefika engcwabeni?
23 Kungani impilo iphiwa umuntu
ondlela yakhe ifihliwe,
uNkulunkulu amhonqolozeleyo na?
24 Ngoba ukububula sokuphenduke ukudla kwami kwansukuzonke;
ukugomela kwami kuthululeka njengamanzi.
25 Ebengikwesaba sekungehlele,
obekungitshayisa ngovalo sekwenzakele kimi.

26 Kangilakho ukuchelesa, kangilakho ukuthula;
kangilakuphumula, kodwa ukuhlupheka kuphela.”

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Impendulo Ka-Elifazi

1 Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani wathi:
2 “Nxa umuntu angaphosa ilizwi nje kuwe uzacunuka na?
Kodwa ngubani ongathula angakhulumi na?
3 Khumbula ukuthi sewabafundisa njani abanengi,
ukuthi ubaqinise njani abalezandla ezibuthakathaka.
4 Amazwi akho abasekele labo abakhubekayo;
uwaqinisile amadolo axegayo.
5 Kodwa manje uhlupho luze kuwe, usuphela amandla;
lukutshaya ubusudela ithemba.
6 Kungani ukukholwa kwakho kungabi yiso isibindi sakho na
lezindlela zakho ezimsulwa zibe lithemba lakho na?

7 Khumbula manje: Ngubani owathi engelacala wabhubha na?
Kungaphi lapho abaqotho abake babhujiswa khona na?
8 Ngokubona kwami labo abalima okubi
lalabo abahlanyela ububi bavuna bona.
9 Ngokuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu bayabhubha;
ngokukhwaza kolaka lwakhe bayafa.
10 Izilwane zingabhonga zihwabhe,
kodwa amazinyo ezilwane ezinkulu ayephuka.
11 Isilwane siyafa ngokuswela ukudla
besekuthi imidlwane yesilwanekazi ihlakazeke.

12 Kulethwe ilizwi kimi ngasese,
indlebe zami zilizwile linyenyezwa.
13 Phakathi kwamaphupho adungayo ebusuku,
lapho abantu belele obukabhuka,
14 ukwesaba lokuthuthumela kwangifikela
kwenza wonke amathambo ami aqhaqhazela.
15 Kwathi tshazi umoya emehlweni ami,
wahlasimula umzimba wami lenwele zami zema.
16 Umoya lowo wema,
kodwa kangikwazanga ukuthi kuyini.
Kwakumi into phambi kwamehlo ami,
ngasengisizwa ilizwi elihelezayo:
17 ‘Kambe umuntu angalunga ukwedlula uNkulunkulu na?
Umuntu angahlanzeka kuloMenzi wakhe na?
18 Nxa uNkulunkulu engazethembi izinceku zakhe,
nxa ebeka izingilosi zakhe umlandu ngokona,
19 pho-ke kuzakuba njani kulabo abahlala ezindlini zodaka,
ozisekelo zazo zisothulini,
abahlifizeka lula njengenondo!
20 Phakathi kokusa lokuhlwa bayabhidlizwa babe yizicucu;
bengananzwa langubani, bayabhubha kokuphela.
21 Izintambo zamatende abo kazidonswa na,

bafe bengelalwazi?’ ”

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U-Elifazi Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Memeza nxa uthanda, kodwa ngubani ozakuphendula na?
Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele na?
2 Ukucaphuka kuyasibulala isiwula
lomhawu uyamqeda oyisithutha.
3 Mina ngokwami sengasibona isiwula siphumelela,
kodwa masinyane nje indlu yaso yayisiqalekisiwe.
4 Abantwabaso kabavikelekanga lakancinyane,
baphoselwa entolongweni bengelamvikeli.
5 Abalambileyo bayazidlela isivuno sakhe,
besithatha kanye lasemeveni,
labomileyo bahahabela inotho yakhe.
6 Ngoba ubunzima kabugobhozi emhlabathini,
loba uhlupho luhlume phansi.
7 Kodwa umuntu uzalelwa ukuhlupheka
njengoba ngeqiniso inhlansi zomlilo ziqhatshela phezulu.

8 Kodwa aluba ubuyimi, bengizamncenga uNkulunkulu;
bengizakwethula udubo lwami kuye.
9 Uyazenza izimanga ezingelakulinganiswa,
imimangaliso engelakubalwa.
10 Uyanisa izulu emhlabeni;
uthumela amanzi elizweni.
11 Abaphansi uyabakhweza phezulu,
lalabo abakhalayo ubaphakamisela ekuphepheni.
12 Uyawafubisa amacebo amaqili,
ukuze izandla zawo zingaphumeleli.
13 Uyababamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo,
kuthi amaqhinga eziphoxo achitheke.
14 Ubumnyama buyabehlela emini;
phakathi kwemini bayaphumputha kungathi kusebusuku.
15 Uyabasindisa abaswelayo baphephe inkemba emlonyeni wabo;
uyabasindisa ekubanjweni ngabalamandla.
16 Ngakho abayanga balalo ithemba,
ukwahlulela kubi kuvala owakho umlomo.

17 Ubusisiwe umuntu oqondiswa nguNkulunkulu;
ngakho ungaseyisi isijeziso sikaSomandla.
18 Ngoba uyagwaza, kodwa aphinde abophe amanxeba;
uyalimaza kodwa izandla zakhe njalo ziyapholisa.
19 Uzakuhlenga ezinhluphekweni eziyisithupha;
kweziyisikhombisa kawuyikuwelwa yingozi.
20 Ngesikhathi sendlala uzakuhlenga ekufeni,
lasempini akuhlenge ekugaleleni kwenkemba.
21 Uzavikelwa ekuhletshweni,
ungaze wesaba nxa kufika incithakalo.

22 Uzakuhleka ukuchithakala kanye lendlala,
njalo ungaze wazesaba izilo zomhlaba.
23 Ngoba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe eganga,
lezinyamazana zeganga zizahlalisana kuhle lawe.
24 Uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho livikelekile;
uzahlolisisa impahla yakho uthole kungelalutho olungekho.
25 Uzakwazi ukuthi abantwabakho bazakuba banengi,
lesizukulwane sakho sibe ngangotshani bomhlaba.
26 Uzakuza engcwabeni usukhulile okugcweleyo
njengezikhwebu zamabele eziqoqwa seziphelele.

27 Sesikuhlolile lokhu, kuliqiniso.
Ngakho kuzwisise, ukulandele wena ngokwakho.”

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Impendulo KaJobe

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:
2 “Nxa ubuhlungu bami bungalinganiswa
lokuhlupheka kwami konke kufakwe esikalini!
3 Ngempela bungasinda ukwedlula itshebetshebe yolwandle,
akungamangalisi ukuthi amazwi ami abhede kanje.
4 Imitshoko kaSomandla iphakathi kwami,
umoya wami unatha itshefu yayo;
inhlupho zokuhlukuluza zikaNkulunkulu ziqondiswe kimi.
5 Kambe ubabhemi weganga uyakhala yini utshani bukhona,
loba inkabi ikhonye yona ukudla ilakho?
6 Ukudla okuduma kuyadleka na kungelatswayi,
kumbe okumhlophe kweqanda kuyanambitheka yini?
7 Ngiyala ukukuthinta;
ukudla okunjalo kubuyisa inhliziyo yami.

8 Oh, aluba ngingazuza isicelo sami,
uNkulunkulu angiphe lokho engikufisayo,
9 ukuthi uNkulunkulu avume ukungichoboza,
ekele nje isandla sakhe singiqede!
10 Lalapho ngizabe ngilokhu ngilale induduzo
intokozo yami ebuhlungwini obungadediyo,
ukuthi bengingawaphikanga amazwi akhe oNgcwele.

11 Ngilamandla bani okuthi ngibe lokhu ngithemba?
Ngisamelelwe yini ukuba ngibe ngilokhu ngibekezela?
12 Ngilamandla elitshe yini?
Inyama yami ilithusi na?
13 Ngilawo yini amandla okuzisiza,
manje njengoba sengemukwe impumelelo?

14 Iloba ngubani ogodla umusa kumkhula wakhe
udela ukwesaba uSomandla.
15 Kodwa abafowethu kabathenjwa
njengemifula egeleza icitsha,

njengemifula echithayo
16 ileliqhwa eselincibilika,
njalo igcwele ngongqwaqwane osencibilikile,
17 kodwa ikhawule ukugeleza ngesikhathi sokoma,
kuthi sekutshisa amanzi anyamalale ezindleleni zawo.
18 Indwendwe zamakamela ziyaphambuka ezindleleni zazo;
zintule enkangala zifele khona.
19 Indwendwe zamakamela aseThema zidinga amanzi,
abathengisi baseShebha balinde bethembile.
20 Bayadana ngoba bebekade bethembile;
bayafika khonale bafike badane.
21 Lani selitshengise ukuthi kalilancedo;
libona into eyesabekayo beselisesaba.
22 Sengake ngatsho yini ukuthi, ‘Ake lingihlawulele lokhu,
ngihlengani ngempahla yenu,
23 ngikhululani esandleni sesitha,
ngihlengani ekufithizelweni ngabalesihluku’?

24 Ngifundisani, ngizathula;
ake lingitshengise lapho engiphambanise khona.
25 Abuhlungu kanganani amazwi eqiniso!
Kodwa ukuphikisa kwenu kutshengisani?
26 Lizama ukuqondisa engikutshoyo,
amazwi omuntu oselahlekelwe lithemba liwathethe njengomoya nje na?
27 Lina lingenza inkatho ngezintandane,
lithengise lomngane wenu.

28 Kodwa okwamanje wobani lomusa lingizwele.
Ngingaqamba amanga phambi kwenu na?
29 Dedani, lingenzi okungaqondanga;
khumbulani kutsha, phela ubuqotho bami busengozini.
30 Kukhona okubi na okusezindebeni zami?
Kambe umlomo wami kawukwehlukanisi okubi na?”

7

UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Umuntu kakho ekutshikatshikeni okunzima yini emhlabeni?
Insuku zakhe kazifani lezomuntu oqhatshiweyo na?
2 Njengesigqili siloyisa amathunzi okuhlwa,
lanjengoqhatshiweyo elindele umholo wakhe,
3 kanjalo ngibekelwe izinyanga ezingelambadalo,
lobusuku bosizi sebabelwe mina.
4 Ngithi nxa ngilala ngicabange ngithi, ‘Kuzakusa nini na’?
Ubusuku buyadonsa ngiqwayize kuze kuse.
5 Umzimba wami uphihlika impethu lamathuthuva,
isikhumba sami siyobukile siyabhibhidla.

6 Insuku zami ziyaphangisa kulosungulo lomaluki,
zisuka ziphele kungekho ithemba.

7 Khumbula, Oh Nkulunkulu, ukuthi impilo yami ngumoya nje;
amehlo ami kawayikufa akubona njalo ukuthokoza.
8 Ilihlo elingibonayo khathesi alisayikuphinde lingibone futhi;
lizangidinga, kodwa ngizakuba ngingasekho.
9 Njengeyezi elinyamalalayo liphele,
kanjalo lowo ongena engcwabeni kaphenduki.
10 Kasoze lanini aphinde angene endlini yakhe;
indawo yakhe kayisayikubuye imazi lanini.

11 Ngakho-ke kangizukuthula;
ngizakhuluma ubuhlungu obusemoyeni wami,
ngizasola ngokudabuka komphefumulo wami.
12 Ngilulwandle yini, kumbe ngiyisilo semanzini
okungaze lihlale lingilindile?
13 Ngithi lapho ngicabanga ukuthi umbheda wami uzangiduduza
lecansi lami liphungule ukusola kwami,
14 lakhona lapho liyangethusa ngamaphupho
njalo lingethusele ngemibono,
15 okwenza ngiqome ukuklinywa lokufa,
kulalo umzimba wami.
16 Ngiyayeyisa impilo yami; kangiloyisi ukuphila okwaphakade.
Ngiyekelani; insuku zami kazisatsho lutho.

17 Umuntu uyini ongaze uzihluphe kangaka ngaye,
ungaze umnake kangaka,
18 uze umhlole ekuseni insuku zonke
njalo umlinge imizuzwana yonke na?
19 Kawusoze uke ukhangele eceleni kwami na,
loba uke ungixekele okomzuzwana yini?
20 Aluba ngenze isono, kuyini engikwenzileyo kuwe,
wena mlindi wabantu?
Kungani ukhethe ukuhlukuluza mina na?
Sengingumthwalo kuwe na?
21 Kungani ungaxoleli iziphambeko zami na,
uthethelele izono zami?
Ngoba kakusekhatshana ukuthi ngilale othulini;
uzangidinga, kanti ngizabe ngingasekho.”

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Inkulumo KaBhilidadi

1 UBhilidadi umShuhi wasephendula wathi:
2 “Koze kube nini ukhuluma izinto ezinjalo?
Amazwi akho angumoya ophenquzayo.
3 Kambe uNkulunkulu uyakuhlanekela ukulunga na?
Kambe uSomandla uyakuhlanekela okuhle na?
4 Lapho abantwabakho besona kuye,
wabapha isijeziso sokona kwabo.
5 Kanti nxa wena uzakhangela kuNkulunkulu
uncenge kuSomandla,
6 nxa umsulwa ulungile,
lamanje nje uzaphakama akusize

akubuyisele esimeni sakho.
7 Lapho owaqalisa khona kuzakhanya sekukuncinyane,
ngoba ngezinsuku ezizayo uzabe usuphumelela kakhulu.

8 Buza izizukulwane ezingaphambili
udinge ukuthi okhokho babo bafundani,
9 ngoba thina sizelwe izolo nje, kasazi lutho,
lezinsuku zethu emhlabeni zilithunzi kuphela.
10 Kambe kaziyikukulaya zikutshele na?
Kaziyikuletha amazwi okuzwisisa na?
11 Konje imihlanga ingakhula ibe mide ingekho exhaphozini na?
Imizi ingaphila kungelamanzi na?
12 Nxa leyonqodi isakhula ingakaqunywa
imane ibune masinyane kulotshani.
13 Sinjalo isiphetho sabo bonke abakhohlwa uNkulunkulu;
litshabalala kanjalo ithemba lalowo ongakholwayo.
14 Lokho akuthembayo kufohlozeka lula;
lokho eyeme kukho yibulembu besayobe.
15 Uyeyama kulobubulembu bakhe, kodwa bubhidlike;
uyabambelela kubo, kodwa bukhithike.
16 Unjengesihlahla esithelelwa kakhulu sikhula elangeni,
esisabalalisa ingatsha zaso esivandeni;
17 sinxibanise impande zaso enqunjini yamatshe,
sizama ukuzuza ukugxila kuhle ematsheni.
18 Kodwa singasitshulwa kuleyondawo,
leyondawo isisilandula ithi, ‘Angikaze ngikubone.’
19 Ngeqiniso impilo yaso iyabuna,
ezinye izihlahla zibe zilokhu zikhula emhlabathini lowo.

20 Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kamlahli umuntu ongelasici
futhi kaqinisi izandla zezigangi.
21 Usazogcwalisa umlomo wakho ngohleko
lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza ngentokozo.
22 Izitha zakho zizakwembathiswa ngehlazo,
lamathente ababi azatshabalala.”

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Impendulo KaJobe

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:
2 “Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuliqiniso.
Kodwa umuntu wenyama angalunga yini kuNkulunkulu?
3 Loba umuntu ubengafisa ukuphikisana laye
ngeke amphendule lakanye emibuzweni eyinkulungwane.
4 Ukuhlakanipha kwakhe kujulile, amandla akhe makhulu.
Ngubani kambe oke wamelana laye wasinda?
5 Uyazidudula izintaba zona zingazi lutho,
azigenqule nxa esezondile.
6 Uyawunyikinya umhlaba endaweni yawo,
axukuxe izinsika zawo.
7 Uyalitshela ilanga ukuba lingakhanyi;

asibekele ukukhanya kwezinkanyezi.
8 Nguye kuphela owelula amazulu,
ohamba phezu kwamagagasi olwandle.
9 UnguMenzi wezinkanyezi iNgulube leZinja,
iSilimela lomthala waseningizimu.
10 Wenza imimangaliso engafinyelelekiyo,
izimanga ezingelakubalwa.
11 Uthi nxa esedlula kimi, ngingamboni;
ahambe khonapho ngingezwa lutho.
12 Nxa ehluthuna, ngubani ongamalela?
Ngubani ongathi kuye, 'Wenzani wena?'
13 UNkulunkulu kalunqandi ulaka lwakhe;
labasekeli bakaRahabi besaba bawela ezinyaweni zakhe.

14 Pho mina ngingaphikisana laye njani?
Ngingawathatha ngaphi amazwi okujijana laye?
15 Laloba ngingelamlandu, ngeke ngimphendule;
ngingancenga uMahluleli wami kuphela ukuthi angihawukele.
16 Lanxa bengingambiza asabele,
angikholwa ukuthi ubengangilalela.
17 Ubengangicobodisa ngesiphepho
andise amanxeba ami kungelasizatho.
18 Ubengasoze angiphe ithuba lokukhokha umoya
kodwa ubezahle angincindezele ngosizi.
19 Nxa kungokwamandla, alamandla amakhulu!
Nxa kungokokwahlulela ngokulunga, ngubani ongamthonisisa?
20 Loba ngingabe ngimsulwa, umlomo wami ubungangilahla;
lanxa ngimsulwa wona ubuzakuthi ngilecala.

21 Lanxa ngingelacala,
angizihluphi ngami;
ngiyayeyisa impilo yami.
22 Kuyafanana konke; yikho ngisithi,
'Ubhubhisa bonke abangelacala lababi.'
23 Nxa isifo esibi sibulala ngokuphangisa,
uyabahleka abangelacala ngokulahla kwabo ithemba.
24 Nxa ilizwe liwela ezandleni zababi,
wembesa amehlo abahluleli balo.
Nxa kungayisuye, pho ngubani?

25 Amalanga ami alesiqubu esidlula esesithunywa;
ayaphapha anyamalale kungela mthonselanyana wokuthokoza.
26 Antweza edlule njengezikepe zelala,
njengenkozi zisehla zihwitha ezikudlayo.
27 Nxa ngingathi, 'Ngizakubeka eceleni ukusola kwami,
ngicitshe ukunyukubala kwami, ngibobotheke,'
28 ngilokhu ngihemahema ngezinhlupho zami,
ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kawuzukungigeza.
29 Njengoba ngivele sengibekwe icala,
ngizazihluphelani ngokulwela ize na?

30 Loba ngingaze ngigeze ngesepa
lezandla zami ngesoda yokuhlambulula,
31 uzavele ungiphosele emgodini olodaka
ngize ngenyanywe yizigqoko zami.

32 Akasumuntu njengami ukuthi ngingamphendula,
ukuthi singamisana emthethwandaba.
33 Aluba ubengabakhona osilamulayo,
abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili,
34 omunye nje ongasusa uswazi lukaNkulunkulu kimi,
ukuze ngingatshukunyiswa yikwesaba lokhu.
35 Lapho-ke bengizakhuluma ngingesabi yena,
kodwa okwakhathesi kunje, ngeke.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Senginengwa yimpilo yami;
ngakho sengizasola ngingasathikazi
ngithulule ubuhlungu bomphefumulo wami.
2 Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu: Ungangilahli,
kodwa ngitshela ukuthi ungethesa cala bani.
3 Kuyakuthabisa na ukungizwisa ubuhlungu,
ukulahla umsebenzi wezandla zakho,
ikanti uyahlekelela ngamacebo ababi?
4 Ulamehlo enyama na?
Ubona njengokubona kwabantu na?
5 Insuku zakho ziyafanana lezabantu yini,
kumbe iminyaka yakho njengeyomuntu yini,
6 osungaze uphenye iziphambeko zami
njalo ulandelele isono sami,
7 loba wena ukwazi ukuthi angilacala
lokuthi kakho ongangikhulula esandleni sakho?

8 Izandla zakho zangibumba zangenza.
Pho usuzaphenduka ungibhidlize na?
9 Khumbula ukuthi wangibumba njengomdaka.
Pho usuzabuye ungiphendule uthuli na?
10 Kawungichithanga yini njengochago
njalo wangijiyisa njengolaza,
11 wangigqokisa ngesikhumba lenyama,
wangithungela ndawonye ngamathambo lemisipha?
12 Wangipha ukuphila wangitshengisa umusa,
ukunanza kwakho kwawelusa umoya wami.

13 Kodwa lokhu yikho owakufihla enhliziyweni yakho,
njalo ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kwakukhona engqondweni yakho:
14 Nxa ngona, ngabe wawungikhangele
wawungeke wekela ukona kwami kungajeziswa.
15 Aluba ngilecala, maye mina!

Laloba ngimsulwa, akukho engingakwenza,
ngoba ngiyafa ngenhloni
njalo ngiyagalula ekuhluphekeni kwami.
16 Nxa ngingathi ngivusa ikhanda ungicwathela njengesilwane
uphinde utshengise amandla akho esabekayo kimi.
17 Uletha ofakazi abatsha abangilahlayo,
wandise ulaka lwakho kimi;
amabutho akho angihlasela amaviyo ngamaviyo.

18 Pho kungani wangikhupha esibelethweni na?
Ngifisa ukuthi ngabe ngafa ngingakabonwa laloba yiliphi ilihlo.
19 Aluba ngavele ngingabi ngophilayo,
loba ngathwalwa ngisuka esibelethweni ngasiwa ethuneni!
20 Insuku zami ezilutshwane kaseziphelile nje?
Akungifulathele ukuze ngizuze umzuzwana wentokozo nje
21 ngingakayi lapho okungabuywa khona,
elizweni lobumnyama lethunzi elikhulu,
22 elizweni lobusuku obujule ngempela,
elethunzi elinzima lengxubevange,
lapho lokukhanya kunjengobumnyama.”

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Impendulo KaZofari

1 UZofari umNahama wasephendula wathi:
2 “Uthi amazwi wonke la angayekelwa ukuphendulwa na?
Uwawane lolu luyekelwe nje lubheda?
3 Umbhedo wakho lo ungenza abantu bathule na?
Uthi ungangakhuzwa muntu wena ukhulumela eceleni?
4 Uthi kuNkulunkulu, ‘Inkolo yami kayilansolo
njalo ngimsulwa phambi kwakho.’
5 Oh, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma,
avule izindebe zakhe ekusola
6 akuvulele imfihlo zokuhlakanipha,
ngoba inhlakanipho yeqiniso ikabili.
Yazi lokhu:
UNkulunkulu uvele usezikhohliwe ezinye izono zakho.

7 Kambe ungayifinyelela yini imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu?
Ungaziphenya iziphetho zikaSomandla na?
8 Ziqongile ngaphezu kwamazulu, ungenzani kambe?
Zizikile kulokujula kolwandle, kuyini ongakwazi pho?
9 Ukulinganiswa kwazo kude kulomhlaba
njalo kubanzi kulolwandle.

10 Nxa engeza lapha akuphosele entolongweni
abize inkundla, ngubani ongamphikisa na?
11 Liqiniso ukuthi uyababona abantu abakhohlisayo;
njalo nxa ebona okubi, kananzeleli na?
12 Kodwa umuntu oyisithutha ngeke ahlakaniphe
njengoba ubabhemi weganga engeke azalwa ngumuntu.

13 Kodwa nxa ugxilisa inhliziyo yakho kuye
uphakamisele izandla zakho kuye,
14 nxa ulahla isono esisesandleni sakho
ungavumeli bubi buhlale ethenteni lakho,
15 lapho-ke uzabuveza ubuso bakho ungelanhloni;
uzakuma uqine ungesabi.
16 Uzalukhohlwa ngempela uhlupho lwakho,
lufike nje engqondweni njengezikhukhula ezadlulayo.
17 Impilo izakhanya kulemini enkulu,
lobumnyama buzakuba njengasekuseni.
18 Uzavikeleka, ngoba ithemba likhona;
uzakhangela ofuna khona uzuze ukuphumula uvikelekile.
19 Uzazilalela, kungekho okwethusayo,
njalo abanengi bazabe sebezisondeza kuwe.
20 Kodwa amehlo ababi azafiphala,
behluleke lokubaleka;
ithemba labo libe yikuhotsha umoya wokufa.”

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Impendulo KaJobe

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:
2 “Wo, lina yini elizibona kuyini abantu,
njalo lolwazi luzakufa lani!
3 Kodwa lami ngilayo ingqondo njengani;
kalingedluli ngalutho.
Ngubani ongazaziyo izinto zonke lezi?

4 Sengiyinto yokuhlekisa ebanganini bami,
lanxa ngacela kuNkulunkulu waphendula,
inhlekisa sibili, kodwa ngilungile, ngimsulwa!
5 Abantu abahlezi kuhle bayakweyisa ukwehlelwa ngumnyama,
bathi kuyimfanelo yalabo onyawo zabo sezitshelela.
6 Amathente ezigebenga avikelekile,
lalabo abamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bavikelekile,
uNkulunkulu ulabo ezandleni zakhe.

7 Kodwa ake ubuze izinyamazana, zizakufundisa,
kumbe izinyoni zemoyeni, zizakutshela;
8 kumbe khuluma lomhlaba, uzakufundisa,
loba uthi inhlanzi zolwandle zikwazise.
9 Yikuphi kwalezizinto okungaziyo na
ukuthi yisandla SIKATHIXO esikwenzileyo lokhu?
10 Esandleni sakhe kulempilo yazo zonke izidalwa
lokuphefumula kwabantu bonke.
11 Indlebe kayiwahloli yini wonke amazwi
njengolimi lunambitha ukudla?
12 Angithi ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa ebadaleni na?
Angithi impilo ende iletha ukuzwisisa na?

13 NgokukaNkulunkulu ukuhlakanipha lamandla;

ukweluleka lokuzwisisa kungokwakhe.
14 Lokho akubhidlizayo kungeke kwamiswa njalo;
lowo amvalelayo ngeke avulelwe.
15 Angaze awavale amanzi, kuba lokoma;
angawavulela kuba lomonakalo elizweni.
16 Angawakhe amandla lenhlakanipho;
okhohliswayo lomkhohlisi ngabakhe bonke.
17 Abeluleki uyabakhupha bahambe beze
enze abehluleli babe yiziphukuphuku.
18 Uyanyomula izibopho ezibotshwe ngamakhosi
azibophe ngelembu ekhalweni.
19 Abaphristi uyabakhupha beze
awagenqule amadoda abesithi asegxilile.
20 Uyazithulisa izindebe zabeluleki
abathenjiweyo asuse ulwazi lwabadala.
21 Izikhulu uzihleka usulu
abalamandla abathathele lawomandla.
22 Uyembula imfihlo ezenzeka emnyameni
amathunzi azikileyo awalethe ekukhanyeni.
23 Wenza izizwe zikhule, abesezidiliza;
uyaziqhelisa izizwe, aphinde azichithe.
24 Abakhokheli basemhlabeni ubemuka ukuhlakanipha kwabo;
ubenza bantule enkangala.
25 Bayaphumputha emnyameni kungelakukhanya;
ubenza badiyazele njengezidakwa.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Amehlo ami asekubonile konke lokhu,
indlebe zami zikuzwile zakuqedisisa lokhu.
2 Elikwaziyo lina lami ngiyakwazi;
kalingcono ngalutho kulami.
3 Kodwa ngiloyisa ukukhuluma loSomandla,
ngiphikisane loNkulunkulu ngendaba yami.
4 Kodwa lina lingigcona ngamanga;
lonke lizinyanga ezingelamsebenzi!
5 Thulani lithi zwi lonke!
Lokho kungaba yikuhlakanipha kini.
6 Zwanini-ke manje engikutshoyo;
lalelani ukuncenga kwezindebe zami.
7 Lingakhuluma okubi limele uNkulunkulu na?
Lingamkhulumela inkohliso na?
8 Limtshengisa ukuthi liyabandlulula yini?
Yini elimkhulumelayo uNkulunkulu akutshoyo?
9 Kungalilungela yini nxa engalihlola?
Kambe lingamkhohlisa njengoba lingakhohlisa abantu na?
10 Ngempela angaligcona
nxa lingabe litshengisa ukubandlulula.
11 Inkazimulo yakhe ingezake ilethuse na?

Ukwesabeka kwakhe kungezake kulehlele na?
12 Izitsho zenu ziyizaga zomlotha;
lezivikelo zenu yizivikelo zebumba kuphela.

13 Thulani ngikhulume mina;
kungivelele loba kuyini okuvelayo.
14 Ngizifakelani engozini na
ngiphathe impilo yami ezandleni zami?
15 Lanxa engangibulala kodwa ngizakwala ngimethemba;
ngizazivikela izindlela zami phambi kwakhe.
16 Ngeqiniso lokhu kuzangihlenga,
ngoba kakho umuntu ongakholwayo ongasondela kuye!
17 Ake lilalele kuhle amazwi ami;
vulani indlebe zenu lizwe engikutshoyo.
18 Manje-ke njengoba sengiyilungisile indaba yami,
ngiyabona ukuthi ngizakhululwa.
19 Ngubani kambe ongangethesa icala?
Nxa ekhona, ngizathula ngife.

20 Akungiphe lezizinto ezimbili nje, Oh Nkulunkulu,
lapho-ke angiyikukucatshela:
21 Sisusele khatshana lami isandla sakho,
ukhawule ukungethusa ngokwesabeka kwakho.
22 Ubusungibizela ecaleni, ngizaphendula,
kumbe ungiyekele ngikhulume, lawe uphendule.
23 Sengenze iziphambeko lezono ezinganani na?
Ngitshengisa isiphambeko sami lesono sami.
24 Kungani ufihla ubuso bakho
ungithathe njengesitha sakho?
25 Uzahluphana lehlamvu eliphetshulwa ngumoya na?
Uzaxotshana lomule owomileyo na?
26 Ngoba ubhala izinto ezibuhlungu ngami
ungenze ngivune izono zobutsha bami.
27 Ukhina inyawo zami ngezibopho;
ulandelela zonke izindlela zami
ngokudweba uphawu ezinyathelweni zezinyawo zami.

28 Yikho-ke umuntu ecikizeka njengento ebolileyo,
njengesigqoko esidliwe yinondo.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Umuntu ozelwe ngumfazi ulensuku ezilutshwane
njalo ezigcwele inhlupho.
2 Uyaqhakaza njengeluba aphinde abune;
njengesithunzi esithi tshazi, akemi.
3 Onjalo ungala ulokhu umkhangele na?
Ungamisa phambi kwakho umthonisise na?
4 Ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo kokungcolileyo na?

Kakho!
5 Insuku zomuntu zimisiwe;
uzibekile izinyanga zokuphila kwakhe
wabeka lemikhawulo angeke ayeqe.
6 Ngakho-ke myekele ungazihluphi ngaye,
aze aqede lesosikhathi sakhe njengomuntu oqhatshiweyo.

7 Kungaba lethemba ngesihlahla;
singaganyulwa siyahluma njalo,
amahlumela aso kawayikwehluleka ukukhula.
8 Impande zaso zingaguga phansi emhlabathini
lesiphunzi saso sife emhlabathini,
9 kodwa singezwa amanzi siyahluma
sikhuphe ingatsha njengesihlahla esitsha.
10 Kodwa umuntu uyafa alaliswe phansi;
uphefumula okokucina angabe esabakhona.
11 Njengamanzi esitsha olwandle
lanjengomfula ucitsha amanzi wome qha,
12 ngokunjalo umuntu ulala phansi angabe esavuka;
kuze kutshabalale amazulu abantu kabayikuvuka
kumbe baphatshanyiswe ebuthongweni babo.

13 Kube uyangifihla ethuneni
ungithukuze ulaka lwakho luze ludlule!
Kube ungibekela isikhathi
ube usungikhumbula!
14 Umuntu angafa uphinde aphile na?
Zonke insuku zokutshikatshika kwami
ngizalindela isikhathi sokuyekelwa kwami.
15 Uzabiza lami ngizasabela;
uzasifisa lesosidalwa esenziwa yizandla zakho.
16 Ngeqiniso lapho uzabala izinyathelo zami
kodwa kawuyikulandelela izono zami.
17 Iziphambeko zami zizananyekwa emgodleni;
uzasigubuzela isono sami.

18 Kodwa njengentaba ikhumuzeka ize ibhidlike,
lanjengedwala ligudluka endaweni yalo,
19 njengamanzi awagubhayo amatshe
lezikhukhula zikhukhula umhlabathi,
kanjalo uyalibhidliza ithemba lomuntu.
20 Umehlula kanye angaphindi abekhona, adlule;
uyabuguqula ubuso bakho umxotshe.
21 Nxa amadodana akhe ezuza udumo, kawakwazi;
nxa izizukulwane zakhe zisehliswa, kazikuboni.
22 Bezwa kuphela ubuhlungu bemizimba yabo
bazikhalele bona.”

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Impendulo Ka-Elifazi

1 Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani wathi:

2 “Kambe indoda ehlakaniphileyo ingaphendula ngeze nje
loba igcwalise isisu sayo ngomoya otshisayo wempumalanga na?
3 Ingadaza inkani ngamazwi angatsho lutho,
ngezinkulumo ezingelasisindo na?
4 Wena uze weyise ukulunga
njalo uphazame lokukhonza uNkulunkulu.
5 Isono sakho sikhuthaza umlomo wakho;
usuthethe ulimi lwamaqili.
6 Umlomo wakho yiwo okulahlayo, hatshi owami;
izindebe zakho zifakaza ububi bakho.

7 Nguwe yini umuntu wokuqala ukuzalwa?
Wabakhona kuqala kulezintaba na?
8 Uyake ulalele yini enkundleni kaNkulunkulu?
Nguwe wedwa yini ololwazi?
9 Kuyini okwaziyo wena thina esingakwaziyo?
Ulemibono bani wena thina esingelayo?
10 Asebezimpunga lamakhehla bavumelana lathi,
amadoda amadala kuloyihlo.
11 Induduzo zikaNkulunkulu kazikwanelisi yini,
amazwi akhulunywa kamnandi kuwe?
12 Kungani uvumela ukufuqwa yinhliziyo na,
kungani amehlo akho eqwayiza,
13 uze ubhodlise ulaka lwakho kuNkulunkulu
ukhihlize amazwi anjalo ngomlomo wakho?

14 Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe ngohlanzekileyo na,
lozelwe ngowesifazane ongaba ngcwele?
15 Nxa uNkulunkulu engazethembi izingilosi zakhe,
njalo lamazulu engathembekanga kuye,
16 pho umuntu ongcolileyo ke, oxhwalileyo,
onatha ububi njengamanzi!

17 Lalela kimi ngikuchazele;
wothi ngikutshele esengakubonayo,
18 lokho osekwafakazwa yizihlakaniphi,
bengafihli lutho abaluthatha kubokhokho babo
19 (abayibo kuphela abaphiwa ilizwe
njalo akwaze kwedlula muntu wezizweni phakathi kwabo):
20 Ngezinsuku zakhe zonke umuntu omubi uhlutshwa yizinhlungu,
kube yisihluku seminyaka yonke ayibekelweyo.
21 Imisindo eyesabisayo iyagcwala ezindlebeni zakhe;
nxa kusithi kuyalunga, izikliwi zimhlasele.
22 Ulahlekelwa lithemba lokuwuphepha umnyama;
umiselwe inkemba.
23 Uyantula nje abe yikudla kwamanqe;
uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama selusondele.
24 Usizi lobuhlungu emoyeni bumlethela uvalo;
inhlupho ziyamgabhela, njengenkosi isilungele ukuhlasela,
25 ngoba efumbathele uNkulunkulu inqindi,
ezimisela ukulwa loSomandla,

26 aqholoze amhlasele
ngesihlangu esiqinileyo, esilohlonzi.

27 Lanxa ezimuke ubuso bungaka,
umkhaba ulenga ngedanga,
28 uzahlala emadolobheni angamanxiwa
lezindlini ezingahlali muntu,
izindlu eziwohlokayo zibe yinqumbi.
29 Kasayikunotha futhi lenotho yakhe kayiyikuma,
lezifuyo zakhe kazisayikugcwala ilizwe lonke.
30 Kayikuphepha emnyameni;
ilangabi lizabunisa amahlumela akhe
lomoya wokuphefumula komlomo kaNkulunkulu uzamthwalela kude.
31 Makangazikhohlisi ngokuthemba okuyize,
ngoba akazukuzuza lutho ngakho.
32 Singakapheli isikhathi sakhe uzajeziswa,
lezingatsha zakhe kaziyikuhluma.
33 Uzaba njengevini eliphundlwe izithelo zalo zingakavuthwa,
njengesihlahla se-oliva sikhithiza impoko zaso.
34 Ngoba ixuku labangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu kalizukuba lezithelo,
lomlilo uzawahangula amathente alabo abathanda isivalamlomo.
35 Bazithwala uhlupho babelethe ububi;
isibeletho sabo sibumba inkohliso.”

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UJobe Uyaphendula

1 UJobe wasephendula wathi:
2 “Sengezwa izinto ezinengi ezifana lalezi;
lingabaduduzi ababi lina lonke!
3 Zizaphela nini inkulumo zokubhuda kwenu lokhu?
Kuyini okulihluphayo laphikelela nje lidaza inkani?
4 Lami bengingakhuluma njengani
aluba yini elisesikhundleni sami;
ngabe ngikhupha inkulumo ezimnandi ngilisola
ngize nginikine ikhanda lami.
5 Kodwa umlomo wami ngabe uyaliqinisa;
induduzo yezindebe zami idedise inhlungu zenu.

6 Kodwa nxa ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu obukimi kabudedi;
loba ngingaze ngithule, kabupheli.
7 Ngeqiniso, Nkulunkulu, usungiqede amandla;
usuyitshabalalisile yonke imuli yami.
8 Usungibophile sekuyibo ubufakazi balokho;
lokucikizeka kwami kuyakhula kungilahla.
9 UNkulunkulu uyanginxwanela angidlikize ngolaka lwakhe,
angigedlele amazinyo;
isitha sami singinyonkoloze ngamehlo ahlabayo.
10 Abantu bavula imilomo yabo bengihoza;
bangimakala esihlathini bengihlambaza
babambane bangihlanganyele.

11 UNkulunkulu usenginikele ebantwini ababi
wangiphosela ezandleni zezigangi.
12 Konke kwakukuhle kimi, kodwa wangibhidliza;
wangixhakalaza ngentamo wangichoboza.
Usengenze ngaba yinto yakhe yokunenjwa;
13 abacibi bemtshoko bakhe bangihanqile.
Ungiciba izinso zami engelazwelo
achithele inyongo yami phansi.
14 Ungisukela njalonjalo;
angidumele njengebutho.

15 Sengithungele isembatho sesaka emzimbeni wami
ngathukuza ibunzi lami othulini.
16 Ubuso bami sebubomvu ngokukhala,
amathunzi anzima ahonqolozela amehlo ami;
17 kodwa izandla zami kaziluqhelanga udlakela,
lomkhuleko wami uhlanzekile.

18 Awu mhlaba, ungaligqibeli igazi lami;
sengathi lokukhala kwami kungaze kwacitshwa lanini!
19 Lakhathesi ufakazi wami usezulwini;
umeli wami uphezulu khonale.
20 Umeli wami ngumngane wami
nxa amehlo ami empompoza inyembezi kuNkulunkulu;
21 uyamncengela umuntu kuNkulunkulu
njengomuntu encengela umngane wakhe.

22 Kusasele iminyakana engemingaki
andubana ngiye lapho kungabuywa khona.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Umoya wami udabukile,
insuku zami ziqunyiwe,
ithuna lingimelele.
2 Impela abaklolodayo bangihanqile;
amehlo ami asehlezi elinde ulaka lwabo.

3 Ngipha, Oh Nkulunkulu, lesosibambiso osifunayo.
Kambe ngubani omunye ongangenzela lesosibambiso na?
4 Usuzivalile ingqondo zabo kabasazwisisi;
ngakho kawuzukubayekela bagiye.
5 Nxa umuntu angaphika umngane wakhe ukuze ahlawulwe,
amehlo abantwabakhe azafiphala.

6 UNkulunkulu usengenze ngaba yisiga ebantwini bonke,
umuntu okhafulelwa ngabanye emehlweni.
7 Amehlo ami asethundubele ngosizi;
umdumbu wami wonke usuyisithunzi nje.
8 Abantu abaqotho kuyabanenga lokhu;

abangelacala bayacaphuka ngabangakholwayo.
9 Kungenani, abalungileyo bazabambelela ezindleleni zabo,
kuthi labo abalezandla ezihlanzekileyo baqine.

10 Kodwa khathesi lina lonke ake lizame futhi!
Kangiboni loyedwa ohlakaniphileyo kini.
11 Sezidlule insuku zami, amacebo ami asedilikile,
kunjalo lezifiso zenhliziyo yami.
12 Lababantu bathatha ubusuku njengemini;
bathi bebona ubumnyama bathi, ‘Ukukhanya sekusondele.’
13 Nxa ikhaya engilithembileyo lilingcwaba kuphela,
nxa ngisendlala umbheda wami emnyameni,
14 nxa ngisithi ekuboleni, ‘Baba,’
ngithi empethwini, ‘Mama’ kumbe ‘Dadewethu,’
15 pho lingaphi ithemba lami na?
Ngubani ongabona ithemba ngami?
16 Kuzakwehlela emasangweni okufa na?
Sizakwehlela ndawonye othulini na?”

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Impendulo KaBhilidadi

1 Kwathi lapho uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi:
2 “Koze kube nini ulokhu uphethe emlonyeni?
Nakana andubana sikhulume.
3 Kungani usithatha njengezinkomo
kube ingathi siyizithutha kuwe na?
4 Wena ozidabudabulayo ube yiziqa ngokuthukuthela kwakho,
uthi sesingawudela umhlaba ngenxa yakho?
Loba uthi amadwala agudlulwe ezindaweni zawo na?

5 Isibane somubi siyacima;
ilangabi lomlilo wakhe liyaphela ukubhebha.
6 Ukukhanya ethenteni lakhe kuyafiphala;
isibane esiseceleni kwakhe siyacima.
7 Izisinde zakhe zamandla ziyadeda;
lamacebo akhe yiwo amlahla phansi.
8 Inyawo zakhe zimbeka emambuleni
acine esemthandele.
9 Umjibila umhwiphula ngesithende;
isihitshela simuthi nki.
10 Isihitshela usifihlelwe phansi;
umjibila uthukuziwe endleleni yakhe.
11 Uyethuka ngokwesaba inxa zonke
kumlandelele langaphi aya khona.
12 Umonakalo umlambele;
incithakalo imlindele nxa esiwa.
13 Kudla ingxenye yesikhumba sakhe;
izibulo lokufa lidla izitho zakhe.
14 Uyasuswa ekuvikelekeni kwethente lakhe
aqhutshwe asiwe enkosini yokwesaba.
15 Umlilo uhlala ethenteni lakhe;

isolufa evuthayo ichithachithwe emzini wakhe.
16 Impande zakhe ziyabuna ngaphansi
lamagatsha akhe abune ngaphezulu.
17 Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuyaphela emhlabeni;
kalabizo elizweni.
18 Uyasuswa ekukhanyeni aye ebumnyameni
njalo axotshwe emhlabeni.
19 Kalabantwana loba isizukulwane ebantwini bakibo,
kakho loyedwa owakhe lapho ake ahlala khona.
20 Abantu bentshonalanga bayanengwa yisiphetho sakhe;
abantu bempumalanga bayatshaqeka.
21 Ngempela linjalo ikhaya lomuntu omubi;
yiyo indawo yalowo ongamaziyo uNkulunkulu.”

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Impendulo KaJobe

1 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:
2 “Koze kube nini lilokhu lingichukuluza,
lingicobodisa ngamazwi na?
3 Selingithethise amahlandla alitshumi manje;
lingihlasela lingelanhloni.
4 Nxa kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiphambukile,
isiphambeko sami ngumlandu wami ngedwa.
5 Nxa isibili liziphakamisa ngaphezulu kwami,
lingincindezele ngokuyangeka kwami,
6 yazini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ungonile
wangithandela ngomambule wakhe.

7 Loba ngingaze ngikhale ngithi, ‘Ngiyahlukuluzwa bo!’
angitholi mpendulo;
loba ngicela uncedo,
kangahlulelwa ngokulunga.
8 Uyivalile indlela yami akudluleki;
izindlela zami uzembese ngomnyama.
9 Usengiphucile konke ukuhlonitshwa
wangethula umqhele ekhanda lami.
10 Ungidabula inxa zonke ngize ngiphele du;
usiphuna ithemba lami njengesihlahla.
11 Ulaka lwakhe luyavutha kimi;
ungibalela phakathi kwezitha zakhe.
12 Amabutho akhe eza ngamandla;
angakhela isihonqo sokungivimbezela
amise egqagqele ithente lami.

13 Usenze abafowethu bangihlamuka;
abangane bami sebemelana lami.
14 Izihlobo zami sezihambile;
abangane bami sebekhohliwe ngami.
15 Izethekeli zami lezincekukazi zami zithi ngingowemzini;
zingikhangela njengowezizweni.

16 Ngithi nxa ngibiza isisebenzi sami singasabeli,
lokuba ngisincenga ngomlomo wami.
17 Ukuphefumula kwami kuyamnukela umkami;
ngiyenyanyeka kubafowethu.
18 Labafanyana bayangiklolodela;
ngithi nxa ngiqhamuka bangihoze.
19 Bonke abangane bami abasekhwapheni bayanengeka ngami;
labo engibathandayo sebengifulathele.
20 Angiselalutho ngaphandle kwesikhumba lamathambo kuphela;
ngiphephe manayinayi.

21 Ngizwelani usizi, bangane bami, wobani losizi,
ngoba isandla sikaNkulunkulu singitshayile.
22 Lingilandelelani njengoNkulunkulu na?
Lizakufa lasutha ngenyama yami na?

23 Oh, uthi ngabe amazwi ami ayalotshwa,
ngabe abhaliwe emqulwini,
24 ngabe athwetshulwe ngensimbi phezu komnuso,
loba agujwe edwaleni lanininini!
25 Ngiyazi ukuthi uMhlengi wami uyaphila,
lokuthi ekupheleni uzakuma emhlabeni.
26 Kuzakuthi nxa isikhumba sami sesibhujisiwe,
kodwa ngikuyo inyama yami ngizambona uNkulunkulu;
27 mina ngokwami ngizambona ngawami amehlo,
mina hatshi omunye.
Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela ngokulangatha!

28 Lingaze lithi, ‘Sizamzingela qho
ngoba nguye ozilethele ukuhlupheka,’
29 yini okumele liyesabe inkemba;
ngoba intukuthelo izaletha isijeziso ngenkemba,
lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi kulokwahlulela.”

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Impendulo KaZofari

1 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi:
2 “Imicabango yami ekhathazekileyo ingifuqa ukuthi ngiphendule
ngoba sengikhubekile kakhulu.
3 Ngizwa kulokukhuzwa okungilulazisayo
njalo ukuzwisisa kwami kungifuqela ukuthi ngiphendule.

4 Ngempela uyakwazi ukuthi kwakuvele kunjani lendulo,
kusukela ukubekwa komuntu emhlabeni,
5 ukuthi injabulo yomubi imfitshane,
intokozo yongakholwayo ngeyomzuzwana nje.
6 Loba ukuzigqaja kwakhe kufika emazulwini
lekhanda lakhe lithinta emayezini,
7 uzabhubha okwaphakade, njengobulongwe bakhe;
labo abake bambona bazakuthi, ‘Ungaphi kanti?’

8 Njengephupho uyanyamalala angabe esabonwa njalo,
axotshwe njengombono webusuku.
9 Ilihlo elake lambona kalisayikumbona njalo;
indawo yakhe ingeke ibe isambona.
10 Abantwabakhe bazazincengela ebayangeni
ngezandla zakhe abuyisele inotho yakhe.
11 Amadlabuzane obutsha alawo emathanjeni akhe
azalala kanye laye othulini.

12 Loba ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe,
ebufihla ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe,
13 loba esehluleka ukutshiyana labo
abugcine emlonyeni wakhe,
14 kodwa ukudla kwakhe kuzahloba esiswini sakhe;
kuzaphenduka kube yibuhlungu bezinyoka ngaphakathi kwakhe.
15 Uzayihlanza yonke inotho ayiginyayo;
uNkulunkulu uzakwenza isisu sakhe sikuhlanze konke.
16 Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka;
amazinyo ebululu azambulala.
17 Akayikuyikholisa imifula,
leyomifula egeleza uluju lolaza.
18 Lokho akuginqeleyo kumele akubuyise engakudlanga;
akayikuyikholisa inzuzo yokuthengiselana kwakhe.
19 Ngoba ubebancindezela abayanga basala bengelalutho;
wathumba izindlu angazakhanga.

20 Ngempela akayikudeda kulobubuhwaba bakhe;
ngeke azisindise ngenotho yakhe.
21 Akusela lutho angabe esaludla;
ukuphumelela kwakhe kakuyikuma.
22 Phakathi kwenotho yakhe uzahlaselwa zinhlupho;
ubuhlungu buzamehlela ngamandla.
23 Nxa esesigcwalisile isisu sakhe,
uNkulunkulu uzabhodlisela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo kuye
akhwele ehle ngezidutshulo phezu kwakhe.
24 Lanxa angaze abalekele isikhali sensimbi
umtshoko wethusi uzamciba.
25 Uyawuhwatsha emhlane wakhe,
umcijo wawo ocazimulayo awuhwatshe esibindini.
Uzangenwa yikwesaba okukhulu;
26 umnyama omkhulu uyilindele inotho yakhe.
Umlilo ongungumayo uzamqeda
utshise lokho okuseleyo ethenteni lakhe.
27 Amazulu azabembula ububi bakhe;
umhlaba uzamvukela.
28 Isikhukhula sizayithwala indlu yakhe,
kungamanzi azimpophoma mhla wosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu.
29 Sinjalo isiphetho uNkulunkulu asimisele ababi,
ilifa abalikhethelwe nguNkulunkulu.”

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UJobe Uyaphendula

1 UJobe wasephendula wathi:
2 “Lalelani kuhle amazwi ami;
lokhu akube yinduduzo elingipha yona.
3 Ake lingibekezelele nxa ngisakhuluma,
ngithi nxa sengikhulumile liklolode.

4 Ukusola kwami kuqonde umuntu yini?
Ngingayekelelani ukucunuka pho?
5 Ngikhangelani, lizamangala;
vulani imilomo yenu ngezandla.
6 Nxa ngikhumbula ngalokhu ngitshaywa luvalo;
ngizwa umzimba wami uqhaqhazela.
7 Kungani ababi bephila impilo ende,
baluphale nje amandla abo esanda?
8 Babona abantwababo bezinza benamile,
inzalo yabo layo beyikhangele.
9 Imizi yabo ihlezi kayilakwesaba;
induku kaNkulunkulu kayikho phezu kwabo.
10 Inkunzi zabo zikhuthele ziyazala;
amankomokazi abo azala kuhle kawaphunzi.
11 Abantwababo bayazihambela njengomhlambi;
izingane zabo ziyazigidela zichelesile.
12 Bayahlabela betshaya izigubhu lamachacho;
bayazithokozisa ngomsindo wemiqangala.
13 Yonke iminyaka yabo ngeyokuphumelela
baze bayongena egodini belokuthula.
14 Kodwa bathi kuNkulunkulu, ‘Tshiyana lathi!
Kasifisi ukuzazi izindlela zakho.
15 Ungubani yena uSomandla ofuna ukuthi simkhonze na?
Sizazuzani nxa sikhuleka kuye na?’
16 Kodwa ukuphumelela kwabo kakukho ezandleni zabo,
ngakho kangisondeli ezelulekweni zababi.

17 Kodwa kukangaki na isibane sababi sicinywa?
Kukangaki besehlelwa ngamabhadi na,
abawabelwa nguNkulunkulu ezondile?
18 Kukangaki besiba njengomule emoyeni na,
njengamakhoba ephetshulwa yisivunguzane?
19 Kuthiwa, ‘UNkulunkulu ulomba isijeziso somuntu
asibekele amadodana akhe.’
Kajezise yena umuntu ngokwakhe
ukuze akwazi!
20 Amehlo akhe kawakubone
ukuchithwa kwakhe;
kalunathe ulaka lukaSomandla.
21 Ngoba uvele uzihlupha ngani ngemuli avele ezayitshiya
nxa izinyanga zakhe azabelweyo seziphelile na?

22 Kambe ukhona ongafundisa uNkulunkulu ulwazi,

njengoba yena esahlulela labaphezulu na?
23 Umuntu uyafa ephilile kuhle,
kukuhle konke ekhululekile,
24 umzimba wakhe uzimukile,
amathambo akhe egcwele umnkantsho.
25 Omunye ufa elobuhlungu emphefumulweni wakhe,
evele engakaze akholise lutho oluhle.
26 Bobabili balaliswe ndawonye eceleni komunye othulini,
impethu zinyakaze phezu kwabo bobabili.

27 Ngiyazi kamhlophe ukuthi licabangani,
amacebo elidinga ukungilimaza ngawo.
28 Lithi, ‘Ingaphi-ke manje indlu yesikhulu,
amathente okwakuhlala kuwo abantu ababi?’
29 Kalikaze libuze labo abahambayo na?
Kalize lananzelela izinto abazilandisayo,
30 ukuthi umuntu omubi uyaphepha ngosuku lokubhujiswa na,
ukuthi uyakhululwa ngosuku lwesiphithiphithi?
31 Kambe ngubani omtshela ngobubi bakhe ebusweni bakhe na?
Ngubani ophindiselayo ngalokho akwenzileyo na?
32 Uthwalelwa engcwabeni,
lilindwe ingcwaba lakhe ngemfanelo.
33 Inhlabathi esigodini leso imnandi kuye;
bonke abantu bayamlandela,
banengi kakhulu njalo abahamba kuqala kulaye.

34 Pho-ke lingangiduduza njani likhuluma ize nje?
Akusalanga lutho elilutshoyo ngaphandle kwenkohliso.”

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Impendulo Ka-Elifazi

1 U-Elifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi:
2 “Umuntu angasiza uNkulunkulu na?
Lesihlakaniphi uqobo kambe singamsiza na?
3 Bekungamupha ntokozo bani uSomandla ukulunga kwakho na?
Ubengazuzani ngabe kuthiwa kawulasici na?

4 Yikumesaba kwakho yini akukhuzela khona
lakwethesela khona amacala na?
5 Kabubukhulu ububi bakho na?
Lezono zakho angithi kazipheli na?
6 Wawubiza isibambiso kubafowenu kungelasizatho;
uhlubula abantu izigqoko zabo basale beze.
7 Abakhatheleyo wawubancitsha amanzi,
abalambileyo ungabaphi ukudla,
8 lanxa wena wawuyindoda elamandla, ulepulazi,
indoda ehlonitshwayo, uphila kulo.
9 Abafelokazi wabaxotsha ungabaphanga lutho
izintandane waziqeda amandla.
10 Kungenxa yalokho usuhanqwe yimijibila,

usuhlukuluzwa luhlupho masinyane,
11 yikho kumnyama kangaka ungasaboni,
njalo yikho ususibekelwa zimpophoma zamanzi.

12 UNkulunkulu kakho esiqongweni samazulu na?
Ake ubone phela ukuthi ziphakeme njani izinkanyezi ezisesiqongweni!
13 Kodwa wena uthi, ‘UNkulunkulu wazini?
Angahlulela phakathi komnyama onje?
14 Usithwe ngamayezi amakhulu, ngakho kasiboni
nxa ehambahamba ezulwini eliphezulu.’
15 Wena-ke uzakwalela endleleni endala na
eseyahanjwa ngababi?
16 Bedluliswa singakafiki isikhathi sabo,
izisekelo zabo zakhukhulwa nguzamcolo.
17 Bathi kuNkulunkulu, ‘Tshiyana lathi!
USomandla angasenzani na?’
18 Ikanti kunguye owagcwalisa izindlu zabo ngezinto ezinhle,
ngakho kangingeni ezelulekweni zababi.
19 Abalungileyo bayakubona lokho bathokoze;
abangelacala bayabahleka bathi,
20 ‘Ngempela izitha zethu zichithiwe,
lokuseleyo kwenotho yazo sekubhuqwe ngumlilo.’

21 Zehlise kuNkulunkulu ukuze uwelelane laye;
ngaleyondlela ukuphumelela kuzakuza kuwe.
22 Yamukela iziqondiso eziphuma emlonyeni wakhe,
amazwi akhe uwabeke enhliziyweni yakho.
23 Nxa ubuyela kuSomandla, uzavuselelwa;
nxa ususa ububi bube kude lethente lakho
24 lomthuso wakho uwulahlele othulini,
igolide lakho lase-Ofiri ulilahlele emadwaleni ezifuleni,
25 lapho-ke uSomandla uzakuba ligolide lakho,
lesiliva esikhethekileyo kuwe.
26 Ngempela uzazuza ukuthokoza kuSomandla
uphakamisele ubuso bakho kuNkulunkulu.
27 Uzakhuleka kuye, yena akuzwe,
njalo uzagcwalisa izifungo zakho.
28 Lokho okumisileyo kuzakwenziwa,
lokukhanya kuzazikhanyisa izindlela zakho.
29 Nxa abantu besehliswa ubususithi, ‘Baphakamiseni!’
lapho-ke uzabasiza abahlulukelweyo.
30 Uzabasiza lalabo abonayo,
abazakhululwa ngenxa yokubamsulwa kwakho.”

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UJobe Uyaphendula

1 Waphendula uJobe wathi:
2 “Lalamuhla ukusola kwami kulokhu kubuhlungu kabi,
isandla sakhe siyasinda loba ngibubula kangaka.
3 Ngabe ngiyakwazi lapho engingamfumana khona;

aluba nje bengingaya emzini wakhe!
4 Bengizayibeka kuhle indaba yami phambi kwakhe
ngigcwalise umlomo wami ngamazwi empikiswano.
5 Bengizakuzwa ukuthi yena uphendula athini,
ngikuhlolisise lokho akutshoyo.
6 Kambe angangiphikisa ngamandla na?
Hatshi, angazake angethese cala.
7 Lapho umuntu oqotho ubengendlala indaba yakhe phambi kwakhe,
njalo bengizakhululwa lanini kumahluleli wami.

8 Kodwa nxa ngisiya empumalanga, yena kakho khona;
nxa ngisiya entshonalanga, kangimfumani khona.
9 Nxa esemsebenzini enyakatho,
kangimboni;
angaphendukela eningizimu,
kangiboni lokuthi tshazi kwakhe.
10 Kodwa uyayazi indlela engihamba ngayo;
nxa esengilingile, ngizaphuma senginjengegolide.
11 Inyawo zami bezilokhu zilandelana lezinyathelo zakhe;
ngalela endleleni yakhe angaze ngaphambuka.
12 Angigudlukanga emilayweni yezindebe zakhe;
ngiwenze igugu amazwi omlomo wakhe
ukwedlula isinkwa sami sansukuzonke.

13 Kodwa uzimele yedwa, ngubani ongaphikisana laye na?
Uyenza loba yini ayifunayo.
14 Uyagcwalisa isimiso sakhe ngami,
njalo manengi amacebo anjalo awagcinileyo.
15 Yikho-nje ngithuthumela ukuma phambi kwakhe;
ngithi ngingakukhumbula konke lokhu ngimesabe.
16 UNkulunkulu usenze inhliziyo yami yaphela amandla;
uSomandla usengethusile.
17 Kodwa kawuyikungithulisa umnyama lo,
umnyama lo onzima ovala ubuso bami.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Kungani uSomandla engabeki izikhathi zokwahlulela na?
Kungani labo abamaziyo belindela ize bengazazi lezinsuku na?
2 Abantu bayayiguqula imingcele ngokususa izikhonkwane;
bayayelusa imihlambi entshontshiweyo.
3 Bayathatha bahambe lobabhemi wentandane,
bathathe inkabi yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso.
4 Abaswelayo bayabagudlula endleleni
bancindezele abayanga belizweni baze bayocatsha.
5 Njengabobabhemi beganga enkangala,
abayanga babhudula ukudla;
egwaduleni kulapho okuzuzwa khona ukudla kwabantwababo.
6 Babutha ukudla kwenkomo emasimini

badobhe okuseleyo ezivinini zababi.
7 Ngoba bengelazigqoko balala beze ubusuku bonke;
kabalalutho lokuzembesa emqandweni.
8 Bagxonxwa lizulu lezintabeni
bakhusele emadwaleni beswele indawo yokuphephela.
9 Umntwana oyintandane uhluthunwa ebeleni;
usane lomyanga luyathunjelwa isikwelede.
10 Ngoba bengelazigqoko bahamba nqunu;
bathwala izikhwebu zamabele kodwa belambile.
11 Bahluza ama-oliva emigelweni;
bagidagida esikhamelweni sewayini kodwa bomile.
12 Ukububula kwabafayo kuzwakala kuphuma edolobheni,
lemiphefumulo yabalimeleyo ikhala icela uncedo.
Kodwa uNkulunkulu kabeki muntu icala ngenxa yokona.

13 Bakhona labo abahlamukela ukukhanya,
abangazaziyo izindlela zalokho kukhanya
loba ukuhlala kuzo.
14 Nxa ukukhanya kwemini sekuhambile
isigebenga siyaphuma sibulale abampofu labaswelayo;
ebusuku siyanyonyoba njengesela.
15 Ilihlo lesiphingi lilindela ukuhlwa;
sikhumbula sithi, ‘Akulamuntu ozangibona,’
sihlala sibusithile ubuso baso.
16 Ebumnyameni abantu bayagqekeza izindlu,
kodwa emini bayazivalela endlini;
kabakufuni ukukhanya.
17 Bonke labo ubumnyama obukhulu buyikusa kubo;
bathandana lezinto ezesabekayo ezobumnyama.

18 Ikanti baligwebu phezu kwamanzi;
esabo isabelo selizwe siqalekisiwe,
ukuze kungayi muntu ezivinini.
19 Njengalokhu ukutshisa lokoma kuhangula ungqwaqwane oncibilikayo,
kanjalo ingcwaba liyabahlwitha abenze isono.
20 Isibeletho siyabakhohlwa,
impethu zizitike phezu kwabo;
abantu ababi kabasakhunjulwa
kodwa bayafohlozwa njengesihlahla.
21 Bancindezela owesifazane oyinyumba longelamntwana,
kumfelokazi kabalamusa.
22 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazihudulela kude izikhulu ngamandla akhe.
Noma bangaze bahlale bazinze kodwa kabalathemba lempilo.
23 Angabayekela bahlale besizwa bevikelekile,
kodwa amehlo akhe ayazibona izindlela zabo.
24 Okwesikhatshana nje balodumo, baphinde banyamalale;
bayehliswa njalo bafe njengabo bonke abanye;
bayaqunywa njengezihloko zamabele.

25 Aluba lokhu kungenjalo, ngubani ongathi ngilamanga
alulazise amazwi ami abe yize?”

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UBhilidadi Uyaphendula

1 Kwathi-ke uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi:
2 “Umbuso lesizotha kukuye uNkulunkulu;
nguye omisa konke ngemfanelo ezulwini eliphezulu.
3 Amabutho akhe angabalwa na?
Ngubani ongaphunyelwa yikukhanya kwakhe na?
4 Pho umuntu angaba ngolungileyo njani kuNkulunkulu na?
Angenza njani ozelwe ngowesifazane ukuthi ahlanzeke na?
5 Khangela, nxa inyanga ngokwayo ingakhazimuli,
lezinkanyezi zingahlanzekanga emehlweni akhe,
6 pho umuntu-ke usilela kanganani, oyimpethu nje,
umuntu, oyinhlava nje kuphela!”

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UJobe Uyaphendula

1 UJobe wasephendula wathi:
2 “Usumsize njani ongelamandla!
Usuyilamulele njani ingalo ebuthakathaka!
3 Yiseluleko esinjani osusiphe lowo ongelakuhlakanipha!
Njalo usubonise mbono bani!
4 Ngubani okuncedisileyo ukukhuluma amazwi la na?
Ngokabani umoya okhulume ngomlomo wakho na?

5 Abafileyo basebuhlungwini obukhulu,
labo abangaphansi kwamanzi lalabo abahlala kuwo.
6 UKufa kwambulekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu;
ikhamisile indawo yokubhubha.
7 Uyawendlala umkhathi wenyakatho endaweni engelalutho;
aphanyeke umhlaba phezu kweze.
8 Ugoqele amanzi emayezini akhe,
kodwa amayezi kawapatshaki yikusindwa ngamanzi.
9 Uyayigubuzela inyanga egcweleyo,
endlale amayezi phezu kwayo.
10 Umisa umkhawulo wokwengama umkhathi emanzini
kube ngumngcele phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama.
11 Izinsika zamazulu ziyazamazama,
zisethuswa yikukhuza kwakhe.
12 Ngamandla akhe waluthulisa ulwandle;
ngenhlakanipho yakhe waquma uRahabi waba yiziqa.
13 Ngomoya wakhe umkhathi wacethula;
isandla sakhe sayigwaza inyoka ibaleka.
14 Njalo le yimisebenzi yakhe engaphandle nje ekucineni;
esikuzwayo yilizwana nje lokunyenyeza kwakhe!
Pho ngubani ongawuzwisisa umdumo wamandla akhe na?”

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Amazwi KaJobe Okucina Ebanganini Bakhe

1 UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulumo yakhe wathi:

2 “Ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo,
ngubani ongithathele ilungelo lami lokwahlulelwa ngokulunga,
uSomandla, ongizwise ubuhlungu bomphefumulo,
3 nxa ngilokhu ngiselempilo ngaphakathi kwami,
umphefumulo kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami,
4 izindebe zami kazisoze zikhulume ububi,
lolimi lwami kaluyikukhuluma inkohliso.
5 Kangisoze ngivume ukuthi lina lilungile ngelikutshoyo;
ngizaze ngiyekufa ngingabulandulanga ubuqotho bami.
6 Ngizakugcina ukulunga kwami ngingakuyekeli;
umzwangedwa wami kawuyikungihlupha empilweni yami.

7 Sengathi izitha zami zingaba njengababi,
abaxabana lami babe njengabangaqondanga!
8 Ngoba ulethemba bani ongakholwayo nxa esefile,
uNkulunkulu angathatha impilo yakhe na?
9 UNkulunkulu uyakulalela yini ukukhala kwakhe
nxa usizi lumehlela na?
10 Uzakuthola yini ukuthokoza kuSomandla?
Uzacela kuNkulunkulu sonke isikhathi na?

11 Ngizalifundisa mayelana lamandla kaNkulunkulu;
izindlela zikaSomandla kangiyikuzifihla.
12 Lonke lizibonele lokhu ngokwenu.
Pho, ngeyani inkulumo yonke le eyize na?

13 Nansi isabelo uNkulunkulu asiqumela ababi,
ilifa elemukelwa ngumuntu olesihluku sivela kuSomandla:
14 Loba bebanengi njani abantwabakhe, isabelo sabo yinkemba;
lenzalo yakhe kayisoze lanini izuze ukudla okwaneleyo.
15 Isifo esibi sizabangcwaba labo abatshiywa nguye besaphila,
labafelokazi babo kabayikubalilela.
16 Lokuba angaze abuthelele isiliva njengothuli
lezigqoko zibe yinqwaba njengodaka,
17 lokho akubuthelelayo abalungileyo bazakugqokela,
labangelacala bazakwaba isiliva sakhe.
18 Indlu ayakhayo injengesidleke sobulembu,
njengedumba elenziwe ngumlindi.
19 Uthi esiyalala enothile, kodwa kasayikuphinda njalo;
uthi esevula amehlo, konke sekuphelile.
20 Utshaywa luvalo kungathi ufuqwa yisikhukhula;
isiphepho siyamhwitha ebusuku.
21 Umoya wempumalanga udlula laye, anyamalale;
uyamkhukhula endaweni yakhe.
22 Utshaya phezu kwakhe ngesihluku
esithi uyabaleka ecambalele evika amandla awo.
23 Utshaya izandla umhleka ulunya
uvunguza laye umsusa endaweni yakhe.”

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Lapho Okutholakala Khona Inhakanipho

1 Kulomgodi wesiliva
lendawo lapho okucengwa khona igolide.
2 Insimbi ithathwa emhlabathini,
lethusi lincibilikiswa emanyeleni.
3 Umuntu uyawuxotsha umnyama;
uguduza ezingoxweni eziphansi kude
edinga amanyele emnyameni othe bhuqe.
4 Khatshana kwezindawo zabantu ugebha umgodi,
ezindaweni lapho okungafiki nyawo lwamuntu;
khatshana kwabantu uyalenga, azunguzeke.
5 Umhlaba, okuphuma kuwo ukudla,
uyaguquka ngaphansi ingathi utshiswe ngomlilo;
6 amasafire amatshe amahle ayaphuma emadwaleni,
uthuli lwawo lugcwele igolide.
7 Kakukho nyoni edla inyama eyaziyo leyondlela efihlekileyo,
kakulalihlo laluphi ukhozi oselwake lwayibona.
8 Izilo ezizithembileyo kazilubeki unyawo kuyo,
njalo kakulasilwane esizingela khona.
9 Isandla somuntu yiso esihlasela idwala eliyinsengetshe
siveze obala impande zezintaba.
10 Uyaligubha idwala angene;
ilihlo lakhe liwabone wonke amagugu alo.
11 Uyathungatha lapho okudabuka khona imifula
aveze obala izinto ezifihlekileyo.

12 Kodwa ukuhlakanipha kungafunyanwa ngaphi na?
Kuhlala ngaphi na ukuzwisisa?
13 Umuntu kakuzwisisi ukuqakatheka kwakho;
kakufunyanwa elizweni labaphilayo.
14 Phansi ekujuleni kuthi, “Kakukho kimi”;
ulwandle luthi, “Kangilakho mina.”
15 Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide elicolekileyo,
njalo lentengo yakho ingeke yalinganiswa ngesiliva.
16 Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide lase-Ofiri,
loba nge-onikisi kumbe isafire.
17 Kungazake kulinganiswe legolide loba amatshe akhazimulayo,
njalo kakuzuzwa ngemiceciso yegolide.
18 Amatshe amahle ekhorali lejaspa lawo kawabalwa lapha;
intengo yokuhlakanipha ingaphezulu kwamarubhi.
19 Ithophazi yaseKhushi ngeke ilinganiswe lakho;
ngeke kuthengwe langegolide elicolekileyo.

20 Pho kuvela ngaphi ukuhlakanipha na?
Kuhlala ngaphi ukuzwisisa?
21 Kufihliwe emehlweni ento yonke ephilayo,
kucatshisiwe lakuzo izinyoni zasemoyeni.
22 INcithakalo loKufa kuthi,
“Amahungahunga akho yiwo kuphela esiwezwayo.”

23 UNkulunkulu uyayizwisisa indlela yakho
njalo nguye yedwa okwaziyo lapho okuhlala khona,
24 ngoba uyayikhangela imikhawulo yomhlaba
akubone konke okungaphansi kwamazulu.
25 Wathi emisa umfutho womoya,
elinganisa isimo samanzi,
26 wathi ebeka umthetho wezulu elinayo
lendlela yezulu elilesiphepho,
27 wasekukhangela ukuhlakanipha wakuhlola butsha;
wakukholwa wakuqinisa, wakulinga ukuthi kuqinile.
28 Wathi emuntwini,
“Ukumesaba uThixo yikho ukuhlakanipha,
lokuxwaya ububi yikho ukuzwisisa.”

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Ukuzigeza KukaJobe Kokucina

1 UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulumo yakhe wathi:
2 “Ngiyaziloyisa lezozinyanga esezadlulayo,
lezinsuku uNkulunkulu esangilinda,
3 lapho isibane sakhe sisakhanyisa phezu kwekhanda lami
ngihamba ngokukhanya kwakhe emnyameni!
4 Oh, lezinsuku ngisazizwa ukuthi ngiyimi,
lapho ubudlelwano obukhulu loNkulunkulu busesendlini yami,
5 lapho uSomandla eseselami
labantwabami besaphila lami,
6 lapho indlela yami ifafazwe ngolaza ledwala
lingithululela impophoma zamafutha e-oliva.

7 Ekuyeni kwami emasangweni edolobho
ngafika ngahlala enkundleni,
8 amajaha angibona agudluka ema eceleni,
abadala baphakama bema ngezinyawo;
9 amadoda ayizikhulu athula akaze akhuluma
avala imilomo yawo ngezandla zawo;
10 amazwi ezikhulu ehliselwa phansi,
inlimi zazo zanamathela olwangeni lwazo.
11 Loba ngubani owangizwayo wakhuluma kuhle ngami,
kwathi labo abangibonayo bangibuka,
12 ngoba ngalamulela abayanga abacela uncedo,
lezintandane ezazingelamsizi.
13 Indoda eyayisifa yangibusisa;
ngenza inhliziyo yomfelokazi yahlabelela.
14 Ngavunula ukulunga njengezigqoko zami;
ukwahlulela ngokulunga kwaba yisembatho sami lengwane yami.
15 Nganginga mehlo kwabayiziphofu
lezinyawo kwabaqhulayo.
16 Nganginguyise kwabaswelayo;
ngayimela indaba yesihambi.
17 Ngawephula amazinyo ababi
ngahluthuna labo ababebabambile ngamazinyo abo.

18 Ngakhumbula ngathi, ‘Ngizafela endlini yami,
insuku zami zinengi njengezinhlamvu zetshebetshebe.
19 Impande zami zizafinyelela emanzini,
amazolo azalala emagatsheni ubusuku bonke.
20 Udumo lwami luzahlala lulutsha kimi,
idandili lami lilitsha esandleni sami.’

21 Abantu babengilalela belethemba,
belindele ukwelulekwa bethule zwi.
22 Nxa sekukhulume mina, kungakhulumi omunye njalo;
amazwi ami ayengena kamnandi ezindlebeni zabo.
23 Babengilindela njengokulindela izulu,
bawanathe amazwi ami njengezulu lentwasa.
24 Ngangisithi ngingababobothekela, bathabe bangakholwa;
ukukhanya kobuso bami kwakuligugu kubo.
25 Yimi engangibakhethela ukuthi benzeni ngoba ngisanduna kubo;
ngangihlala njengenkosi phakathi kwamabutho ayo;
ngangifana lomduduzi wabalilayo.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Kodwa manje bayangiklolodela,
amadoda angabantwana kimi,
oyise engangingabehlisa
ngibelusise izimvu zami.
2 Amandla ezandla zabo ayengangisiza ngani mina,
ngoba amadlabuzane abo ayesephelile;
3 sebejujukile ngokuswela langendlala,
bazula elizweni elomileyo
emangweni eyinkangala engelalutho ebusuku.
4 Enkotheni khonale bakha imibhida emunyu,
ukudla kwabo kuzimpande zezihlahla.
5 Baxotshwa ebantwini bakibo,
bathethiswa kungathi babengamasela.
6 Kwasekumele bahlale ezihotsheni zezifula ezomileyo,
ezimbalwini emadwaleni lemilindini emhlabathini.
7 Bakhonya phakathi kwezihlahla
baququbala ezixukwini.
8 Base bengabantu abaphansi abangaselabizo,
sebexotshiwe elizweni.

9 Kodwa manje amadodana abo asengihaya ngengoma;
sengiyisiga kubo.
10 Bayangenyanya njalo bamela khatshana lami;
kabathikazi ukungikhafulela ebusweni.
11 Khathesi njengoba uNkulunkulu eselithukulule idandili lami
wangitshaya ngezinhlupheko,
sebeklamasa kabasazithinti.
12 Kwesokunene kwami ixuku liyangihlasela;
bathiya inyawo zami ngemijibila

bakhe imibundu yokungivimbezela.
13 Badiliza indlela yami;
bayaphumelela ukungibhidliza
besithi ‘Akekho ozamsiza.’
14 Bahlasela ingathi bafohlela esikhaleni esivulekileyo;
beza bethululeka phezu kwezinqwaba zamanxiwa.
15 Ukwesaba okukhulu kungiphethe;
isithunzi sami sobuntu singathi siphethwe ngumoya,
ukuvikeleka kwami kunyamalala njengeyezi.

16 Manje impilo yami isincipha;
insuku zokuhlupheka zingibambe nko.
17 Ubusuku bugwaza amathambo ami;
lokuqaqamba kobuhlungu bami kakupheli.
18 Ngamandla akhe amakhulu uNkulunkulu unjengelembu kimi;
uyangikhama ngamabheqe entanyeni yami.
19 Ungivoxela edakeni,
ngicina sengiluthuli lomlotha.

20 Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, kodwa kawuphenduli;
ngiyasukuma, kodwa uyangikhangela kuphela.
21 Ungisukela ngesihluku;
ungihlasela ngamandla esandla sakho.
22 Uyangihlwitha ngiphetshulwe ngumoya;
ngiphoseke le lale phakathi kwesiphepho.
23 Ngiyazi ukuthi uzangilalisa phansi ekufeni,
endaweni emiselwe konke okuphilayo.

24 Ngempela kakho ombeka isandla umuntu oswelayo
nxa ekhalela ukusizwa esebunzimeni.
25 Kangibakhalelanga yini labo abahluphekileyo?
Umoya wami kawubazwelanga usizi abayanga na?
26 Kodwa ngathi ngilindele ubuhle, kweza ububi;
ngathi ngilindele ukukhanya kweza ubumnyama.
27 Ukudunguluka ngaphakathi kwami kakukhawuli;
insuku zokuhlupheka zingijamele.
28 Ngihamba nje ngimnyama kubi, kungesikutshiswa lilanga;
ngiyasukuma enkundleni ngicele uncedo.
29 Sengingumfowabo wamakhanka,
umkhula wezikhova.
30 Isikhumba sami siba mnyama, siyaxathuka;
umzimba wami uyatshisa ngomkhuhlane.
31 Ichacho lami selilungiselwe isililo,
lomqangala wami ulindele umkhosi wokukhala.”

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UJobe Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Ngasenza isivumelwano lamehlo ami
ukuthi angakhangeli intombi ayihawukele.

2 Siyini isabelo somuntu asabelwe nguNkulunkulu ophezulu na,
ilifa lakhe elivela kuSomandla phezulu?
3 Akusikubhujiswa kwababi
lokutshabalaliswa kwalabo abenza okubi na?
4 Kanti kaziboni yini izindlela zami
abale zonke izinyathelo zami?

5 Nxa ngike ngahamba ngokwamanga
loba unyawo lwami lwakhuthalela inkohliso
6 uNkulunkulu akangikale esikalini sakhe esiqotho
ukuze abone ukuthi angilasici,
7 nxa izinyathelo zami zike zaphambuka endleleni,
nxa inhliziyo yami ikhokhelwe ngamehlo ami,
noma kumbe izandla zami zike zangcoliswa,
8 lapho-ke abanye kabazidlele lokho engikuhlanyeleyo,
njalo amabele ami kawasitshunwe.

9 Nxa inhliziyo yami ike yakhangwa ngowesifazane,
kumbe nxa ngike ngacathama ngasemnyango kamakhelwane,
10 lapho-ke owami umfazi kacholele enye indoda,
njalo amanye amadoda kawalale laye.
11 Ngoba lokho bekuzakuba lihlazo,
isono esifanele ukwahlulelwa.
12 Kungumlilo otshisayo onguMaqothula;
ngabe kwasiphuna isivuno sami.

13 Nxa ngingaphathanga kuhle izisebenzi zami,
esesilisa lesesifazane
nxa kukhona abakusolayo kimi,
14 ngizakuthini lapho uNkulunkulu esengibuza ngakho na?
Ngizaphendula ngithini nxa sekumele ngichaze na?
15 Yena lowo owangenzayo esibelethweni kabenzanga labo na?
Kasuye yini yena kanye owasenzayo sonke
phakathi kwezisu zabomama na?

16 Nxa ngilahlele eceleni izifiso zabayanga
loba ngayekela amehlo omfelokazi edinwa yizinyembezi,
17 nxa ngizidlele ngedwa isinkwa sami,
ngingasabelani lezintandane,
18 kodwa ebutsheni bami ngabondla njengaboyise,
njalo kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ngamkhokhela umfelokazi,
19 nxa ngike ngabona umuntu esifa ngokuswela izigqoko,
loba umuntu oswelayo engelasivunulo,
20 njalo inhliziyo yakhe ayingibusisanga
ngokumfudumeza ngoboya bezimvu zami,
21 nxa ngike ngaphakamisa isandla sami phezu kwentandane,
kodwa mina ngikwazi ukuthi bayangilalela emthethwandaba,
22 nxa kunjalo kayikhumuke ingalo yami kusukela ehlombe,
kayephulwe endololwaneni.
23 Ngoba ngesaba ukubhubhisa kukaNkulunkulu,
kwathi ngokwesaba inkazimulo yakhe,

ngayekela ukwenza izinto ezinjalo.

24 Nxa ngifake ithemba lami phezu kwegolide,
loba ngathi kulo igolide elicolekileyo, ‘Ulithemba lami,’
25 nxa bengithokoziswa yinotho yami enengi,
lenzuzo evele ngezandla zami,
26 nxa ngilikhangele ilanga libenyezela
loba inyanga ihamba ngenkazimulo,
27 yaze yayengeka inhliziyo yami ngaphakathi
nganga isandla sami ukuzikhonza,
28 lezi lazo yizono ebezifanele ukwahlulelwa,
ngoba bengizabe ngingathembekanga kuNkulunkulu ophezulu.

29 Nxa ngike ngathokoza ngomnyama owehlele isitha sami
kumbe ngagqabhaza ngohlupho olumehleleyo,
30 kangivumelanga umlomo wami ukuba wenze isono
ngokuqalekisa ukuphila kwakhe,
31 nxa abantu bendlu yami bengakaze bathi,
‘Ngubani ongazange azitike ngenyama kaJobe na?’
32 kodwa kakulasihambi esake salala emgwaqweni,
ngoba umnyango wami wawuhlala uvulelwe izihambi
33 nxa ngisithukuzile isono sami njengokwenziwa ngabantu,
ngokufihla umlandu wami enhliziyweni yami
34 ngoba ngisesaba abantu
ngithuthunyeliswa yikweyiswa ngabosendo
ngazithulela ngaze ngala lokuphumela phandle.

35 (Oh, kube ukhona ongizwayo!
Sengisayina incwadi yokuzivikela kwami,
uSomandla kangiphendule;
ongimangalelayo kabhale phansi
icala angethesa lona.
36 Leyoncwadi ngingayithwala ehlombe lami,
ngingayithwala ekhanda njengomqhele.
37 Bengingamchazela ngokugcweleyo
ngazozonke izinyathelo zami;
ngisondele kuye njengenkosana.)

38 Nxa ilizwe lakithi lingiphika
lemifolo yalo imanzi ngezinyembezi,
39 nxa ngike ngadla izithelo zalo angaze ngabhadala
loba ngephula imimoya yabanikazi,
40 nxa kunjalo kakumile ameva esikhundleni sengqoloyi,
lokhula esikhundleni sebhali.”
Aphela lapha amazwi kaJobe.

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Inkulumo Ka-Elihu

1 Amadoda la womathathu ema ukuphendula uJobe ngoba wayelungile ngokubona kwakhe. 2 Kodwa u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli umBhuzi, owendlu kaRamu,

wamzondela uJobe ngokuzigeza yena endaweni yokugezwa nguNkulunkulu.
3 Wayebazondele njalo labangane labo bobathathu ngoba babengayitholanga indlela
yokuphikisa uJobe kodwa bemlahlile ngokumsola. 4 U-Elihu wayeke wema ukukhu-
luma loJobe ngoba babebadala kulaye. 5 Kodwa kwathi esebona ukuthi wonke
amadoda womathathu ayengaselalutho ayengalutsho, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha.
6 Ngakho-ke u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli umBhuzi wathi:
“Ngimncinyane ngeminyaka,
lina libadala;
yikho bengisesaba,
ngithikaza ukutsho engikwaziyo.
7 Ngikhumbule ngathi, ‘Kakukhulume ubudala;
iminyaka yokukhula kayifundise ukuhlakanipha.’
8 Kodwa kungumoya osemuntwini,
ukuphefumula kukaSomandla, okumupha ukuqedisisa.
9 Kakusibo bodwa abadala abahlakaniphileyo,
njalo kakusibo bodwa abalupheleyo abakuzwisisayo okulungileyo.

10 Ngakho ngithi: Lalelani kimi;
lami ngizalitshela engikwaziyo.
11 Bengithule lisakhuluma,
ngikulalele ukucabanga kwenu;
lathi lisadinga amazwi,
12 ngalilalela ngokupheleleyo.
Kodwa kakho lamunye kini otshengise ukuthi uJobe ulahlekile;
kakho omunye wenu osephendule imibono yakhe.
13 Lingaze lathi, ‘Sesikutholile ukuhlakanipha;
uNkulunkulu kaveze ukuphosisa kwakhe, hatshi umuntu.’
14 Kodwa uJobe kakaqondisisi amazwi akhe kimi,
futhi kangiyikumphendula ngendlela yenu yokuphikisa.

15 Sebededile kabaselakho okunye abangakutsho;
sebesilela amazwi.
16 Ngike ngime na njengoba sebethule,
sebemi nje laphayana bengaselampendulo?
17 Lami ngisake ngikhulume;
lami ngizakutsho engikwaziyo.
18 Ngoba manengi amazwi engilawo,
umoya ongaphakathi kwami uyangifuqa;
19 ngaphakathi ngiyafuthelana njengewayini elivalelwe embodleleni;
njengemixhaka yewayini esifuna ukudubuka.
20 Kumele ngikhulume ukuze ngibhodle;
kumele ngivule indebe zami ngiphendule.
21 Kangizukutshengisa ubandlululo loba kukubani,
futhi kangisoze ngiyenge muntu;
22 ngoba ngabe ngangiligabazi ekukhulumeni,
uMenzi wami ubezangisusa masinyane.”

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U-Elihu Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Khathesi-ke, Jobe, lalela amazwi ami;
lalelisisa konke engikutshoyo.
2 Sengizawuvula umlomo wami;
amazwi ami asesolimini lwami.
3 Amazwi ami aphuma enhliziyweni eqotho;
izindebe zami zikhuluma ngokukholwa lokho engikwaziyo.
4 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wangenza;
umphefumulo kaSomandla ungipha impilo.
5 Ngiphendula nxa usenelisa;
zilungiselele ukuthi ungiphikise.
6 Lami nginjengawe phambi kukaNkulunkulu;
lami njalo ngathathwa emhlabathini.
7 Ukungesaba kwakho makungakwethusi,
njalo isandla sami masingasindi kuwe.

8 Kodwa ukhulumile ngisizwa,
ngiwezwile amazwi wona kanye,
9 ‘Ngimsulwa njalo kangilasono;
ngihlanzekile kangilamlandu.
10 Ikanti uNkulunkulu ubone okusolekayo kimi;
ungithatha njengesitha sakhe.
11 Uyazikhina inyawo zami ngezibopho;
uyaziqaphelisisa zonke izindlela zami.’

12 Kodwa ngiyakutshela ukuthi lapha uyalahleka,
uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulomuntu.
13 Kungani umsola
usithi kaphenduli amazwi omuntu na?
14 Ngempela uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma,
khathesi akhulume ngale indlela,
aphinde akhulume ngenye
lokuba umuntu angaze akunanzelela.
15 Kungaba ngephupho, kube ngombono ebusuku
lapho abantu belele befile
bethe nya emibhedeni yabo,
16 angakhuluma ezindlebeni zabo,
abethuse ngezixwayiso,
17 ukuze aguqule umuntu ekwenzeni okubi
aqede ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe,
18 ukulondoloza umphefumulo wakhe ungayi egodini,
lempilo yakhe ingabhubhi ngenkemba.

19 Loba umuntu angajeziswa ngobuhlungu esembhedeni wakhe,
langokuqaqamba okungathuliyo emathanjeni akhe,
20 aze ezwe umzimba wakhe usunengwa yikudla
lomoya wakhe usenyanya lokudla okumnandi kakhulu.
21 Inyama yakhe iyacikizeka iphele,
lamathambo akhe ayekade evaliwe abonakale egcekeni.
22 Umoya wakhe uyasondela egodini,
lempilo yakhe kuzo izithunywa zokufa.

23 Kodwa nxa kulengilosi eceleni kwakhe,
engumeli, eyodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane,
ukutshela umuntu okuyikho okumfaneleyo,
24 ukuba lomusa kuye isithi,
‘Mxolele angayingena egodini;
sengimzuzele inhlawulo yakhe yokumhlenga
25 bese inyama yakhe ivuselelwa njengeyomntwana;
iyavuselelwa ibe njengezinsukwini zobutsha bakhe.’
26 Uyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu amthokozele,
abubone ubuso bukaNkulunkulu amemeze ngentokozo;
uyabuyiselwa nguNkulunkulu esimeni sakhe sokulunga.
27 Kuthi-ke abesebuya ebantwini athi,
‘Ngenza isono, ngahlanekela okulungileyo,
kodwa kangisazuzanga obekungifanele.
28 Wawuhlenga umphefumulo wami ukuze ungayi egodini,
ngakho ngizaphila ukuze ngikholise ukukhanya.’

29 UNkulunkulu uyazenza zonke lezizinto emuntwini
kabili, noma kathathu
30 ukubuyisa umphefumulo wakhe ungayi egodini,
ukuthi isibane sokuphila sikhanye kuye.

31 Nanzelela, Jobe, ulalele kimi;
thula kukhulume mina.
32 Nxa ulolutho lokutsho, ngiphendula;
khuluma sibili, ngoba ngifuna ukuthi ugezwe umlandu.
33 Kodwa nxa lungekho lalela kimi;
thula zwi mina ngizakufundisa ukuhlakanipha.”

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U-Elihu Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 U-Elihu waqhubeka esithi:
2 “Zwanini amazwi ami, lina madoda ahlakaniphileyo;
lalelani kimi, lina madoda ayizifundiswa.
3 Phela indlebe iyawahlola amazwi
njengolimi lunambitha ukudla.
4 Asizihluzeleni thina okulungileyo;
kasifundeni ndawonye okuhle.

5 UJobe uthi, ‘Kangilacala,
kodwa uNkulunkulu kangahluleli ngokulunga.
6 Loba mina ngiqondile,
kuthiwa ngilamanga;
loba ngingelacala,
umtshoko wakhe ungihlaba isilonda esingelaphekiyo.’
7 UJobe kanti ungumuntu bani,
onatha ukuklolodela njengamanzi?
8 Uzwanana labantu abenza ububi;
uhambisana labantu ababi.
9 Ngoba uthi, ‘Umuntu kakumsizi ngalutho

ukuzama ukuthokozisa uNkulunkulu.’

10 Ngakho lalelani kimi lina madoda azwisisayo.
Kakube khatshana laye uNkulunkulu
ukwenza ububi, khatshana kukaSomandla ukona.
11 Uyamphindisela umuntu ngalokho akwenzileyo;
umehlisela lokho okufanele ukuziphatha kwakhe.
12 Kakungeni engqondweni
ukuthi uNkulunkulu angenza ububi,
ukuthi uSomandla
angakutshila ukwahlulela ngokulunga.
13 Ngubani owambekayo phezu komhlaba na?
Ngubani owathi kalawule umhlaba wonke na?
14 Aluba wayengathanda
asuse umoya wakhe lokuphefumula,
15 bonke abantu babengatshabalala kanyekanye,
umuntu wayezabuyela othulini.

16 Nxa lilokuzwisisa, zwanini lokhu;
lalelani lokhu engikutshoyo.
17 Kambe lowo ozonda ukwahlulela ngokulunga angabusa na?
Liyamlahla yini Yena oqotho njalo olamandla?
18 Kayisuye yini othi emakhosini, ‘Kalisizi lutho,’
athi kwabayizikhulu, ‘Libabi,’
19 ongatshengisi ukwazisa amakhosana kulabanye
loba athande abanothileyo kulabayanga,
ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe?
20 Bayafa nje masinyane, loba phakathi kobusuku;
abantu bayanyikinywa bedlule;
abalamandla bayasuswa kungelasandla somuntu.

21 Amehlo akhe aphezu kwezindlela zabantu;
ubona zonke izinyathelo zabo.
22 Akulandawo emnyama loba ithunzi elisithileyo,
lapho abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona.
23 UNkulunkulu kasweli ukuthi aphinde abahlolisise abantu,
ukuze abalethe ekwahlulelweni phambi kwakhe.
24 Engaqalanga wahlola uyabaphahlaza abalamandla
abeke abanye endaweni yabo.
25 Ngoba ezinanzelela izenzo zabo,
uyabagenqula ebusuku bahlifizeke.
26 Uyabajezisa ngenxa yobubi babo
kube segcekeni emuntwini wonke,
27 ngoba baphambuka ekumlandeleni
abaze banaka layiphi indlela yakhe.
28 Benza ukukhala kwabayanga kweza phambi kwakhe,
laye wakuzwa ukukhala kwabasweleyo.
29 Kodwa nxa elokhu ezithulele, ngubani ongamsola na?
Angafihla ubuso bakhe ngubani ongambona na?
Kanti uphezu komuntu lesizwe ngokufanayo,
30 ukwalela ongamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ukuthi abuse,

ukuze angafakeli abantu izifu.

31 Akesithi umuntu athi kuNkulunkulu,
‘Ngilecala kodwa kangisayikona njalo.
32 Ngifundisa lokho engingakuboniyo;
nxa ngenze okubi, kangisayikuphinda ngikwenze.’
33 Pho uNkulunkulu akuvuze ngokwentando yakho na,
wena usala ukuphenduka?
Kumele ukhethe wena, hatshi mina;
ngakho ngitshela lokho okwaziyo.

34 Amadoda alokuqedisisa azakutsho,
amadoda ahlakaniphileyo abangizwayo ngisithi kini,
35 ‘UJobe ukhuluma engelalwazi;
amazwi akhe kawalambono.’
36 Oh, uJobe angasake alingwe ngokweqileyo
ngoba uphendule njengomuntu omubi!
37 Phezu kwesono sakhe wengeza ukuhlamuka;
uyakloloda ngokuqakeza izandla zakhe phakathi kwethu
andise amazwi akhe aphikisa uNkulunkulu.”

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U-Elihu Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 U-Elihu wasesithi:
2 “Ukhumbula ukuthi lokhu kulungile yini?
Uthi, ‘Ngizagezwa nguNkulunkulu.’
3 Kodwa uyambuza uthi, ‘Kungisiza ngani lokhu na,
njalo ngizuzani ngokungenzi isono?’

4 Ngithanda ukukuphendula
kanye labangane bakho abalapha.
5 Ake ukhangele emazulwini ubone;
khangela amayezi aphakeme kangaka ngaphezu kwakho.
6 Ungaze wenze isono, lokho kumthinta ngani na?
Nxa izono zakho zizinengi, kwenzani lokho kuye na?
7 Nxa ulungile, kuyini omnika khona wena na,
kumbe yena wamukelani esandleni sakho?
8 Ububi bakho bulimaza kuphela umuntu onjengawe,
lokulunga kwakho kuthinta amadodana abantu kuphela.

9 Abantu bayakhala ngomthwalo wokuncindezelwa;
bacela ukuphunyuzwa ezingalweni zalabo abalamandla.
10 Kodwa kakho othi, ‘Ungaphi uNkulunkulu uMenzi wami na,
opha amahubo ebusuku,
11 osifundisayo thina kulezinyamazana zalapha emhlabeni
asenze sihlakaniphe kulezinyoni zasemoyeni?’
12 Kaphenduli nxa abantu bebiza
ngenxa yokuziphakamisa kwababi.
13 Ngempela uNkulunkulu kakulaleli ukuncenga kwabo kwamanga;
uSomandla kayilaleli into enjalo.

14 Kuzakuba njani pho, angakulalela
nxa usithi kawumboni,
usithi indaba yakho iphambi kwakhe
ngakho kuzamele ulinde yena,
15 njalo futhi, ukuthi ulaka lwakhe kalujezisi
njalo akabunanzi lakancane ububi.
16 Yikho uJobe evula umlomo wakhe ekhuluma ize;
ngokuswela ulwazi wandisa amazwi.”

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U-Elihu Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 U-Elihu waqhubeka esithi:
2 “Ake lingibekezelele okwesikhatshana ukuze ngilitshengise
ukuthi kunengi okumele kutshiwo ngobuhle bukaNkulunkulu.
3 Ngiluzuza kude ulwazi lwami;
ngithi ukwahlulela okulungileyo ngokukaMenzi wami.
4 Yiba leqiniso ukuthi amazwi ami aqinisile;
yena opheleleyo elwazini ulawe.

5 UNkulunkulu ulamandla, kodwa keyisi muntu;
ulamandla njalo katshedi ezimisweni zakhe.
6 Ababi kabayekeli bephila
kodwa abahluphekayo uyabapha okubafaneleyo.
7 Kawasusi amehlo akhe kwabalungileyo;
ubakhweza esihlalweni kanye lamakhosi
abaphakamise nini lanini.
8 Kodwa nxa abantu bebotshwe ngamaketane,
bethiwe nko ngezibopho zezinhlupheko,
9 uyabatshela lokho abakwenzileyo,
ukuthi benze isono ngokuziphakamisa.
10 Ubenza balalele ukuqondiswa
abalaye ukuthi baphenduke ebubini babo.
11 Nxa bemlalela bamkhonze,
zonke insuku zabo eziseleyo zizaphumelela,
leminyaka yabo ibe ngeyokusuthiseka.
12 Kodwa nxa bengalaleli,
bazabhubha ngenkemba,
bafe bengelalwazi.

13 Abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu bagodle ukusola enhliziyweni;
loba angaze ababophe kabaceli ukusizwa.
14 Bafa besesebatsha,
bephakathi kweziphingi ezingamadoda,
ezihlala ezindaweni zokukhonzela.
15 Kodwa labo abahluphekayo
uyabakhulula ekuhluphekeni kwabo;
ukhuluma labo besezinkathazweni zabo.

16 Uyakulimukisa ukuthi uphume emihlathini yosizi
uye endaweni ebanzi,

ekhululekileyo njalo engelazibopho,
ebumnandini betafula yakho igcwele izidlo ezimnandi.
17 Kodwa manje usindwa yikwahlulelwa okulungele ababi;
ukuthonisiswa lokwahlulelwa ngokulunga
yikho osekukuduba.
18 Qaphela kungabikhona okulingayo ngenotho;
ungavumeli ukuthengwa ngemali kukususe endleleni.
19 Kambe inotho yakho loba konke ukutshikatshika kwakho
kungakusekela ukuze ungangeni osizini na?
20 Ungalangazeleli ubusuku,
ukuze uyohudula abantu ezindaweni zabo.
21 Qaphela ungangeni kokubi,
okukhanya ingathi uyakuthanda kulokuhlupheka.

22 UNkulunkulu uphakeme ngamandla akhe.
Ngubani ongafundisa njengaye na?
23 Ngubani omisele izindlela zakhe na,
loba othe kuye, ‘Usuwenze okungalunganga?’
24 Khumbula ukukhulisa umsebenzi wakhe,
abantu abawudumisileyo ngengoma.
25 Bonke abantu jikelele bakubonile lokhu;
abantu bakukhangela bemi khatshana.
26 Ubukhulu bukaNkulunkulu bungaphezulu kokuzwisisa kwethu!
Iminyaka yakhe ingezake yaziwe.

27 Uyawadonsa amathonsi amanzi,
aqulungane abe lizulu elingena ezifuleni;
28 amayezi athulula amanzi awo
kune izulu elikhulu ebantwini.
29 Ngubani ongakuzwisisa ukuthi uwendlala njani amayezi na,
ukuthi ukhwaza njani esesiqongweni sakhe na?
30 Ake libone ukuthi uwuhlakaza njani umbane wakhe azizingelezele ngawo,
abhukutshe ezinzikini zolwandle.
31 Yiyo indlela abusa ngayo izizwe
aziphe ukudla okunengi.
32 Ugcwalisa izandla zakhe ngombane
awukhombise lapho omele utshaye khona.
33 Ukuduma kwakhe kubika isiphepho esizayo;
lenkomo ziyatshengisa ukuza kwaso.”

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U-Elihu Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Konke lokhu kwenza inhliziyo yami itshaye
ize itshede endaweni yayo.
2 Lalela! Lalela ukubhonga kwelizwi lakhe,
ukuzamazama okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe.
3 Uyawukhulula umbane wakhe ngaphansi kwawo wonke amazulu
awuthumele emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
4 Ngemva kwalokho kuza umdumo wokubhonga kwakhe;

uduma ngelizwi lakhe lobukhosi.
Nxa ilizwi lakhe seliqaqamba
ulikhulula lonke angaligodli.
5 Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liduma ngezindlela ezimangalisayo;
wenza izinto ezinkulu ngaphezu kokuzwisisa kwethu.
6 Utshela ungqwaqwane athi, ‘Khithika phezu komhlaba,’
lezulu athi kulo, ‘Thululeka ube yisihlambo esikhulu.’
7 Ukuze kuthi bonke abantu abadalayo bakwazi ukusebenza kwakhe,
uyamisa umuntu wonke emsebenzini wakhe.
8 Izinyamazana ziyacatsha;
zihlale ezikhundleni zazo.
9 Isiphepho siyaphuma ekamelweni laso,
umqando uphume entshongolweni esikayo.
10 Ukuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu kukhupha iliqhwa,
amanzi aluwaca ajiye abe yilitshe.
11 Ugcwalisa amayezi ngamanzi;
ahlakaze umbane wakhe ngawo.
12 Ngokuqondisa kwakhe ayaqhela embese umhlaba wonke
ukuze enze loba yini awalaya yona.
13 Uyawaletha amayezi ajezise ngawo abantu,
loba ukuthelezela umhlaba wakhe ukuze atshengise uthando lwakhe.

14 Lalela lokhu, Jobe;
akume ukhumbule izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu.
15 Uyakwazi na ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwalawula njani amayezi
enze umbane wakhe ulavuke?
16 Uyakwazi na ukuthi amayezi emi njani elengile,
leyomimangaliso yakhe yena lowo opheleleyo elwazini?
17 Wena oginqiswa yikutshisa kwezigqoko zakho
nxa umhlaba uthule zwi kubetha umoya waseningizimu,
18 ungamncedisa yini ukwendlala isibhakabhaka,
esilukhuni njengesibuko sensimbi yethusi?

19 Ake usitshele ukuthi pho sithini kuye;
ngeke siyimise kuhle indaba yethu ngoba kumnyama nje lapha kithi.
20 Atshelwe kambe ukuthi ngifuna ukukhuluma?
Ukhona umuntu ongacela ukuthi aginywe?
21 Phela kakho ongalikhangela ilanga,
njengoba licazimula kangaka esibhakabhakeni
nxa umoya uwaphephule wonke amayezi kwacethula.
22 Esuka enyakatho uqhamuka ngenkazimulo enjengegolide;
uNkulunkulu uqhamuka ngobukhosi obesabekayo.
23 USomandla asingeke simfinyelele njalo uphakeme ulamandla;
ekwahluleleni kwakhe okuhle lokulunga okukhulu kancindezeli.
24 Ngakho-ke abantu bayamhlonipha,
ngoba kanti kabanaki yini bonke abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni?”

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UTHIXO Uyakhuluma

1 UTHIXO wasekhuluma loJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho. Wathi:

2 “Ngubani na lowo odunga amacebo ami
ngamazwi okungazi?
3 Qina njengendoda;
ngizakubuza,
lawe uzangiphendula.

4 Wawungaphi lapho ngibeka izisekelo zomhlaba na?
Ngitshela nxa uqedisisa.
5 Ngubani owamisa izilinganiso zawo na? Phela angithi uyazi!
Ngubani owayidonsayo intambo yokulinganisa kuwo na?
6 Izinsika zawo zamiswa phezu kwani na,
loba ngubani owamisa ilitshe lawo lekhoneni na
7 lapho izinkanyezi zokusa zazihlabelela kanyekanye
lezingilosi zonke zamemeza ngentokozo?

8 Ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngemva kwezivalo
lapho selufohla esiswini na,
9 lapho ngisenza amayezi aba yisembatho salo na
ngalugoqela ngomnyama omkhulu,
10 lapho ngalubekela imikhawulo
ngamisa iminyango yalo lemigoqo endaweni yayo,
11 lapho engathi, ‘Ungeza uze ufike lapha kodwa ungedluli;
kulapha amagagasi akho azigqajayo aphelela khona?’

12 Sewake wabekela ikuseni umthetho na,
loba watshengisa ukusa indawo yakho
13 ukuba kuphakamise umhlaba ngemiphetho
kuthintithe ababi abakuwo?
14 Umhlaba ubumbeka isimo njengebumba ufakwe uphawu;
imibala yawo ikhanye ithi bha njengelembu.
15 Ababi bayacitshelwa ukukhanya,
lengalo yabo ephakanyisiweyo iyephulwa.

16 Sewake wahamba emithonjeni yolwandle na
loba wahamba ezingoxweni zenziki yalo na?
17 Amasango okufa aseke abonakaliswa kuwe na?
Usuke wawabona amasango ethunzi lokufa na?
18 Ubuqedisisile na ubukhulu bobubanzi bomhlaba?
Ngitshela nxa ukwazi konke lokhu.

19 Yiphi indlela eya ekhaya elihlala ukukhanya na?
Ubumnyama bona buhlala ngaphi?
20 Ungakusa ezindaweni zakho na?
Uyazazi izindlela eziya emizini yazo na?
21 Ye uyakwazi, ngoba wawuvele usuzelwe!
Usuphile iminyaka yonke le!

22 Sewake wangena eziphaleni zikangqwaqwane
loba wabona iziphala zesiqhotho na,
23 engizilindisele izikhathi zohlupho,

insuku zempi lokuhlasela na?
24 Ingaphi indlela eya esigodlweni sokwaba umbane,
loba indawo yokuhlakaza umoya wempumalanga phezu komhlaba na?
25 Ngubani ogubhe intshukuntshu yezihlambo zezulu,
lendlela yomdumo wesiphepho;
26 ukuthelezela ilizwe elingahlali muntu,
inkangala okungelamuntu kuyo,
27 ukusuthisa ilizwe elilugwadule
kulenze lihlume utshani na?
28 Izulu elinayo liloyise na?
Ngubani onguyise wamathonsi amazolo na?
29 Ngesikabani isisu esizala iliqhwa na?
Ngubani ozala umtshazo ovela phezulu na
30 lapho amanzi abalukhuni njengelitshe,
lapho iphezulu yolwandle ijiyile?

31 Ungasibopha na isiLimela lesi esihle?
Ungazithukulula yini izintambo zeziNja?
32 Ungawuletha na uMthala ngesikhathi sawo
loba ukhuphe inkanyezi ethiwa yiNgulube lemidlwane yayo?
33 Uyayazi imithetho yasezulwini na?
Ungawakha yini umbuso kaNkulunkulu emhlabeni?

34 Ungawamemeza yini amayezi
uthi akunethise ngesihlambo samanzi?
35 Uyakuthuma yini ukuphazima kombane?
Uyabika kuwe yini uthi, ‘Ngilapha’?
36 Ngubani owapha inhliziyo ukuhlakanipha
kumbe owapha ingqondo ukuzwisisa na?
37 Ngubani ololwazi lokubala amayezi na?
Ngubani ongagenqula amaqhaga asezulwini na
38 nxa uthuli seluqina
lamagade omhlabathi esebumbene?

39 Uyasizingelela na isilwanekazi ukudla kwaso,
uyiqede indlala yezilwane
40 lapho zilele ezikhundleni zazo
kumbe zicwathile ezixukwini?
41 Ngubani opha iwabayi ukudla
lapho amatsiyane alo ekhala kuNkulunkulu
ezulazula ehayila ngendlala na?”

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UThixo Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Uyakwazi na ukuthi amagogo azala nini?
Uyawubukele yini nxa impalakazi izala izinyane layo?
2 Uyawuzibale yini izinyanga zize zizale?
Uyasazi isikhathi ezizazala ngaso na?
3 Ziyalala phansi zizale abantwana bazo;

kube sekuphela ubuhlungu bokuhelelwa kwazo.
4 Amazinyane azo ayaqina akhule abe lamandla egangeni;
ayasuka ahambe angabuyi.

5 Ngubani owakhulula ubabhemi weganga na?
Ngubani owathukulula igoda lakhe na?
6 Ngamupha ugwadule lwaba likhaya lakhe,
lenkangala yetswayi ibe ngumango wakhe.
7 Uyazincifela iziphithiphithi zedolobho;
kakuzwa ukukhahlanyezwa ngumtshayeli.
8 Uyazihambela abhode izintaba emadlelweni akhe
edinga loba yini eluhlaza.

9 Inyathi kambe izavuma ukukusebenzela na?
Izahlala esibayeni sakho ebusuku na?
10 Ungayibamba ngomchilo ulime ngayo na?
Ingazilima na izigodi zakho?
11 Ungayithemba yini ngenxa yamandla ayo amakhulu na?
Ungawuyekelela yona umsebenzi wakho onzima na?
12 Ungayithemba ukuthi izalayitsha amabele akho na
iwase esizeni?

13 Impiko zentshe zitshaya kakuhle,
kodwa ngeke zilinganiswe
lempiko kanye lezinsiba zengabuzane.
14 Ibekela amaqanda ayo emhlabathini
iwayekele afudumale etshebetshebeni,
15 inganakananga ukuthi unyawo oluthile lungawahlifiza,
ukuthi inyamazana yeganga ethile ingawanyathela.
16 Amatsiyane ayo iyawakhahlameza, kube sengathi akusi wayo;
ingakhathali ukuthi ukubekela kwayo kwaba yize,
17 ngoba uNkulunkulu kayiphanga ukuhlakanipha
loba ingqondo yokubona okufaneleyo.
18 Kodwa nxa isiselula impiko zayo ukuthi igijime,
iyalihleka ibhiza lomgadi walo.

19 Uyalipha na wena ibhiza amandla
kumbe ugqokise intamo yalo ngomhlonga na?
20 Uyalenza leqe njengentethe na,
lingethuse ngokuhwabha kwalo kokuziqenya?
21 Liyaphanda ngenkani, lithokoziswa ngamandla alo,
lidlubulunde lihlasela isitha.
22 Liyakuhleka ukwesaba, kalesabi lutho;
kaliyikhekhelezi inkemba.
23 Umxhaka wemitshoko ukhehlezela emhlubulweni walo,
ndawonye lomkhonto obenyezelayo kanye lomdikadika.
24 Liyafuthelana ngamadlabuzane ligijime limbe phansi;
kakulivumeli ukuma nxa icilongo selikhala.
25 Konela ukuthi likhale icilongo lihwabhe lithi, ‘Aha!’
Lihle lilizwe iphunga lempi isesekhatshana,
ukukhwaza kwezinduna lomkhosi wempi.

26 Ukhozi luphatshiswa yikuhlakanipha kwakho na
lwelule impiko zalo ziqonde eningizimu?
27 Ukhozi luntweza ngokutshelwa nguwe yini
kanye lokwakhela isidleke salo esiqongweni?
28 Luhlala eliweni, lulale khona ebusuku;
idwala elililiwa yilo inqaba yalo.
29 Ludinga ukudla kwayo lusuka khona;
amehlo alo akubona ekude.
30 Amatsiyane alo azitika ngegazi,
kuthi lapho okulokubuleweyo khona lalo lukhona.”

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UTHIXO Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 UTHIXO wathi kuJobe:
2 “Lowo ophikisana loSomandla angamqondisa na?
Yena lowo obeka uNkulunkulu icala kamphendule!”
3 Ngakho uJobe wasephendula UTHIXO wathi:
4 “Kakungilinganga, ngingakuphendula njani na?
Ngivala umlomo wami ngesandla sami.
5 Ngikhulumile kanye, kodwa kangilampendulo,
kabili, kodwa kangisayikukhuluma njalo.”
6 UTHIXO wasekhuluma loJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho wathi:
7 “Qina njengendoda;
ngizakubuza,
wena uzangiphendula.

8 Ungakusola na ukwahlulela kwami ngokulunga?
Ungangilahla ukuze uzigeze na?
9 Ulayo ingalo enjengekaNkulunkulu na,
njalo ilizwi lakho lingaduma njengelakhe yini?
10 Nxa kunjalo zicecise ngobukhosi langenkazimulo,
uzembathise ngodumo lobukhosi.
11 Khulula ukuvutha kolaka lwakho,
khangela wonke umuntu ozigqajayo umthobise,
12 khangela wonke umuntu ozigqajayo umbeke phansi,
ubacobodise ababi khonapho abakhona.
13 Bambele bonke ndawonye othulini;
goqela ubuso babo engcwabeni.
14 Lapho-ke lami ngizavuma kuwe
ukuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa.

15 Khangela imvubu,
engayidala kanye lawe
njalo edla utshani njengenkomo.
16 Ilamandla amangalisayo okhalweni lwayo,
amandla angaka emisipheni yesisu sayo!
17 Umsila wayo uyazunguza njengomsedari;
imisipha yemilenze yayo yalukene.
18 Amathambo ayo alezimbobo zethusi,
lezitho zayo zinjengemiqwayi yensimbi.

19 Iyingqala yezidalwa zikaNkulunkulu,
kodwa uMenzi wayo angayehlula ngenkemba yakhe.
20 Izintaba zimlethela izithelo zazo,
kuthi zonke izilo zeganga zidlalele eduze.
21 Ilala ngaphansi kwezihlahla ezibukekayo,
isithekile phakathi kwemihlanga exhaphozini.
22 Izihlahla ezinhle ziyayisitha ngemithunzi yazo;
imidubu okhunjini lomfula iyihonqolozele.
23 Nxa umfula uthwele izikhukhula kayethuki;
kayithi thiki lokuba iJodani ithululela impophoma emlonyeni wayo.
24 Ukhona yini ongayibamba ngamehlo,
kumbe ayithiye ayibhoboze amakhala na?”

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UTHIXO Uqhubeka Ekhuluma

1 “Ungambamba na uLeviyathani ngewuka
loba uhitshele ulimi lwakhe ngentambo na?
2 Ungawufaka umkhala yini emakhaleni akhe
kumbe ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngewuka na?
3 Uzabe elokhu ekuncenga yini ukuthi umzwele?
Uzakhuluma lawe ngamazwi apholileyo yini?
4 Uzakwenza isivumelwano lawe na
ukuthi abe yisichaka sakho kokuphela?
5 Ungamenza abe yisifuyo sokudlalisa njengenyoni na
kumbe umfake umkhungo adlaliswe ngamantombazana na?
6 Abathengi bazabhejelana ngentengo yakhe na?
Bazakwahlukaniselana ngaye na abathengi?
7 Ungasibhoboza yini isikhumba sakhe ngenhlendla
loba ikhanda lakhe ngemikhonto yokuciba inhlanzi?
8 Ungabeka isandla phezu kwakhe,
uzahlala ukukhumbula ukutshukana kwenu ungaphindi futhi!
9 Ukucabanga ukuthi ungamehlula kuyize;
ukumbona nje kodwa kuqeda amandla.
10 Kakho ongaba lesibindi sokuthi alwe laye.
Pho ngubani ongamelana lami na?
11 Ngubani engilomlandu kuye othi kangihlawule na?
Konke okukhona ngaphansi kwezulu ngokwami.

12 Kangisoze ngikhawule ukubabaza izitho zakhe,
amandla akhe langesimo sakhe esihle.
13 Ngubani ongaxebula isikhumba sakhe na?
Ngubani ongasondela kuye ngamatomu na?
14 Ngubani ongaqunga isibindi avule iminyango yomlomo wakhe,
ogqagqelwe zingavula zamazinyo na?
15 Umhlane wakhe ulezinhlu zamahawu
abophene silikici;
16 yilelo lithe mba kwelinye
okuthi kakungeni moya phakathi kwawo.
17 Anamathelene ndawonye;

abambene okokuthi angeke ehlukaniswe.
18 Ukuthimula kwakhe kukhupha inhlansi zomlilo;
amehlo akhe anjengemisebe yokusa.
19 Amalangabi omlilo alavuka emlonyeni wakhe;
inhlansi zomlilo ziqhatsha ziphuma khona.
20 Intuthu ithunqa iphuma emakhaleni akhe
kungathi isuka embizeni ebilayo phezu komlilo wemihlanga.
21 Ukuphefumula kwakhe kulumathisa amalahle,
njalo kulavuka amalangabi emlonyeni wakhe.
22 Amandla akhe asentanyeni yakhe;
okuphambi kwakhe kuhle kuphele amandla.
23 Amavinqo enyama yakhe abambene nki;
aqine nko kawehlukaniseki.
24 Isifuba sakhe silukhuni njengelitshe,
siqine njengengaphansi kwembokodo.
25 Uthi nxa ephakama kwesabe amaqhawe ngokwawo;
atshede ebalekela ukubhula komsila wakhe.
26 Inkemba leyo emfikelayo kayenzi lutho,
kumbe umkhonto, loba umtshoko loba isijula.
27 Insimbi uyithatha njengotshani
lethusi kungathi luluthi olubolileyo.
28 Imitshoko kayimenzi abaleke;
lamatshe esavutha anjengomule kuye.
29 Induku kuye ingumuca wotshani;
uyahleka esizwa ukukhenceza komdikadika.
30 Ingaphansi yomzimba wakhe injengendengezi ezibukhali,
itshiya umzila odakeni kungathi yisileyi esizunguzekayo.
31 Udunga inziki zamanzi ayabuke njengembiza enkulu ibila,
aluvube ulwandle njengembiza yamagcobo.
32 Ngemva kwakhe utshiya umzila okhazimulayo;
umuntu angazathi ulwandle luloboya obumhlophe.
33 Kakukho emhlabeni okulingana laye,
isidalwa esingesabiyo.
34 Ubakhangelela phansi bonke abathi bazithembile;
uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abazigqajayo.”

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UJobe Uyaphendula

1 UJobe wasemphendula uThixo wathi:
2 “Ngiyazi ukuthi ungazenza zonke izinto;
kalikho icebo lakho elingavinjwa.
3 Ubuzile wathi,
‘Ngubani lo ovala iseluleko sami engelalwazi na?’
Ngeqiniso ngikhulumile ngezinto ebengingazizwisisi,
izinto ezimangalisayo engingeke ngizazi.

4 Wena uthe, ‘Lalela manje, mina ngizakhuluma;
ngizakubuza,
wena uzangiphendula.’
5 Indlebe zami zasezizwile ngawe

kodwa manje amehlo ami asekubonile.
6 Ngakho sengizeyisa,
sengiphenduka ngizilahla othulini lasemlotheni.”

Isiphetho Sendaba

7 Kwathi UTHIXO esetshilo lezizinto kuJobe wathi ku-Elifazi umThemani, “Ngiku-
zondele wena kanye labangane bakho bobabili, ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami oku-
lungileyo njengenceku yami uJobe. 8 Ngakho manje thathani inkunzi eziyisikhombisa
lenqama eziyisikhombisa liye encekwini yami uJobe liyekwenza umnikelo wenu
wokutshiswa. Inceku yami uJobe izalikhulekela, mina ngizawamukela umkhuleko
wayo ngingaze ngalijezisa okufanele ubuthutha benu. Kalikhulumanga ngami
okulungileyo njengenceku yami uJobe.” 9 Ngakho u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi
umShuhi loZofari umNahama benza lokho abakutshelwa NGUTHIXO; njalo UTHIXO
wawemukela umkhuleko kaJobe.
10 UJobe esebakhulekele abangane bakhe, UTHIXO wamenza waphumelela njalo
wamupha okunengi okuphindwe kabili kulokho ayelakho kuqala. 11 Bonke
abafowabo labodadewabo kanye lobani owayemazi ngaphambili weza ukuzakudla
laye endlini yakhe. Bamkhalela, bamzwela ngakho konke ukuhlupheka UTHIXO
ayemehlisele khona, kwathi ngulowo lalowo wamupha ulutho lwesiliva kanye
lesongo legolide.
12 UTHIXO wayibusisa impilo yokucina kaJobe ukwedlula eyokuqala. Waba lezimvu
eziyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane, izinkulungwane eziyisithupha zamakamela,
inkulungwane yezipani zenkabi labobabhemi abayinkulungwane. 13 Waphinda njalo
waba lamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu. 14 Indodakazi yokuqala
wayetha ibizo elithi Jemima, eyesibili yayinguKheziya, eyesithathu yaba nguKhereni-
Haphutshi. 15 Kakuzange kube khona elizweni lonke abesifazane ababebahle
njengamadodakazi kaJobe, njalo uyise wawabela ilifa kanye labanewabo.
16 Ngemva kwalokhu uJobe waphila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane;
wababona abantwabakhe labantwababo kwaze kwaba yisizukulwane sesine.
17 UJobe wafa esemdala njalo eseluphele.

AmaHubo
Ugwalo 1

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AmaHubo 1 – 41

1 Ubusisiwe umuntu
ongahambi ngezeluleko zababi;
ongemiyo endleleni yezoni;
ongahlaliyo esihlalweni sabaklolodayo.
2 Kodwa ukuthokoza kwakhe kusemthethweni kaThixo,
futhi unakana ngomthetho wakhe imini lobusuku.
3 Unjengesihlahla esihlanyelwe emifuleni yamanzi,
esithela izithelo zaso ngesikhathi saso,
ohlamvu laso kalibuni.
Konke akwenzayo kuyaphumelela.

4 Ababi kabanjalo!
Banjengamakhoba
aphetshulwa ngumoya.
5 Ngakho ababi kabayikuma ekwahlulelweni,
noma izoni enkundleni yabalungileyo.

6 Ngoba uThixo uyayilinda indlela yabalungileyo,
kodwa indlela yababi iya ekubhujisweni.

Ihubo 2

1 Kungani izizwe zixokozela,
labantu besakha amacebo ngeze?
2 Amakhosi omhlaba ayahloma ajame
lababusi bahlangana ndawonye
bemelana loThixo njalo lalowo ogcotshiweyo wakhe besithi;
3 “Kasiwaqamuleni amaketane abo,
silahle izibopho zabo.”

4 Yena osesihlalweni ezulwini uyahleka;
uThixo uyabahleka.
5 Abesebakhalimela ngolaka,
abathuthumelise ngentukuthelo yakhe, esithi,
6 “Sengiyibekile eyami inkosi phezu kweZiyoni,
intaba yami engcwele.”
7 Ngizasimemezela isimiso sikaThixo :
Wathi kimi, “UyiNdodana yami;
lamhla sengibe nguyihlo.
8 Cela kimi,
ngizakwenza izizwe zibe yilifa lakho,
imikhawulo yomhlaba kube yinotho yakho.
9 Uzazibusa ngentonga yobukhosi eyensimbi,
uzazibhidliza zicubuzeke njengebumba.”

10 Ngakho-ke lina makhosi, limukani,
liyaxwayiswa lina babusi bomhlaba.
11 Mkhonzeni uTHIXO ngokumesaba,
lithokozele umbuso wakhe ngokuthuthumela.
12 Ikhothameleni iNdodana, funa ithukuthele
beselibhujiswa endleleni yenu,
ngoba intukuthelo yakhe ingavutha ngesikhatshana.
Babusisiwe bonke abaphephela kuye.

Ihubo 3

Ihubo likaDavida ebalekela indodana yakhe u-Abhisalomu.
1 Oh THIXO banengi kangaka abayizitha zami!
Banengi kangaka abangihlaselayo!
2 Abanengi bathi ngami,
“UNkulunkulu kayikumhlenga.”

3 Kodwa wena uyisihlangu sokungivikela, Oh, THIXO,
inkazimulo yami, uphakamisa ikhanda lami.
4 Ngikhala kakhulu kuTHIXO
uyangiphendula esentabeni yakhe engcwele.

5 Ngilala phansi ngijumeke;
ngibuye ngiphaphame, ngoba uTHIXO uyangilondoloza.
6 Angiyikubesaba abangamatshumitshumi ezinkulungwane
abangihlaselayo inxa zonke.

7 Phakama, awu THIXO
Ngisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu wami.
Zibethe zonke izitha zami emhlathini;
akhumule amazinyo ababi.

8 KuTHIXO kuvela insindiso.
Sengathi isibusiso Sakho singaba sebantwini Bakho.

Ihubo 4

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngeziginci. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ngiphendula lapho ngikubiza,
Oh Nkulunkulu wami olungileyo.
Ake ungiphumuze ekuhlulukelweni engikukho;
woba lomusa kimi njalo uzwe umkhuleko wami.

2 Koze kube nini, we bantu,
koze kube nini inkazimulo yami liyenza ihlazo?
Koze kube nini lithanda inkohliso
njalo lidinga onkulunkulu bamanga?
3 Yazini ukuthi uTHIXO
usezehlukanisele labo abathembekileyo,
njalo uTHIXO uyezwa nxa ngikhala kuye.

4 Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni;
nxa lisemibhedeni yenu

hlolani inhliziyo zenu, lithule.
5 Nikelani imihlatshelo eqondileyo,
limethembe uTHIXO.

6 Abanengi bayabuza bathi,
“Kuvele ngubani ongasitshengisa ukulunga na?”
Sengathi ukukhanya kobuso bakho
kungakhazimula phezu kwethu, Oh THIXO.
7 Uyigcwalisile inhliziyo yami ngentokozo enkulu
eyedlula ubunengi bamabele abo lewayini labo elitsha.

8 Ngizalala phansi ngijunywe yibuthongo ngilokuthula,
ngoba wena wedwa,
Oh THIXO, uhlezi ungilondolozile.

Ihubo 5

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kwabemifece. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Zwana amazwi ami, Oh THIXO,
hawukela ukububula kwami.
2 Lalela ukukhala kwami ngidinga uncedo,
Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami,
ngoba ngikhuleka kuwe.

3 Ekuseni, Oh THIXO, uyalizwa ilizwi lami;
ekuseni ngibeka izicelo zami phambi kwakho
ngilinde ngithembile.
4 Kawusuye uNkulunkulu othokoza ngobubi;
ababi ngeke bahlale lawe.
5 Iziqholo ngeke zime
phambi kwakho;
uyabazonda bonke abenza okubi.
6 Uyababhubhisa labo abaqamba amanga;
abomele igazi labakhohlisayo
uTHIXO uyabenyanya.
7 Kodwa mina, ngomusa wakho omkhulu,
ngizangena endlini yakho;
ngizakhothamela phansi ngokuhlonipha
ngikhangele ethempelini lakho elingcwele.

8 Ngikhokhele, Oh THIXO, ngokulunga kwakho;
ngenxa yezitha zami
yenza iqonde indlela yakho phambi kwami.
9 Kalikho lalinye ilizwi lomlomo wabo elithembekileyo;
inhliziyo yabo igcwele ukubhidliza.
Umphimbo wabo ulingcwaba elikhamisileyo;
ngolimi lwabo bakhuluma inkohliso.
10 Tshono uthi balecala, Oh Nkulunkulu!
Akuthi amacebo abo abe yikuwa kwabo.
Baxotshele khatshana ngenxa yezono zabo ezinengi,
ngoba bakuhlamukele wena.
11 Kodwa akuthi bonke abaphephela kuwe bathokoze;

kabahlabelele njalonjalo ngenjabulo.
Basibekele ngovikelo lwakho,
kuthi labo abalithandayo ibizo lakho bajabule ngawe.

12 Ngoba ngempela, Oh THIXO,
uyababusisa abalungileyo;
uyabazungeza ngomusa wakho njengesihlangu.

Ihubo 6

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngeleziginci. Kulandelwa *isheminithi.* Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Oh THIXO ungangikhalimeli ngolaka lwakho
njalo ungangitshayi uthukuthele.
2 Woba lomusa kimi, THIXO,
ngoba ngiphela amandla;
Oh THIXO, ngisilisa,
ngoba amathambo ami alobuhlungu.
3 Umoya wami udabukile.
Koze kube nini, Oh THIXO,
koze kube nini?

4 Phenduka, Oh THIXO, ungikhulule;
ngihlenga ngenxa yothando lwakho olungehlulekiyo.
5 Kakho okukhumbulayo nxa esefile.
Ngubani okukhonzayo esengcwabeni lakhe?

6 Ngikhathele ngokububula;
ubusuku bonke umbheda wami uba manzi te ngikhala
umendlalo wami ngiwugcwalise ngezinyembezi.
7 Amehlo ami ayafiphala ngenxa yosizi;
ayanqundeka ngenxa yazo zonke izitha zami.

8 Xekani kimi lina lonke elenza okubi,
ngoba UTHIXO usekuzwile ukulila kwami.
9 UTHIXO usekuzwile ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa;
UTHIXO uyawamukela umkhuleko wami.
10 Zonke izitha zami zizayangeka zidaniswe;
zizatshibilika zibuyele emuva masinyane sezilehlazo.

Ihubo 7

Ishigayoni kaDavida ayihlabelela UTHIXO mayelana loKhushi umBhenjamini.
1 Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami,
ngiphephela kuwe;
ngisindisa ungikhulule kubo bonke abangizingelayo,
2 ngoba bazanginithiza njengesilwane
bangiklebule iziqanyana kungekho ongangilamulela.

3 Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wami, nxa ngikwenzile lokhu
izandla zami zilecala,
4 nxa ngenze okubi kulowo ohlalisene kuhle lami
loba ngisuke ngaphanga isitha sami kungelasizatho,
5 nxa kunjalo akuthi isitha sami singihlasele;

masigxobagxobele impilo yami emhlabathini
singibhuqabhuqele phansi ebhuqwini.

6 Vuka, Oh THIXO, ngolaka lwakho;
vuka uvimbele ukuthukuthela kwezitha zami.
Vuka, Nkulunkulu wami,
memezela ukwahlulela okuhle.
7 Akuthi abantu bebuthene bakuhanqe
busa phezu kwabo usekuphakameni.
8 UTHIXO kahlulele bonke abantu.
Ngahlulele, Oh THIXO ngokwanele ukulunga kwami,
ngokwanele ubuqotho bami, wena oPhezukonke.
9 Oh Nkulunkulu olungileyo,
ohlolisisa imicabango lezinhliziyo,
qeda udlakela lwababi
ukuze abalungileyo bavikeleke.

10 Isihlangu sami nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke,
osindisa abaqotho ngenhliziyo.
11 UNkulunkulu ngumahluleli olungileyo,
uNkulunkulu obonisa ulaka lwakhe insuku zonke.
12 Nxa umuntu engadeli ububi bakhe
uzalola inkemba yakhe;
uzaligoba alithiye idandili lakhe.
13 Usezilungisile izikhali zakhe ezibulalayo;
uselungisa imitshoko yakhe evutha umlilo.

14 Lowo osuthiswe ngobubi
akhulelwe yikona uzala ukuphumputheka.
15 Lowo omba umgodi awuphande
uwela kulowomgodi awumbileyo.
16 Inkathazo ayidalileyo iyamphendukela;
lesihluku sakhe sehlela phezu kwekhanda lakhe.

17 Ngizambonga UTHIXO ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe;
ngizahlabelela indumiso egameni LIKATHIXO oPhezukonke.

Ihubo 8

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela *yegithithi.* Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Oh THIXO, THIXO wethu,
ibizo lakho libabazeka kangaka emhlabeni wonke!

Uyibekile inkazimulo yakho
ngaphezulu emazulwini.
2 Ukumisile ukudunyiswa yizindebe zabantwana lensane
ngenxa yezitha zakho,
ukuze uthulise isitha lomphindiseli.
3 Nxa nginakana ngamazulu akho,
umsebenzi weminwe yakho,
inyanga lezinkanyezi
ozibeke endaweni yazo,

4 uyini umuntu osungaze uzihluphe ngaye na,
indodana yomuntu ukuba uyinanze?

5 Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosi,
wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosi.
6 Wamenza umbusi phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho;
wabeka zonke izinto ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe:
7 yonke imihlambi yezimvu
leyenkomo lezinyamazana zeganga,
8 izinyoni zasemkhathini
lenhlanzi zolwandle,
konke okuntsheza emanzini olwandle.

9 Oh THIXO, THIXO wethu,
ibizo lakho libabazeka kangaka emhlabeni wonke!

Ihubo 9

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ihlatshelwa njengengoma ethi “Ukufa kweNdodana.” Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ngizakudumisa, Oh THIXO, ngenhliziyo yami yonke;
ngizafakaza ngazozonke izimangaliso zakho.
2 Ngizathokoza ngijabule ngawe,
ngizahlabelela indumiso egameni lakho,
wena oPhezukonke.

3 Izitha zami ziyafulathela zibaleke;
ziyakhubeka zitshabalale phambi kwakho.
4 Ngoba ulisekele ilungelo lami;
usuhlalile esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi
wahlulela kakuhle.
5 Uzikhuzile izizwe,
wababhubhisa ababi;
wawesula amabizo abo
kuze kube nini lanini.
6 Ukubhidlika okungapheliyo kusehlele isitha sami,
wawasiphuna amadolobho aso;
lokukhunjulwa kwaso sekuphele nya.

7 UTHIXO uyabusa kuze kube nininini;
usesimisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi ukuze ahlulele.
8 Uzabusa umhlaba ngokulunga
njalo uzakwahlulela abantu ngokufaneleyo.
9 UTHIXO uyisiphephelo sabancindezelweyo,
uyinqaba ezikhathini zokuhlupheka.
10 Labo abalaziyo ibizo lakho bazathemba kuwe,
ngoba wena, THIXO, kawubafulatheli abakudingayo.

11 Hlabelelani indumiso kuTHIXO esebukhosini eZiyoni;
fakazani phakathi kwezizwe
ngalokho akwenzileyo.
12 Ngoba yena ophindiselayo kulowo ochitha igazi uyakhumbula;
akakudeli ukukhala kwabahlukuluzwayo.

13 Oh THIXO, ake ubone ukuthi izitha zami zingichukuluza njani!
Yiba lesihawu ungenyule emasangweni okufa,
14 ukuze ngifakaze indumiso yakho
emasangweni eNdodakazi yaseZiyoni
kuthi khonale ngithokoze
ngokusindisa kwakho.

15 Izizwe ziwele emgodini eziwumbileyo;
inyawo zazo zibanjwe emambuleni eziwathiyileyo.
16 UTHIXO waziwa ngokwahlulela kwakhe okulungileyo;
ababi babanjwa yizenzo zezandla zabo.
17 Ababi babuyela engcwabeni,
zonke izizwe ezikhohlwa uNkulunkulu.
18 Kodwa abaswelayo kabayikukhohlakala kokuphela,
njalo lethemba labahlukuluzwayo kaliyikutshabalala.

19 Vuka THIXO, ungayekeli umuntu anqobe;
akuthi izizwe zahlulelwe phambi kwakho.
20 Batshayise ngovalo, Oh THIXO;
akuthi izizwe zikwazi ukuthi zingabantu nje.

Ihubo 10

1 Kungani, Oh THIXO, umela khatshana?
Kungani uzifihla ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka?
2 Ngobuqholo bakhe umuntu omubi uzingela ababuthakathaka,
abayengeka ngamacebo awakhayo.
3 Uzikhukhumeza ngezinkanuko zenhliziyo yakhe;
ubusisa abayizihwaba athuke UTHIXO.
4 Ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwakhe omubi kamdingi UTHIXO;
kuyo yonke imicabango yakhe akulandawo kaNkulunkulu.
5 Izindlela zakhe ziyaphumelela;
uyadelela njalo lemithetho yakho ikhatshana laye
aneme lapho ebona izitha zakhe.
6 Uthi, “Akulalutho olungangixukuxa;
ukuthokoza ngokwami lanini,
angiyikufa ngahlupheka.”

7 Umlomo wakhe ugcwele amanga lenhlamba lezithuko;
ulimi lwakhe luqukethe uhlupho lobubi.
8 Ucathama ngaphandle kwemizi;
avumbuluke lapho abulale abantu abamsulwa,
ahlale ecatheme ekusithekeni.
9 Uyacathama njengesilwane ekusithekeni;
ucathamela labo abangelamandla;
uyabadumela abahudulele emambuleni akhe.
10 Ababambileyo uyabachoboza baphangalale;
uyabawisa ngamandla akhe.
11 Uzitshela athi, “UNkulunkulu usekhohliwe;
uyabugubuzela ubuso bakhe angabe esabona.”

12 Vuka, THIXO! Phakamisa isandla sakho,

Oh Nkulunkulu. Ungabakhohlwa abazihluphekelayo.
13 Kungani umuntu omubi ethuka uNkulunkulu na?
Kungani na ezitshela esithi,
“Kazukungithonisisa?”
14 Kodwa wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyalubona uhlupho losizi;
uyakunanzelela ukuze ulamule.
Ongelamandla uzilahla kuwe;
wena ungumsizi wezintandane.
15 Yephula ingalo yomuntu oxhwalileyo;
mthonisise ngokuganga kwakhe
obekuzahlala kungaziwa.

16 UTHIXO ungumbusi kuze kube nini lanini;
izizwe zizabhubha elizweni lakhe.
17 Uyazizwa, Oh THIXO, izifiso zabancindezelweyo;
uyabaqinisa, ulalele ukukhala kwabo,
18 ulamulele izintandane labancindezelweyo,
ukuze kuthi umuntu, ongowasemhlabeni,
angabe esesabeka futhi.

Ihubo 11

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida.
1 Mina ngiphephela KUTHIXO.
Pho ungatsho kanjani kimi ukuthi:
“Balekela entabeni yakho njengenyoni.
2 Ngoba, khangela, ababi sebewanwebile amadandili abo;
imitshoko yabo sebeyixhume ezintanjeni
ukuthi batshoke becatshile emathunzini
beciba labo abaqotho ezinhliziyweni.
3 Kambe nxa kubhidlizwa izisekelo,
kuyini abangakwenza abalungileyo na?”

4 UTHIXO usethempelini lakhe elingcwele;
UTHIXO usesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi basezulwini.
Uyawakhangela amadodana abantu;
amehlo akhe ayabahlola.
5 UTHIXO uyabahlola abalungileyo,
kodwa ababi lalabo abathanda udlakela
uyabazonda ngomoya wakhe wonke.
6 Ababi uzabehlisela amalahle avuthayo lesalufa etshisayo;
umoya otshisayo uzabahaqaza.

7 Ngoba UTHIXO ulungile,
uthanda ukwahlulela okuhle;
abaqotho bazabubona ubuso bakhe.

Ihubo 12

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela *yesheminithi.* Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Siza THIXO, ngoba kabasekho abakholwayo;
abathembekileyo sebenyamalele kabasekho ebantwini.
2 Bonke baqamba amanga kubomakhelwane babo;

izindebe zabo eziyengayo
zihlezi zikhuluma inkohliso esezinhliziyweni zabo.

3 Sengathi uTHIXO angaziquma zonke izindebe ezikhohlisayo
kanye laluphi ulimi oluzikhukhumezayo
4 oluthi, “Sizanqoba ngendimi zethu;
izindebe zethu zizasilwela
ngubani oyinkosi yethu na?”

5 “Ngenxa yokuncindezelwa kwabayanga lokububula kwabaswelayo,
sengizavuka khathesi,” kutsho uTHIXO.
“Ngizabavikela kulabo ababachukuluzayo.”
6 Njalo amazwi kaTHIXO amsulwa,
njengesiliva esicengwe esithandweni somlilo esebumba,
njengegolide elihlanjululwe kasikhombisa.

7 Oh THIXO, uzahlala usiphephisile
njalo usivikele ebantwini ababi nini lanini.
8 Ababi bayaklamasa santando
nxa bebona izinto ezilihlazo zidunyiswa ngabantu.

Ihubo 13

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Koze kube nini, Oh THIXO? Uzangikhohlwa lanininini na?
Koze kube nini ungifihlela ubuso bakho na?
2 Koze kube nini ngitshukumisana lemicabango yami,
inhliziyo yami ihlale idabukile insuku zonke na?
Koze kube nini isitha sami sitshakala phezu kwami?

3 Ngizwela ungiphendule, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami.
Khanyisela amehlo ami funa ngihle ngilale kokuphela;
4 isitha sami sizakuthi, “Sengimehlule,”
labangizondayo bathokoze nxa ngisiwa.

5 Kodwa ngiyalwethemba uthando lwabo olungapheliyo;
inhliziyo yami iyathokoza ngensindiso yakho.
6 Ngizahlabelela kuTHIXO,
ngoba ungenzele ukulunga.

Ihubo 14

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KaDavida.
1 Isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso,
“AkulaNkulunkulu.”
Baxhwalile, izenzo zabo zibolile;
kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle.

2 UTHIXO ukhangela phansi esezulwini
emadodaneni abantu
ingabe bakhona yini abazwisisayo,
abamdingayo uNkulunkulu.
3 Bonke baphambukile, bonke sebexhwalile;

kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle,
kakho lamunye.

4 Kanti lezizixhwali kaziyikufa zafunda yini?

Zona ezidla abantu bami ingathi zidla isinkwa,
ezingamkhonziyo UTHIXO.
5 Kodwa yibo abagubhazeliswa luvalo
ngoba uNkulunkulu ukhona phakathi kwabalungileyo.
6 Lina benzi bobubi lifubisa amalungiselelo abayanga,
kodwa UTHIXO uyisiphephelo sabo.

7 Awu, sengathi insindiso ka-Israyeli ingaqhamuka eZiyoni!
Nxa UTHIXO esebuyisela impumelelo yabantu bakhe,
kathokoze uJakhobe lo-Israyeli ajabule!

Ihubo 15

Ihubo likaDavida.
1 THIXO, ngubani ongahlala endlini yakho engcwele na?
Ngubani ongahlala entabeni yakho engcwele na?

2 Ngulowo okuhamba kwakhe kungelansolo
njalo owenza okulungileyo,
okhuluma iqiniso liphuma enhliziyweni yakhe,
3 ongachothoziyo ngolimi lwakhe,
ongoneli umakhelwane wakhe
futhi ongagconi umzalwane wakhe,
4 oweyisa umuntu oxhwalileyo
kodwa ohlonipha labo abesaba UTHIXO,
ogcina isifungo sakhe loba kubuhlungu ukwenzenjalo,
5 owebolekisa imali yakhe engadingi inzuzo
njalo owalayo ukuthengwa ukuze kwetheswe umlandu kongelacala.

Lowo owenza lezizinto
akayikuzanyazanyiswa lanini.

Ihubo 16

Imikithamu kaDavida.
1 Ngilondoloza, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ngoba ngiphephela kuwe.

2 Ngathi KUTHIXO, "UNGUTHIXO wami;
ngaphandle kwakho angilakho okuhle."
3 Labo abangcwele abakhona elizweni
bangabakhazimulayo engithokoza ngabo.
4 Labo abagijimela abanye onkulunkulu inhlupho zabo zizakwanda.
Angiyi kuyithulula iminikelo yegazi kubonkulunkulu labo
njalo amabizo abo kawayikuphuma kwezami izindebe.

5 THIXO, usungahlukanisele isabelo sami kanye lenkezo yami;
konke okwami usukumise kuhle.

6 Imingcele yesabelo sami idabula ezindaweni ezibukekayo;
ngeqiniso elami ilifa liyathokozisa.
7 Ngizamdumisa UTHIXO, onguye ongelulekayo;
lasebusuku inhliziyo yami iyangiqondisa.
8 Ngikhangele KUTHIXO kokuphela.
Njengoba esesandleni sami sokunene angiyi kunyikinywa.

9 Ngakho-ke inhliziyo yami iyathokoza lolimi lwami luyajabula;
lomzimba wami uzaphumula uvikelekile,
10 ngoba kawuzukungiyekela ngize ngiye endaweni yabafileyo,
njalo kawusoze wekele othembekileyo wakho ezwe ukubola.
11 Usungazisile indlela yempilo;
uzangigcwalisa ngokuthaba phambi kwakho,
ngenjabulo engapheliyo kwesokunene sakho.

Ihubo 17

Umkhuleko kaDavida.
1 Zwana, Oh THIXO, ukuncenga kwami okulungileyo;
lalela ukukhala kwami.
Zwana umkhuleko wami,
kawusuki ezindebeni ezikhohlisayo.
2 Ukugezwa kwami ecaleni kakuvele kuwe;
sengathi amehlo Akho angabona lokho okuqondileyo.

3 Udungulule inhliziyo yami
wangihlola ebusuku wangilinga,
kawuyikufumana lutho olubi engiluhlelileyo;
sengizimisele ukuthi umlomo wami ungenzi sono.
4 Mayelana lezenzo zabantu,
mina ngizazithiba ezindleleni zobudlwangudlwangu
ngelizwi lezindebe zakho.
5 Izinyathelo zami zalela ezindleleni zakho;
inyawo zami kazizange zitshelele.

6 Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu ngoba uzangiphendula;
ngilalela uzwe umkhuleko wami.
7 Tshengisa ukumangalisa kothando lwakho olukhulu,
wena osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene,
labo ababalekela kuwe ezitheni zabo.
8 Ngilondoloza njengegugu lakho;
ngifihla emthunzini wamaphiko akho
9 kwababi abangihlaselayo,
ezitheni zami ezimbi ezingihanqileyo.

10 Bagcika inhliziyo zabo ezingelazwelo,
lemilomo yabo ikhuluma iqholoza.
11 Sebeze bangithola, manje sebengihanqile
bangiqhuzulele amehlo bafuna ukungilahla phansi.
12 Banjengesilwane silambele loba yini esingayidumela,
njengesilwane esesabekayo siquthile sicatshile.

13 Phakama, Oh THIXO, basukele, balahle phansi;
ngilamulela kwababi ngenkemba yakho.
14 Oh THIXO, ngisindisa ngesandla sakho ebantwini abanjalo,
ebantwini bakulumhlaba omvuzo wabo ukuyonale impilo.
Udedisa iphango lalabo obathandayo;
amadodana abo akhomba ngophakathi;
baqoqela abantwababo inotho.

15 Mina-ke ngenxa yokulunga ngizabubona ubuso bakho;
ngizakuthi ekuvukeni kwami nganeliswe yikubona isimo sakho.

Ihubo 18

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida inceku kaTHIXO Wahlabelela uJehova amazwi alelihubo lapho uJehova wamsindisa esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lasesandleni sikaSawuli. Wathi:
1 Ngiyakuthanda, Oh THIXO, Mandla ami.

2 UTHIXO ulidwala lami, inqaba yami, lomsindisi wami;
uNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lami, lapho engiphephela khona,
isihlangu sami lophondo lokusindiswa kwami, inqaba yami.

3 Ngakhuleka kuTHIXO ofanele ukudunyiswa
njalo ngikhululwe ezitheni zami.
4 Izibopho zokufa zangihilela;
lezikhukhula zokubhubhisa zangikhulela.
5 Izibopho zengcwaba zangithandela;
imijibila yokufa yangijamela.

6 Ekukhathazekeni kwami ngakhuleka kuTHIXO;
ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami ngicela usizo.
Walizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe;
ukukhala kwami kwafinyelela kuye,
ezindlebeni zakhe.
7 Umhlaba wagedezela wazamazama,
izisekelo zezintaba zanyikinyeka;
zagedezela ngoba wayethukuthele.
8 Intuthu yalanquka emakhaleni Akhe
umlilo ohangulayo waphuma emlonyeni wakhe,
amalahle avuthayo alavuka ephuma kuwo.
9 Waqhekeza amazulu wehlela phansi;
amayezi amnyama
ayengaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe
10 Wagada amakherubhi waphapha;
wantweza phezu kwamaphiko omoya.
11 Wenza umnyama isembeso sakhe,
isigubuzelo esimhanqileyo,
amayezi ezulu amnyama asemkhathini.
12 Phakathi kokukhazimula kobukhona bakhe
kwaqubuka amayezi,
kulesiqhotho lezikhatha zombane.
13 UTHIXO wakhwaza esezulwini;

ilizwi loPhezukonke lanqenqetha.
14 Waciba imitshoko wazihlakaza izitha,
ngembane eminengi waziqothula.
15 Izigodi zolwandle zambulwa
lezisekelo zomhlaba zavezwa obala
ekukhuzeni kwakho THIXO,
ngomfutho wokuphefumula kwamakhala akho.

16 Welula isandla Sakhe esezulwini
wangibamba wangihlenga enzikini yamanzi.
17 Wangihlenga esitheni sami esilamandla,
ezitheni zami ezazingigabhela ngamandla.
18 Zangijamela mhla ngisebunzimeni,
kodwa UTHIXO waba yinsika yami.
19 Wangikhupha wangibeka endaweni ebanzi
wangihlenga ngoba wayethokoza ngami.

20 UTHIXO ungenzele okulingene ukulunga kwami;
wanginika umvuzo ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami.
21 Ngoba ngizigcinile izindlela ZIKATHIXO;
angenzanga okubi ngokufulathela uNkulunkulu wami.
22 Yonke imithetho yakhe ibiphambi kwami;
angizifulathelanga izimiso zakhe.
23 Ngibe ngilokhu ngimsulwa phambi kwakhe
njalo ngisixwayile isono.
24 UTHIXO unginike umvuzo ngokufanele ukulunga kwami,
ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami phambi Kwakhe.

25 Kwabathembekileyo lawe uthembekile,
kwabamsulwa lawe umsulwa.
26 Kwabahlanzekileyo uziveza uhlanzekile
kodwa kwabangaqondanga uziveza ukhaliphile.
27 Uyabasindisa abathobekileyo;
kodwa uyabehlisela phansi labo abamehlo asesiphundu.
28 Wena, Oh THIXO, gcina isibane sami sibhebha;
uNkulunkulu wami uguqula umnyama wami ube yikukhanya.
29 Ngosizo lwakho ngingaphuma ngimelane lebutho lempi;
ngoNkulunkulu wami ngingaweqa umduli.

30 Izindlela zikaNkulunkulu uqobo lwakhe ziphelele;
ilizwi LIKATHIXO kalilasici.
Ulihawu labo bonke abaphephela kuye.
31 Ngoba ngubani uNkulunkulu ngaphandle KUKATHIXO?
Njalo ngubani oliDwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na?
32 NguNkulunkulu ongihlomisa amandla
enze indlela yami iphelele.
33 Wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala;
ungenza ngime ezingqongweni
34 Ufundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi;
izingalo zami zingaligobisa idandili lethusi.
35 Wena uyanginika isihlangu sakho sokunqoba,

lesandla sakho sokunene siyangiqinisa;
uyazehlisela phansi ukuze ungenze ngibe mkhulu.
36 Uqhelisa indlela enginyathela kuyo,
ukuze inqagala zami zingapheci.

37 Ngaxotshana lezitha zami ngazifica;
kangiphendukanga ngingakazibhubhisi zonke.
38 Ngazichoboza, zazingeke zisavuka;
zawela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zami
39 Wangihlomisa ngamandla okulwa impi;
wenza abaxabana lami bakhothama ezinyaweni zami.
40 Wenza izitha zami zafulathela zabaleka,
njalo ngazibhubhisa izitha zami.
41 Bakhala becela uncedo, kodwa wayengekho owayengabalamulela
kuThixo, kodwa kaphendulanga.
42 Ngabatshaya bacholeka njengothuli luphetshulwa ngumoya;
ngabathulula njengodaka ezindleleni.
43 Ungikhulule ekuhlaselweni yilababantu;
usungenze ngaba yinhloko yezizwe;
abantu engangingabazi sebebuswa yimi.
44 Bathi bengizwa nje ngendaba, bangilalele;
abezizweni bayatshotshobala phambi kwami.
45 Bonke badelile;
beza bethuthumela bevela ezinqabeni zabo.

46 Uthixo uyaphila!
Alidunyiswe iDwala lami!
Kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami!
47 UnguNkulunkulu ongiphindiselelayo,
onqoba izizwe zibe ngaphansi kwami,
48 ongisindisayo ezitheni zami.
Wena wangikhuphula ngaphezu kwezitha zami;
wangihlenga ebantwini bodlakela.
49 Ngakho ngizakudumisa phakathi kwezizwe, Oh Thixo;
ngizahlabelela indumiso yebizo lakho.

50 Upha inkosi yakhe ukunqoba okukhulu;
utshengisa umusa wakhe ongaphuthiyo kogcotshiweyo wakhe,
kuDavida kanye lezizukulwane zakhe kuze kube nininini.

Ihubo 19

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Amazulu afakaza inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu;
lomkhathi utshumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe.
2 Usuku ngosuku lezizinto ziyakhuluma;
ubusuku lobusuku zibonisa ulwazi.
3 Akula nkulumo, akula mazwi
ilizwi lazo alizwakali.
4 Kodwa Ilizwi lazo lizwakala emhlabeni wonke,
amazwi azo afika emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
Emazulwini uNkulunkulu uselakhele ithente ilanga.

5 Lona linjengomyeni ephuma exhibeni lakhe,
njengentshantshu ethakazelela ukugijima ibanga layo.
6 Liphuma emkhawulweni wamazulu
lihambe indlela yalo liyotshona ngakuloyana;
kakukho okusithekileyo ekutshiseni kwalo.

7 Umthetho KATHIXO uphelele
uvuselela umphefumulo.
Izimiso ZIKATHIXO zithembekile,
zihlakaniphisa izithutha.
8 Iziqondiso ZIKATHIXO zilungile,
ziletha ukuthokoza enhliziyweni.
Imilayo KATHIXO isobala,
iletha ukukhanya emehlweni.
9 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuhlanzekile,
kumi kuze kube phakade.
Izahlulelo ZIKATHIXO ziqinisekile
njalo zilungile ngokupheleleyo.

10 Ziligugu okudlula igolide,
okudlula igolide elinengi elicengekileyo;
zimnandi kuloluju,
uluju olujuluka ohlangeni.
11 Ngazo inceku yakho iyacetshiswa;
ukuzilandela kulomvuzo omkhulu.
12 Ngubani ongazizwisisa iziphambeko zakhe?
Thethelela iziphambeko zami ezisithekileyo.
13 Phephisa inceku yakho ezonweni zamabomo;
sengathi zingeze zabusa phezu kwami.
Lapho ngizakuba msulwa
ngingabi lacala lokona okukhulu.

14 Sengathi amazwi omlomo wami leminakano yenhliziyo yami
kungathokozisa emehlweni akho,
Oh THIXO, Dwala lami loMhlengi wami.

Ihubo 20

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Sengathi UTHIXO angakuphendula nxa usenkathazweni;
sengathi ibizo likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe lingakuvikela.
2 Sengathi angakuthumela usizo luvela endlini engcwele
njalo akunike ukuhlomulela kuvela eZiyoni.
3 Sengathi angakhumbula yonke imihlatshelo yakho
njalo emukele iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa.
4 Sengathi angakupha isifiso senhliziyo yakho
enze izimiso zakho zonke ziphumelele.
5 Sizamemeza ngokujabula lapho usunqobile,
siphakamise uphawu lwethu egameni likaNkulunkulu wethu.

Sengathi UTHIXO angakupha zonke izicelo zakho.

6 Manje sengisazi ukuthi
uTHIXO uyamhlenga ogcotshiweyo wakhe;
uyamphendula esezulwini lakhe elingcwele
ngamandla Akhe asindisayo awesandla Sakhe sokunene.
7 Abanye bathemba izinqola zempi,
abanye amabhiza,
kodwa thina sithemba ibizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.
8 Bafuqelwa phansi bawe,
kodwa thina siyaphakama sime sigxile.
9 Oh THIXO, sindisa inkosi!
Sabela lapho simemeza!

Ihubo 21

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Yebo THIXO umbusi uyathokoza ngamandla akho.
Kukhulu ukuthokoza kwakhe ngokunqoba akuphiwa nguwe!

2 Usumphile isiloyiso senhliziyo yakhe
njalo kawumncitshanga isicelo sezindebe zakhe.
3 Wamemukela ngezibusiso ezinhle
wamethesa umqhele wegolide elicengekileyo ekhanda lakhe.
4 Wacela kuwe ukusila,
wamupha ubude bezinsuku kuze kube nini lanini.
5 Ngokunqoba akuphiwe nguwe
lukhulu udumo lwakhe;
usumgqizise inkazimulo lobukhosi.
6 Ngempela usumuphe izibusiso ezingapheliyo
wamenza wajabula ngentokozo yobukhona Bakho.
7 Ngoba umbusi uyamthemba uTHIXO;
ngothando loPhezukonke olungaphuthiyo
akayikuzanyazanyiswa.

8 Isandla Sakho sizazibamba zonke izitha Zakho;
isandla Sakho sokunene sizabaxhakalaza abakuzondayo.
9 Kuzakuthi lapho uqhamuka wena
uzabenza babe njengomlilo wemvutho enkulu.
Ngenxa yentukuthelo yakhe uTHIXO uzabaginya,
umlilo wakhe uzabaqothula.
10 Wena uzabhubhisa izizukulwane zabo emhlabeni,
inzalo yabo ebantwini.
11 Loba beceba okubi Ngawe
besakha amaqhinga amabi, abangeke baphumelele;
12 ngoba uzabenza bafulathele babaleke
nxa usubakhombela usulinwebile idandili.

13 Phakanyiswa, Oh THIXO ngamandla Akho;
sizahlabela sibabaze amandla Akho.

Ihubo 22

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandela itshuni ethi, “Impalakazi yekuSeni.” Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, kungani usungidelile na?

Kungani ukhatshana kokungisindisa,
khatshana kwamazwi okububula kwami?
2 Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyakhala emini,
kodwa kawuphenduli;
ebusuku, kangithulanga.

3 Kanti usesihlalweni sobukhosi uNguye oNgcwele
uyindumiso ka-Israyeli.
4 Obaba babeka ithemba labo Kuwe;
bona bathemba wena wabakhulula.
5 Bakhala kuwe bakhululwa;
bathemba kuwe kabaze badaniswa.

6 Kodwa ngiyimpethu nje kangisumuntu,
ngihozwa ngabantu njalo abanengi bangeyise.
7 Bonke abangibonayo bayangihleka;
bayangithethisa baze banyikinye amakhanda:
8 "Uthemba uTHIXO
lowo THIXO kamkhulule.
Kamsindise njengoba ethokoza ngaye."

9 Kanti wena wangikhupha esiswini;
wangenza ngakuthemba kusukela ebeleni likamama.
10 Kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ngabekwa ezandleni Zakho;
kusukela esiswini sikamama ulokhu unguNkulunkulu wami.

11 Ungabi khatshana kwami,
ngoba uhlupho luseduze njalo
kakho ongangisiza.

12 Inkunzi ezinengi zingihanqile;
inkunzi ezilamandla zaseBhashani zingihonqolozele.
13 Izilwane ezibhongayo ezibamba zidabudabule
zingikhamisela imilomo yazo.
14 Ngiyathululeka njengamanzi,
njalo amathambo ami wonke akhumukile.
Inhliziyo yami isiphenduke yaba yingcino;
isincibilikile ngaphakathi kwami.
15 Amandla ami asetshile qhu ingathi ludengezi,
lolimi lwami luyanamathela elwangeni lwami;
uyangilalisa othulini lokufa.

16 Izinja sezingihanqile;
ixuku labantu ababi selingihonqolozele,
sebengigwaze izandla lezinyawo.
17 Ngingawabala wonke amathambo ami;
abantu bayanginyonkoloza bangiklolodele.
18 Behlukaniselana izembatho zami
njalo benze inkatho ngezigqoko zami.

19 Kodwa wena, THIXO, ungabi kude lami.
Ungamandla ami, woza masinyane uzongisiza.

20 Phephisa impilo yami enkembeni,
impilo yami eligugu emandleni azo izinja.
21 Ngilamulela emlonyeni wezilwane;
ngisindisa empondweni zezinyathi.

22 Ngizamemezela ibizo Lakho kubafowethu;
emphakathini ngizakudumisa.
23 Lina elimesabayo UTHIXO, mdumiseni!
Lani lina zizukulwane zikaJakhobe, mbabazeni!
Mhlonipheni, lina lonke zizukulwane zika-Israyeli!
24 Ngoba keyisanga loba adelele
ukuhlupheka kwalowo ohlukuluzwayo;
kamfihlelanga ubuso bakhe
kodwa walalela ukukhala kwakhe ecela ukusizwa.

25 Sivela kuwe isithathelo sokudumisa kwami emhlanganweni omkhulu;
ngizagcwalisa izifungo zami phambi kwalabo abakwesabayo.
26 Abayanga bazakudla basuthe
labo abamdingayo UTHIXO bazamdumisa
sengathi inhliziyo zenu zingaphila nini lanini!

27 Yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba
izakhumbula iphendukele KUTHIXO,
njalo lezimuli zonke zezizwe
zizakhothama phansi phambi kwakhe,
28 ngoba umbuso UNGOKATHIXO
njalo uyabusa phezu kwezizwe.

29 Zonke izinothi zomhlaba zizazitika ngokudla
njalo zikhonze;
bonke abangena othulini bazaguqa phambi Kwakhe
labo abangeke baziphilise.
30 Abesikhathi esizayo bazamkhonza;
izizukulwane zizakwaziswa ngoThixo.
31 Bazatshumayela ukulunga kwakhe,
ebantwini abangakazalwa
ngoba ukwenzile Yena.

Ihubo 23

Ihubo likaDavida.
1 UTHIXO ungumelusi wami, angiyikuswela lutho.
2 Ungilalisa emadlelweni aluhlaza,
ungikhokhelela emanzini apholileyo,
3 uvuselela umphefumulo wami.
Uyangihola ezindleleni zokulunga
ngenxa yebizo lakhe.
4 Loba ngidabula
esigodini sethunzi lokufa,
angiyikwesaba okubi
ngoba wena ulami;
intonga Yakho lodondolo Lwakho

kuyangiduduza.

5 Ulungisa itafula phambi kwami
emehlweni ezitha zami.
Ugcoba ikhanda lami ngamafutha;
inkomitsho yami igcwele iyaphuphuma.
6 Impela okuhle lothando kuzangilandela
zonke insuku zokuphila kwami,
njalo ngizahlala endlini kaThixo
kuze kube nininini.

Ihubo 24

Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukuwo,
ilizwe labo bonke abahlala kulo;
2 ngoba wenza isisekelo sawo phezu kolwandle
wawumisa phezu kwamanzi.

3 Ngubani ongaqansa intaba kaThixo na?
Ngubani ongema endaweni yakhe engcwele na?
4 Ngulowo olezandla ezihlanzekileyo lenhliziyo emhlophe,
ongaphakamiseli umphefumulo wakhe kunkulunkulu wamanga
loba afunge ngenkohliso.

5 Uzakwamukela isibusiso kuThixo
lokukhululwa kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wakhe.
6 Sinjalo isizukulwane salabo abamdingayo,
abadinga ubuso Bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu kaJakhobe.

7 Phakamisani amakhanda enu, lina masango;
phakamani, lina minyango yekadeni,
ukuba iNkosi yenkazimulo ingene.
8 Ngubani iNkosi yenkazimulo?
NguThixo oqinileyo olamandla,
uThixo olamandla empini.
9 Phakamisani amakhanda enu, lina masango;
aphakamiseni, lina minyango yekadeni,
ukuba iNkosi yenkazimulo ingene.
10 Ungubani na lowo Thixo wenkazimulo?
NguThixo uSomandla
iNkosi yenkazimulo.

Ihubo 25

ElikaDavida.
1 Kuwe, Thixo,
ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami.

2 Ngethemba kuwe,
ungangiyekeli ngiyangeka,
futhi ungayekeli izitha zami zinginqobe.
3 Kakukho bani othemba lakhe likuwe
ozayangiswa lanini,

kodwa bazayangiswa
abadinga ukulimaza kungelasizatho.

4 Ngibonisa izindlela Zakho, Oh THIXO,
ngifundisa izindlela Zakho;
5 ngikhokhela eqinisweni Lakho ungifundise
ngoba unguNkulunkulu, uMsindisi wami,
lethemba lami likuwe insuku zonke.
6 Khumbula, Oh THIXO, isihawu Sakho esikhulu kanye lothando,
ngoba konke kuvela ekadeni.
7 Ungakhumbuli izono zobutsha bami
lezindlela zokuhlamuka kwami;
ngikhumbula ngokufanele uthando Lwakho,
ngoba ulungile, Oh THIXO.

8 UTHIXO ulungile, uqotho;
ngakho weluleka izoni ngezindlela zakhe.
9 Uhola abathobekileyo kulokho okuqondileyo
abafundise indlela yakhe.
10 Zonke izindlela ZIKATHIXO zilothando, ziyathembeka
kulabo abagcina izimiso zesivumelwano Sakhe.
11 Ngenxa yegama Lakho, Oh THIXO,
thethelela ububi bami, loba bubukhulu.

12 Ngubani-ke umuntu omesabayo UTHIXO?
Uzameluleka ngaleyondlela ayimiselweyo.
13 Uzaphila insuku zakhe ekhomba ngophakathi,
lezizukulwane zakhe zizakudla ilifa lelizwe.
14 Bayathenjwa NGUTHIXO labo abamesabayo;
ubenza basazi isivumelwano Sakhe.
15 Amehlo ami ahlezi EKUTHIXO lanini,
ngoba nguye kuphela ozakhumula inyawo zami esithiyweni.

16 Phendukela kimi ube lobubele lami,
ngoba ngilesizungu, ngikhathazekile.
17 Inhlupheko zenhliziyo yami sezandile;
ngikhulula ekudabukeni kwami.
18 Khangela ukukhathazeka kwami lokuhawula kwami,
ususe zonke izono zami.
19 Ake ubone ukuthi izitha zami sezande kangakanani,
lokuthi zingizonda kubi kanjani!

20 Linda impilo yami ungihlenge;
ungangiyekeli ngiyangeke,
ngoba ngizuza isiphephelo Kuwe.
21 Sengathi ubuqotho lokuqonda kungangivikela,
ngoba ngizuza isiphephelo Kuwe.

22 Hlenga u-Israyeli, Oh Nkulunkulu,
kuzozonke inhlupheko zakhe.

Ihubo 26

ElikaDavida.
1 Veza ukungabi lacala kwami, THIXO,
ngoba sengiphile impilo engelansolo;
ngihlezi ngimethemba UTHIXO
ngingaxhamandi.
2 Ngilinga, Oh THIXO, ungizame,
hlola inhliziyo yami lengqondo yami;
3 ngoba uthando Lwakho luhlezi luphambi kwami,
njalo kokuphela ngihamba eqinisweni Lakho.

4 Kangidlelani labantu abakhohlisayo
njalo kangiwelelani labazenzisi;
5 ngiyawenyanya umbuthano wezigangi;
njalo ngiyala ukuhlala lezixhwali.
6 Ngigeza izandla zami ngokungelacala,
bese ngilizungeza i-alithari Lakho, Oh THIXO,
7 ngimemezele ngamandla indumiso Yakho
ngibatshele bonke ngemisebenzi Yakho eyisimanga.

8 Ngiyayithanda indlu ohlala kuyo, Oh THIXO,
indawo lapho inkazimulo Yakho ehlala khona.
9 Ungamukisi umphefumulo wami ndawonye lowezoni,
impilo yami kanye lalabo abomele igazi,
10 ozandla zabo zilamacebo amabi,
ozandla zabo zokunene zifumbethe izivalamlomo.
11 Kodwa mina ngiphila impilo engelasici;
ngihlenga ube lesihawu kimi.

12 Inyawo zami zimi emhlabathini ochayileyo;
ngizamdumisa UTHIXO emhlanganweni omkhulu.

Ihubo 27

ElikaDavida.
1 UTHIXO uyikukhanya kwami lensindiso yami
ngizakwesaba bani na?
UTHIXO uyinqaba yokuphila kwami
ngubani engingamesaba na?

2 Nxa ababi bengihlasela
bezodlithiza inyama yami,
lapho izitha zami labangizondayo bengihlasela,
bazakhubeka bawe.
3 Loba impi ingivimbezela,
inhliziyo yami kayizukwesaba;
loba ngivukelwa yimpi,
loba kunjalo ngizakuma isibindi.

4 Yinye into engiyicelayo KUTHIXO,
yilokhu engikudingayo:
ukuba ngihlale endlini KATHIXO

zonke insuku zokuphila kwami,
ngibuke ubuhle BUKATHIXO,
lokuthi ngimdinge ethempelini lakhe.
5 Phela ngosuku lokuhlupheka
uzangilondoloza emzini wakhe,
uzangifihla esiphephelweni sethabanikeli lakhe
angimise phezulu kwedwala elisesiqongweni.

6 Lapho-ke ikhanda lami lizaphakanyiswa
ngaphezu kwezitha ezingihanqileyo;
ethabanikeleni lakhe ngizakwenza umhlatshelo ngimemeza ngentokozo;
ngizahlabelela ingoma zendumiso KUTHIXO.

7 Zwana ilizwi lami lapho ngimemeza Oh THIXO;
woba lomusa kimi ungiphendule.
8 Ithi inhliziyo yami Ngawe, “Dinga ubuso bakhe!”
Ubuso Bakho, THIXO ngizabudinga.
9 Ungangifihleli ubuso Bakho,
ungayixotshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela;
wena ubungumsizi wami.
Ungangilahli loba ungidele,
Oh Nkulunkulu, Msindisi wami.
10 Loba obaba lomama bengangidela,
UTHIXO uzangemukela.
11 Ngifundisa indlela Yakho, Oh THIXO;
ngihola endleleni eqondileyo
ngenxa yabancindezeli bami.
12 Unganginikeli entandweni yabangizondayo,
ngoba ofakazi bamanga bayangivukela
bevutha ulaka.

13 Ngilokhu ngilesibindi ngalokhu:
ngizakubona ukulunga KUKATHIXO
emhlabeni wabaphilayo.
14 Lindela UTHIXO
qina ume isibindi
ulindele UTHIXO.

Ihubo 28

Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ngikhala Kuwe, Oh THIXO,
Dwala lami;
ungangivaleli indlebe Yakho.
Phela nxa ulokhu uthule
ngizakuba njengalabo asebengene egodini.
2 Zwana ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa,
nxa ngikhala Kuwe ngicela usizo,
nxa ngiphakamisela izandla zami
eNdaweni Yakho eNgcwelengcwele.

3 Ungangihuduli ndawonye lababi,

lalabo abenza ububi,
abakhuluma kamnandi labomakhelwane
kodwa begcine ububi ezinhliziyweni zabo.
4 Bajezisele izenzo zabo
kanye lemisebenzi yabo emibi;
bajezisele imisebenzi yezandla zabo,
ubaphindisele ngokubafaneleyo.

5 Njengoba bengananzi imisebenzi kaThixo
lalokho okwenziwe yizandla zakhe,
uzababhidlizela phansi
angaphindi ababumbe futhi.

6 Udumo kalube kuye uThixo,
ngoba ukuzwile ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa.
7 UThixo ungamandla ami lesihlangu sami;
inhliziyo yami yethemba Kuye, ngiyancedwa.
Inhliziyo yami iyaqolotsha ngentokozo
njalo ngizambonga ngehubo.

8 UThixo ungamandla abantu bakhe,
inqaba yensindiso yogcotshiweyo wakhe.
9 Sindisa abantu Bakho ubusise ilifa lakho;
woba ngumelusi wabo ubathwale lanininini.

Ihubo 29

Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Mupheni uThixo, lina ziphakanyiswa,
mupheni uThixo ubukhosi lamandla.
2 Mupheni uThixo ubukhosi obufanele ibizo lakhe;
mkhonzeni uThixo ekukhazimuleni kobungcwele bakhe.

3 Ilizwi likaThixo liyazulazula phezu kwamanzi;
uNkulunkulu wenkazimulo uyandindiza,
uThixo uyandindiza phezu kwamanzi amanengi.
4 Ilizwi likaThixo lilamandla;
ilizwi likaThixo lilobukhosi.
5 Ilizwi likaThixo lephula imisedari;
uThixo uyiqamula ibe yizicucu imisedari yaseLebhanoni.
6 Wenza iLebhanoni itshakale njengethole,
iSiriyoni njengeguqa lenyathi.
7 Ilizwi likaThixo litshaya
ngezikhatha zombane.
8 Ilizwi likaThixo liyayizamazamisa inkangala;
uThixo uyayizamazamisa iNkangala yaseKhadeshi.
9 Ilizwi likaThixo liyayitshila imikusu
likhwebule izihlahla amagusu asale eze.
Njalo ethempelini lakhe bonke bazamemeza bathi,
“Inkazimulo!”

10 UThixo uhlezi ebukhosini phezu kwesikhukhula;

uTHIXO unguMbusi lanininini.
11 UTHIXO unika amandla ebantwini bakhe;
uTHIXO ubusisa abantu bakhe ngokuthula.

Ihubo 30

Ihubo. Ingoma. Elokunikela ithempeli. ElikaDavida.
1 Ngizakuphakamisa, Oh THIXO,
ngoba wangenyula ekujuleni
awaze wavumela izitha zami zijabule phezu kwami.
2 Awu THIXO, Nkulunkulu wami,
ngacela Kuwe uncedo wangisilisa.
3 Yebo THIXO wangenyula elibeni,
wangisiza ngaphepha ukungena egodini.

4 Hlabelelani kuTHIXO lina bathembekileyo bakhe;
dumisani ibizo lakhe elingcwele.
5 Ngoba ukuthukuthela Kwakhe ngokomzuzwana nje,
kodwa umusa wakhe ukhona okwempilo yonke;
ukulila kungaqhubeka ubusuku bonke,
kodwa ukuthokoza kuyafika ekuseni.

6 Ngathi lapho ngizizwa ngihlezi kuhle ngathi,
“Kangisoze ngafa ngahlukuluzeka.”
7 Yebo THIXO, wathi lapho ungizwela
wenza intaba yami yagxila qho;
kodwa kwathi lapho usufihle ubuso Bakho
ngaphelelwa lithemba.

8 Ngakhala kuwe, THIXO;
ngacela umusa eNkosini:
9 “Kulenzuzo bani ngokubhujiswa kwami na,
ngokutshona kwami egodini?
Kambe uthuli luzakudumisa na?
Lona luzafakaza na ngokuthembeka Kwakho?
10 Zwana, Oh THIXO, ube lomusa kimi;
woba lusizo lwami.”

11 Waguqula ukububula kwami kwaba ngumgido;
wangihlubula izigqoko zamasaka wangigqokisa ukuthokoza,
12 ukuze inhliziyo yami ikuhlabelele ingathuli.
Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wami,
ngizakubonga nini lanini.

Ihubo 32

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Kuwe THIXO, sengithole isiphephelo;
mangingayangiswa lanini;
ngihlenga ngokulunga Kwakho.
2 Ngilalela,
woza ngokuphangisa ungihlenge;
woba lidwala lami lokuphephela,

inqaba eqinileyo yokungisindisa.
3 Njengoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami,
ngikhokhela ungihole ngenxa yegama Lakho.
4 Ngikhulula emjibileni othiyelwe mina,
ngoba uyisiphephelo sami.
5 Ezandleni Zakho nginikela umphefumulo wami;
ngihlenga, Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu weqiniso.

6 Ngiyabazonda labo abanamathela izithombe eziyize;
ngithemba KUTHIXO.
7 Ngizathokoza ngijabule othandweni Lwakho,
ngoba wakubona ukuhlupheka kwami
wabazi ubuhlungu bomphefumulo wami.
8 Kawungifuqelanga esitheni
kodwa ugxilise inyawo zami endaweni ebanzi.

9 Woba lomusa kimi, Oh THIXO, ngoba ngiyahlupheka;
amehlo ami ayafiphala ngenxa yosizi,
umphefumulo wami lomzimba wami ngokudabuka.
10 Impilo yami incitshiswa yikukhathazeka,
leminyaka yami yikububula;
amandla ami ayadeda ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwami,
lamathambo ami aphela amandla.
11 Ngenxa yezitha zami,
sengiyinhlekisa enjani kubomakhelwane;
sengiyinhlekisa kubangane bami
labo abangibonayo ezindleleni bayangibalekela.
12 Sebekhohliwe ngami kungathi sengafa;
senginjengembiza yebumba ehlephukileyo.
13 Ngoba ngizwa izingoma zabanengi;
kulezisongo inxa zonke;
bakha amasu okungilimaza,
njalo baceba ukuchitha impilo yami.

14 Kodwa ngiyethemba Kuwe, THIXO;
ngithi, “UnguNkulunkulu wami.”
15 Izikhathi zami zisezandleni Zakho;
ngisindisa ezitheni zami
lakulabo abangizingelayo.
16 Ubuso Bakho mabukhazimulele encekwini Yakho;
ngisindisa ngothando Lwakho olungehlulekiyo.
17 Mangingahlaziswa, Oh THIXO,
ngoba sengikhalile Kuwe;
kodwa akuthi ababi bahlaziswe
balale bathule zwi ethuneni.
18 Akuthi izindebe zabo zamanga zithuliswe,
ezikhuluma ngokuzigqaja lokweyisa
bakhuluma ngobuqholo ngabantu abalungileyo.

19 Kukhulu kangakanani ukulunga Kwakho
okugcinele labo abakwesabayo,

okunika obala abantu bebona
kulabo abaphephela Kuwe.
20 Uyabafihla ekusithekeni kobukhona Bakho
emaqingeni ababi
uyabagcina bevikelwe emzini wakhe
ezilimini ezichothozayo.

21 Udumo alube kuThixo
ngoba watshengisa uthando lwakhe olumangalisayo kimi
ngisedolobheni elihanqiweyo yimpi.
22 Ngiphakathi kokwethuka ngathi,
“Sengisusiwe kangisabonakali Kuwe!”
Kanti wakuzwa ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa,
lapho ngangicela kuwe ukusizwa.

23 Mthandeni uThixo,
lina bangcwele bakhe!
UThixo uyabalondoloza abathembekileyo,
kodwa abazigqajayo uyabaphindisela ngokugcweleyo.
24 Qinani lime isibindi,
lonke lina elithemba uThixo.

Ihubo 32

Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ubusisiwe lowo
oziphambeko zakhe zithethelelwe,
ozono zakhe zisibekelwe.
2 Ubusisiwe lowo
ongasoze abalelwe isono sakhe nguThixo,
njalo ongelankohliso emoyeni wakhe.

3 Ngathi lapho ngithule,
amathambo ami ababuthakathaka
ngenxa yokububula kwami ilanga lonke.
4 Ngoba imini lobusuku
isandla Sakho sasingelekile, singisinda;
amandla ami aphela
kwafana lesikhudumezi sehlobo.

5 Lapho-ke ngasengisivuma isono sami Kuwe
angabe ngisasibekela ububi bami.
Ngathi, “Ngizazivuma iziphambeko zami kuThixo,”
walithethelela icala lesono sami.

6 Ngakho akuthi wonke umuntu othembekileyo akhuleke kuwe
usatholakala;
ngeqiniso kuzakuthi lapho impophoma seziqubuka,
kabayi kumfinyelela.
7 Uyindawo yami yokuphephela;
uzangivikela enkathazweni
ungizungeze ngezingoma zensindiso.

8 Ngizakutshengisa ngikufundise indlela ofanele uhambe ngayo;
ngizakweluleka ngikulinde.
9 Ungabi njengebhiza loba imbongolo,
khona akulakuzwisisa
kodwa kumele kukhokhelwa ngamatomu
ukuze umuntu kumlalele.
10 Zinengi izikhalazo zababi,
kodwa uthando LUKATHIXO olungaphuthiyo
luyamzungeza umuntu othemba kuye.

11 Thokozani KUTHIXO, lithabe lina balungileyo;
hlabelelani lonke lina eliqotho enhliziyweni!

Ihubo 33

1 Hlabelelani KUTHIXO ngentokozo,
lina balungileyo;
kubafanele abaqotho ukumdumisa.
2 Dumisani UTHIXO ngechacho;
mhlabeleleni ngesiginci sezintambo ezilitshumi.
3 Mhlabeleleni ingoma entsha;
tshayani kamnandi lihlokome ngentokozo.

4 Ngoba ilizwi LIKATHIXO lilungile, liqinisile;
uthembekile kukho konke akwenzayo.
5 UTHIXO uthanda ukulunga lokwahlulela okuqondileyo;
umhlaba ugcwele uthando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo.

6 Ngelizwi LIKATHIXO amazulu enziwa,
ubunkanyankanya bezinkanyezi ngomoya womlomo wakhe.
7 Uyawaqoqa amanzi olwandle awathele enkonxeni;
athululele inziki zolwandle eziphaleni.
8 Umhlaba wonke kawesabe UTHIXO;
akuthi bonke abantu bomhlaba bazithobe phambi Kwakhe.
9 Ngoba wakhuluma, kwahle kwaba khona;
wayala, kwema kwaqina nko.

10 UTHIXO uyawachitha amacebo ezizwe;
uyazinyampisa izinhloso zabantu.
11 Kodwa amacebo KATHIXO ami aqinile nini lanini,
izinhloso zenhliziyo yakhe kuzozonke izizukulwane.

12 Sibusisekile isizwe uNkulunkulu waso ONGUTHIXO,
abantu abakhethayo baba yilifa lakhe.
13 UTHIXO ukhangele phansi esezulwini
ababone bonke abantu;
14 esemzini wakhe
uyababona bonke abahlala emhlabeni
15 yena owenza inhliziyo zabo bonke,
enanzelela konke abakwenzayo.

16 Akulankosi esizwa yibukhulu bebutho layo;

akulaqhawe eliphunyuka ngamandla alo amakhulu.
17 Yikuthemba ize ukuthi ibhiza lingakusindisa;
loba lona lilamandla amakhulu ngeke lisindise.
18 Kodwa amehlo kaTHIXO akulabo abamesabayo,
kulabo othemba labo lisethandweni lwakhe olungapheliyo,
19 ukubakhulula ekufeni
baphiliswe lanxa kulendlala.

20 Simlindele uTHIXO ngokwethemba;
ulusizo lwethu lesihlangu sethu.
21 Inhliziyo zethu zithokoza Ngaye,
ngoba sithembe ebizweni lakhe elingcwele.
22 Sengathi uthando Lwakho olungaphuthiyo, THIXO, lungaba phezu kwethu
njengalokhu sibeka ithemba lethu kuwe.

Ihubo 34

ElikaDavida. Lapho azenza uhlanya ku-Abhimelekhi, owamxotshayo wahamba.
1 Ngizamphakamisa uTHIXO ngezikhathi zonke;
indumiso yakhe izahlala isezindebeni zami.
2 Umphefumulo wami uzaziqhenya THIXO
akuthi abahluphekileyo bezwe bajabule.
3 Bongani uTHIXO kanye lami;
kasiphakamiseni ibizo lakhe sonke, ndawonye.

4 Ngamdinga uTHIXO wangiphendula;
wangikhulula kukho konke engangikwesaba.
5 Labo abakhangele Kuye bayakhazimula;
ubuso babo abungeke bembeswe lihlazo.
6 Isihlupheki lesi samemeza, uTHIXO wasizwa;
wasisindisa kuzozonke inhlupheko zaso.
7 Ingilosi kaTHIXO iyabazungeza
labo abamesabayo, ibakhulule.

8 Nambithani libone ukuthi uTHIXO ulungile;
ubusisiwe umuntu ophephela Kuye.
9 Mesabeni UTHIXO, lina bangcwele bakhe,
ngoba labo abamesabayo kabasweli lutho.
10 Izilwane zingaphela amandla zilambe,
kodwa labo abamdingayo uTHIXO kabasweli lutho oluhle.
11 Wozani, bantwabami, lalelani kimi;
ngizalifundisa ukumesaba uTHIXO.
12 Lowo othanda ukuphila
abone lezinsuku ezinhle kumele
13 anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi
lezindebe zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso.
14 Tshiya ububi wenze okulungileyo;
funa ukuthula ukunxwanele.

15 Amehlo kaTHIXO akhangele abalungileyo
lezindlebe zakhe ziyezwa ukukhala kwabo;
16 ubuso buka THIXO bumelana lalabo abenza okubi,

ukuba acitshe ukukhunjulwa kwabo emhlabeni.

17 Abalungileyo bayakhala kuThixo abezwe;
uyabakhulula kuzozonke inhlupheko zabo.
18 UThixo useduze labo abalezinhliziyo ezephukileyo
asindise labo abadabukileyo emoyeni.

19 Umuntu olungileyo angaba lezinhlupheko ezinengi,
kodwa uThixo uyamkhulula kuzozonke.
20 Uyawavikela wonke amathambo akhe,
kungephuki loba lalinye.

21 Ububi buzambulala oyisixhwali;
izitha zolungileyo zizalahlwa.
22 UThixo uyazihlenga izinceku zakhe;
kakho ozalahlwa ophephela kuye.

Ihubo 35

ElikaDavida.
1 Xabana labo, Thixo abaxabana lami;
lwana labo abalwa lami.
2 Thatha isihlangu lewisa;
phakama uzongilamulela.
3 Phakamisa umkhonto lesijula,
ukuqondise kwabangihlaselayo.
Ngitshela ukuthi,
“Ngiyikusindiswa kwakho.”

4 Sengathi labo abazingela impilo yami
bangayangiswa bathelwe ngehlazo;
sengathi labo abazama ukungidiliza
bangabuyiselwa emuva bedumazekile.
5 Sengathi bangaba njengamakhoba emoyeni,
ingilosi kaThixo ibe ibadudula ibaxotsha;
6 sengathi indlela yabo ingaba mnyama itshelele,
ingilosi kaThixo ibe ibahlezi ezithendeni.

7 Ngoba bangithiya ngamambule abo ngingonanga lutho,
baphinda bangembela umgodi kungelasizatho,
8 sengathi bangadilizwa belibele
lawomambule abawathiyileyo abahilele,
sengathi bangawela kulowomgodi babhidlizwe.
9 Lapho-ke umoya wami uzathokoza kuThixo
ujabule ekusindiseni Kwakhe.
10 Mina qobo lwami ngizamemeza ngithi,
“Ngubani onjengawe, Oh Thixo?
Uyabakhulula abahluphekayo kulabo abalamandla kulabo,
abahluphekayo labaswelayo kulabo ababantshontshelayo.”

11 Ofakazi bolunya bayangivelela;
bangibuza ngezinto engingazaziyo.

12 Bangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi
umphefumulo wami usale usudabukile.
13 Ikanti kwathi bona begula ngembatha amasaka
ngazithoba ngazila ukudla.
Kwathi lapho imikhuleko yami ingaphendulwa
14 ngaba sesililweni
kwangathi ngililela umngane wami loba umfowethu.
Ngakhothamisa ikhanda lami ngokudabuka
kwangathi ngililela umama.
15 Kodwa ngathi sengikhubekile baqwebana bokha insini;
abahlaseli bangihlanganyela ngilibele.
Bangichothoza okungapheliyo.
16 Bakloloda ngomona njengabangakholwayo;
bangigedlela amazinyo abo.

17 Nkosi, uzakuma ubukele kuze kube nini na?
Yenyula impilo yami ekungilimazeni kwabo,
impilo yami eligugu kulezizilwane.
18 Ngizakubonga phakathi komhlangano omkhulu;
ngikudumise ngiphakathi kwamaxuku abantu.
19 Ungabayekeli abayizitha zami ngingabonelanga lutho,
bantele phezu kwami.
Ungayekeli labo abangizondayo kungelasizatho,
banginyonkoloze ngomona.
20 Kabakhulumi okuqondileyo
kodwa babumba amacala amanga,
ngalabo abaphila ngokuthula elizweni.
21 Bangikhamisela imilomo bathi, “Hiya belo!
Sizibonele ngawethu amehlo la.”

22 Oh Thixo, usukubonile lokhu; ungathuli.
Ungabi khatshana kwami, Oh Nkosi.
23 Vuka, uphakame ungilamulele!
Ngilwela, Nkulunkulu Thixo wami.
24 Ngigeza ngokulunga Kwakho,
Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami;
ungabayekeli bantele phezu kwami.
25 Ungabayekeli bacabange bathi, “Ehe, yikho ebesikufuna!”
loba bathi, “Sesimginyile.”

26 Sengathi bonke abantela ngokuhlupheka kwami
bangathelwa ngehlazo basanganiseke;
sengathi bonke abazikhukhumezayo phezu kwami
bangembeswa ngokuyangeka langehlazo.
27 Sengathi labo abathokoza ngokugezwa kwami
bangahalalisa ngentokozo lenjabulo;
sengathi bangatsho kokuphela bathi,
“Makaphakanyiswe uThixo
othokoza ngokuhlala kuhle kwenceku yakhe.”

28 Ulimi lwami luzakhuluma ngokulunga Kwakho
langendumiso Yakho ilanga lonke.

Ihubo 36

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida inceku kaThixo.
1 Ngilenkinga enhliziyweni yami
mayelana lokuxhwala kwesigangi:
Kakukho ukwesaba uNkulunkulu
engqondweni yaso.

2 Phela kweyaso ingqondo siyazikhohlisa
size sehluleke ukubona kumbe ukuzonda isono saso.
3 Amazwi omlomo waso abolile alenkohliso;
kasiselakho ukuhlakanipha lokulunga.
4 Kwala loba silele siceba ububi;
sizinikela endleleni yobubi
njalo kasikulahli okubi.

5 Uthando Lwakho, Thixo, lufika emazulwini,
ukuthembeka Kwakho esibhakabhakeni.
6 Ukulunga Kwakho kunjengezintaba ezesabekayo,
ukwahlulela kuhle Kwakho njengolwandle olukhulu.
Oh Thixo, uyamlondoloza umuntu kanye lenyamazana.
7 Luligugu elinganani uthando Lwakho olungaphuthiyo,
Oh Nkulunkulu!
Bonke abantu bazuza isiphephelo
emthunzini wamaphiko Akho.
8 Bayazitika ngokudla okunengi endlini Yakho;
ubapha okunathwayo okwemfuleni wakho wokuthokoza.
9 Ngoba kuwe kulomthombo wokuphila;
kokwakho ukukhanya sibona ukukhanya.

10 Qhubeka ngothando Lwakho kulabo abakwaziyo,
ukuluga Kwakho kwabaqotho enhliziyweni.
11 Sengathi unyawo lwabazazisayo lungehluleka ukunginyathela,
loba ukuthi isandla sababi singangixotshi.
12 Bonani-ke ukuthi izigangi sezithe daca
ziwiselwe phansi, kazisavuki futhi!

Ihubo 37

ElikaDavida.
1 Ungazikhathazi ngabantu ababi
loba uhawukele labo abenza okungalunganga;
2 ngoba bazabuna masinyane njengotshani,
njengezimila eziluhlaza bazakufa masinyane.

3 Themba kuThixo wenze okulungileyo;
hlala elizweni ukholise amadlelo amahle.
4 Zithokozise kuThixo
Yena uzakupha izifiso zenhliziyo yakho.

5 Nikela indlela zakho kuThixo;

themba kuye, Yena uzakwenzela lokhu:
6 Uzakwenza ukulunga kwakho kukhazimule njengentathakusa,
ubuqotho balokho okulwelayo njengelanga lemini enkulu.

7 Chuma phambi kuKaThixo
umlindele ngesineke;
ungakhathazeki nxa abantu bephumelela ngezindlela zabo,
nxa bephutshisa amaqhinga abo amabi.

8 Xwayana lokuzonda njalo ufulathele intukuthelo;
ungakhathazeki, kukhokhelela ebubini kuphela.
9 Ngoba abantu ababi bazasuswa,
kodwa labo abathemba uThixo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe.

10 Kuseyisikhatshana nje, ababi bazabe bengasekho;
loba usubadinga kabasayikufunyanwa.
11 Kodwa abathobekileyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe
njalo bakholise ukuthula okukhulu.

12 Ababi baceba ukulimaza abalungileyo
babagedlele amazinyo;
13 kodwa iNkosi iyabahleka ababi,
ngoba iyazi ukuthi usuku lwabo luyeza.

14 Ababi bakhokha inkemba,
badonsa idandili
ngenhloso yokulimaza abahluphekayo labaswelayo,
lokubulala labo abahamba ngokulunga.
15 Kodwa izinkemba zabo zizagwaza ezabo inhliziyo,
lamadandili abo azakwephulwa.

16 Kungcono ingcosana leyo abalayo abalungileyo
kulenotho yababi abanengi;
17 ngoba amandla ababi azaqedwa,
kodwa uThixo uyabaxhasa abalungileyo.

18 Insuku zabangelasici ziyaziwa nguThixo,
ilifa labo lizakuma lanini.
19 Ngezikhathi zomonakalo abayikubuna;
ngezikhathi zendlala bazasutha.

20 Kodwa ababi bazabhubha;
izitha zikaThixo zinjengobuhle beganga,
zizanyamalala, zinyamalale njengentuthu.

21 Ababi bayaboleka kodwa kababuyiseli,
kodwa abalungileyo bayapha kakhulu;
22 labo uThixo ababusisayo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe;
kodwa labo abathukayo bazasuswa.

23 Nxa uThixo ethokoziswa yikuhamba komuntu,

uyaqinisa izinyathelo zakhe;
24 loba angakhubeka, kayikuwa,
ngoba UTHIXO uyamsekela ngesandla sakhe.

25 Ngangimutsha, manje sengiluphele,
kodwa angizange ngibone abalungileyo bedelwa
loba abantwababo becela isinkwa.
26 Bayaphana kokuphela njalo bayebolekana nje;
abantwababo bazabusiswa.

27 Phendukani ebubini lenze ukulunga
lapho-ke lizahlala elizweni nini lanini.
28 Ngoba UTHIXO uthanda abalungileyo
njalo kayikubadela abathembekileyo bakhe.

Bazavikelwa kuze kube nini lanini
kodwa inzalo yababi izalahlwa;
29 abalungileyo bazazuza ilifa lelizwe
bahlale kulo lanini.

30 Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ukhuluma ukuhlakanipha,
lolimi lwakhe lukhuluma okuqondileyo.
31 Umthetho kaNkulunkulu wakhe usenhliziyweni yakhe;
inyawo zakhe kazitsheleli.

32 Ababi bacathamela abalungileyo
befuna impilo yabo qobo lwayo;
33 kodwa UTHIXO kayikubayekela bazenzele abakuthandayo
kubo kumbe balahlwe licala nxa bethonisiswa.

34 Lindelani UTHIXO ligcine indlela yakhe.
Uzaliphakamisa lilithathe ilifa lelizwe;
lizakubona lokhu nxa ababi sebesusiwe.

35 Sengike ngabona umuntu omubi olesihluku
kulokubhadala ehluma njengesihlahla,
esikhula kuhle emhlabathini waso wemvelo,
36 kodwa waphanga wafa kabe esabakhona;
ngathi loba sengimdinga ngamswela.

37 Nanzelela abangelecala, qaphela abaqotho.
Likhona ikusasa kumuntu wokuthula.
38 Kodwa zonke izoni zizabhujiswa;
ikusasa lezigangi lizasuswa.

39 Ukusindiswa kwabalungileyo kuvela KUTHIXO;
uyinqaba yabo ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka.
40 UTHIXO uyabasiza abakhulule;
abakhulule kwababi abasindise,
ngoba baphephela kuye.

Ihubo 38

Ihubo likaDavida. Isikhalazo.
1 Awu THIXO, ungangikhuzi
ngolaka loba ungijezise uthukuthele.
2 Ngoba imitshoko yakho ingicibile,
njalo wangibhansula kakhulu ngesandla sakho.
3 Ngenxa yokuthukuthela kwakho kangiselakuphila emzimbeni wami;
amathambo ami kawasaqinanga ngenxa yesono sami.
4 Ukona kwami sekungisinda
njengomthwalo onzima ongathwalekiyo.

5 Izilonda zami sezilobovu sezisenyanyeka
ngenxa yobuthutha bami besono.
6 Ngiyangiswe ngehliswa kakhulu;
sengitshona ngilila ilanga lonke.
7 Ngiphethwe liqolo ngobuhlungu obuqumayo;
umzimba wami kawuselampilo.
8 Sengibuthakathaka, sengicikizekile;
ngiyabubula ngobuhlungu benhliziyo.

9 Zonke iziloyiso zami zisobala kuwe, Oh Thixo,
ukububula kwami kakufihlekanga kuwe.
10 Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela, amandla ami ayaphela;
lokukhanya sekufiphele emehlweni ami.
11 Abangane bami labakhula bami sebengibalekela ngenxa yamanxeba ami;
omakhelwane bami sebehlalela khatshana
12 Labo abafuna impilo yami sebethiyile,
labo abafuna ukungilimaza bakhuluma ngokungidiliza;
ilanga lonke batshonela ukwakha amacebo enkohliso.

13 Sengifana lesacuthe esingezwayo,
njengesimungulu esehluleka ukuvula umlomo waso;
14 senginjengomuntu ongezwayo,
olomlomo ongaphenduliyo.
15 Ngikulindele, Oh THIXO,
uzaphendula, Oh Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami.
16 Ngoba ngathi, “Ungabayekeli baklolode
kumbe bazikhukhumeze phezu kwami nxa unyawo lwami lutshelela.”

17 Ngoba sengiseduze lokuwa,
lobuhlungu bungiphethe njalonjalo.
18 Ngiyabuvuma ububi bami;
ngiyakhathazeka ngesono sami.
19 Banengi labo abayizitha zami ezitshisekayo,
labo abangizonda bengelasizatho banengi.
20 Labo abangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi
bayangigcona lapho ngisenza okulungileyo.

21 Oh THIXO, ungangideli;
ungabi khatshana lami, Oh Nkulunkulu wami.
22 Woza masinyane uzongisiza,

Nkosi yami loMsindisi wami.

Ihubo 39

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaJeduthuni. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ngathi, “Ngizaziqaphela izindlela zami,
ngiluthinte ulimi lwami esonweni;
ngizawugcika umlomo wami
nxa ababi bekhona phambi kwami.”
2 Kodwa kwathi lapho ngithule ngithe zwi,
ngingatsho lutho loba lungoluhle
ubuhlungu benhliziyo yami bakhula.
3 Inhliziyo yami yavutha ngaphakathi kwami;
kwathi lapho ngizuliswa yimicabango, umlilo wavutha;
ngasengikhuluma ngolimi lwami:

4 “Ngitshengisa, THIXO, isiphetho sempilo yami
lobunengi bezinsuku zami;
ngazisa ukuthi impilo yami igijima kanganani.
5 Usuwenze insuku zami zaba lobubanzi besandla;
ububanzi beminyaka yami kabusilutho kuwe.
Impilo yabantu ingumoya kuphela,
kanye lalabo abakhanya behlalisekile.

6 Umuntu uhambahamba njengesithunzi nje;
uyatshikatshika, kodwa konke akwenzayo kuyize lodwa;
ubuthelela inotho engazi ukuthi izakuba ngekabani.

7 Kodwa okwamanje, Thixo, ngisafunani kambe?
Ithemba lami likuwe.
8 Ngisindisa kuzozonke iziphambeko zami;
ungangenzi inhlekisa yezitha.
9 Ngathula; ngangingeke ngiwuvule umlomo wami,
ngoba lokhu kwenziwe nguwe.
10 Susa uswazi lwakho kimi;
sengikhulelwa yisidutshulo sesandla sakho.
11 Abantu uyabakhuza ubajezisele isono sabo;
ucikiza inotho yabo njengenondo
ngempela umuntu ngamunye ungumoya nje.

12 Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh THIXO,
lalela isikhalazo sami ngicela uncedo;
ungabi ligcikandlebe nxa ngikhala.
Phela ngihlala lawe nginjengesihambi, ngiyisethekeli
njengoba okhokho bonke babenjalo.
13 Ake ukhangele eceleni nje ukuze ngithokoze njalo,
ngingakasuki lapha ngibe ngongasekho.”

Ihubo 40

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo.
1 Ngamlindela ngesineke UTHIXO;
waphendukela ngakimi wezwa ukukhala kwami.

2 Wangenyula emgodini otshonayo,
wangikhupha edakeni lexhaphozini;
wamisa inyawo zami edwaleni,
wangipha indawo eqinileyo yokuma.
3 Wangipha ingoma entsha emlonyeni wami,
ihubo lokudumisa kuNkulunkulu wethu.
Abanengi bazabona besabe
babeke ithemba labo kuTHIXO.

4 Ubusisiwe umuntu
owenza uTHIXO abe lithemba lakhe,
ongathembi abazigqajayo,
lalabo abaqambukela kubonkulunkulu bamanga.
5 Zinengi, THIXO, Nkulunkulu wami,
izimangaliso ozenzileyo.
Izinto owasilungiselela zona
kakho ongazibala kuwe;
aluba bengingakhuluma
loba ngilandise ngazo,
zingaba zinengi ngokweqileyo ukuzibalisa.

6 Kawufisanga imihlatshelo leminikelo
kodwa indlebe zami uzikleklile;
iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yesono kawuzange uyidinge.
7 Lapho-ke ngasengisithi, “Ngilapha, sengifikile
kulotshiwe ngami emqulwini.
8 Ngiyakunxwanela ukwenza intando yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu wami;
umthetho wakho usenhliziyweni yami.”

9 Ngiyafakaza ngokulunga ngisemhlanganweni omkhulu;
angizivali izindebe zami, njengoba usazi, Oh THIXO.
10 Ukulunga kwakho kangikufihli enhliziyweni yami;
ngikhuluma ngokuthembeka kwakho lokusindisa kwakho.
Kangilufihli uthando lwakho leqiniso lakho
emhlanganweni omkhulu.

11 Ungasigodli isihawu sakho kimi, Oh THIXO;
sengathi uthando lwakho leqiniso lakho kungahlala kungivikela.
12 Phela inhlupheko ezingelakubalwa zingihanqile;
izono zami sezingificile, kangisaboni.
Zinengi kulenwele zekhanda lami,
njalo inhliziyo yami isiphela amandla.
13 Jabula, awu THIXO, ungisindise;
awu THIXO, woza masinyane uzongisiza.

14 Sengathi bonke abafuna ukuqeda impilo yami
bangayangiswa basanganiswe;
sengathi bonke abafisa ukungidiliza
bangabuyiselwa emuva beyangekile.
15 Sengathi bonke abathi kimi, “Ehe, Ehe!”
banganengwa lihlazo labo.

16 Kodwa akuthi bonke abakudingayo
bathokoze bajabule kuwe;
akuthi labo abathanda insindiso yakho bahlale besithi,
“UTHIXO kadunyiswe!”

17 Kodwa mina ngiyahlupheka, ngiyaswela;
sengathi iNkosi ingangikhumbula.
Ilusizo lwami lomkhululi wami;
Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungalibali.

Ihubo 41

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ubusisiwe lowo onanza abahluphekayo;
UTHIXO uyamkhulula ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka.
2 UTHIXO uzamvikela alondoloze impilo yakhe;
uzambusisa phakathi kwelizwe
akasoze amnikele emandleni ezitha zakhe.
3 UTHIXO uzamqinisa lanxa elele egula
njalo amsilise avuke ekuguleni kwakhe.

4 Ngathi, “Oh THIXO ake ungihawukele;
ngisilisa, ngoba ngonile kuwe.”
5 Izitha zami ziyangigcona zithi,
“Uzakufa nini licitshe ibizo lakhe?”
6 Nxa omunye wabo efika ezongibona,
ukhuluma kuhle angikhohlise,
kodwa enhliziyweni yakhe egaya izibozi;
athi angaphuma ahambe esekhihliza ebantwini.

7 Bonke abangizondayo banyenyezelana ngami;
bangicabangela wonke amanyala besithi,
8 “Usengenwe ngumkhuhlane omubi;
kasoze asile avuke futhi.”
9 Lomngane wami osekhwapheni,
ebengimthembile,
lowo obesidla lami isinkwa
usengihlamukele.

10 Kodwa wena, Oh THIXO ake ungihawukele;
ake ungivuse ukuze ngibakhawulise.
11 Ngiyazi ukuthi uyathokoza ngami,
ngoba isitha sami kasingehluli.
12 Ubuqotho bami busekelwa nguwe
njalo ungimisa phambi kwakho nini lanini.

13 Udumo alube kuye UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini.
Ameni njalo Ameni!

Ugwalo 2

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AmaHubo 42 – 72

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. *Ihubo* lamaDodana kaKhora.

1 Njengempala inxwanela imifula yamanzi,
kunjalo umphefumulo wami uyakunxwanela, Oh Nkulunkulu.
2 Umphefumulo wami womela uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ophilayo.
Ngizahamba nini ngiyohlangana loNkulunkulu?
3 Inyembezi zami seziyikudla kwami
imini lobusuku,
lapho abantu besithi kimi ilanga lonke,
“Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?”
4 Lezizinto ngiyazikhumbula
nxa ngizisola kakhulu ngidabukile:
Ngangihamba endlini kaNkulunkulu,
ngaphansi kwempiko zikaSomandla
sihlokoma ngentokozo langokubonga
lexuku elithakazelela umkhosi.

5 Kungani wephukile na, wena mphefumulo wami?
Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi kwami?
Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba ngisezakumdumisa,
uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu wami.

6 Umphefumulo wami wephukile ngaphakathi kwami;
ngakho ngizakukhumbula
kusukela esifundeni seJodani,
iziqongo zaseHemoni,
kusukela entabeni iMizari.
7 Inziki imemeza inziki
phakathi kwenhlokomo yezimpophoma zakho;
wonke amavinqo lokukhaphaka
sekugabhela phezu kwami.

8 Emini uTHIXO uyaluqondisa uthando lwakhe
ebusuku ingoma yakhe ikhona kimi
umkhuleko kuNkulunkulu wempilo yami.

9 Ngithi kuNkulunkulu iDwala lami,
“Kutheni usungikhohliwe na?
Kutheni sengizula ngingolilayo,
ngincindezelwa yisitha na?”
10 Amathambo ami ezwa ubuhlungu obungiqedayo
lapho izitha zami zingihoza,
zisithi kimi ilanga lonke,
“Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?”

11 Kungani wephukile na, wena mphefumulo wami?
Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi kwami?
Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba ngisezakumdumisa,
uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu wami.

Ihubo 43

1 Ngigeza, awu Nkulunkulu,
ungimele
uphikise isizwe esingathembekanga;
ngikhulula ebantwini
ababi abalenkohliso.
2 UnguNkulunkulu inqaba yami.
Usungilahlelani na?
Kungani sengizula ngilila
ngincindezelwa yisitha sami na?
3 Thumela ukukhanya kwakho leqiniso lakho,
kakungikhokhele;
kakungilethe entabeni yakho engcwele,
endaweni lapho ohlala khona.
4 Lapho-ke ngizakuya e-alithareni likaNkulunkulu,
kuNkulunkulu, intokozo yami lenjabulo yami.
Ngizakudumisa ngechacho,
Oh Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wami.

5 Kungani wephukile, wena mphefumulo wami?
Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi kwami?
Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami
loNkulunkulu wami.

Ihubo 44

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. *Ihubo* lamaDodana kaKhora.
1 Sizizwele ngezethu indlebe, yebo Oh Nkulunkulu
obaba basitshela
owakwenzayo ensukwini zabo,
ensukwini zekadeni.
2 Ngezakho izandla wazixotsha izizwe
wagxumeka obaba;
wabahlifiza abantu
wenza obaba baphumelela.
3 Kwakungasinkemba zabo ezathumba ilizwe,
njalo kakusingalo yabo eyaletha ukunqoba;
kwaba yisandla sakho sokunene, ingalo yakho,
lokukhanya kobuso bakho, ngoba wawubathanda.

4 UyiNkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami,
ophayo ukunqoba kuJakhobe.
5 Ngawe siyazihlehlisa izitha zethu;
ngebizo lakho siyazigxobagxoba izitha zethu.
6 Angilithembi idandili lami,
inkemba yami kayingiletheli ukunqoba;
7 kodwa wena usipha ukunqoba phezu kwezitha zethu,
abalwa lathi ubathela ihlazo.
8 Siyazincoma ngoNkulunkulu ilanga lonke,
njalo sizalidumisa ibizo lakho nini lanini.

9 Kodwa manje ususilahlile wasiyangisa;

kawusaphelekezeli izimpi zethu.
10 Wasenza sahlehla phambi kwesitha,
abalwa lathi sebethethe impango.
11 Wasiyekela sadliwa njengezimvu
wasichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe.
12 Wathengisa abantu bakho ngengcosana nje
awazuza lutho ngalokho kuthengisa.

13 Ususenze saba lihlazo kubomakhelwane,
inhlekisa lendumazo kwesihlalisene labo.
14 Ususenze saba yisiga phakathi kwezizwe;
abantu banyikinya amakhanda ngathi.
15 Ukuyangeka kwami kuyangilandela ilanga lonke,
ubuso bami buhuqwe ngehlazo,
16 ngokuhozwa yilabo abangisolayo
njalo abangenyanyayo,
ngenxa yesitha esijonge ukuphindisela.

17 Konke lokhu kwenzakala kithi,
lanxa sasingakulibalanga;
asathembeka esivumelwaneni sakho.
18 Inhliziyo zethu zazingabuyelanga emuva;
inyawo zethu zazingaphambukanga endleleni yakho.
19 Kodwa wasichoboza saba yikudla kwamaganyane,
wasembesa ngomnyama omkhulu.

20 Aluba sasesilikhohliwe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wethu
loba saphakamisela izandla zethu kunkulunkulu wezizweni,
21 kambe ngabe uNkulunkulu kakubonanga lokho na,
njengoba esazi imfihlo zenhliziyo?
22 Ikanti ngenxa yakho wena sikhangelane lokufa ilanga lonke;
sithathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa.

23 Vuka, Oh Thixo! Ulaleleni na?
Ziphaphamise! Ungasilahli kokuphela.
24 Ubufihlelani ubuso bakho na,
ukhohlwe ukuhlupheka kwethu lokuncindezelwa?

25 Sesibhuqwe phansi othulini;
imizimba yethu isinamathele phansi.
26 Phakama usisize;
sihlenge ngenxa yothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo.

Ihubo 45

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Njengengoma ethi “Izimbali.” *Ihubo* lamaDodana kaKhora. Ingoma yomtshado.
1 Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela ngendaba enkulu
nxa ngivuma inkondlo yami ngiyihayela inkosi;
ulimi lwami lusiba lomlobi ololwazi.

2 Uyilikhwa lamakhwa emadodeni wonke

lezindebe zakho ziconjwe kuhle ngobunono,
njengalokhu uNkulunkulu
ekubusisile lanininini.

3 Hloma inkemba yakho okhalweni, wena omkhulu;
zembathise ngokukhazimula langobukhosi.
4 Usebukhosini bakho khwela enqoleni ulokunqoba
umele iqiniso lokuzithoba lokulunga;
akuthi isandla sakho sokunene senze izimanga.
5 Akuthi imitshoko yakho ecijileyo icibe inhliziyo zezitha zenkosi;
akuthi izizwe ziwe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho.
6 Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi,
Oh Nkulunkulu, sizakuma nini lanini;
intonga yokwahlulela okulungileyo
izakuba yintonga yombuso wakho.
7 Uyakuthanda ukulunga njalo uyabuzonda ububi;
ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho
usekubeke ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho
ngokukugcoba ngamafutha entokozo.
8 Zonke izembatho zakho ziqholiwe ngemure,
langenhlaba langekhasiya;
ezigodlweni ezicéciswe ngempondo zendlovu kuqhamuka
inhlokomo yeziginci ekuthokozisayo.
9 Amadodakazi amakhosi akhona
kanye labanye abesifazane abahloniphekayo;
kwesokunene sakho ngumlobokazi wesikhosini
océciswe ngegolide lase-Ofiri.

10 Lalela, ndodakazi, nanzelela uvule indlebe;
khohlwa abakini, lendlu yakwenu.
11 Inkosi iyaphelelwa ngobuhle bakho;
yihloniphe, ngoba iyinkosi yakho.
12 Indodakazi yaseThire izakuza lesipho,
amadoda anothileyo azazincengela kuwe.
13 Ngaphakathi exhibeni layo
inkosazana yibucwazicwazi;
isembatho sayo sicecisiwe ngegolide.
14 Isiwa enkosini yembethe izivunulo ezelukiweyo;
abakhaphi bayo bayayilandela
balethwe kuwe.
15 Bangeniswa lapho ngentokozo lenjabulo;
bangena esigodlweni senkosi.

16 Amadodana enu azathatha isikhundla saboyihlo;
lizawenza abe ngamakhosana elizweni lonke.

17 Ibizo lakho ngizalenza
likhunjulwe kokuphela yizizukulwane zonke;
yikho-ke izizwe zizakudumisa nini lanini.

Ihubo 46

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora. Ingoma ngendlela *ye-alamothi*.

1 UNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu lamandla ethu,
usizo oluhlezi lukhona nxa kulohlupho.
2 Ngakho kangiyikwesaba, umhlaba ungaze ubhidlike
lezintaba ziwele ekujuleni kolwandle,
3 loba amanzi alo ehlokoma agubhazele
izintaba zivevezele ngokuqubuka kwalo.

4 Kukhona umfula ozifudlana zawo zithokozisa idolobho likaNkulunkulu,
indawo engcwele okuhlala kuyo oPhezukonke.
5 UNkulunkulu ungaphakathi kwalo, kaliyikuwiswa;
uNkulunkulu uzalisiza ngovivi lokusa.
6 Izizwe ziyahlokoma, imibuso iyachitheka;
uphakamisa ilizwi lakhe umhlaba uncibilike.

7 UTHIXO uSomandla ulathi;
uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe uyinqaba yethu.

8 Wozani libone imisebenzi kaTHIXO,
incithakalo aseyenzile emhlabeni.
9 Uyathulisa izimpi
kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba;
uyalephula idandili avadlaze lomkhonto,
utshisa izinqola ngomlilo.
10 “Thulani, lazi ukuba mina nginguNkulunkulu;
ngizaphakanyiswa phakathi kwezizwe;
ngizaphakanyiswa emhlabeni.”

11 UTHIXO uSomandla ulathi,
uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe uyinqaba yethu.

Ihubo 47

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora. Ihubo.

1 Qakezani izandla zenu, zizwe zonke;
hlokomani kuNkulunkulu ngomsindo wokuthokoza.

2 Wesabeka kangakanani uTHIXO oPhezukonke,
iNkosi enkulu kuwo wonke umhlaba!
3 Wazehlula zonke izizwe zaba ngaphansi kwethu,
abantu babangaphansi kwezinyawo zethu.
4 Wasikhethela ilifa lethu,
igugu likaJakhobe amthandayo.

5 UNkulunkulu usekhuphukile phakathi komsindo wentokozo,
uTHIXO uphakathi kokukhala kwamacilongo.
6 Hlabelelani indumiso kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso;
hlabelelani indumiso eNkosini yethu, hlabelelani indumiso.
7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yomhlaba wonke;
hlabelelani kuye ihubo lokudumisa.

8 UNkulunkulu uyazibusa izizwe;
uNkulunkulu uhlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi esingcwele.
9 Izikhulu zezizwe ziyaqoqana
njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama,
ngoba amakhosi omhlaba angakaNkulunkulu;
uphakeme kakhulukazi.

Ihubo 48

Ingoma. Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora.
1 Umkhulu uTHIXO, ufanele ngokuphindiweyo ukudunyiswa,
emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu, intaba yakhe engcwele.

2 Muhle kakhulu ngokuphakama kwakhe,
uyintokozo yomhlaba wonke.
Njengeziqongo zeZafoni injalo intaba iZiyoni,
umuzi weNkosi eNkulu.
3 UNkulunkulu usemithangaleni yawo;
ubonisa ukuthi nguye oyinqaba yawo.

4 Kwathi lapho amakhosi ehlanganisa izimpi zawo,
lapho ehlasela kanyekanye,
5 awubona umuzi lo ethuka
aphaphatheka esetshaywa luvalo.
6 Ahle athuthumela khonapho,
ezwa ubuhlungu obuzwiwa ngowesifazane ehelelwa.
7 Wena wabatshabalalisa njengemikhumbi yaseThashishi
ibhidlizwa ngumoya wempumalanga.

8 Lokho esikuzwileyo
yikho esikubonileyo
emzini kaTHIXO uSomandla,
emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu:
uNkulunkulu uzawuvikela lanini.

9 Phakathi kwethempeli lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu,
siyacabanga ngothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo.
10 Njengebizo lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu,
udumo lwakho lufika emikhawulweni yomhlaba;
isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga.
11 Intaba iZiyoni iyathokoza,
imizi yakoJuda iyathaba
ngezahlulelo zakho.

12 Hambahamba eZiyoni, ibhode,
bala izilindo zayo eziphezulu,
13 nanzelela kuhle imithangala yayo,
hlola izinqaba zayo,
ukuze ukwazi ukulandisela
isizukulwane esizayo.

14 Ngoba uNkulunkulu lo nguNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini;

uzakuba ngumholi wethu lasekupheleni.

Ihubo 49

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora. Ihubo.

1 Zwanini lokhu lina bantu lonke;
lalelani, lonke elihlala kulo umhlaba,
2 abantukazana lezikhulu,
abanothileyo labayanga ngokufanayo:
3 Umlomo wami uzakhuluma amazwi okuhlakanipha;
amazwi aphuma enhliziyweni yami azanika ukuzwisisa.
4 Ngizabeka indlebe yami kuso isaga;
ngechacho ngizaliqhaqha ilibho:

5 Ngingesabelani na nxa kufika insuku ezimbi,
lapho abakhohlisi ababi bengihanqa,
6 labo abathembe inotho yabo
abazitshaya isifuba ngenotho yabo enengi?
7 Kakho umuntu ongahlenga impilo yomunye
kumbe amkhuphele inhlawulo kuNkulunkulu,
8 ngoba ukuhlenga impilo yomuntu kuyadula,
akulambhadalo engakwenelisa,
9 ukuze aphile kokuphela
angaboni ukubola.
10 Phela bonke bayabona ukuthi izihlakaniphi ziyafa;
ngokunjalo iziwula labasangeneyo bayabhubha
batshiye inotho yabo kwabanye.
11 Amangcwaba abo ayizindlu zabo zanininini,
yimizi yabo okwezizukulwane ezingapheliyo,
lokuba nje basebeqambe iziqinti ngamabizo abo.

12 Kodwa umuntu, lokuba elenotho, kaphili kokuphela;
unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

13 Lesi yisiphetho salabo abazithembayo bona,
labalandeli babo, abavumelana labakutshoyo.
14 Njengezimvu bamiselwe ingcwaba,
ukufa kuzazitika kubo.
Abaqotho bazabusa phezu kwabo ekuseni;
izidumbu zabo zizabola engcwabeni,
kude lemizi yabo efana leyamakhosi.
15 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzayihlenga eyami impilo engcwabeni;
ngempela uzangithatha angise kuye.
16 Ungasuki udangale kakhulu ngokubona omunye enotha;
nxa indlu yakhe igcwala ngobunkentshenkentshe;
17 phela kazukuhamba lalutho mhla esifa,
ubukhazikhazi lobo kayikwehla labo.
18 Loba wayesithi esaphila azibone engobusisiweyo
abantu bayakukhonza nxa uphumelela,
19 uzakuyahlangana lesizukulwane sabokhokho bakhe,
abangasayikuphinde bakubone ukukhanya kwempilo.

20 Umuntu olenotho kodwa engaqedisisi
unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

Ihubo 50

Ihubo lika-Asafi.
1 USomandla, uNkulunkulu, uTHIXO,
uyakhuluma, ubiza umhlaba
kusukela okuphuma khona ilanga kuze kufike lapho elitshona khona.
2 EseZiyoni, epheleleyo ngobuhle,
uNkulunkulu uyakhazimula.
3 UNkulunkulu wethu uyeza,
kayikuthula;
umlilo uyahangula phambi kwakhe,
emaceleni akhe kukhukhula isiphepho.
4 Ubiza amazulu ngaphezulu lomhlaba,
ukuze ehlulele abantu bakhe:
5 "Qoqani kimi abahlanjululiweyo bami,
abenza isivumelwano lami ngemihlatshelo."
6 Lamazulu atshumayela ukulunga kwakhe;
ngoba uNkulunkulu ngumahluleli ngokwakhe.

7 "Zwanini, bantu bami, ngizakhuluma;
yebo Israyeli, ngizafakaza ngimelane lawe;
nginguNkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wakho
8 Kangikukhuzi ngemihlatshelo yakho
kumbe iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa,
ehlezi ikhona phambi kwami.
9 Angisweli inkunzi ephuma esibayeni sakho
kumbe imbuzi zesilugu sakho,
10 ngoba yiphi layiphi inyamazana yeganga ngeyami,
lenkomo ezisemaqaqeni azinkulungwane.
11 Ngazi zonke izinyoni ezisezintabeni,
lezidalwa zeganga ngezami.
12 Aluba ngangingolambayo ngangingekulitshela,
ngoba umhlaba ngowami, lakho konke okukuwo.
13 Ngidla inyama yezinkunzi yini
kumbe nginatha igazi lembuzi na?

14 Yenzani imihlatshelo yokubonga kuNkulunkulu,
gcwalisani izifungo zenu koPhezukonke,
15 njalo lize kimi mhla lisekuhluphekeni;
ngizalikhulula, lani lizangidumisa."
16 Kodwa kwababi, uNkulunkulu uthi:
"Lilelungelo bani ukukhuluma imithetho yami
kumbe liphathe isivumelwano sami ezindebeni zenu na?
17 Liyazizonda iziqondiso zami,
lilahlela amazwi ami emuva kwenu.
18 Lithi lingabona isela lihle libambane lalo;
lisuka lingenelane lezifebe.
19 Lisebenzisa imilomo yenu ukukhuluma okubi
lifundise ulimi lwenu inkohliso.

20 Linyeya umfowenu njalonjalo,
limgcone umntakanyoko uqobo.
21 Lizenzile lezizinto ngazithulela;
lalikhumbula ukuthi ngifana lani.
Kodwa ngizalikhuza
ngilibonisa icala lenu obala.

22 Nanzelelani lokhu, lina elikhohlwa uNkulunkulu,
funa ngilidabudabule, kungekho ongalilamulela:
23 Lowo onikela iminikelo yokubonga uyangidumisa,
njalo ulungisa indlela ukuze ngimtshengise insindiso yami.”

Ihubo 51

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Lapho umphrofethi uNathani efike kuye emveni kokuba uDavida efebe loBhathishebha.

1 Ake ungihawukele, awu Nkulunkulu,
ngenxa yothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo;
ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu
yesula iziphambeko zami.
2 Hlanza wonke amanyala ami
ungihlambulule esonweni sami.

3 Phela ngiyazazi iziphambeko zami,
isono sami sihlezi siphambi kwami.
4 Ngenzile isono kuwe, wena wedwa,
ngenza okubi phambi kwakho,
ukuze kukhanye ukuthi wena uqondile nxa ukhuluma
njalo kube kufanele nxa usahlulela.
5 Ngeqiniso ngavele ngazalwa ngilesono,
ngaba yisoni ngiqalisa esiswini sikamama.
6 Ngempela wena ufuna iqiniso elisuka emibilini;
uyangifundisa ukuhlakanipha ngaphakathi kwami.

7 Ngihlanza ngehisophi ngihlambuluke;
ngigezisa ngibemhlophe kuleliqhwa.
8 Mangizwe intokozo lokuthaba;
makuthi amathambo owacobozileyo ajabule.
9 Fihla ubuso bakho esonweni sami
ucitshe nya wonke amanyala ami.

10 Dala phakathi kwami inhliziyo ehlanzekileyo, Oh Nkulunkulu
uvuselele ngaphakathi kwami umoya othembekileyo.
11 Ungangilahli ebusweni bakho
kumbe ususe kimi uMoya oNgcwele.
12 Buyisela kimi intokozo yokusindisa kwakho
njalo ungiphe umoya ovumayo ukuthi ungisekele.

13 Lapho-ke ngizafundisa abonayo izindlela zakho,
lezoni zizabuyela kuwe.
14 Ngikhulula ecaleni lokuchitha igazi, Oh Nkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu ongisindisayo,

njalo ulimi lwami luzahlabelela ukulunga kwakho.
15 Oh THIXO, vula izindebe zami,
umlomo wami uzamemezela indumiso yakho.
16 Kawuthokoziswa yimihlatshelo, ngoba bengizawuletha;
kawuthakazeleli iminikelo yokutshiswa.
17 Imihlatshelo kaNkulunkulu iyinhliziyo edabukileyo;
inhliziyo edabukileyo, ezisolayo,
awu Nkulunkulu, kawuyikuyilahla.

18 Nxa kuyintando yakho phumelelisa iZiyoni;
yakha imiduli yeJerusalema.
19 Lapho-ke kuzakuba lemihlatshelo elungileyo,
iminikelo yokutshiswa egcweleyo elungileyo,
lapho-ke inkunzi zizanikelwa e-alithareni lakho.

Ihubo 52

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. *Ihubo* likaDavida. Lapho uDoyegi um'Edomi wayeye kuSawuli wamtshela wathi, "UDavida uye wayangena endlini ka-Ahimeleki."
1 Kungani uncoma ngobubi, wena somandlase?
Kungani utshona untela ilanga lonke,
wena olihlazo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu?
2 Ulimi lwakho luceba incithakalo;
lunjengensingo eloliweyo,
wena owenza inkohliso.
3 Uthanda ububi kulobuhle,
amanga kulokukhuluma iqiniso.
4 Uyawathanda wonke amanga alimazayo,
wena limi olukhohlisayo!

5 Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uzakwehlisela ukubhubha okungapheliyo:
Uzakuhlwitha akukhuphe ethenteni lakho;
uzakuquphula akususe elizweni labaphilayo.
6 Abalungileyo bazabona besabe;
bazamhleka bathi,
7 "Nangu-ke manje umuntu
lo ongenzanga uNkulunkulu inqaba yakhe
kodwa wathemba inotho yakhe enkulu
wakhula waba lamandla ngokuwisa abanye!"

8 Kodwa mina nginjengesihlahla se-oliva
esikhula endlini kaNkulunkulu;
ngithembe uthando lukaNkulunkulu
olungaphuthiyo nini lanini.
9 Ngizakudumisa lanini ngalokho okwenzileyo;
ngizathemba ebizweni lakho,
ngoba lihle ibizo lakho.
Ngizakudumisa phambi kwabangcwele bakho.

Ihubo 53

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela *yemahalathi*. *Ihubo* likaDavida.
1 Isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso,

“AkulaNkulunkulu.”
Baxhwalile, lezindlela zabo zibolile;
kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle.

2 UNkulunkulu ukhangela phansi esezulwini
emadodaneni abantu
ingabe bakhona yini abazwisisayo,
abamdingayo uNkulunkulu.
3 Abantu bonke baphambukile,
bonke sebexhwalile;
kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle,
kakho lamunye.

4 Kanti lezizixhwali kaziyikufa zafunda yini?

Zona ezidla abantu bami ingathi zidla isinkwa,
ezingamkhonziyo uNkulunkulu.
5 Kodwa yibo abagubhazeliswa luvalo
khona kungelalutho olwesabekayo.
UNkulunkulu wawahlakaza amathambo alabo abalihlaselayo;
lina labayangisa ngoba uNkulunkulu wabeyisa.

6 Sengathi insindiso ka-Israyeli ingaqhamuka eZiyoni!
Nxa uNkulunkulu esebuyisela impumelelo yabantu bakhe,
kathokoze uJakhobe lo-Israyeli ajabule!

Ihubo 54

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. *Ihubo* likaDavida. Lapho amaZifi aya kuSawuli afika athi, “Kanti uDavida kacatshanga yini phakathi kwethu?”
1 Ngisindisa, awu Nkulunkulu, ngebizo lakho;
ngigeza ecaleni ngamandla akho.
2 Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Nkulunkulu;
lalela amazwi omlomo wami.

3 Ngihlaselwa ngabantu engingabaziyo;
izikliwi zifuna impilo yami
abantu abangamnanzanga uNkulunkulu.

4 Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu ulusizo lwami;
uThixo nguye ongisizayo.

5 Akuthi ububi bubuyele phezu kwalabo abangigconayo;
ngokuthembeka kwakho babhubhise.

6 Ngizakwenzela umhlatshelo owomnikelo wokuzithandela;
ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho, Thixo, ngoba lihle.
7 Ngoba ingikhulule kuzozonke inhlupheko zami,
lamehlo ami akubonile ukunqotshwa kwezitha zami.

Ihubo 55

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. *Ihubo* likaDavida.

1 Lalela umkhuleko wami, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ungafulatheli isikhalazo sami;
2 ngizwa ungiphendule.
Imicabango yami iyangikhathaza, ngididekile
3 ngelizwi lesitha sami,
lokunyonkolozwa ngababi;
ngoba bangibangela
inhlupho bangithuka bethukuthele.

4 Inhliziyo yami iyatshiseka ngaphakathi kwami;
ukwesaba ukufa kuyangiqinela.
5 Ukwesaba lokuthuthumela sekungihlasele;
isithuli sesingigabhela.
6 Ngathi, “He, aluba ngangilamaphiko njengejuba!
Ngangizaphapha ngizoziphumulela kude.
7 Ngangizabaleka ngiye kude
ngiyehlala enkangala;
8 ngangizaphanga ngiye enqabeni yami,
kude kwesikhukhula lesiphepho.”

9 Sanganisa ababi, Oh Thixo,
sanganisa ukukhuluma kwabo,
ngoba ngibona udlakela lengxabano edolobheni.
10 Emini lebusuku bayacathama emidulini yalo;
umona lenzondo kugcwele lapho.
11 Imimoya yokubhidliza yiyo esibusa;
izisongo lamanga akusasuki emigwaqweni.

12 Aluba ngithukwa yisitha
ngingakubhensela lokho;
aluba ongizondayo engivukela
ngingamcatshela.
13 Kodwa nguwe, umuntu njengami,
umkhula wami, umngane wami oseduze,
14 engake ngaba lobudlelwano obukhulu laye
lapho sasihamba ndawonye
labanengi endlini kaNkulunkulu.

15 Yekela ukufa kuzijume izitha zami;
yekela bagqitshelwe bephila engcwabeni,
ngoba ububi buthe khoxo phakathi kwabo.

16 Kodwa ngiyambiza uNkulunkulu,
uTHIXO angisindise.
17 Kusihlwa, ekuseni lemini
ngiyakhala ngisosizini,
yena uyalizwa ilizwi lami.
18 Uyangihlenga ngingakalimali
kuleyompi engihlaselayo,
loba bebanengi abaxabana lami.

19 UNkulunkulu osesihlalweni sobukhosi lanininini,
uzabezwa abachithachithe
abantu abangaguqukiyo ezindleleni zabo
njalo abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu.

20 Umkhula wami uyabahlasela abangane bakhe;
wephula isivumelwano asenzayo.
21 Inkulumo yakhe ibutshelezi njengolaza,
kodwa kulempi enhliziyweni yakhe
amazwi akhe alolozela ukwedlula amafutha
kodwa abukhali kulensingo.

22 Yethula inswelo zakho kuThixo
yena uzakusekela;
akazukuyekela abalungileyo bawe.
23 Kodwa wena, Nkulunkulu
ababi uzabawisela egodini lokungcola;
abantu abomele igazi njalo abakhohlisayo
kabasoze bayiphile ingxenye yezinsuku zabo.

Kodwa mina, ngithemba kuwe.

Ihubo 56

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandelwa itshuni ethi, “Ijuba phezu kwemikusu ekude.”
ElikaDavida. *Imikithamu*. Lapho wayesethunjwe ngamafilistiya eGathi.
1 Woba lomusa kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ngoba abantu baxotshana lami kubi;
ilanga lonke bayajujumezela bengihlasela.
2 Labo abangigconayo baxotshana lami ilanga lonke;
abanengi bangihlasela bekloloda.

3 Nxa ngisesaba ngizathemba kuwe.
4 KuNkulunkulu, engidumisa ibizo lakhe,
ngithemba kuye uNkulunkulu; angiyikwesaba.
Umuntu wenyama angenzani kimi?

5 Ilanga lonke batshona behlanekela amazwi ami;
beqoqa ukungibhidliza.
6 Bayabuthana bengicathamela
balandele izinyathelo zami
betshisekela ukucitsha impilo yami.
7 Loba sekutheni ungabayekeli baphunyuke;
ngokuthukuthela kwakho, Nkulunkulu, zidilize izizwe.

8 Bhala phansi isililo sami;
bhala ithonsi ngalinye lezinyembezi zami emqulwini wakho
kazikho yini emibhalweni yakho?
9 Lapho-ke izitha zami zizafulathela
nxa sengicela uncedo.
Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulami.

10 KuNkulunkulu, engidumisa ibizo lakhe,
KUTHIXO engidumisa ibizo lakhe,
11 kuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba; angiyikwesaba.
Umuntu angenzani kimi na?

12 Ngibanjwe yizifungo kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu;
ngizakwethula umnikelo wami wokubonga kuwe.
13 Ngoba ungikhulule ekufeni
lezinyawo zami lapho ngikhubeka,
ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaNkulunkulu
ekukhanyeni kwempilo.

Ihubo 57

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, "Ungabhidlizi." ElikaDavida. *Imikithamu.* Ngesikhathi ebalekele uSawuli wacatsha ebhalwini.
1 Woba lesihawu kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu, woba lomusa kimi,
ngoba umphefumulo wami uphelela kuwe.
Ngizaphephela ethunzini lamaphiko akho
kuze kudlule incithakalo le.

2 Ngiyakhala kuNkulunkulu oPhezukonke,
kuNkulunkulu ogcwalisa isimiso sakhe ngami.
3 Uyathumela esezulwini angisindise,
abakhwazele labo abafuna ukungilimaza.
UNkulunkulu uyehlisa uthando lwakhe lokwethembeka kwakhe.

4 Ngiphakathi kwezilwane;
ngilala phakathi kwezilo eziqholozayo
abantu abamazinyo abo yimikhonto lemitshoko,
abanlimi zabo zinkemba ezibukhali.

5 Mawuphakanyiswe, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu;
akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibesemhlabeni wonke.

6 Bangithiya ngamambule ezinyaweni
ngaphela amandla ngokudabuka.
Bangimbela igodi endleleni
kodwa sebewele kulo bona.

7 Inhliziyo yami ibambelele, kayiguquki Oh Nkulunkulu,
inhliziyo yami ibambelele;
ngizahlabela ngenze iculo elimnandi.
8 Vuka, mphefumulo wami!
Vukani, chacho lomqangala!
Ngizayivusa intathakusa.

9 Ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe;
ngizahlabela ngawe phakathi kwabantu.
10 Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho, lufika emazulwini;
ukuthembeka kwakho kufinyelela esibhakabhakeni.

11 Mawuphakanyiswe, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngaphezulu kwamazulu;
akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibesemhlabeni wonke.

Ihubo 58

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Ungabhidlizi.” ElikaDavida. *Imikithamu.*
1 Lina babusi, kambe likhuluma okuqondileyo na?
Lahlulela ngobuqotho yini ebantwini?
2 Hatshi, ezinhliziyweni zenu lakha amacebo okubusa kubi,
lezandla zenu zijezisa ngochuku emhlabeni.

3 Kwasekuzalweni ababi bayaphumputheka;
kwasekuzalweni baxhwalile, beqamba amanga.
4 Itshefu yabo ifana letshefu yenyoka,
ifana leyebululu elingezwa umsindo,
5 elingananzi lomculo wombumbi,
loba lowombumbi eligabazi elinganani.

6 Khumula amazinyo emilonyeni yazo, awu Nkulunkulu;
zikhumule, Oh THIXO, izingavula zezilwane!
7 Yekela zinyamalale njengamanzi agelezayo;
zithi lapho zinweba idandili,
kayithundubale imitshoko yazo.
8 Njengomnenke uncibilika uphele ulokhu uhamba,
njengomphunzo, kabangaliboni ilanga.

9 Imbiza zakho zingakaqalisi ukutshisa
ngomlilo wenkuni zameva
loba ngezimanzi kumbe ngezomileyo
ababi bazakhukhulelwa khatshana.
10 Abalungileyo bazajabula nxa sebephindiselelwa,
nxa sebegeza inyawo zabo egazini lababi.
11 Lapho-ke abantu bazakuthi,
“Ngempela abalungileyo bajinge bathole umvuzo;
ngempela ukhona uNkulunkulu owahlulela umhlaba.”

Ihubo 59

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Ungabhidlizi.” ElikaDavida. *Imikithamu.* Ngesikhathi uSawuli ethume amadoda ukuqaphela indlu kaDavida ukuze bambulale.
1 Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, awu Nkulunkulu;
ngivikela kulabo abangivukelayo.
2 Ngikhulula kubenzi bobubi
ungisindise ebantwini abomele igazi.

3 Ake ubone ukuthi bangicathamela njani!
Amadoda esabekayo angakhela amacebo
kungelacala loba isono engisenzileyo, Oh THIXO.
4 Angonanga lutho, kodwa balungele ukungihlasela.
Phakama ungisize; ake ubone umumo engikuwo!
5 Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu Somandla,
Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
ake uzivuse wena ukuze uzijezise zonke izizwe;

ungabazweli isihawu bonke abahlamuki ababi.

6 Bathi bephenduka kusihlwa
babe behwabha njengezinja,
bahwede bebhoda ledolobho.
7 Ake ubone ukuthi baphihlizani emilonyeni yabo:
baphihliza izinkemba ezindebeni zabo,
bese besithi, “Ngubani osizwayo?”
8 Kodwa wena, Oh THIXO, uyabahleka;
uyazigqabhazela zonke lezozizwe.

9 Oh Mandla ami, ngiyakulindela;
wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyinqaba yami,
10 Nkulunkulu wami olothando.

UNkulunkulu uzahamba phambi kwami
angenze ngiklolode phezu kwalabo abangingcolisayo.
11 Kodwa ungababulali, Nkosi hawu lethu,
funa abantu bakithi bakhohlwe.
Ngamandla akho
baphumputhekise njalo ubehlule wena Thixo, sihlangu sethu.
12 Ngenxa yezono zemilomo yabo,
ngenxa yamazwi ezindebe zabo,
kababanjwe belokhu bezigqaja benjalo.
Ngenxa yezethuko lamanga abawaqambayo,
13 babhuqe ngolaka, babhuqe bangabi khona futhi.
Lapho-ke kuzakwaziwa lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabusa phezu kukaJakhobe.

14 Bathi bephenduka kusihlwa
babe behwabha njengezinja,
bahambahambe becathama edolobheni.
15 Bayazula bedinga ukudla
bahlabe umkhulungwane nxa bengasuthanga.
16 Kodwa mina ngizahlabelela ngihaya amandla akho,
ekuseni ngizahlabelela ngihaya uthando lwakho,
ngoba wena uyinqaba yami,
isiphephelo sami ezikhathini zokuhlupheka.

17 Oh wena Mandla ami, ngihlabelela indumiso kuwe;
wena, Oh Nkulunkulu uyinqaba yami,
Nkulunkulu wami olothando.

Ihubo 60

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Kulandelwa itshuni ethi, “Iluba lesiVumelwano.” *Imikithamu* kaDavida. Elokufundisa. Lapho alwa lo-Aramu Naharayimu lo-Aramu Zobha, njalo lapho uJowabi athi ekubuyeni kwakhe walahla phansi ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili eSigodini seTswayi.
1 Ususilahlile, Oh Nkulunkulu, wabhidliza izinqaba zethu;
ubukade uthukuthele, manje ake usivuselele!
2 Usulizamazamisile ilizwe waliqhekeza;

namathisela iminkenke yalo ngoba selivevezela.
3 Ubabonisile abantu bakho izikhathi ezilukhuni;
usiphe iwayini elisenza sidiyazele.
4 Kodwa kulabo abakwesabayo usuphakamise uphawu
lokubahlanganisa ndawonye.

5 Sisindise, usisize ngesandla sakho sokunene,
ukuze bonke labo obathandayo bakhululwe.
6 UNkulunkulu usekhulumile esendlini yakhe engcwele:
“Ngokunqoba ngizayaba iShekhemu,
ngihlole leSigodi saseSukhothi.
7 Ngeyami iGiliyadi, loManase ngowami;
u-Efrayimi yisivikelo sekhanda lami,
uJuda uyintonga yami yobukhosi.
8 IMowabi ngumganu wami wokugezela,
phezu kuka-Edomi ngiphosela amanyathelo ami;
phezu kweFilistiya ngihalalisa umkhosi wokunqoba.”

9 Ngubani ozangisa emzini olenqaba na?
Ngubani ozangiholela e-Edomi na?
10 Kakusuwe na, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osusilahlile,
ongasaphumi lathi ezimpini zethu?
11 Ake usisize ezitheni zethu,
ngoba usizo lomuntu luyize.
12 Nxa siloNkulunkulu sizanqoba,
njalo uzazinyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

Ihubo 61

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. ElikaDavida.
1 Zwana ukukhala kwami, Oh Nkulunkulu;
lalela umkhuleko wami.

2 Ngisemkhawulweni womhlaba ngiyakubiza,
ngiyabiza lapho inhliziyo yami isiphela amandla;
ngikhokhelela edwaleni eliphakeme kulami.
3 Ngoba ube uyisiphephelo sami,
inqaba eqinileyo evikela esitheni.

4 Ngiyalangazelela ukuhlala ethenteni lakho laphakade
ngizifihle emthunzini wamaphiko akho.
5 Phela usuzizwile izifungo zami, Oh Nkulunkulu;
usungiphile ilifa lalabo abalesabayo ibizo lakho.

6 Yandisa insuku zempilo yenkosi,
iminyaka yayo okwezizukulwane ezinengi.
7 Sengathi ingaba sesihlalweni iphambi kukaNkulunkulu nini lanini;
wabele uthando Lwakho lokuthembeka Kwakho kuyivikele.

8 Lapho-ke ngizahlala ngihlabelela indumiso ebizweni Lakho
ngigcwalise izifungo zami insuku ngensuku.

Ihubo 62

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KuJeduthuni. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Umphefumulo wami ufumana ukuphumula kuNkulunkulu kuphela;
ukusindiswa kwami kuvela kuye.
2 Yena yedwa uyilo idwala lami lensindiso yami;
uyinqaba yami, kangisoze ngihlukunyezwe lanini.

3 Koze kube nini lilokhu lihlukuluza umuntu na?
Lonke lizamlahla phansi na
yena ongumduli otshekileyo,
oluthango olutebhayo?
4 Bazimisele ukumqethula
esikhundleni sakhe esiphezulu;
bathokoziswa ngamanga.
Ngemilomo yabo bayabusisa,
kodwa ezinhliziyweni zabo bayaqalekisa.

5 Fumana ukuphumula, Oh mphefumulo wami,
kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ithemba lami livela kuye.
6 Yena yedwa ulidwala lami lensindiso;
uyinqaba yami, kangisoze ngihlukunyezwe.
7 Insindiso yami lodumo lwami kweyeme kuNkulunkulu;
ulidwala lami eliqinileyo, isiphephelo sami.
8 Thembani kuye ngezikhathi zonke, lina bantu;
likhuphe konke okusezinhliziyweni zenu kuye,
ngoba uNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu.

9 Abantukazana bangumoya nje,
izikhulu ziyinkohliso nje;
aluba belinganiswa esikalini kabasilutho;
bonke ndawonye bangumoya kuphela.
10 Lingathembi ukuqilibezela
kumbe lizikhukhumeze ngempahla zokwebiwa;
kungaze kube inotho yenu iyanda,
lingabeki inhliziyo zenu kuyo.

11 Yinye into uNkulunkulu ayikhulumileyo,
zimbili izinto engizizwileyo,
ukuthi amandla wonke ngawakho wena, Oh Nkulunkulu.
12 Lokuthi wena, Thixo, ulothando olojulileyo,
umuntu ngamunye uzamupha umvuzo
ngalokho akwenzileyo.

Ihubo 63

Ihubo likaDavida eseNkangala yakoJuda.
1 Oh Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu wami,
ngiyakudinga ngitshiseka;
umphefumulo wami uyakomela,
umzimba wami uyakudinga,
elizweni elomileyo eseligugile
lapho okungelamanzi khona.

2 Ngikubonile endlini Yakho engcwele
ngawabona amandla Akho lenkazimulo Yakho.
3 Ngoba uthando Lwakho lungcono kulempilo,
izindebe zami zizakutsho inkazimulo Yakho.
4 Ngizakudumisa kokuphela nxa ngisaphila,
ngebizo lakho ngizaphakamisa izandla zami.
5 Umphefumulo wami uzasuthiswa ngokudla okuhle okuphilisayo;
ngezindebe ezihlabelayo umlomo wami uzakudumisa.

6 Ngisembhedeni wami ngiyakhumbula;
ngiyakukhumbula lanxa ngisemlindweni wasebusuku.
7 Ngoba ulusizo lwami,
ngiyahlabelela ngisemthunzini wamaphiko Akho.
8 Umphefumulo wami unamathele Kuwe;
isandla sakho sokunene siyangisekela.

9 Labo abazingela impilo yami bazabhujiswa;
bazakwehlela phansi ekujuleni komhlabathi.
10 Bazakwabelwa ukudliwa yinkemba
babe yikudla kwamakhanka.

11 Kodwa inkosi izathokoza kuNkulunkulu;
bonke abafunga ngebizo likaNkulunkulu bazamdumisa,
ikanti imilomo yabaqamba amanga izathuliswa.

Ihubo 64

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Ake ungizwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, nxa ngiletha ukusola kwami;
vikela impilo yami ekusongelweni yisitha.

2 Ngifihla emacebeni abantu ababi,
kulokho kuxokozela kwezixhwali.
3 Bayazilola inlimi zabo njengezinkemba
bakhombele amazwi abo njengemitshoko ebulalayo.
4 Batshoka becathemele umuntu ongonanga lutho;
bayaphanga ukumciba bengelavalo.

5 Bayakhuthazana ngamacebo amabi,
bakhulumisana ngokufihla imijibila yabo;
bathi, “Sizabonwa ngubani?”
6 Baceba ukona besithi,
“Sesakhe icebo elihle kakhulu!”
Ngempela ingqondo yomuntu
lenhliziyo yakhe ilobuqili.

7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzabaciba ngemitshoko;
ngokuphangisa nje bazalahlwa phansi.
8 Uzakwenza banyeyane bona bodwa bacine sebedilizana;
bonke abababonayo
bazanyikinya amakhanda babahleke.
9 Bonke abantu bomhlaba bazakwesaba;

bazafakaza imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu
banakane ngalokho akwenzileyo.

10 Akuthi abalungileyo bathokoze kuThixo
baphephele kuye;
akuthi bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bamdumise.

Ihubo 65

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Ingoma.
1 Udumo lukulindele, Oh Nkulunkulu, eZiyoni;
kuwe izifungo zethu zizagcwaliseka.
2 Yebo, wena owuzwayo umkhuleko,
bonke abantu bazakuza kuwe.
3 Kwathi lapho sisancindezelwa yizono,
wazithethelela iziphambeko zethu.
4 Babusisiwe labo obakhethayo
ubasondeze bazohlala emagumeni Akho!
Sigcwalisiwe ngezinto ezinhle zendlu Yakho,
ezethempeli lakho elingcwele.
5 Uyasiphendula ngezenzo zokulunga ezimangalisayo,
Oh Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu,
themba lemikhawulo yonke yomhlaba
lenlwandle ezikude,
6 owabumba izintaba ngamandla akho,
lapho wena usuziqinisile ngamandla,
7 owathulisa ukuduma kolwandle,
ukuduma kwamagagasi azo,
lokuhlokoma kwezizwe.
8 Labo abahlala khatshana bayazesaba izimangaliso zakho;
lapho okudabuka khona ukusa lokuhlwa okufiphala khona,
uhlabela izingoma zentokozo.

9 Uyawunakekela umhlaba uwuthelezele ngamanzi;
uyawunothisa kakhulu.
Imifula kaNkulunkulu igcwalisiwe ngamanzi
ukuze abantu bazuze amabele,
ngoba ukumisile wena lokho.
10 Uyayigcwalisa imisele yawo ngamanzi
uyendlale kahle imibundu yawo;
uyawuthambisa ngemikhizo ubusise amabele awo.
11 Uyawuphelelisa umnyaka ngenala,
izinqola Zakho ziphuphume ngokugcwala.
12 Amadlelo asenkangala ayaphuphuma;
izintaba zigqokiswe ngenjabulo.
13 Amadlelo agcwele imihlambi yezimvu
lezigodi zisibekelwe ngamabele;
ziyamemeza ngentokozo zihlabelela.

Ihubo 66

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ingoma. Ihubo.
1 Memezani ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu mhlaba wonke!

2 Hlabelani ngobukhosi bebizo lakhe;
yenzani udumo lwakhe lube lenkazimulo!
3 Yitshoni kuNkulunkulu lithi,
“Imangalisa kangaka imisebenzi yakho!
Izitha Zakho ziyethuka phambi Kwakho
4 Umhlaba wonke uyakhothama Kuwe;
bahlabela udumo Kuwe,
bahlabelela udumo ebizweni Lakho.”

5 Wozani libone akwenzileyo uNkulunkulu,
ukumangalisa kwemisebenzi yakhe ayenzela abantu!
6 Waguqula ulwandle lwaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo,
badabula phakathi kwamanzi behamba ngezinyawo
wozani sithokoze Kuye.
7 Uyabusa laphakade ngamandla Akhe,
amehlo Akhe ayazikhangela izizwe
sengathi abahlamuki.

8 Dumisani uNkulunkulu wethu, lina bantu lonke,
akuthi inhlokomo yokudunyiswa kwakhe izwakale;
9 uzilondolozile impilo zethu
wavikela inyawo zethu ukuze zingatsheleli.
10 Ngoba wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, wasilinga;
wasicenga njengesiliva.
11 Wasingenisa entolongweni
waseleka ngemithwalo emihlane yethu.
12 Wayekela abantu bakhwela bazehlela emakhanda ethu;
sedlula phakathi komlilo lamanzi,
kodwa wasiletha endaweni yenala.

13 Ngizakuza ethempelini Lakho lomnikelo wokutshiswa
ngigcwalise izifungo zami Kuwe.
14 Izifungo ezathenjiswa yizindebe zami lomlomo wami
lapho ngisekuhluphekeni.
15 Ngizakuhlabela izifuyo ezinonileyo,
lomnikelo wenqama; ngizanikela ngenkunzi kanye lembuzi.

16 Wozani lilalele, lina lonke elimesabayo uNkulunkulu;
wothani ngilitshele lokho angenzele khona.
17 Ngakhala Kuye ngomlomo wami;
indumiso yakhe yayisolimini lwami.
18 Aluba ngangigcine isono enhliziyweni yami,
iNkosi ngabe kayizange ingilalele;
19 kodwa ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu walalela
walizwa ilizwi lami ngikhuleka.
20 Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu
ongawulahlanga umkhuleko wami
futhi ongagodlanga uthando lwakhe kimi.

Ihubo 67

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo. Ingoma.

1 Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaba lomusa kithi asibusise
akhazimulise ubuso bakhe kithi,
2 ukuze izindlela zakho zaziwe emhlabeni,
insindiso yakho kuzozonke izizwe.

3 Sengathi abantu bangakudumisa, Oh Nkulunkulu;
sengathi bonke abantu bangakudumisa.
4 Sengathi izizwe zingajabula zihlabele ngentokozo,
ngoba wena ubusa abantu ngokulunga
ukhokhele izizwe zomhlaba.
5 Sengathi bonke abantu bangakudumisa Oh Nkulunkulu;
sengathi abantu bonke bangadumisa wena.

6 Lapho-ke umhlaba uzathela isivuno,
uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wethu, uzasibusisa.
7 UNkulunkulu uzasibusisa,
kuthi yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba izamesaba.

Ihubo 68

Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo. Ingoma.
1 UNkulunkulu kaphakame, izitha zakhe azihlakazwe;
izitha zakhe azimbalekele.
2 Njengentuthu iphetshulwa ngumoya lawe baphephulele kude;
njengengcino encibilikiswa ngumlilo,
ababi kababhubhe phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
3 Kodwa sekungathi abalungileyo bangajabula
bathokoze phambi kukaNkulunkulu;
sengathi bangathaba bathokoze.

4 Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu,
hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe,
mphakamiseni yena ohlezi phezu kwamayezi
lithokoze phambi kwakhe obizo lakhe NGUTHIXO.
5 Uyise wezintandane, umlamuleli wabafelokazi,
nguNkulunkulu emzini wakhe ongcwele.
6 UNkulunkulu uyabalungisela indawo ezimulini labo abalesizungu,
ukhokhela izibotshwa ngokuhlabela;
kodwa abahlamuki bahlala elizweni elomileyo.

7 Kwathi lapho ukhokhela abantu bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu,
lapho wawudabula elizweni eliyinkangala,
8 umhlaba wanyikinyeka, umkhathi walithulula izulu,
phambi kukaNkulunkulu, onguYena oweSinayi,
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
9 Wanisa izulu elinengi, Oh Nkulunkulu;
wavuselela ilifa lakho elaselikhathele.
10 Abantu bakho bahlala kulo bazinza,
kwathi ngokuphana kwakho Nkulunkulu,
wabaphakela abangabayanga.

11 INkosi yalikhupha ilizwi,

kwaba labanengi kakhulu abalimemezelayo besithi,
12 “Makhosi lamabutho phangisani libaleke;
ezihonqweni amakhosikazi abelana impango.
13 Khonapho lisalele phakathi kwemililo yezihonqo,
impiko zejuba lami zihuqiwe ngesiliva,
izinsiba zalo ngegolide elikhazimulayo.”
14 Lapho uSomandla wawahlakaza amakhosi elizwe,
kwakunjengongqwaqwane eqoqene phezu kweZalimoni.

15 Izintaba zeBhashani yizintaba ezilesithunzi;
zilezindongandonga izintaba zaseBhashani.
16 Kungani linyonkoloza ngomona,
lina zintaba ezindongandonga,
leyontaba uNkulunkulu akhetha ukubusa kuyo,
lapho uTHIXO ngokwakhe uzahlala khona lanini?
17 Izinqola zikaNkulunkulu zingamatshumi ezinkulungwane;
lezinkulungwane zezinkulungwane;
iNkosi isifikile ivela eSinayi yangena endlini yayo engcwele.
18 Wathi ekukhuphukeni kwakho uqansa,
wakhokhela abathunjiweyo;
wemukela izipho ebantwini,
lakulabo abahlamukayo
ukuze wena, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu, uhlale khona.

19 Udumo kalube kuThixo, kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu,
othwala imithwalo yethu insuku zonke.
20 UNkulunkulu wethu nguNkulunkulu osindisayo;
kuTHIXO wobukhosi kuvela ukuphepha ekufeni.
21 Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uzawachoboza amakhanda ezitha zakhe,
imiqhele eloboya yalabo abaqhubekayo ngezono zabo.
22 INkosi ithi, “Ngizabaletha besuka eBhashani;
ngizabaletha besuka ekujuleni kolwandle,
23 ukuze ligxamuze inyawo zenu egazini lezitha zenu,
lezilimi zezinja zenu zibe lesabelo sazo.”

24 Udwendwe lwakho Nkulunkulu seluqhamuka, yebo
udwendwe lukaNkulunkulu wami leNkosi
lungena endlini engcwele.
25 Phambili ngabahlabeleli, kulandele abamachacho;
phakathi kwabo kulamantombazana atshaya amagedla.
26 Dumisani uNkulunkulu ebandleni elikhulu;
dumisani uTHIXO embuthanweni ka-Israyeli.
27 Masinyane isizwana sakoBhenjamini sibakhokhele,
nantiyana ixuku elikhulu lamakhosana kaJuda,
njalo nankayana amakhosana kaZebhuluni lakaNafithali.

28 Veza amandla akho, Oh Nkulunkulu,
sitshengise amandla akho Nkulunkulu,
njengowakwenza endulo.
29 Ngenxa yethempeli lakho eliseJerusalema
amakhosi azakulethela izipho.

30 Khuza isilo esiphakathi kwemihlanga
umhlambi wenkunzi phakathi kwamathole ezizwe.
Sezithotshisiwe kazilethe izibhebhedu zesiliva.
Hlakaza izizwe ezithokoza ngempi.
31 Amanxusa azavela eGibhithe;
iKhushi izazithoba kuNkulunkulu.

32 Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, awu lina mibuso yomhlaba,
hlabelelani indumiso kuThixo,
33 kuye ohlala phezu kwesibhakabhaka sekadeni,
okhwaza ngelizwi elikhulu.
34 Fakazani ngamandla kaNkulunkulu,
obukhosi bakhe buphezu kuka-Israyeli;
omandla akhe asesibhakabhakeni.
35 Uyamangalisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, usendlini yakho engcwele;
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli upha amandla ebantwini bakhe.

Indumiso kayibe kuNkulunkulu!

Ihubo 69

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Amaluba.” ElikaDavida.
1 Ngisindisa, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ngoba umsinga wamanzi usugamenxe ngentamo yami.
2 Ngiyagalula ezinzikini ezitotayo,
lapho okungekho ndawo yokugxila.
Sengifike enzikini;
impophoma sezingikhulela.
3 Sengidiniwe yikumemeza ngicela uncedo;
umphimbo wami usome qha.
Amehlo ami aseze efiphele,
edinga uNkulunkulu wami.
4 Labo abangizondayo kungelasizatho
banengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami;
banengi abayizitha zami kungelambangela,
labo abafuna ukungidiliza.
Ngiyaphoqelwa ukuhlawula
engingakuntshontshanga.

5 Uyabazi ubuthutha bami, wena Nkulunkulu;
isono sami kasifihlakalanga kuwe.

6 Akuthi labo abathemba kuwe
bangayangiswa ngenxa yami,
Oh Thixo, Thixo Somandla;
akuthi labo abakudingayo,
bangahlaziswa ngenxa yami,
Oh Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
7 Ngiyakubhensela ukugconwa ngenxa yakho,
ihlazo lihuqiwe ebusweni bami.
8 Ngingowemzini kubafowethu,
ngingowemzini emadodaneni kamama;

9 ngoba ukutshisekela indlu yakho kufuthelene kimi,
lezethuko zalabo abakuthukayo ziwela kimi.
10 Ngithi lapho ngilila ngizila ukudla,
ngibhensele ukwetheswa inhlamba;
11 kuthi lapho ngivunula amasaka
abantu badlale ngami.
12 Labo abalinda emasangweni bayangihleka,
ngiyingoma nje yezidakwa.

13 Kodwa ngikhuleka kuwe, Oh THIXO,
ngesikhathi somusa wakho;
ngothando lwakho olukhulu, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ngiphendula ngensindiso yakho eqinisekileyo.
14 Ngihlenga exhaphozini,
ungangiyekeli ngigalule;
ngikhululula kulabo abangizondayo,
emanzini atshonayo.
15 Ungayekeli izikhukhula zingigalulise
loba inziki zingiginye,
loba umgodi uvaleke umlomo wawo phezu kwami.

16 Ngiphendula, Oh THIXO, ngenxa yokulunga kothando lwakho;
emuseni wakho omkhulu phendukela kimi.
17 Ungayifihleli ubuso bakho inceku yakho;
ngiphendula masinyane, ngoba ngiphakathi kohlupho.
18 Sondela ungikhulule;
ngihlenga ngenxa yezitha zami.

19 Uyakwazi ukuthi ngigconwa njani,
ngihlaziswa njalo ngiyangiswa;
zonke izitha zami ziphambi kwakho.
20 Ukugconwa sekuyephule inhliziyo yami
kwangitshiya esithubeni;
ngadinga uzwelo ngaluswela,
abaduduzi, kodwa ngabaswela.
21 Bathela inyongo ekudleni kwami
banginathisa iviniga nxa ngomile.

22 Sengathi itafula eliphambi kwabo lingaba ngumjibila;
sengathi lingaba yisijeziso lesithiyo.
23 Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni,
lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela.
24 Thululela ulaka lwakho phezu kwabo;
akuthi ulaka lwakho olwesabekayo lubehlele.
25 Sengathi indawo yabo ingaba ngamanxiwa;
akungabi lamuntu ozahlala emathenteni abo.
26 Ngoba bahlupha labo obalimazayo
bakhulume ngobuhlungu balabo obalimazayo.
27 Bethese amacala phezu kwamacala;
ungayekeli bazuze isabelo sensindiso yakho.

28 Sengathi bangesulwa encwadini yokuphila
bangaze babalwa kanye labalungileyo.

29 Ngisebuhlungwini, ngikhathazekile;
sengathi insindiso yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu ingangivikela.

30 Ngizalidumisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu ngengoma,
ngilibabaze ngokubonga.
31 Lokhu kuzamthabisa uTHIXO okwedlula inkabi,
okwedlula inkunzi yonke ilempondo lamangqina ayo.
32 Abayanga bazabona bajabule
lina elimdingayo uNkulunkulu,
sengathi inhliziyo zenu zingaphila!
33 UTHIXO uyabezwa abaswelayo,
kabeyisi abantu bakhe abathunjiweyo.

34 Akuthi izulu lomhlaba kumdumise,
inlwandle lakho konke okunyakaza kuzo,
35 ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayisindisa iZiyoni
ayakhe kutsha imizi yakoJuda.
Yikhona-ke abantu bazakwakha khona balithathe libe ngelabo;
36 abantwana bezinceku zayo lizakuba yilifa labo,
labalithandayo ibizo lakhe bazahlala khona.

Ihubo 70

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Isikhalazo.
1 Phangisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, ungisindise;
Oh THIXO, woza masinyane uzongisiza.

2 Sengathi labo abafuna impilo yami
bangayangiswa basanganiswe; sengathi
bonke abafisa ukuwa kwami
bangabuyiselwa emuva beyangekile.
3 Sengathi labo abathi kimi, “Ehe! Ehe!”
bangafulathela ngenxa yehlazo labo.
4 Kodwa akuthi bonke abakudingayo
bathokoze bajabule kuwe;
akuthi labo abathanda insindiso yakho bahlale besithi,
“uTHIXO kadunyiswe!”

5 Ikanti ngingumyanga ngiyaswela;
woza masinyane kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu.
Ulusizo lwami lomkhululi wami;
Oh THIXO, ungaphuzi.

Ihubo 71

1 Kuwe THIXO, sengithole isiphephelo;
mangingayangiswa lanini.
2 Ngihlenga ungikhulule ngokulunga kwakho;
ngilalela, woza ngokuphangisa ungisindise.
3 Woba lidwala lami lokuphephela,

lapho engingaya khona loba nini;
tshono umlayo wokuba ngisindiswe,
ngoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami.
4 Ngikhulula, Oh Nkulunkulu, esandleni sababi,
emandleni abantu ababi abalochuku.

5 Ngoba ube ulithemba lami, Oh THIXO Wobukhosi,
ithemba lami kusukela ebutsheni bami.
6 Kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ngahle ngeyama kuwe;
nguwe owangikhuphayo esiswini sikamama.
Ngizakudumisa njalonjalo.
7 Senginjengomhlolo kwabanengi,
kodwa wena uyisiphephelo sami esiqinileyo.
8 Umlomo wami ugcwele udumo lwakho,
umemezela inkazimulo yakho ilanga lonke.

9 Ungangilahleli kude nxa sengiluphele;
ungangifulatheli lapho amandla ami esephelile.
10 Ngoba izitha zami zikhuluma kubi ngami;
labo abalindele ukungibulala bahlangana ngami.
11 Bathi, “UNkulunkulu usemlahlile;
xotshanani laye limbambe,
ngoba kakho ozamlamulela.”
12 Ungabi khatshana kwami, Oh Nkulunkulu;
woza masinyane, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, uzongisiza.
13 Sengathi labo abangethesa amacala
bangabhubha beyangekile;
sengathi labo abafuna ukungilimaza
bangabhixwa ngehlazo lokuyangeka.

14 Kodwa mina ngizahlala ngithembile;
ngizakudumisa kakhulu.

15 Umlomo wami uzafakaza ngokulunga kwakho,
langensindiso yakho ilanga lonke,
lokuba ngingasazi isilinganiso sayo.
16 Ngizakuza ngifakaze ngemisebenzi yakho emikhulu,
Oh THIXO Wobukhosi;
ngizafakaza ngokulunga kwakho, okwakho wedwa.
17 Kusukela ebutsheni bami, Oh Nkulunkulu, wangifundisa,
kuze kube lamuhla ngimemezela
imisebenzi yakho emangalisayo.
18 Lokuba sengiluphele sengiyimpunga
ungangideli, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ngize ngifakaze ngamandla akho esizukulwaneni esizayo,
amandla akho kubo bonke abalandelayo.

19 Ukulunga kwakho kufika emkhathini, Oh Nkulunkulu,
wena osuwenze izinto ezinkulu.
Ngubani, Oh Nkulunkulu, onjengawe?
20 Loba usungenze ngabona inhlupheko

ezinengi lezibuhlungu,
uzangenyula njalo ekujuleni komhlabathi.
21 Uzalwandisa udumo lwami
ungiduduze futhi njalo.

22 Ngizakudumisa ngechacho
ngenxa yokuthembeka kwakho,
Nkulunkulu wami;
ngizahlabelela indumiso kuwe ngomqangala,
wena oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
23 Izindebe zami zizamemeza ngentokozo
lapho ngihlabelela indumiso kuwe
mina ongisindisileyo.
24 Ulimi lwami luzatshona lukhuluma ngokulunga kwakho
ilanga lonke,
ngoba labo abafuna ukungilimaza
sebeyangisiwe basanganiswa.

Ihubo 72

ElikaSolomoni.
1 Yiphe inkosi ukwahlulela kwakho, Oh Nkulunkulu,
lokulunga kwakho indodana yesikhosini.
2 Uzakwahlulela abantu bakho ngokulunga,
labahluphekayo bakho ngemfanelo.

3 Izintaba zizaletha ukuphumelela ebantwini,
lamaqaqa azaletha izithelo zokulunga.
4 Uzabavikela abahlukuluzwayo phakathi kwabantu
asindise abantwana balabo abaswelayo
afohloze umncindezeli.
5 Uzaphila kokuphela njengelanga,
njengenyanga kuzozonke izizukulwane.
6 Uzakuba njengezulu lisina phezu kotshani obugundiweyo,
njengemikhizo ithelezela umhlabathi.
7 Ngezinsuku zayo abalungileyo bazaphumelela;
ukuphumelela kuzakwanda inyanga ize itshabalale.

8 Uzabusa kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle,
njalo kusukela eMfuleni kusiya emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
9 Izizwe ezihlala enkangala zizakhothama kuye,
izitha zakhe zizakhotha uthuli.
10 Amakhosi eThashishi lawemazweni akude
azaletha imithelo kuye;
amakhosi aseShebha leSebha
azayilethela izipho.
11 Wonke amakhosi azakhothama kuye
lezizwe zonke zizakhonza kuye.

12 Ngoba uzabakhulula abaswelayo abakhalayo kuye,
abahluphekayo abangelamsizi.
13 Uzabahawukela ababuthakathaka
labaswelayo asindise abaswelayo ekufeni.

14 Uzabahlenga ekuncindezelweni lekuhlukuluzweni,
ngoba igazi labo liligugu kuye.

15 Mayibe lempilo ende!
Mayiphiwe igolide laseShebha.
Abantu kabayikhulekele
bayenzele izibusiso ilanga lonke.
16 Akuthi amabele ande elizweni lonke;
azunguze eziqongweni zamaqaqa.
Izithelo zalo kazikhihlize njengeLebhanoni;
kaligcwale njengotshani egangeni.
17 Sengathi ibizo lakhe lingema njalo laphakade,
kalibe khona lanini nxa lilokhu lisekhona ilanga.

Zonke izizwe zizabusiswa ngaye,
zizakuthi ubusisiwe.

18 Udumo alube kuye UTHIXO uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
onguye yedwa owenza izinto ezimangalisayo.
19 Udumo kalube sebizweni lakhe elingcwele laphakade;
sengathi umhlaba wonke ungagcwala inkazimulo yakhe.
Ameni njalo Ameni.

20 Lokhu yikho ukuphetha kwemikhuleko kaDavida indodana kaJese.

Ugwalo 3

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AmaHubo 73 – 89

Ihubo lika-Asafi.
1 Ngempela uNkulunkulu ulungile ku-Israyeli,
kulabo abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni.

2 Kodwa mina, inyawo zami zaphose zatshelela;
ngaphose ngakhuthisa ukunyathela.
3 Ngasuka ngahawukela abaklolodayo
ngibona ukuphumelela kwezigangi.

4 Kabalazo inhlungu;
imizimba yabo iphilile iqinile.
5 Kabalayo imithwalo enzima ejayelekileyo ebantwini;
kabahlukuluzwa loba yini njengabanye abantu.
6 Ngakho-ke ukuziqhenya kuyisigqizo sabo entanyeni;
bazigqokisa ngokwenza isihluku.
7 Ezinhliziyweni zabo ezingelazwelo kuphuma ububi;
iminakano emibi yezingqondo zabo ayilamikhawulo.
8 Bayakloloda, bakhulume ngomona;
bayaqholoza basongele ukuncindezela.
9 Imilomo yabo ithi izulu selingelabo,
lezilimi zabo zihle ziwuthathe umhlaba.

10 Yikho abantu bakibo bebakholwa,
bawanathe amanzi kakhulukazi.
11 Bathi, “UNkulunkulu angakwazi kanjani?
OPhezukonke ulalo ulwazi na?”

12 Yikho lokhu abayikho khona ababi
bavele kabananzi, iyanda eyabo inotho.

13 Ngempela bekuyize ukugcina inhliziyo yami ihlanzekile;
kube yize ukugeza izandla zami ngokungelacala.
14 Ilanga lonke ngitshona ngikhathazwa;
ngiyajeziswa ekuseni zonke insuku.

15 Aluba ngangithe,
“Ngizakhuluma ngitsho njalo,”
ngabe ngangibakhohlisa abantwabakho.
16 Ngathi ngizama ukukuzwisisa konke lokhu
ngezwa kungisinda,
17 ngaze ngangena endlini engcwele kaNkulunkulu;
lapho-ke ngasengizwisisa isiphetho sabo.

18 Ngempela uyababeka endaweni etshelelayo;
ubalahlela phansi ekubhujisweni.
19 Yeka, ukubhujiswa kwabo lula nje,
bakhuculwe nje yikwesaba!
20 Njengephupho nxa umuntu ephaphama
kuzakuba njalo lapho usuvuka, Thixo,
uzabeyisa njengemifanekiso yengqondo kuphela.

21 Lapho inhliziyo yami yayifuthelene
lomoya wami uthukuthele,
22 ngangiyisithutha esingaziyo;
ngangiyinyamazana yeganga kuwe.

23 Ikanti ngihlezi ngilawe;
uyangibamba ngesandla sami sokunene.
24 Uyangikhokhela ngokweluleka kwakho
kuthi ngemva kwalokho uzangithatha ungise ebukhosini.
25 Ngilobani na ezulwini ngaphandle kwakho?
Lomhlaba kawulakho engikufisayo ngaphandle kwakho.
26 Inyama yami lenhliziyo yami kungehluleka
kodwa uNkulunkulu ungamandla enhliziyo yami,
uyisabelo sami laphakade.

27 Labo abakhatshana lawe bazabhubha;
uyababhidliza bonke abangathembekanga kuwe.
28 Kodwa mina kimi kuhle ukuba seduze loNkulunkulu.
Sengenze uTHIXO Wobukhosi isiphephelo sami;
ngizafakaza ngazozonke izenzo zakho.

Ihubo 74

Ihubo lika-Asafu
1 Kungani ususilahlile kokuphela na, awu Nkulunkulu?
Kungani ulaka lwakho luvutha phezu kwezimvu zedlelo lakho na?
2 Khumbula abantu owabathengayo ekadeni,
isizwe selifa lakho owasihlengayo
iNtaba iZiyoni, owawuhlala khona.
3 Phenduka ungene emanxiweni aphakade la,
incithakalo yonke le yenziwe yisitha endlini engcwele.

4 Izitha zakho zazibhonga endaweni owawuhlangana lathi kuyo;
zamisa impawu zazo njengeziboniso.
5 Zenza njengabantu abaphakamise amahloka
ukuphendla indlela yabo eguswini.
6 Zafohloza konke okubaziweyo
ngamahloka azo langezando.
7 Zatshisa indlu yakho engcwele yaphela nya;
zangcolisa indawo ehlala iBizo lakho.
8 Zathi ngezinhliziyo zazo, “Sizababhuqa baphele nya!”
Zatshisa zonke izindawo zokukhonzela uNkulunkulu elizweni.

9 Kasisaboniswa mimangaliso; kakuselabuphrofethi,
kakho kithi owaziyo ukuthi
kuzaze kube nini kunjalo.
10 Koze kube nini isitha sikuklolodela na, awu Nkulunkulu?
Izitha zizalithuka kokuphela ibizo lakho na?
11 Kungani ufinyeza isandla sakho sokunene na?
Sikhuphe ezingoxweni zezembatho zakho ubabhubhise.

12 Kodwa wena Nkulunkulu uyiNkosi yami kwasekadeni;
uletha insindiso emhlabeni.

13 Kwakunguwe owaqhekeza ulwandle ngamandla akho;
wafohloza amakhanda esilo phakathi kwamanzi.
14 Kwakunguwe owachoboza amakhanda kaLeviyathani
waba yikudla kwezidalwa zasenkangala.
15 Kwakunguwe owavula imithombo lemifula;
womisa qha imifula eyayihlala igeleza.
16 Imini ngeyakho, ngobakho njalo lobusuku;
walimisa ilanga kanye lenyanga.
17 Kwakunguwe owamisa imingcele yonke yomhlaba;
wenza ihlobo kanye lobusika.

18 Khumbula ukuthi isitha besikuklolodela, THIXO,
ukuthi iziwula bezihlambaza ibizo lakho.
19 Ungaqhubeli umphefumulo wejuba lakho ezinyamazaneni;
ungaze wakhohlwa kokuphela
impilo yabantu bakho abahluphekayo.
20 Nanzelela isivumelwano sakho,
ngoba izikhundla zobugebenga zigcwele
kulolonke ilizwe ezindaweni ezilamathunzi.

21 Ungayekeli abancindezelweyo babuyele beyangekile;
sengathi abayanga labaswelayo bangalidumisa ibizo lakho.
22 Phakama, awu Nkulunkulu, vikela okungokwakho;
khumbula ukuthi iziwula zikuhleka njani ilanga lonke.
23 Ungakulibali ukuvungama kwalabo abalwa lawe,
ukuxokozela kwezitha zakho, okuzwakala kokuphela.

Ihubo 75

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Iculo elithi, “Ungabhidlizi.” Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ingoma.
1 Siletha ukubonga kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu,
siletha ukubonga, ngoba iBizo lakho liseduze;
abantu bakhuluma ngemisebenzi Yakho emangalisayo.

2 Wena uthi, “Ngikhetha isikhathi esimisiweyo;
yimi engahlulela okuqondileyo.
3 Nxa umhlaba kanye labantu bawo kuzamazama,
yimi engizibamba ziqine izisekelo zawo.
4 Ngithi kwabayiziqholo, ‘Lingabe lisazincoma,’
ngithi kwababi, ‘Lingaziphakamisi impondo zenu.
5 Lingaphakamiseli uphondo lwenu phezulu ezulwini;
lingakhulumi liziqhenya.’ ”

6 Kakho ovela empumalanga loba entshonalanga,
kumbe ovela enkangala ongaphakamisa umuntu.
7 Kodwa nguNkulunkulu owahlulelayo:
uyamehlisa omunye, amkhweze omunye.
8 Esandleni SIKATHIXO kukhona inkezo
egcwele iwayini eliphuphumayo elixutshwe ngeziyoliso;
uyalithulula, kuthi bonke ababi bomhlaba
balinathe kanye lenzece zalo.

9 Kodwa mina ngizamemezela lokhu lanini;
ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu kaJakhobe,
10 yena othi, “Ngizazithulisa zonke impondo zababi,
kodwa impondo zabalungileyo zizaphakanyiswa.”

Ihubo 76

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kusetshenziswa iziginci. Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ingoma.
1 Uyaziwa uNkulunkulu koJuda
ibizo lakhe likhulu ko-Israyeli.
2 Ithente lakhe liseSalema,
indawo yakhe yokuhlala iseZiyoni.
3 Khonapho wayephula imitshoko ebenyezelayo,
izihlangu lezinkemba, izikhali zempi.

4 Uyakhazimula ngokukhanya,
ulobukhosi obudlula izintaba ezigcwele izinyamazana.
5 Amadoda alezibindi alele ucaca aphangiwe,
alele ubuthongo bawo bokucina;
kakho loyedwa wamabutho lawo
ongaphakamisa izandla zakhe.

6 Uthi ungakhwaza wena, Oh Nkulunkulu kaJakhobe,
ibhiza lenqola kuhle kulale phansi kuthi zwi.

7 Wena wedwa uyesatshwa.
Ngubani ongema phambi kwakho nxa usuthukuthele?
8 Wathi usezulwini wehlisa ukwahlulela kwakho,
ilizwe lesaba lathula,
9 lapho wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, waphakama ukwahlulela,
ukusindisa bonke abahluphekayo belizwe.
10 Ngempela ulaka lwakho ebantwini lukulethela indumiso,
kuthi bonke abasilileyo elakeni lwakho bathotshiswe.

11 Yenzani izifungo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lizigcwalise;
akuthi wonke amazwe abomakhelwana
alethe izipho kuye Yedwa omele esatshwe.
12 Uyephula ubuqholo bababusi;
uyesatshwa ngamakhosi omhlaba.

Ihubo 77

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KuJeduthuni, Elika-Asafi. Ihubo.
1 Ngakhala kuNkulunkulu ngicela uncedo;
ngakhala kuNkulunkulu ukuthi angizwe.
2 Ngathi ngikhathazekile ngamdinga uThixo;
ebusuku ngazelula izandla azazezadinwa
lomphefumulo wami wala ukududuzeka.

3 Ngakukhumbula, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngabubula;
ngacabanga, umoya wami wancipha.
4 Wala ukuthi amehlo ami avaleke;
ngangikhathazekile ngisehluleka ukukhuluma.
5 Ngakhumbula ngezinsuku ezedlulayo,
insuku zakudala;
6 ngakhumbula izingoma zami ebusuku.
Inhliziyo yami yacabanga lomoya wami wadinga:

7 “INkosi izakhalala kokuphela na?
Ayisayikuphinde itshengise uthando lwayo njalo na?
8 Kanti uthando lwayo olungapheliyo selunyamalele kokuphela na?
Kanti isithembiso sayo sesiphelile kokuphela na?
9 Kanti uNkulunkulu usekhohliwe ukuba lesihawu na?
Usethe ngokuzonda wagodla uzwelo lwakhe na?”

10 Ngasengikhumbula ngathi, “Yilokhu okunginqundayo,
ukuthi isandla sokunene soPhezukonke kasisekho phezu kwami.
11 Ngizayikhumbula imisebenzi kaThixo;
yebo, ngizayikhumbula imimangaliso yakho yekadeni.
12 Ngizacabanga ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakho
nginakane ngazozonke izenzo zakho ezinkulu.”

13 Izindlela zakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, zingcwele;
nguphi unkulunkulu omkhulu njengoNkulunkulu wethu na?

14 Nguwe Nkulunkulu owenza izimanga;
uyawatshengisa amandla akho ebantwini.
15 Ngengalo yakho elamandla wabakhulula abantu bakho,
izizukulwane zikaJakhobe loJosefa.

16 Amanzi akubona wena, Oh Nkulunkulu,
amanzi akubona atshotshobala;
inziki zagonyuluka.
17 Amayezi awathulula amanzi,
isibhakabhaka sandindiza ngokuduma;
imitshoko yakho yaphazima yaya le lale.
18 Umdumo wakho wezwakala uphakathi kwesivunguzane,
umbane wakho wawukhanyisa umhlaba;
umhlaba wavevezela wanyikinyeka.
19 Indlela yakho yadabula olwandle,
umkhondo wakho phakathi kwamanzi,
kodwa izinyathelo zakho zazingabonakali.

20 Wabahola abantu bakho njengomhlambi wezimvu
ngesandla sikaMosi lo-Aroni.

Ihubo 78

Ihubo ka-Asafu
1 Zwanini imfundiso yami, bantu bami;
lilalele amazwi omlomo wami.
2 Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso,
ngizakutsho izinto ezifihlekileyo, izinto zekadeni,
3 esakuzwayo lesikwaziyo
esakutshelwa ngokhokho bethu.
4 Kasizukuzifihlela abantwana babo;
sizasitshela isizukulwane esizayo
ngemisebenzi emangalisayo kaThixo,
amandla akhe, lemimangaliso aseyenzile.
5 Wamisela uJakhobe imithetho
wabeka umlayo ko-Israyeli,
walaya okhokho bethu
ukuthi bawufundise abantwababo,
6 ukuze aziwe yisizukulwane esilandelayo,
kanye labantwana abazazalwa,
kuthi labo batshele abantwababo.
7 Yikho-ke bazabeka ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu
njalo abasoze bakhohlwa izenzo zakhe
kodwa bagcine imilayo yakhe.
8 Kabayikuba njengabokhokho babo
ababeyisizukulwana esilobuqholo lesihlamukayo,
onhliziyo zabo zazingazinikelanga kuNkulunkulu
omoya yabo yayingathembekanga kuye.

9 Amadoda ako-Efrayimi, loba ayehlomile ngemitshoko,
afulathela mhla welanga lempi;
10 kabasigcinanga isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu,

bala ukuphila ngomthetho wakhe.
11 Bakhohlwa lokho ayekwenzile,
izimanga ayebatshengise zona.
12 Wenza imimangaliso oyise bekhangele
elizweni laseGibhithe, esigodini saseZowani.
13 Walwahlukanisa ulwandle wabahola bachapha;
wenza amanzi ema aqina saka njengomduli.
14 Wabahola ngeyezi emini
njalo ngokukhanya komlilo ubusuku bonke.
15 Wawaqhekeza amadwala enkangala
wabapha amanzi amanengi njengolwandle;
16 wantshazisa impophoma emadwaleni amawa
wenza amanzi ageleza njengemifula.

17 Kodwa baqhubeka besona phambi kwakhe,
bamhlamukela enkangala yena oPhezukonke.
18 Bamlinga uNkulunkulu ngabomo
ngokucela ukudla ababekutshisekela.
19 Bamchothoza uNkulunkulu
besithi, “Kambe uNkulunkulu angendlala itafula lokudlela
enkangala na?
20 Wathi lapho etshaya idwala,
amanzi antshantshaza,
kwageleza amanzi amanengi.
Kodwa angasipha njalo lokudla na?
Angabalethela inyama abantu bakhe na?”
21 UTHIXO wathi ebezwa wathukuthela kakhulu;
umlilo wakhe wavuthela kuJakhobe,
ulaka lwakhe lwaqina ku-Israyeli,
22 ngoba kabamkholwanga uNkulunkulu
njalo kabawathembanga amandla okuhlenga kwakhe.
23 Loba kunjalo walaya umkhathi ngaphezulu
wavula iminyango yamazulu;
24 wanisa imana ukuthi badle abantu,
wabapha amabele asezulwini.
25 Abantu badla isinkwa sezingilosi;
wabathumela konke ukudla ababengakudla.
26 Wawukhulula umoya wempumalanga uvela emazulwini,
wawukhulula umoya weningizimu ngamandla akhe.
27 Wanisela inyama kubo njengothuli,
izinyoni eziphaphayo zaba njengetshebetshebe ogwini lolwandle.
28 Wazenza zehlela phakathi kwezihonqo zabo,
indawana yonke emathenteni abo.
29 Bazitika baze bakhangela,
ngoba wayebaphe ababekade bekukhalela.
30 Kodwa
bengakakutshiyi lokho kudla ababekukhalela belokhu
besakunambitha emilonyeni yabo,
31 ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwavutha kubo;
wabulala zona iziqwabalanda zabo,
wawahemula amajaha ako-Israyeli.

32 Phezu kwakho konke lokhu baqhubeka besona;
phezu kwezimanga zakhe, kabazange bakholwe.
33 Ngakho wenza insuku zabo zaphelela ezeni
njalo leminyaka yabo yagcwala ukwesaba.
34 Kwakusithi uNkulunkulu angababulala,
bamdinge; baphendukele kuye njalo ngokutshiseka.
35 Bakhumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayelidwala labo,
ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wayenguMhlengi wabo.
36 Kodwa-ke kwakuyikumyenga ngemilomo yabo,
beqamba amanga kuye ngendimi zabo;
37 inhliziyo zabo zazingabambelelanga kuye,
babengathembekanga esivumelwaneni sakhe.
38 Kodwa wayelesihawu;
wazithethelela izono zabo
kaze ababhubhisa.
Isikhathi ngesikhathi waluthoba ulaka lwakhe
akaze akuqubula konke ukuthukuthela kwakhe.
39 Wakhumbula ukuthi babeyinyama nje
intshongolo eyedlulayo nje ingabe isabuya.

40 Kodwa ukuthi bamhlamukela kanengi njani enkangala,
bamdabukisa egwaduleni!
41 Baphindaphinda ukulinga uNkulunkulu;
bamthukuthelisa oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
42 Kabawakhumbulanga amandla akhe
usuku abakhulula ngalo kumncindezeli,
43 usuku lapho aveza khona izibonakaliso zakhe ezimangalisayo eGibhithe,
izimanga zakhe esigodini saseZowani.
44 Waguqula imifula yabo yaba ligazi;
behluleka ukunatha ezifuleni zabo.
45 Wathumela imihlambi yezibawu zabantinya,
lamaxoxo ababhuqayo.
46 Amabele abo wawathela izintethe,
izithelo zabo isikhongwane.
47 Wathintitha amavini abo ngesiqhotho
lemikhiwa yabo yesikhamore wayitshazisa ngongqwaqwane.
48 Inkomo zabo wazithela ngesiqhotho,
izifuyo zabo zadliwa yizikhatha zombane.
49 Wabathululela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo,
intukuthelo yakhe, ukucunuka lenzondo
ixuku lezingilosi ezibhubhisayo.
50 Wayilungisa indlela yolaka lwakhe;
kabaphephisanga ekufeni
kodwa wabanikela emikhuhlaneni.
51 Wawabulala wonke amazibulo aseGibhithe,
izithelo zabo zokuqala zokuba ngamadoda emathenteni kaHamu.
52 Kodwa wabakhupha abantu bakhe njengomhlambi wezimvu;
wabahola njengezimvu bedabula inkangala.
53 Wabakhokhela ngonanzelelo,
ngakho babengesabi;
kodwa ulwandle lwazigubuzela izitha zabo.

54 Kanjalo wabaletha emngceleni welizwe lakhe elingcwele,
elizweni lamaqaqa ayelithethe ngesandla sakhe sokunene.
55 Wazixotsha izizwe phambi kwabo
wabahlukanisela ilizwe lazo laba yilifa;
wahlalisa izizwana zako-Israyeli emizini yazo.

56 Kodwa bamlinga uNkulunkulu,
bamhlamukela oPhezukonke;
kabayigcinanga imilayo yakhe.
57 Njengabokhokho babo babengathembekanga bengakholwa,
ungeke wathemba njengedandili elenziwe kubi.
58 Bamvusa ulaka ngezindawo zabo eziphezulu;
baqubula ubukhwele bakhe ngezithombe zabo.
59 Wathi uNkulunkulu ngokukuzwa lokho,
wathukuthela kakhulu;
wamlahla qobo lokumlahla u-Israyeli.
60 Walidela ithabanikeli lakhe eShilo,
ithente ayelakhile phakathi kwabantu.
61 Umphongolo wakhe wamandla wawusa ekuthunjweni,
inkazimulo yakhe ezandleni zesitha.
62 Abantu bakhe wabanikela ukudliwa yinkemba;
wayethukuthele kakhulu ngelifa lakhe.
63 Umlilo waziqeda izinsizwa zabo,
izintombi zabo zaswela izingoma zomtshado;
64 abaphristi babo babulawa ngenkemba,
abafelokazi babo behluleka ukulila.

65 INkosi yasivuka njengokade esebuthongweni,
njengomuntu ephaphama ekudakweni yiwayini.
66 Wazitshaya zahlehla izitha zakhe;
waziyangisa okungapheliyo.
67 Khonapho-ke wawakhalala amathente kaJosefa,
akaze asikhetha isizwana sika-Efrayimi;
68 kodwa wakhetha isizwana sikaJuda,
iNtaba iZiyoni ayeyithanda.
69 Wakha indlu yakhe engcwele njengeziqongo,
njengomhlaba awumisela ingunaphakade.
70 Wakhetha uDavida inceku yakhe
wamthatha ezilugwini zezimvu;
71 wamsusa ekweluseni izimvu
wamletha ukuba ngumelusi wabantu bakhe uJakhobe,
baka-Israyeli ilifa lakhe.
72 Njalo uDavida wabelusa ngobuqotho benhliziyo;
wabakhokhela ngesandla sobungcitshi.

Ihubo 79

Ihubo lika-Asafi
1 Oh Nkulunkulu, izizwe sezilingenele ilifa lakho;
sezilingcolisile ithempeli lakho eligcwele,
iJerusalema isibhidliziwe yaba luthuli.
2 Izidumbu zezinceku zakho sebezilahlile

ukuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni,
inyama yabangcwele bakho yaba yikudla kwezilo zelizwe.
3 Balichithile igazi njengamanzi
bahonqolozela ngalo iJerusalema,
kasekho ozangcwaba abafileyo.
4 Siyizinto zokuchothozwa kubomakhelwane bethu,
inhlekisa lokweyiswa yibo bonke esihlala labo.

5 Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo? Uzazonda kuze kube nininini na?
Koze kube nini ubukhwele bakho butshisa njengomlilo na?
6 Thululela intukuthelo yakho kulezozizwe
ezingakunanziyo,
ezingalibiziyo ibizo lakho
7 ngoba zimchithile uJakhobe
zalibhidliza ilizwe lakibo.

8 Ungawethesi thina umlandu wabokhokho;
sengathi isihawu sakho singeza masinyane ukuzasivikela,
ngoba sesisebunzimeni obubi.
9 Sisize, awu Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu,
ngenxa yobukhosi bebizo lakho;
sikhulule uthethelele izono zethu,
ngenxa yebizo lakho.
10 Kungani izizwe zisithi,
“Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?”

Yenza emehlweni ethu, kwaziwe phakathi kwezizwe
ukuthi uyaliphindisela igazi lezinceku zakho elachithwayo.
11 Sengathi ukububula kwezibotshwa kungafinyelela kuwe;
ngamandla engalo yakho sindisa labo abagwetshelwe ukufa.
12 Baphindisele kasikhombisa omakhelwane bethu
ngezinhlamba ababekuchaphaza ngazo, Thixo.
13 Kuzakuthi-ke thina abantu bakho,
izimvu zedlelo lakho, sikudumise laphakade;
kusuka esizukulwaneni kusiya esizukulwaneni
sizabalisa udumo lwakho.

Ihubo 80

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Amaluba esiVumelwano.” Elika-Asafi. Ihubo.
1 Sizwe, Oh Malusi ka-Israyeli,
wena okhokhela uJosefa njengomhlambi wezimvu;
wena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
uphahlwe ngamakherubhi,
benyezela
2 phambi kuka-Efrayimi loBhenjamini loManase.
Vusa amandla akho; woza usisindise.

3 Sivuselele, Oh Nkulunkulu;
yenza ubuso bakho bukhanye phambi kwethu,
ukuze sisindiswe.

4 Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla,
koze kube nini ulaka lwakho luvutha
phezu kwemikhuleko yabantu bakho?
5 Usubafunzile ngesinkwa sezinyembezi;
ubenze banatha inyembezi ezigcwele umganu.
6 Ususenze saba yimbangela yengxabano kubomakhelwane bethu,
lezitha zethu ziyasihleka.

7 Sivuselele, Oh Nkulunkulu Somandla;
khanyisa ubuso bakho kithi,
ukuze sisindiswe.

8 Waletha ivini ulisusa eGibhithe;
wazixotsha izizwe waligxumeka,
9 walicentela indawo
labamba emhlabathini lagcwala ilizwe.
10 Izintaba zagcwala umthunzi walo,
imisedari emikhulu yathi silikici ngamagatsha alo.
11 Lakhulisa amagatsha alo anabela oLwandle,
amahlumela alo afika kude eMfuleni.

12 Kungani na usudilize imiduli yalo
ukuze bonke abedlulayo baziqhululele izithelo zalo?
13 Ingulungunda ziyalivadlaza,
lezidalwa zeganga zizitika ngalo.
14 Buya kithi, Oh Nkulunkulu Somandla!
Khangela phansi usezulwini ubone!
Nakekela ivini leli,
15 impande ehlanyelwe yisandla sakho sokunene,
indodana ozondlele yona wena.

16 Ivini lakho seliqunyiwe, selitshiswe ngomlilo;
ngokukhuza kwakho abantu bayabhubha.
17 Yeyamisa isandla sakho emuntwini ongakwesokunene kwakho,
indodana yomuntu ozondlele yona.
18 Yikho asiyikukufulathela, sivuselele,
ukuze sibize ibizo lakho.

19 Sivuselele, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla;
khanyisa ubuso bakho kithi,
ukuze sisindiswe.

Ihubo 81

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela *yegithithi.* Elika-Asafi
1 Hlabelelani ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu ongamandla ethu;
memezani kakhulu kuNkulunkulu kaJakhobe!
2 Qalisani ukuhlabela, tshayani isigubhu,
khalisani ichacho elimnandi lomhubhe.

3 Khalisani uphondo lwenqama ekuThwaseni kweNyanga,
lalapho inyanga isigcwele, ngelanga lomkhosi;
4 lesi yisimemezelo sika-Israyeli,

umthetho kaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.
5 Wakumisa njengesimiso kuJosefa
lapho aphuma wavukela ilizwe leGibhithe,
lapho ezwa khona ulimi esasingaluzwa.

Ngezwa ilizwi engingalaziyo lisithi:

6 “Ngawethula umthwalo emahlombe abo;
izandla zabo zakhululwa engcebethwini.
7 Ekuhluphekeni kwenu lamemeza mina ngalikhulula.
Ngaliphendula ngiphakathi komdumo weyezi;
ngalilinga emanzini aseMeribha.
8 Zwanini, awu bantu bami, mina ngizalixwayisa
aluba lingangilalela, Oh Israyeli!
9 Lingabi lonkulunkulu wezizweni phakathi kwenu;
lingabokhothamela unkulunkulu ongaziwayo.
10 NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
owalikhuphayo eGibhithe.
Vulani kakhulu umlomo wenu ngizawugcwalisa.

11 Kodwa abantu bami kabangilalelanga;
u-Israyeli wala ukungithobela.
12 Ngakho ngasengibayekela ngezinhliziyo zabo zobuqholo
ukuthi balandele lokho abakufunayo.

13 Aluba abantu bami bengangilalela,
aluba u-Israyeli engalandela izindlela zami,
14 masinyane nje ngingazibhuqa izitha zabo
ngiphakamisele isandla sami ezitheni zabo!
15 Labo abamzondayo UTHIXO bangatshotshobala phambi kwakhe,
kuthi isijeziso sabo sibe ngesaphakade.
16 Kodwa lina lingaphiwa ingqoloyi enhle kakhulu;
ngilisuthise ngoluju oluphuma edwaleni.”

Ihubo 82

Ihubo lika-Asafi
1 UNkulunkulu usesihlalweni emhlanganweni omkhulu;
nguye owahlulelayo phakathi kwabo “nkulunkulu”:

2 “Koze kube nini livikela ababi na
libonakala lithanda izigangi?
3 Lamlelani ababuthakathaka lezintandane;
melani amalungelo abayanga labahlukuluzwayo.
4 Lamlelani ababuthakathaka labaswelayo;
bephuleni esandleni sababi.

5 Onkulunkulu kabazi lutho, kabazwisisi lutho.
Bayantula emnyameni;
zonke izisekelo zomhlaba zixukuxiwe.

6 Ngathi, ‘Lingo “nkulunkulu”;

lonke lingamadodana akhe oPhezukonke.’
7 Kodwa lizakufa lingabantu nje;
lizakuwa njengamanye amakhosi wonke.”

8 Phakama, Oh Nkulunkulu, yahlulela umhlaba,
ngoba zonke izizwe ziyilifa lakho.

Ihubo 83

Ingoma. Ihubo lika-Asafi.
1 Oh Nkulunkulu, ungathuli uthi zwi;
ungangincitshi indlebe yakho,
ungameli khatshana lami, Oh Nkulunkulu.
2 Akubone ukuthi ziphithizela kanjani izitha zakho,
ukuthi ziwaqaphisa kanganani amakhanda azo.
3 Ngobuqili zakhela abantu bakho amacebo;
zisongela labo obathembileyo.
4 Bathi, “Wozani kasibabhuqe du njengesizwe,
ukuze ibizo lika-Israyeli lingaphindi likhunjulwe.”

5 Nganhliziyonye bawakha amacebo ndawonye;
bayahlangana beme ndawonye ukumelana lawe,
6 amathente ase-Edomi lama-Ishumayeli,
awamaMowabi lawamaHagari,
7 amaGebhali, lama-Amoni lama-Amaleki,
amaFilistiya labantu beThire.
8 Lama-Asiriya asebambene labo
ukuqinisa izizukulwane zikaLothi.

9 Yenza kubo njengoba wenza eMidiyani,
njengowakwenza kuSisera loJabhini emfuleni iKhishoni,
10 ababhubha e-Endo
baba njengezibi emhlabathini.
11 Yenza izikhulu zabo zibe njengo-Orebhi loZebhi,
wonke amakhosana abo abe njengoZebha loZalimuna,
12 abathi, “Kasiwathumbe
amadlelo kaNkulunkulu.”

13 Benze babe njengenkunkuma, Oh Nkulunkulu wami,
njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya.
14 Njengalokhu umlilo uhangula igusu
kumbe ilangabi lilumathisa izintaba,
15 kanjalo basukele ngesivunguvungu sakho
ubethuse ngesiphepho sakho.
16 Bahuqe ubuso babo ngehlazo
ukuze abantu balidinge ibizo lakho, Oh THIXO.

17 Sengathi bangayangeka lanini badunyazwe;
kungathi bangafa belehlazo.
18 Yenza bakwazi ukuthi wena, obizo lakho UNGUTHIXO
ukuthi wena wedwa ungoPhezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

Ihubo 84

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela *yegithithi.* Elabantwana bakaKhora. Ihubo.

1 Yeka ubuhle bendlu yakho,
Oh THIXO Somandla!
2 Umphefumulo wami uyalangazela, uze ungathi uyaphela,
ngifuna amaguma KATHIXO;
inhliziyo yami lenyama yami
kukhalela uNkulunkulu ophilayo.
3 Intaka layo ilizuzile ikhaya,
lenkonjane isidleke sayo,
lapho ingazalela khona abantwana bayo
indawo eduze kwe-alithari lakho,
Oh THIXO Somandla, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami.
4 Babusisiwe labo abahlala endlini yakho;
bahlala bekudumisa kokuphela.

5 Babusisiwe labo abalamandla abo akuwe
asebebeke inhliziyo zabo ekulagiseni kuwe.
6 Bathi nxa bedabula esiGodini seBhaka
basenze sibe yindawo yemithombo;
izulu lekwindla lalo ligcwalise iziziba.
7 Ayakhula amandla abo ande,
ngulowo lalowo aze aqhamuke kuNkulunkulu eZiyoni.

8 Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu Somandla;
akungilalele, Oh Nkulunkulu kaJakhobe.
9 Khangela isihlangu sethu, Oh Nkulunkulu;
khangela ngomusa kogcotshiweyo wakho.

10 Lungcono usuku olulodwa emagumeni akho
kulensuku eziyinkulungwane kwenye indawo;
kungabangcono ngibe ngumlindimasango endlini kaNkulunkulu
kulokuhlala emathenteni ababi.
11 Ngoba UTHIXO ulilanga lesihlangu;
UTHIXO uyapha umusa lodumo;
kancitshani langaluphi ulutho oluhle
kulabo ozinyathelo zabo zingelansolo.

12 Oh THIXO Somandla,
ubusisiwe umuntu owethemba kuwe.

Ihubo 85

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Elamadodana kaKhora. Ihubo.

1 Ulithandile ilizwe lakho, Oh THIXO;
uyibuyisile inhlanhla kaJakhobe.
2 Wazithethelela iziphambeko zabantu bakho
wazisibekela zonke izono zabo.
3 Walubuyisela eceleni lonke ulaka lwakho
wakufulathela ukuthukuthela kwakho okwesabekayo.

4 Sivuselele njalo, Oh Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu,
ukubeke khatshana ukukucunula kwethu.

5 Uzasizondela kuze kube phakade na?
Uzalugcina ulaka lwakho kuzozonke izizukulwane na?
6 Kawuzukusivuselela na,
ukuze abantu bakho bathokoze kuwe?
7 Sitshengise uthando lwakho olungaphuthiyo, Oh THIXO,
usinike insindiso yakho.

8 Ngizalalela lokho uNkulunkulu UTHIXO azakutsho;
uthembisa abantu bakhe ukuthula, abangcwele bakhe
kodwa kabangabuyeli ebufebeni babo.
9 Ngempela insindiso iseduze kulabo abamesabayo,
ukuze inkazimulo yakhe ihlale elizweni lethu.

10 Uthando lokuthembeka kuyahlangana ndawonye;
ukulunga lokuthula kuyangana.
11 Ukuthembeka kuqhamuka emhlabathini,
ukulunga kukhanya phansi kusezulwini.
12 Ngeqiniso UTHIXO uzanika okulungileyo,
lelizwe lethu lizathela isivuno salo.
13 Ukulunga kuhamba phambi kwakhe
kulungisele izinyathelo zakhe indlela.

Ihubo 86

Umkhuleko kaDavida
1 Zwana, Oh THIXO, ungiphendule,
ngoba ngingumyanga ngiyaswela.
2 Vikela impilo yami, ngoba ngizinikele kuwe;
sindisa inceku yakho ekuthembayo;
UnguNkulunkulu wami.
3 Woba lesihawu kimi, Oh Thixo,
ngoba ngitshona ngikubiza ilanga lonke.
4 Letha ukuthokoza encekwini yakho,
ngoba kuwe, Oh Thixo,
ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami.

5 Uyathethelela njalo ulungile, Oh Thixo,
ugcwele uthando kulabo abakhuleka kuwe.
6 Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh THIXO;
lalela ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa.
7 Mhla ngiphakathi kokuhlupheka ngizakhala kuwe,
ngoba uzangiphendula.

8 Phakathi kwabonkulunkulu kakho onjengawe, Oh Thixo;
kakulazenzo ezingalinganiswa lezakho.
9 Zonke izizwe owazenzayo
zizakuza zikhonze kuwe, Nkosi;
zizaletha udumo ebizweni lakho.
10 Ngoba umkhulu njalo wenza imisebenzi emangalisayo;
wena wedwa unguNkulunkulu.

11 Ngifundisa indlela yakho, Oh THIXO,

ukuze ngihambe eqinisweni lakho;
ngipha inhliziyo engaxamalazanga,
ukuze ngilesabe ibizo lakho.
12 Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami,
ngenhliziyo yami yonke;
ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho laphakade.
13 Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho kimi;
ungenyule ekujuleni kwendawo yabafileyo.

14 Iziqholo ziyangihlasela, Oh Nkulunkulu
iqembu lamadoda alesihluku lizingela impilo yami
abantu abangakunanziyo wena.
15 Kodwa wena, Nkosi, unguNkulunkulu olozwelo, olobubelo,
ophuza ukuzonda, owandayo ngothando lokuthembeka.
16 Phendukela ngakimi ube lesihawu kimi;
veza amandla akho ngenceku yakho,
ngisindise ngoba ngiyakukhonza,
njengokwenziwa ngumama.
17 Ngipha isiboniso sokulunga kwakho,
ukuze izitha zami zisibone ziyangeke,
ngoba wena, Oh THIXO, usungisizile njalo wangiduduza.

Ihubo 87

Elamadodana kaKhora. Ihubo. Ingoma.
1 Usakhile isisekelo sakhe entabeni engcwele;
2 UTHIXO uyawathanda amasango eZiyoni
okudlula yonke imizi kaJakhobe.

3 Izinto ezinhle okumangalisayo ziyatshiwo ngawe,
we muzi kaNkulunkulu:
4 “Ngizabalisa uRahabi leBhabhiloni
phakathi kwalabo abathi bayangazi
iFilistiya leThire, kanye leKhushi
ngibe sengisithi, ‘Lo wazalelwa eZiyoni.’ ”
5 Ngempela kuzathiwa ngeZiyoni,
“Lo laloyana bazalelwa khona,
kuthi yena oPhezukonke uzaliqinisa.”
6 UTHIXO uzaloba eluhlwini lwamabizo abantu:
“Lo wazalelwa eZiyoni.”

7 Bazakuthi betshaya amachacho bahlabele bathi,
“Yonke imithombo yami ikuwe.”

Ihubo 88

Ingoma. Ihubo lamadodana kaKhora. Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, *Mahalathi leyanothi* (Ukuhlupheka lokuchukuluzwa) *Ihubo* likaHemani um’Ezira.
1 Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu ongisindisayo,
ebusuku lemini ngikhala kuwe.
2 Akuthi umkhuleko wami ufinyelele kuwe;
phendula indlebe yakho izwe ukukhala kwami.

3 Ngoba umphefumulo wami ugcwele inhlupheko
lempilo yami isilengela engcwabeni.
4 Ngibalwa ndawonye lalabo asebesiya egodini;
senginjengendoda engelamandla.
5 Sengahlukaniselwe kwabafileyo,
lezidumbu ezilele engcwabeni,
wena ongasabakhumbuliyo njalo,
abangasekho kulabo obanakekelayo.

6 Usungifake egodini elitshona okudlulayo,
ekujuleni okumnyama bhuqe.
7 Intukuthelo yakho iyangeleka;
usungigalulisile ngawo wonke amagagasi akho.
8 Usungithathele abangane bami abasekhwapheni
wangenza ngaba lesidina kubo.
Ngivalelwe kangiselantuba;
9 amehlo ami asebona kalufifi ngenxa yosizi.

Ngiyakubiza, Oh THIXO, insuku zonke;
ngiphakamisela izandla zami kuwe.
10 Izimanga zakho uyazitshengisa kwabafileyo na?
Kambe labo asebefile bangavuka bakudumise na?
11 Uthando lwakho luyamenyezelwa engcwabeni yini,
ukuthembeka kwakho endaweni yokuBhubha na?
12 Izimanga zakho ziyaziwa yini endaweni yobumnyama,
kumbe izenzo zakho zokulunga elizweni lokungabikho na?

13 Kodwa ngikhala kuwe ngoncedo, Oh THIXO;
ekuseni umkhuleko wami uyafika kuwe.
14 Kungani, awu THIXO, ungifulathela
ungifihlela ubuso bakho?

15 Kusukela ebutsheni bami ngavele ngahlupheka ngaba seduze lokufa;
ngiphethwe yikwesatshiswa nguwe, sengize ngidangele.
16 Intukuthelo yakho isingigabhele;
ukwesaba wena sekungiqedile.
17 Ilanga lonke kungihanqile njengesikhukhula;
sekungigalulisa nya.
18 Usungithathele abakhula bami lengibathandayo;
ubumnyama sebunguyena mngane wami oseduze.

Ihubo 89

Ihubo lika-Ethani umEzira
1 Ngizahlabelela ngothando LUKATHIXO olukhulu lanininini;
ngomlomo wami ngizakwenza ukuthembeka kwakho kwaziwe
ezizukulwaneni zonke.
2 Ngizamemezela ukuthi uthando lwakho lumi luqinile laphakade,
ukuthi ukuthembeka kwakho wakugxilisa ezulwini uqobo.
3 Wathi, “Sengenze isivumelwano lalowo okhethiweyo wami,
sengifungile kuDavida inceku yami,
4 ‘Ngizawumisa umndeni wakho laphakade,

ngisiqinise isihlalo sakho sobukhosi
kuzozonke izizukulwane.’ ”

5 Amazulu ayazidumisa izimanga zakho, Oh THIXO,
lokuthembeka kwakho emhlanganweni wabangcwele.
6 Phela ngubani ONJENGOTHIXO phakathi kwabaphilayo ezulwini na?
Ngubani ONJENGOTHIXO phakathi kwabaphilayo ezulwini na?
7 Enhlanganisweni yabangcwele uNkulunkulu uyesatshwa kakhulu;
uyesabeka kulabo bonke abahlezi laye.
8 Yebo THIXO Nkulunkulu Somandla, ngubani onjengawe na?
Ulamandla, Oh THIXO, ukuthembeka kwakho kukuhonqolozele.

9 Uyabusa phezu kolwandle olugubhazelayo;
lapho amavinqo alo equbuka, uyawathulisa.
10 Wamchoboza uRahabi njengomunye wababuleweyo;
ngengalo yakho elamandla wazichitha izitha.
11 Ngawakho amazulu, ngowakho njalo lomhlaba;
wawudala umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo.
12 Wayidala inyakatho kanye leningizimu;
iThabhori leHemoni zihlabelela ibizo lakho ngentokozo.
13 Ingalo yakho igcwele amandla;
isandla sakho siqinile, esokunene siphakeme.

14 Ukulunga lokwahlulela kuhle yikho okuyinsika yesihlalo sakho sobukhosi;
uthando lokuthembeka kuhamba phambili kwakho.
15 Babusisiwe labo asebekufundile ukukubabaza,
abahamba ekukhanyeni kobukhona bakho, Oh THIXO.
16 Bayathokoza ngebizo lakho ilanga lonke;
bayagubhazela ngokulunga kwakho.
17 Ngoba uyibukhosi babo lamandla abo,
kuthi ngomusa wakho uphakamise uphondo lwethu.
18 Ngempela isihlangu sethu NGESIKATHIXO, iNkosi yethu
Kuye oYedwa oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

19 Endulo wakhuluma ngombono,
ebantwini bakho abathembekileyo wathi:
“Sengiwehlisele amandla phezu kweqhawe;
sengiphakamise insizwa phakathi kwabantu.
20 Sengifumane uDavida inceku yami;
ngamafutha ami angcwele sengimgcobile.
21 Isandla sami sizamsekela;
ngempela ingalo yami izamqinisa.
22 Akulasitha esizamncindezela ukuthi athele kuso;
kakho umuntu omubi ozamcindezela.
23 Ngizazichoboza izitha zakhe phambi kwakhe
ngibalahlele phansi abalwa laye.
24 Uthando lwami oluthembekileyo luzaba laye,
ukuthi ngebizo lami luphakanyiswe uphondo lwakhe.
25 Ngizabeka isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle,
isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwemifula.
26 Uzamemeza kimi athi, ‘UnguBaba,

Nkulunkulu wami, iDwala elinguMsindisi wami.’
27 Njalo ngizamisa abe lizibulo lami,
inkosi ephakeme ngaphezu kwawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba.
28 Ngizalugcina uthando lwami kuye laphakade,
lesivumelwano sami laye kasiyikuphela.
29 Inzalo yakhe ngizayimisa nini lanini,
lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi kasiyikufa saphela.

30 Aluba amadodana akhe edela umlayo wami
angalandeli izimiso zami,
31 nxa besephula izimemezelo zami
behluleke ukugcina imiyalo yami,
32 ngizajezisa isono sabo ngoswazi,
lesiphambeko sabo ngokubatshaya;
33 kodwa kangiyikulususa uthando lwami kuye,
njalo kangisoze ngiguqule ukuthembeka kwami.
34 Kangiyikusephula isivumelwano sami
kumbe ngiguqule lokho okuphume ezindebeni zami.
35 Ngavele ngafunga kanye ngobungcwele bami
angiyikuqamba amanga kuDavida,
36 ukuthi inzalo yakhe izaqhubeka laphakade
lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sizakuma phambi kwami njengelanga;
37 sizakuma laphakade njengenyanga,
ufakazi othembekileyo yisibhakabhaka.”

38 Kodwa usumalile, usumlahlile,
ubumthukuthelela kakhulu ogcotshiweyo wakho.
39 Ususikhalele isivumelwano lenceku yakho
wawubhuqela othulini umqhele wakhe.
40 Usuyibhidlizile yonke imiduli yakhe,
izinqaba zakhe wazenza amanxiwa.
41 Bonke abedlula khona bamphangile;
useyinhlekisa yabomakhelwane.
42 Usuphakamisile isandla sokunene sezitha zakhe;
usuwenze zonke izitha zakhe zathokoza.
43 Uyibuyisele emuva inkemba yakhe ebukhali
awaze wamsekela empini.
44 Usuyiqedile inkazimulo yakhe
wadilizela phansi isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi.
45 Uluqumile lwaba lufitshane usuku lobutsha bakhe;
usumembese ingubo yehlazo.

46 Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo? Uzazifihla kokuphela na?
Koze kube nini ulaka lwakho luvutha njengomlilo?
47 Khumbula ukwedlula masinyane kwempilo yami.
Ngoba wabadalela ize nje abantu!
48 Ngumuntu bani ongaphila angaze abona ukufa,
loba azisindise emandleni eliba na?
49 Oh Thixo, lungaphi uthando lwakho lwakudala olukhulu,
okwathi ngokuthembeka kwakho wafunga ngalo kuDavida?

50 Khumbula, Thixo ukuthi inceku yakho iklolodelwa njani,
ukuthi enhliziyweni yami ngithwele izigcono zezizwe,
51 izigcono izitha zakho eziklolode ngazo, Oh THIXO,
okuthe ngazo zaklolodela ogcotshiweyo wakho kukho konke akwenzayo.

52 Udumo kalube KUTHIXO laphakade!
Ameni njalo Ameni.

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AmaHubo 90 – 106

Umkhuleko kaMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu.
1 Thixo, wena ulikhaya lethu
kuzozonke izizukulwane.
2 Izintaba zingakabikhona
lalapho ungakawuvezi umhlaba kanye lelizwe,
kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade unguNkulunkulu.

3 Ubuyisela abantu ethulini,
usithi, “Buyelani othulini, lina madodana abantu.”
4 Ngoba iminyaka eyinkulungwane ekuboneni kwakho
injengosuku olusanda kudlula,
kumbe njengomlindo webusuku.
5 Uyabakhucula abantu ebuthongweni bokufa;
banjengotshani obutsha obekuseni
6 lokuba ekuseni buhluma bubutsha,
kuthi ntambama sebomile sebubunile.

7 Ulaka lwakho luyasitshabalalisa
sithuthumeliswe yikucaphuka kwakho.
8 Usubuchayile ububi bethu phambi kwakho,
izono zethu zensitha wazichaya ekukhanyeni kobukhona bakho.
9 Zonke insuku zethu ziyedlula ngaphansi kolaka lwakho;
leminyaka yethu siyiphetha ngokububula.
10 Ubude bezinsuku zethu buyiminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa
loba amatshumi ayisificaminwembili, nxa silamandla;
kanti lelobanga layo liluhlupho losizi,
ngoba iphanga yedlule, lathi siphaphe nje sedlule.
11 Ngubani owaziyo amandla olaka lwakho na?
Ngoba intukuthelo yakho inkulu njengokwesatshwa okukufaneleyo.
12 Sifundise ukubala kuhle insuku zethu,
ukuze sizuze inhliziyo yenhlakanipho.

13 Phola, Oh THIXO! Koze kube nini kulokhu kunjalo na?
Woba lesihawu ezincekwini zakho.
14 Sisuthise ekuseni ngothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo,
ukuze sihlabelele ngentokozo sijabule zonke insuku zethu.
15 Senze sijabule okwensuku ezilingana ukusihlupha kwakho,
okwensuku ezilingana lalezo esesabona ngazo ukudubeka.
16 Sengathi imisebenzi yakho ingatshengiswa ezincekwini zakho,

inkazimulo yakho ebantwaneni babo.

17 Sengathi umusa weNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ungehlela kithi;
uqinise umsebenzi wezandla zethu
yebo, qinisa umsebenzi wezandla zethu.

Ihubo 91

1 Lowo ohlala ekusithekeni koPhezukonke
uzaphumula emthunzini kaSomandla.
2 Ngizakuthi kuTHIXO, “Uyisiphephelo sami lenqaba yami,
uNkulunkulu wami, engithemba kuye.”

3 Ngempela uzakuphephisa
emjibileni womthiyi
lasesifeni esibi esibulalayo.
4 Uzakusibekela ngezinsiba zakhe,
uzuze isiphephelo ngaphansi kwamaphiko akhe;
ukuthembeka kwakhe kuzakuba yisihlangu sakho lenqaba yakho.
5 Awuyikwesaba umnyama wobusuku,
loba umtshoko ontweza emini,
6 kumbe ingozi ehahabela emnyameni,
kumbe umkhuhlane obhubhisayo emini enkulu.
7 Abazinkulungwane bangawa eceleni lakho;
itshumi lezinkulungwane esandleni sakho sokunene,
kodwa kakusoze kusondele kuwe.
8 Uzaphosa nje amehlo akho
ubukele ubone ukujeziswa kwababi.

9 Ungenza oPhezukonke abe likhaya lakho
yena uTHIXO oyisiphephelo sami
10 lapho-ke akulangozi engakuwela,
akulamonakalo ozasondela ethenteni lakho.
11 Ngoba uzayala izingilosi zakhe ngawe
zikulinde kuzozonke izindlela zakho;
12 zizakuphakamisa ezandleni zazo,
ukuze ungakhubeki elitsheni.
13 Uzanyathela isilwane lephimpi;
uzasigxoba isilwane esikhulu lenyoka.

14 “Ngoba uyangithanda,” kutsho uTHIXO, “ngizamkhulula;
ngizamvikela, ngoba uyalinaka ibizo lami.
15 Uzangibiza, ngimphendule;
ngizakuba laye ekuhluphekeni,
ngizamkhulula ngimenzele udumo.
16 Ngizamsuthisa ngempilo ende
ngimtshengise insindiso yami.”

Ihubo 92

Ihubo. Ingoma. Elosuku lweSabatha.
1 Kuhle ukudumisa uTHIXO
lokuhlabelela ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke,

2 ukumemezela uthando lwakho ekuseni
lokuthembeka kwakho ebusuku,
3 ukutshaya iziginci ngomhubhe wezintambo ezilitshumi
lemvungamo emnandi yechacho.

4 Ngoba uyangijabulisa ngezenzo zakho, Oh THIXO;
ngihlala ngentokozo ngomsebenzi wezandla zakho.
5 Mikhulu kangaka imisebenzi yakho, Oh THIXO,
izikile imicabango yakho!
6 Umuntu ongelangqondo akazi,
iziwula kazizwisisi,
7 ukuthi loba ababi bemila njengotshani
lezigangi zonke ziphumelela,
zizabhujiswa nini lanini.

8 Kodwa wena THIXO, uphakeme laphakade.

9 Ngoba ngempela izitha zakho, Oh THIXO,
ngempela izitha zakho zizabhubha;
zonke izigangi zizachithizwa.
10 Uluphakamisile uphondo lwami njengolwenyathi;
ngagcotshwa ngamakha amnandi.
11 Amehlo ami abonile ukwehlulwa kwezitha zami;
indlebe zami zizwile ngokuchithizwa kwezitha zami ezimbi.

12 Abalungileyo bazaqhela njengesihlahla selala,
bazakhula njengomsedari waseLebhanoni;
13 ngoba behlanyelwe endlini kaTHIXO,
bazaqhela emagumeni kaNkulunkulu wethu.
14 Bazabe belokhu bethela izithelo lanxa sebebadala,
bazahlala belokhu behluma beluhlaza,
15 bememezela besithi, "UTHIXO uqotho;
uliDwala lami, kakukho bubi kuye."

Ihubo 93

1 UTHIXO uyabusa, ugqoke ubukhosi;
UTHIXO ugqoke ubukhosi njalo uzihlome ngamandla.
Umhlaba ugxilile uqinile; ngeke ugudlulwe.
2 Isihlalo sakho saqiniswa ekadeni;
uNguwe kusukela phakade.

3 Inlwandle seziphakamisile, Oh THIXO,
inlwandle ziliphakamisile ilizwi lazo;
inlwandle ziwaphakamisile amagagasi azo agubhuzelayo.
4 Ngamandla adlula umdumo wamanzi amanengi,
ngamandla adlula awokugubhuza kolwandle
UTHIXO ophezulu ulamandla.

5 Izimiso zakhe zimi ziqinile;
ubungcwele bukhazimulisa indlu Yakho
okwensuku ezingapheliyo, Oh THIXO.

Ihubo 94

1 Oh THIXO, uNkulunkulu ophindiselayo,
Oh Nkulunkulu ophindiselayo, khanya uvele.
2 Phakama, awu Mahluli womhlaba;
baphindisele abazigqajayo ngokubafaneleyo.
3 Koze kube nini ababi, Oh THIXO,
koze kube nini ababi beklamasa na?

4 Bathulula amazwi okukloloda;
zonke izigangi zifuthelene ngokuzikhukhumeza.
5 Ziyabanyathezela abantu bakho, Oh THIXO;
zincindezela ilifa lakho.
6 Zibulala umfelokazi kanye lowezizweni;
zibulala intandane.
7 Zithi, "UTHIXO kaboni;
uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe kananzi."

8 Limukani, lina elingelangqondo phakathi kwabantu;
lina ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha nini?
9 Yena lowo owayigxumekayo indlebe kezwa yini?
Yena lowo owabumba ilihlo kaboni na?
10 Yena lowo oqondisa izizwe kajezisi yini?
Yena lowo ofundisa umuntu kalalwazi na?
11 UTHIXO uyayazi imicabango yomuntu;
uyayazi ukuthi iyize nje.

12 Ubusisiwe umuntu omqondisayo, Oh THIXO,
umuntu omfundisa okomthetho wakho;
13 uyamphumuza ensukwini zokuhlupheka,
kuze kuthi ababi bembelwe igodi.
14 Ngoba UTHIXO kazukwala abantu bakhe;
kasoze lanini afulathele ilifa lakhe.
15 Ukwahlulela kuzaphinda njalo kumiswe ngokulunga,
kuthi bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bakulandele.

16 Ngubani ozangimela ekulweni lababi na?
Ngubani ozangelekelela ekulweni lezigangi na?
17 Aluba UTHIXO wayengangelulekanga,
ngabe ngahle ngahlala ngathula zwi ekufeni.
18 Lapho ngasengisithi, "Unyawo lwami selutshelela,"
uthando lwakho, Oh THIXO, lwangisekela.
19 Nxa ukunqineka kwase kungikhulela,
induduzo yakho yaletha intokozo emphefumulweni wami.

20 Kambe isihlalo sobukhosi esixhwalileyo singema lawe yini
leso esiletha inhlupheko ngezimemezelo zaso?
21 Bayahlangana ukumelana labalungileyo
ongelacala agwetshelwe ukufa.
22 Kodwa UTHIXO useyinqaba yami,
loNkulunkulu wami ulidwala engiphephela kulo.
23 Uzabaphindisela ngenxa yezono zabo
ababhubhise ngenxa yobubi babo;

uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu uzababhubhisa.

Ihubo 95

1 Wozani sihlabelele ngentokozo kuTHIXO;
kasihlokomeni kamnandi kulo iDwala lokusindiswa kwethu.
2 Kasizeni phambi kwakhe ngokubonga
simdumise ngamachacho langengoma.

3 Ngoba uTHIXO unguNkulunkulu omkhulu,
iNkosi enkulu ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.
4 Inziki zomhlaba zisezandleni zakhe,
leziqongo zezintaba ngezakhe.
5 Ngolwakhe ulwandle ngoba walwenza,
lezandla zakhe zawenza umhlaba owomileyo.

6 Wozani, kasikhothame simkhonze,
kasiguqe phambi kukaTHIXO uMenzi wethu;
7 ngoba unguNkulunkulu wethu,
thina singabantu bedlelo lakhe,
umhlambi awunakekelayo.

Lamhla, nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe,
8 lingazenzi lukhuni inhliziyo zenu njengoba lenzenjalo eMeribha,
njengelakwenza ngaleliyana ilanga eMasa enkangala,
9 lapho okhokho benu abangilinga khona
bengizama, lanxa babekubonile engakwenzayo.
10 Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngangisizondele lesosizukulwane;
ngathi, “Bangabantu onhliziyo zabo ziyahlanhlatha,
njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami.”
11 Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami
ngathi, “Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.”

Ihubo 96

1 Hlabelani kuTHIXO ingoma entsha;
hlabelani kuTHIXO mhlaba wonke.
2 Hlabelani kuTHIXO, dumisani ibizo lakhe;
memezelani insindiso yakhe insuku ngezinsuku.
3 Fakazani ngobukhosi bakhe ezizweni zonke,
lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo phakathi kwabantu bonke.

4 Ngoba umkhulu uTHIXO, ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo;
kumele esatshwe ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.
5 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe,
kodwa uTHIXO wadala amazulu.
6 Inkazimulo lobukhosi kuphambi Kwakhe;
amandla lobukhosi kusendlini yakhe engcwele.

7 Mnikeni uTHIXO, lina zizukulwane zezizwe.
Mnikeni uTHIXO ubukhosi lamandla.
8 Mnikeni uTHIXO udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe.
Lethani umnikelo libuye phambi kwakhe.
9 Mkhonzeni uTHIXO enkazimulweni yobungcwele bakhe;

thuthumelani phambi kwakhe mhlaba wonke.
10 Wothini phakathi kwezizwe, “UTHIXO uyabusa.”
Umhlaba ugxilile, ungeke wagudluzwa;
uzabehlulela abantu ngokubafaneleyo.

11 Amazulu kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule;
ulwandle kaluhlokome, lakho konke okukulo;
12 amasimu kawathakazelele lakho konke okukuwo.
Lapho-ke izihlahla zonke zeganga zizahlabela ngentokozo;
13 phambi KUKATHIXO, ngoba uyeza,
uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba.
Uzakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga,
ahlulele abantu ngeqiniso.

Ihubo 97

1 UTHIXO uyabusa, umhlaba kawuthokoze;
akuthi amakhumbi akude ajabule.
2 Amayezi lomnyama omkhulu kumsibekele;
ukulunga lokwahlulela kuhle kuyisisekelo sesihlalo Sakhe sobukhosi.
3 Umlilo uhamba phambi Kwakhe
uzihangule izitha zakhe inxa zonke.
4 Umbane wakhe ukhanyisa umhlaba;
umhlaba ukubone lokho uthuthumele.
5 Izintaba zincibilika njengengcino phambi KUKATHIXO,
phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke.
6 Amazulu amemezela ukulunga kwayo,
labantu bonke bayayibona inkazimulo yayo.

7 Bonke abakhonza izifanekiso bathelwa ihlazo,
labo abazikhukhumeza ngezithombe
mkhonzeni, lonke lina bonkulunkulu!

8 IZiyoni iyezwa ithokoze
lemizi yakoJuda iyajabula
ngenxa yokwahlulela Kwakho, Oh THIXO.
9 Ngoba wena, Oh THIXO ungoPhezukonke kuwo wonke umhlaba;
uphakeme ngaphezulu kakhulu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.
10 Akuthi bonke abamthandayo, UTHIXO, bazonde okubi,
ngoba uyazilinda impilo zabathembekileyo bakhe
abakhulule esandleni sababi.
11 Ukukhanya kuyehliselwa kwabalungileyo
lentokozo kwabaqotho enhliziyweni.
12 Thokozani KUTHIXO lina elilungileyo,
lidumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele.

Ihubo 98

Ihubo
1 Hlabelelani UTHIXO ingoma entsha,
ngoba wenzile izinto ezimangalisayo;
isandla sakhe sokunene lengalo yakhe engcwele
sekumenzele insindiso.
2 UTHIXO useyenze yaziwa insindiso yakhe

waveza ukulunga kwakhe ezizweni.
3 Uselukhumbule uthando lwakhe
lokuthembeka Kwakhe endlini ka-Israyeli;
yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba
iyibonile insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu.

4 Hlokomani ngentokozo kuTHIXO, mhlaba wonke,
hlabelani ingoma ngokujabula okukhulu,
litshaya amachacho;
5 yenzani umsindo kuTHIXO ngomhubhe,
ngomhubhe langomsindo wokuhlabela,
6 ngamacilongo langomsindo wophondo lwenqama
hlokomani ngentokozo phambi kukaTHIXO, iNkosi.

7 Akuthi ulwandle luhlokome, lakho konke okuphakathi kwalo,
umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo.
8 Akuthi imifula iqakeze izandla zayo,
akuthi izintaba zihlabele kanyekanye ngentokozo;
9 kazihlabele phambi kukaTHIXO,
ngoba Uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba.
Uzakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga
labantu bonke ngokufaneleyo.

Ihubo 99

1 UTHIXO uyabusa,
izizwe kazithuthumele;
uhlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi phakathi kwamakherubhi,
umhlaba kawuzamazame.
2 Mkhulu uTHIXO eZiyoni;
uphakeme ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke.
3 Kabadumise ibizo Lakho elikhulu elesabekayo
Yena ungcwele.

4 INkosi ilamandla, ithanda ukwahlulela okuhle
umisile ukwaba ngemfanelo;
kuJakhobe usuwenzile okuqondileyo lokulungileyo.
5 Dumisani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu
likhonze phansi kwesihlalo sakhe;
yena ungcwele.

6 UMosi lo-Aroni babephakathi kwabaphristi bakhe,
uSamuyeli wayekulabo ababelibiza ibizo lakhe;
bambiza uTHIXO
Yena wabaphendula.
7 Wabakhulumisa ephakathi kwensika yeyezi;
bagcina izimiso zakhe lezimemezelo azitshoyo kubo.

8 Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wethu,
wabaphendula;
ku-Israyeli wawunguNkulunkulu othethelelayo,
lanxa wabajezisa ngenxa yezenzo zabo ezimbi.
9 Phakamisani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,

limkhonze entabeni yakhe engcwele,
ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu ungcwele.

Ihubo 100

Ihubo. Elokubonga.
1 Hlokomani ngentokozo KUTHIXO, mhlaba wonke.
2 Mkhonzeni UTHIXO ngenjabulo;
wozani phambi Kwakhe ngezingoma zokuthokoza.
3 Yazini ukuthi UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu.
Nguye owasenzayo,
singabantu bakhe, izimvu zedlelo lakhe.

4 Ngenani emasangweni akhe ngokubonga
lemagumeni akhe ngokudumisa;
mbongeni lidumise ibizo lakhe.
5 Ngoba UTHIXO ulungile lothando lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade;
ukuthembeka kwakhe kumi kuzozonke izizukulwane.

Ihubo 101

ElikaDavida. Ihubo.
1 Ngizahlabelela ngothando lwakho lokwahlulela kwakho okuhle;
kuwe, Oh THIXO, ngizahlabelela indumiso.
2 Ngizananzelela ukuthi ngiphile impilo engasolekiyo
uzakuza nini kimi na?

Ngizahamba endlini
yami ngenhliziyo engasolekiyo.
3 Phambi kwamehlo ami
angiyikubeka lutho olungcolileyo.

Izenzo zabantu abangakholwayo ngiyazizonda;
kazizukunginamathela.
4 Abantu abalenhliziyo exhwalileyo bazakuba khatshana lami;
angiyikuhambelana lobubi.

5 Lowo ochothoza umakhelwane wakhe ngasese,
lowo ngizamthulisa;
olamehlo asesiphundu lenhliziyo ezigqajayo,
lowo kangilasikhathi laye.

6 Amehlo ami azakuba kwabathembekileyo elizweni,
ukuthi bahlale lami;
lowo okuhamba kwakhe kakulansolo
uzangisebenzela ekhonza kimi.

7 Kakho othanda ukwenza inkohliso
ozahlala endlini yami;
kakho okhuluma amanga
ozakuma phambi kwami.

8 Zonke insuku ekuseni ngizabathulisa
bonke ababi phakathi kwelizwe;

ngizamlahla phansi wonke umuntu oyisigangi
edolobheni LIKATHIXO.

Ihubo 102

Umkhuleko womuntu okhathazekileyo. Lapho esephela umoya eseqhinqa isililo phambi KUKATHIXO.

1 Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh THIXO;
ukukhala kwami ngicela uncedo kakufike kuwe.
2 Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho
nxa ngikhathazekile.
Ngipha indlebe yakho;
nxa ngibiza ngiphendula masinyane.

3 Ngoba insuku zami ziyanyamalala njengentuthu;
amathambo ami ayavutha njengamalahle abhebhayo.
4 Inhliziyo yami yonakele, ibunile njengotshani;
ngiyakhohlwa ukudla kwami.
5 Ngenxa yokububula kwami okukhulu sengiphelile,
isikhumba sesinamathela emathanjeni.
6 Sengifana lesikhova senkangala,
njengesikhova semanxiweni.
7 Ngilala ngikhangele;
senginjengenyoni ehlezi yodwa ephahleni.
8 Ilanga lonke izitha zami ziyangichukuluza;
labo abangichothozayo badlala ngebizo lami njengesethuko.
9 Ngoba ngidla umlotha njengokudla kwami,
ngixube okunathwayo kwami ngezinyembezi
10 ngenxa yokuthukuthela kwakho okukhulu,
ngoba ungiqukule wangilahlela eceleni.
11 Insuku zami zifana lesithunzi sakusihlwa;
ngiyabuna njengotshani.

12 Kodwa wena, Oh THIXO, uhlezi ebukhosini lanininini;
udumo lwakho lumi ezizukulwaneni zonke.
13 Uzaphakama uzwele iZiyoni isihawu,
ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokutshengisa umusa kuyo,
isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikile.
14 Ngoba amatshe ayo aligugu ezincekwini zakho;
othuli lwayo nje lubalethela usizi.
15 Izizwe zizalesaba ibizo LIKATHIXO,
wonke amakhosi omhlaba azahlonipha inkazimulo yakhe.
16 Ngoba UTHIXO uzayakha kutsha iZiyoni
avele enkazimulweni yakhe.
17 Uzaphendula imikhuleko yabahluphekayo;
kazukweyisa isicelo sabo.

18 Lokhu kakulotshwe phansi kube ngokwesizukulwane sakusasa,
ukuze abantu abangakadalwa bamdumise UTHIXO :
19 "UTHIXO wakhangela phansi ephezulu endlini yakhe engcwele,
esezulwini wawuhlola umhlaba,
20 ukuze ezwe ukububula kwezibotshwa

lokukhululula labo ababegwetshelwe ukufa.”
21 Ngalokho-ke ibizo LIKATHIXO lizamenyezelwa eZiyoni
lodumo lwakhe eJerusalema,
22 lapha izizwe lemibuso
sekuhlangana ndawonye ukukhonza UTHIXO.

23 Wawanciphisa amandla ami ngisaphila;
waziphungula insuku zami.
24 Yikho ngasengisithi,
“Ungangithathi, Oh Nkulunkulu wami,
ngilokhu ngisephakathi kwensuku zami;
iminyaka yakho ihlala ikhona ezizukulwaneni zonke.
25 Ekuqaleni wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho.
26 Konke kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uzasala;
konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko.
Njengesivunulo uzakuguqula
kucine sekulahlwa.
27 Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo,
leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela.
28 Abantwana bezinceku zakho bazahlala besemehlweni akho;
izizukulwane zazo zizaqiniswa phambi kwakho.”

Ihubo 103

ElikaDavida.
1 Dumisa UTHIXO, Oh mphefumulo wami;
konke okuphakathi kwami,
kakudumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele.
2 Dumisa UTHIXO, Oh mphefumulo wami,
ungaze wakhohlwa konke okuhle okuthola kuye
3 othethelelayo zonke izono zakho
akusilise kuzozonke izifo zakho,
4 ohlenga impilo yakho egodini
akwethese uthando lesihawu,
5 osuthisa izifiso zakho ngezinto ezinhle
ukuze ubutsha bakho buvuselelwe njengengqungqulu.

6 UTHIXO ubenzela ukulunga
lokwahlulela okuhle labo abancindezelweyo.

7 Izindlela zakhe wazazisa uMosi,
izenzo zakhe wazazisa abantu bako-Israyeli;
8 UTHIXO ulesihawu njalo ulomusa,
uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, kodwa uyanda ngothando.
9 Kahlali ebeka imilandu
futhi kagcini ulaka lwakhe kokuphela;
10 kasiphathi ngokufanele izono zethu
kumbe asijezise ngokulingene iziphambeko zethu.
11 Ngoba njengokuphakama komkhathi ngaphezu komhlaba,
lukhulu kangako uthando lwakhe kulabo abamesabayo;
12 njengobukhatshana bempumalanga kuyo intshonalanga

kanjalo ususile iziphambeko zethu kithi.

13 Ngendlela ubaba elozwelo ebantwaneni bakhe,
kanjalo uTHIXO ulozwelo kulabo abamesabayo;
14 ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi sibunjwe njani,
uyakhumbula ukuthi siluthuli.
15 Umuntu yena insuku zakhe zinjengotshani,
ukhula amemetheke njengembali yeganga;
16 umoya uyayiphephetha ihle inyamalale,
indawo yakhe ingabe isayikhumbula lanini.
17 Kodwa kusukela phakade kusiya phakade
uthando LUKATHIXO lukulabo abamesabayo,
lokulunga Kwakhe ebantwaneni babantwana
18 kulabo abagcina isivumelwano Sakhe
njalo bakhumbule ukulalela izimiso zakhe.

19 UTHIXO usemisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi ezulwini,
njalo ubukhosi bakhe buphezu kwakho konke.

20 Dumisani uTHIXO, lina zingilosi,
lina zinceku zakhe elenza intando yakhe,
elilalela ilizwi lakhe.
21 Dumisani uTHIXO, lonke mabutho akhe asezulwini,
lina zinceku zakhe elenza intando yakhe.
22 Dumisani uTHIXO, imisebenzi yakhe yonke
ezindaweni zonke embusweni wakhe.

Dumisa uTHIXO, Oh mphefumulo wami.

Ihubo 104

1 Dumisa uTHIXO, Oh mphefumulo wami.

Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wami, umkhulu kakhulu;
ugqoke inkazimulo lobukhosi.

2 Uyazigoqela ngokukhanya kungathi njengesivunulo;
amazulu uyawelula njengethente
3 anqumise intungo zezindlu zangaphezulu zilale phezu kwamanzi.
Wenza amayezi inqola yakhe yamabhiza,
undiza ngezimpiko zomoya.
4 Wenza izikhatha zomoya zibe yizithunywa zakhe,
amalangabi omlilo izinceku zakhe.

5 Wawugxilisa umhlaba ezisekelweni zawo;
ungeke wagudlulwa.
6 Wawembesa ngolwandle njengesivunulo;
amanzi ema ngaphezu kwezintaba.
7 Kodwa wathi ngokukhwaza amanzi abaleka,
ngomsindo wokuduma kwakho asibathela;
8 ageleza phezu kwezintaba,
ehlela ezigodini

endaweni owamisele kuyo.
9 Wamisa umkhawulo angeke aweqe;
kasayikubuya awugubuzele njalo umhlaba lanini.

10 Wenza imithombo impompozele amanzi ezindongeni;
ageleza phakathi kwezintaba,
11 zipha amanzi kuzozonke izinyamazana zeganga;
labobabhemi beganga bacitsha lapho ukoma.
12 Izinyoni zomoya zakhela eduze kwamanzi;
ziyatshiloza phakathi kwezingatsha.
13 Uyazithelezela izintaba esezindlini zakhe eziphezulu;
umhlaba uyawusuthisa ngezithelo zomsebenzi wakhe.
14 Umilisela inkomo utshani,
ahlanyelele abantu bona bahlakule
kuzuzakale ukudla emhlabathini:
15 iwayini elijabulisa inhliziyo yomuntu,
amagcobo enza ubuso bakhe bukhazimule,
lesinkwa esilulamisa inhliziyo yakhe.
16 Izihlahla zIKaTHIXO ziyathelelwa okwaneleyo,
imisedari yeLebhanoni ayihlanyelayo.
17 Izinyoni zakhela kuyo izidleke zazo;
ingabuzane lakha indlu yalo ezihlahleni zephayini.
18 Izintaba eziphakemeyo ngezamagogo,
amawa ayisiphephelo sezimbila.

19 Inyanga yehlukanisa izibanga zomnyaka,
lelanga liyazi ukuthi litshona nini.
20 Uletha umnyama, kube sebusuku,
lapho zonke izinyamazana zeganga zizingele.
21 Izilwane ziyabhonga zifuna inyama yazo
zidinga ukudla kwazo kuNkulunkulu.
22 Ilanga liyaphuma, zibe sezicatsha;
ziyabuyela ezikhundleni zazo zilale.
23 Umuntu abe esephuma aye emsebenzini wakhe,
ayotshikatshika kuze kube ntambama.

24 Minengi kanganani imisebenzi yakho, Oh THIXO!
Zonke wazenza ngenhlakanipho;
umhlaba ugcwele izidalwa zakho.
25 Nantuyana ulwandle, uthwaca olungakaya,
olunyakazela ngezidalwa ezingelakubalwa
izinto eziphilayo ezinkulu lezincinyane.
26 Kulapho imikhumbi endenda khona isiyale lale,
loleviyathani, isilo owasenza ukuthi sidlale khona.

27 Zonke lezi zikhangele kuwe
ukuthi uziphe ukudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.
28 Uthi ungazipha bese zikubuthela ndawonye;
uthi ungavula isandla sakho,
zisuthiswe ngezinto ezinhle.

29 Uthi ungafihla ubuso bakho zitshaywe luvalo;
uthi ungathatha umphefumulo wazo,
zife zibuyele othulini.
30 Uthi ungathumela uMoya
wakho zidalwe,
uwenze ube muhle umhlaba.

31 Sengathi inkazimulo kaTHIXO ingema lanini;
sengathi uTHIXO angathokoza ngemisebenzi yakhe
32 yena okhangela umhlaba uthuthumele,
othinta izintaba zithunqe intuthu.

33 Ngizahlabelela kuTHIXO impilo yami yonke;
ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami lanini nxa ngisaphila.
34 Sengathi iminakano yami ingamthokozisa,
ngoba ngiyathokoza kuTHIXO.
35 Kodwa sengathi izoni zinganyamalala emhlabeni
lezigangi zingabe zisaba khona.

Dumisa uTHIXO, Oh Mphefumulo wami.

Dumisa uTHIXO, Oh Mphefumulo wami.

Ihubo 105

1 Bongani uTHIXO, memezani ibizo lakhe;
lizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe
2 Hlabelelani kuye, hlabelelani indumiso kuye;
likhulume ngezenzo zakhe zonke ezimangalisayo.
3 Jabulani ebizweni lakhe elingcwele;
kazithokoze inhliziyo zabo abamdingayo uTHIXO.
4 Dingani uTHIXO lamandla akhe,
limdinge yena njalonjalo.

5 Khumbulani izenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzayo,
izimangaliso azenzayo, lezahlulelo azikhulumayo,
6 lina zizukulwane zika-Abhrahama inceku yakhe,
lina madodana kaJakhobe, abakhethiweyo bakhe.
7 UNGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu;
izahlulelo zakhe zisemhlabeni wonke.

8 Uyasikhumbula isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini,
ilizwi lomlayo wakhe, okwezizukulwane ezizinkulungwane,
9 isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahama,
isifungo asifungayo ku-Isaka.
10 Wakuqinisa lokhu kuJakhobe
kwaba yisimiso ku-Israyeli njengesivumelwano saphakade:
11 wathi “Ngizalinika ilizwe laseKhenani
njengesabelo selifa lenu.”

12 Kwathi besesebalutshwana,
bebalutshwana kakhulu, beyizihambi kulo,

13 bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe
besuka komunye umbuso besiya komunye.
14 Kavumelanga loba ngubani ukubancindezela;
wawakhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo:
15 “Lingabathinti abagcotshiweyo bami;
lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi bami.”

16 Waletha indlala elizweni
wachitha zonke iziphala zokudla;
17 wathumela indoda yabandulela
uJosefa owathengiswa waba yisigqili.
18 Bambhonxula inyawo zakhe ngezibopho,
wabotshwa intamo ngezinsimbi,
19 kwaze kwathi lokho ayekutsho ngaphambili kwagcwaliseka,
kwaze kwathi ilizwi LIKATHIXO
latshengisa ukuthi wayeqinisile.
20 Inkosi yathumela ukuthi akhululwe,
umbusi wezizwe wamkhulula.
21 Wamenza umbusi wendlu yakhe,
umbusi wakho konke okwakungokwakhe,
22 ukuqondisa amakhosana akhe njengokubona kwakhe
lokufundisa abadala bakhe inhlakanipho.

23 Kwathi-ke u-Israyeli wayangena eGibhithe;
uJakhobe wahlala njengowezizweni elizweni likaHamu.
24 UTHIXO wenza abantu bakhe banda kakhulu;
wabenza baba banengi kakhulu bandela izitha zabo,
25 kwathi inhliziyo zabo wazenza zazonda abantu bakhe,
bakha amacebo amabi ngezinceku zakhe.
26 Wathuma uMosi inceku yakhe,
lo-Aroni ayebakhethile.
27 Benza iziboniso zakhe ezimangalisayo phakathi kwabo,
izimanga zakhe elizweni likaHamu.
28 Wathumela umnyama wenza ilizwe laba mnyama
kanti angithi babewahlamukele amazwi akhe?
29 Waguqula amanzi abo aba ligazi,
okwenza inhlanzi zawo zafa.
30 Ilizwe labo lanyakazela ngamaxoxo,
angena ezindlini zokulala ezababusi babo.
31 Wakhuluma, kwavela umtshitshi wezibawu,
lenswintila elizweni labo lonke.
32 Wenza izulu labo laba yisiqhotho,
laba lombane elizweni labo lonke;
33 wacakazela phansi amavini abo lemikhiwa,
waphundla izihlahla zelizwe labo.
34 Wakhuluma zatheleka izintethe,
izintethe ezingelakubalwa;
35 zadla yonke into eluhlaza elizweni labo,
zadla izithelo zomhlabathi wabo.
36 Ngemva kwalokho wasebulala amazibulo wonke elizweni labo,
izithelo zokuqala zobulisa babo.

37 Wamkhupha u-Israyeli, ethwele esisitheka isiliva legolide,
kakwaba lamunye phakathi kwezizwana zabo owehlulwa yikufa.
38 IGibhithe yathokoza ngokusuka kwabo,
ngoba base bemesaba kubi u-Israyeli.

39 Wendlala iyezi lagubuzela,
lomlilo ukukhanyisa ebusuku.
40 Bacela wabalethela izagwaca,
wabasuthisa ngesinkwa sasezulwini.
41 Wavula ilitshe amanzi antshaza;
njengomfula ageleza enkangala.

42 Ngoba wakhumbula isithembiso sakhe esingcwele
esaphiwa inceku yakhe u-Abhrahama.
43 Wabakhupha abantu bakhe ngokuthokoza,
abakhethiweyo bakhe ngenhlokomo yentokozo.
44 Wabapha amazwe ezizwe,
badla ilifa lalokho okwakuginqelwe ngabanye,
45 ukuze bagcine iziqondiso zakhe
njalo balalele imithetho yakhe.

Dumisani uTHIXO.

Ihubo 106

1 Dumisani uTHIXO.

Bongani uTHIXO, ngoba ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi lanini.

2 Ngubani ongamemezela imisebenzi emikhulu kaTHIXO
loba atsho ngokugcweleyo udumo lwakhe na?
3 Babusisiwe labo abahlala besenza ngendlela enhle,
abahlezi besenza okulungileyo.

4 Ungikhumbule, THIXO, nxa usuveza umusa ebantwini bakho,
woza ungisize nxatshana usubasindisa,
5 ukuze lami ngikholise ukuphumelela kwalabo obakhethileyo,
ukuze ngabelwe entokozweni yesizwe sakho
ngihlanganyele lelifa lakho ekudumiseni.

6 Sonile, njengalokho abakwenzayo okhokho bethu;
senzile okubi senza izinto ezimbi.
7 Lapho okhokho bethu beseGibhithe,
kabayinakanga imimangaliso yakho;
kabazikhumbulanga izenzo zakho zomusa ezinengi,
bahlamuka besolwandle, uLwandle oluBomvu.
8 Kodwa wabasindisa ngenxa yebizo lakhe,
ukuze amandla akhe amakhulu aziwe.
9 Walukhuza uLwandle oluBomvu, loma qha;
wabahola badabula ezinzikini njengasenkangala.
10 Wabasindisa esandleni sesitha;
wabahlenga esandleni sesitha.

11 Amanzi asibekela izitha zabo,
kakho loyedwa wazo owasindayo.
12 Lapho-ke base bezikholwa izithembiso zakhe
bahlabelela indumiso yakhe.

13 Kodwa baphanga bakukhohlwa lokho ayekwenzile
kabaze balindela ukweluleka kwakhe.
14 Enkangala bakhulelwa yizinkanuko zabo;
khona emqothwini bamlinga uNkulunkulu.
15 Ngakho wabapha lokho abakucelayo,
kodwa wabathela ngomkhuhlane ocikizayo.

16 Ezihonqweni basuka babalomhawu loMosi njalo lango-Aroni,
owayengcwelisiwe kuTHIXO.
17 Umhlaba wavuleka waginya uDathani;
wagqibela ixuku lika-Abhiramu.
18 Umlilo walavuza phakathi kwabalandeli babo;
ilangabi labatshisa ababi.
19 EHorebhi benza ithole,
bakhonza isithombe esenziwe ngensimbi.
20 Badela ukuKhazimula kwabo
bakhetha isithombe senkunzi edla utshani.
21 Bakhohlwa uNkulunkulu owabasindisayo,
owayenze izinto ezinkulu eGibhithe,
22 imimangaliso elizweni likaHamu
lezenzo ezibabazekayo ngasoLwandle oluBomvu.
23 Ngakho wathi uzababhubhisa
aluba kungesuMosi, owakhethwayo wakhe,
owema phambi kwakhe
ukuvalela ulaka lwakhe ukuze angababhubhisi.

24 Kwathi njalo baleyisa ilizwe elihle;
kabasikholwanga isithembiso sakhe.
25 Bakhonona besemathenteni abo
kabaze bamlalela uTHIXO.
26 Ngakho wafunga kubo ephakamise isandla sakhe
ukuthi wayezabenza bafele enkangala,
27 enze izizukulwane zabo ziqedwe ngabezizwe
zihlakazeke emazweni wonke.

28 Bazibopha ingathi kusejogweni kuBhali wasePheyori
badla imihlatshelo eyayinikelwe kubonkulunkulu abangaphiliyo;
29 bamthukuthelisa uTHIXO ngezenzo zabo ezimbi;
kwavela isifo phakathi kwabo.
30 Kodwa uFinehasi wema wancenga
isifo sadeda.
31 Lokhu kwenza kuthiwe wayelungile
kwaziswa izizukulwane zonke ezizayo.
32 Bamzondisa uTHIXO ngasemthonjeni weMeribha,
uhlupho lwase lusehlela uMosi ngenxa yabo;
33 ngoba bahlamukela uMoya kaNkulunkulu,

uMosi waze wakhupha amazwi amabi ngezindebe zakhe.

34 Kababababhubhisanga abantu bezizwe
njengalokhu ababekulaywe NGUTHIXO,
35 kodwa baphithikana labezizwe
bathatha imikhuba yazo.
36 Bakhonza izithombe zazo,
kwaba yisifu kubo.
37 Benza imihlatshelo ngamadodana abo
lamadodakazi abo emadimonini.
38 Bachitha igazi elalingelacala,
igazi lamadodana lamadodakazi abo,
abenza ngabo imihlatshelo yezithombe zaseKhenani,
ilizwe langcola ngegazi labo.
39 Bazingcolisa ngalokho abakwenzayo;
ngezenzo zabo baziphatha njengeziphingi.

40 Ngakho UTHIXO wabathukuthelela abantu bakhe
wanengwa yilifa lakhe.
41 Wabanikela kwabezizwe,
izitha zabo zabusa phezu kwabo.
42 Izitha zabo zabancindezela
zababeka ngaphansi kwamandla azo.
43 Izikhathi ezinengi wabakhulula,
kodwa babezimisele ukuhlamuka
bacikizeka ngenxa yesono sabo.
44 Kodwa wananzelela ukuhlupheka kwabo
esezwile ukukhala kwabo;
45 ngenxa yokubahawukela wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe,
kwathi ngothando lwakhe olukhulu wadeda.
46 Wenza bonke labo ababebathumbile
ukuthi babelesihawu kubo.

47 Sisindise, Oh THIXO Nkulunkulu wethu,
usiqoqe usikhulule phakathi kwezizwe,
ukuze silibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele
sijabule ekukudumiseni.

48 Kabongwe UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
kusukela nini kuze kube nininini.

Akuthi bonke abantu bathi, “Ameni!”

Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ugwalo 5

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AmaHubo 107 – 150

1 Mbongeni UTHIXO ngoba ulungile,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

2 Akuthi abahlengiweyo BAKATHIXO batsho lokhu,
labo abahlenga esandleni sesitha,
3 labo abaqoqa emazweni
kusuka empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga,
kusuka enyakatho laseningizimu.

4 Abanye bantula egwaduleni lwenkangala,
baswela indlela eya emzini ababengahlala khona.
5 Balamba boma,
impilo zabo zancipha.
6 Basebekhala KUTHIXO besekuhluphekeni kwabo,
wasebakhulula osizini lwabo.
7 Wabahola ngendlela eqondileyo
baya edolobheni lapho ababengahlala khona.
8 Ngakho kabambonge UTHIXO ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo
lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzela abantu,
9 ngoba ubenza bakholwe abomileyo
asuthise abalambileyo ngezinto ezinhle.

10 Abanye bahlala emnyameni lasethunzini elinzima
beyizibotshwa ezihluphekayo zibotshwe ngamaketane ensimbi,
11 ngoba babewahlamukele amazwi kaNkulunkulu
beyisa iseluleko soPhezukonke.
12 Ngakho wabathwalisa umsebenzi onzima;
bawa kodwa kungekho ongabasiza.
13 Ngakho basebekhala KUTHIXO besekuhluphekeni kwabo
wabasindisa osizini lwabo.
14 Wabakhupha emnyameni lethunzini elinzima
waqamula amaketane abo.
15 Ngakho kabambonge UTHIXO ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo
lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzela abantu,
16 ngoba uyawafohloza amasango ethusi
ephule imigoqo yensimbi.

17 Abanye baba yiziwula ngenxa yezindlela zabo zokuhlamuka
badliwa yizinhlupheko ngenxa yokuxhwala kwabo.
18 Benyanya konke ukudla
balengela emasangweni okufa.
19 Bakhala KUTHIXO besekuhluphekeni kwabo,
wabasindisa osizini lwabo.
20 Wathumela ilizwi lakhe labasilisa;
wabahlenga engcwabeni.
21 Kabambonge UTHIXO ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo
lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo ebantwini.
22 Kabenze imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokubonga
bafakaze ngezenzo zakhe zonke ngezingoma zokuthokoza.

23 Abanye bawela olwandle ngemikhumbi;
babengabathengisi emanzini abanzi.
24 Bayibona imisebenzi KATHIXO,
izenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo ekujuleni.

25 Ngoba wakhuluma kwaqubuka isiphepho
esasukumisa amagagasi aba laphaya.
26 Akhwela athinta emazulwini, ehla ayatshona ezinzikini;
bekuleyongozi isibindi sabo samemetheka saphela.
27 Bazigxobagxoba badiyazela njengabantu abadakiweyo;
baphelelwa lulwazi.
28 Basebekhala kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo,
wabakhupha esizini lwabo.
29 Wasethulisa isiphepho ngokunyenyeza;
amagagasi olwandle aphola athi cwaka.
30 Bajabula bonke sekudedile,
wabahola wabasa ethekwini ababelifuna.
31 Kabambonge uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo
lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo ebantwini.
32 Kabamphakamise emhlanganweni wabantu
bamdumise enkundleni yabadala.

33 Waguqula imifula yaba yinkangala,
imithombo egelezayo yaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo,
34 lomhlabathi olezithelo waba lugwadule oluletshwayi,
ngenxa yobubi balabo ababehlala khona.
35 Waguqula inkangala yaba ngamachibi amanzi
lomhlabathi owomileyo waba yimithombo egelezayo;
36 lapho waletha abalambileyo ukuba bahlale khona,
khonapho basungula umuzi ababezahlala kuwo.
37 Bahlanyela amasimu,
bagxumeka amavini athela isivuno esikhulu;
38 wababusisa banda baba banengi kakhulu,
akaze ayekela imihlambi yabo inciphe.

39 Kwasekusithi ubunengi babo sebunciphile,
bathotshiswa ngokuncindezelwa, ngokuhlupheka langosizi;
40 kwathi yena othela ihlazo ezikhulwini
wabantulisa egwaduleni olungakhanyi mzila.
41 Kodwa abaswelayo wabakhupha ekuhluphekeni kwabo
wandisa izimuli zabo njengemihlambi yezimvu.
42 Abaqotho bayabona bathokoze,
kodwa bonke ababi bagcike imilomo yabo.

43 Lowo ohlakaniphileyo, kaqaphele lezizinto
anakane ngothando olukhulu lukaThixo.

Ihubo 108

Ingoma. Ihubo likaDavida.
1 Inhliziyo yami ibambelele, kayiguquki, Oh Nkulunkulu;
ngizahlabela ngenze iculo elimnandi
ngomoya wami wonke.
2 Vuka, mhubhe lechacho!
Ngizayivusa intathakusa.
3 Ngizakudumisa, yebo Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe;

ngizahlabela ngawe phakathi kwabantu.
4 Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho, luphakame kulamazulu;
ukwethembeka kwakho kufinyelela emkhathini.
5 Kawuphakanyiswe, yebo Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu,
akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibe khona emhlabeni wonke.

6 Sisindise usisize ngesandla sakho sokunene,
ukuze kuthi laba obathandayo bakhululwe.
7 UNkulunkulu usekhulumile esendlini yakhe engcwele:
“Ngokunqoba ngizayaba iShekhemu
ngihlole leSigodi saseSukhothi.
8 Ngeyami iGiliyadi, loManase ngowami;
u-Efrayimi yisivikelo sekhanda lami,
uJuda uyintonga yami yobukhosi.
9 IMowabi ngumganu wami wokugezela,
phezu kuka-Edomi ngiphosela amanyathelo ami;
phezu kweFilistiya ngihalalisa umkhosi wokunqoba.”

10 Ngubani ozangisa emzini olenqaba na?
Ngubani ozangiholela e-Edomi na?
11 Kakusuwe na, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osusikhalele,
ongasaphumi lathi ezimpini zethu?
12 Ake usisize ezitheni zethu,
ngoba usizo lomuntu luyize.
13 Nxa siloNkulunkulu sizanqoba,
njalo uzazinyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

Ihubo 109

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo.
1 Oh Nkulunkulu, wena engikudumisayo,
ungali ulokhu uthule,
2 ngoba abantu ababi abalenkohliso
bayivulile imilomo yabo bekhuluma ngami;
bakhuluma bengigcona ngendimi zabo zamanga.
3 Bangihonqolozela ngamazwi enzondo;
bayangisukela nje kungelasizatho.
4 Ukubathanda kwami bakuphindisela ngokungisola,
kodwa ngingumuntu womkhuleko.
5 Bangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi,
langenzondo ukubathanda kwami.

6 Bathi, “Khethani umuntu omubi ozamelana laye;
ombeka icala kame kwesokunene sakhe.
7 Nxa esethonisiswa kafunyanwe elecala,
futhi sengathi imikhuleko yakhe ingamlahla.
8 Sengathi insuku zakhe zingabazilutshwana;
kakube lomunye ozathatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli.
9 Sengathi abantwabakhe bangaba zintandane
lomkakhe abe ngumfelokazi.
10 Sengathi abantwabakhe bangaba zinzulane zeziceli;
sengathi bangaxotshwa emizini yabo esingamanxiwa.

11 Sengathi lowo aboleke kuye angamemuka konke alakho;
sengathi labezizweni bangaphanga izithelo zamandla akhe.
12 Akungabikhona omenzela umusa
loba ozwela izintandane zakhe.
13 Sengathi izizukulwane zakhe zingaphela,
amabizo abo esulwe esizukulwaneni esilandelayo.
14 Sengathi ububi bukayise bungakhunjulwa phambi kukaThixo,
sengathi isono sikanina singacitshi lanini.
15 Sengathi izono zabo zingahlala zisobala phambi kukaThixo,
ukuze aphelise du ukukhunjulwa kwabo emhlabeni.

16 Ngoba kazange akhumbule ukwenza umusa
kodwa wabazingelela ukufa abayanga
labaswelayo labadabukileyo enhliziyweni.
17 Wayekuthanda ukwethesa isithuko,
sengathi singehlela kuye.
Wayengakuthandi ukubusisa
sengathi kungaba khatshana laye.
18 Wayevunula ukuthuka njengesigqoko;
kwangena emzimbeni wakhe njengamanzi,
emathanjeni akhe njengamafutha.
19 Sengathi kungaba njengengubo athandelwe ngayo
njengebhanti abotshwe ngalo lanini.”
20 Sengathi lokhu kungaba yisijeziso sikaThixo kulabo abangethesa amacala,
labo abakhuluma okubi ngami.

21 Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo woBukhosi,
ngenzela kuhle ngenxa yebizo lakho;
ngenxa yokulunga kothando lwakho akungikhulule.
22 Ngoba ngingumyanga ngiyaswela,
lenhliziyo yami ilimele ngaphakathi kwami.
23 Ngiyafiphala njengethunzi lakusihlwa;
ngiyaphetshulwa njengentethe.
24 Amadolo ami asebuthakathaka ngokuzila ukudla;
umzimba wami usuzacile usutshwabhene.
25 Sengiyinto yokuhlekisa kulabo abangibeka amacala;
bathi bengibona banyikinye amakhanda abo.

26 Akungisize, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami;
ngisindisa ngokuya ngothando lwakho.
27 Kumele bakwazi ukuthi lokhu ngokwesandla sakho;
wena, Oh Thixo, nguwe okwenzileyo.
28 Bangangiqalekisa, kodwa wena uzabusisa;
bathi bayahlasela bayangiswe,
kodwa inceku yakho izathokoza.
29 Abangivukelayo kabembeswe ihlazo
bagoqelwe ngokuyangeka njengengubo.

30 Ngomlomo wami ngizambabaza kakhulu uThixo;
ngisemphakathini ngizamdumisa.
31 Ngoba umi ngakwesokunene salowo oswelayo,

ukusindisa impilo yakhe kulabo abamnikela ekufeni.

Ihubo 110

ElikaDavida. Ihubo.
1 UTHIXO uthi enkosini yami:

“Hlala ngakwesokunene sami
ngize ngenze izitha zakho
zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho.”

2 UTHIXO uzakwelula intonga yakhe elamandla eyobukhosi kusuka eZiyoni
wena uzabusa phakathi kwezitha zakho
3 Amabutho akho azazinikela
mhla uphuma impi.
Wembethe ubukhosi obungcwele,
phakathi komnyama wempondozankomo
uzakwamukela amazolo obutsha bakho.

4 UTHIXO ufungile
njalo kasoze ayiguqule ingqondo yakhe:
“Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini
emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.”

5 INkosi ikwesokunene sakho;
izawachoboza amakhosi mhla wosuku lokuthukuthela kwayo.
6 Izazahlulela izizwe, yenze inqwaba yabafileyo
njalo ibachoboze ababusi bomhlaba wonke.
7 Izanatha emfuleni oseceleni kwendlela;
ngakho-ke izaliphakamisa ikhanda layo.

Ihubo 111

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ngizambabaza UTHIXO ngenhliziyo yami yonke
enkundleni yabaqotho lasemhlanganweni.

2 Mikhulu imisebenzi KATHIXO;
isemicabangweni yabo bonke abathokoza ngayo.
3 Zilenkazimulo lobukhosi izenzo zakhe,
lokulunga Kwakhe kumi kuze kube laphakade.
4 Wenzile ukuthi izimanga zakhe zikhunjulwe;
UTHIXO ulomusa lesihawu.
5 Uyabapha ukudla labo abamesabayo;
uyasikhumbula isivumelwano Sakhe lanini.

6 Ubatshengisile abantu bakhe amandla emisebenzi yakhe,
ngokubapha amazwe ezinye izizwe.
7 Imisebenzi yezandla zakhe ithembekile, ilungile;
zonke iziqondiso zakhe ziyathembeka.
8 Zimi kaziguquki nini lanini,
zenziwa ngeqiniso langobuqotho.
9 Wathumela abantu bakhe insindiso;

wasingcwelisa isivumelwano Sakhe okwanininini
lingcwele liyesabeka ibizo lakhe.

10 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho
bonke abalandela iziqondiso zakhe balokuzwisisa okuhle.
Kungokwakhe ukudunyiswa kwaphakade.

Ihubo 112

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba UTHIXO,
othokoza kakhulu ngemilayo yakhe.

2 Abantwabakhe bazaba lamandla elizweni;
isizukulwane soqotho sizabusiswa.
3 Inotho lenzuzo kusendlini yakhe,
lokulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade.
4 Lasebumnyameni kuyavela ukukhanya kwabaqotho,
emuntwini olomusa, olesihawu lolungileyo.
5 Ubuhle buzakwehlela kuye ophanayo loweboleka ekhululekile,
oqhuba zonke izinto zakhe ngemfanelo.

6 Ngeqiniso kayikunyikinyeka;
umuntu olungileyo uzakhunjulwa lanininini.
7 Akayikwesaba imibiko emibi;
inhliziyo yakhe ichumile, yethembele KUTHIXO.
8 Inhliziyo yakhe ikhululekile, akalakwesaba;
ekucineni uzakhangela izitha zakhe ngokunqoba.
9 Uhlakazele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke,
ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade;
uphondo lwakhe luzaphakanyiselwa phezulu ngenhlonipho.

10 Umuntu omubi uzakubona lokhu afuthelane,
uzagedla amazinyo akhe, acikizeke emzimbeni;
izinkanuko zababi zizaphetha ziyize.

Ihubo 113

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Dumisani UTHIXO, lina zinceku zakhe,
dumisani ibizo LIKATHIXO.
2 Kalidunyiswe ibizo LIKATHIXO,
khona manje kanye laphakade.
3 Kusukela okuphuma khona ilanga kusiyafika lapho elitshona khona,
kufanele lidunyiswe ibizo LIKATHIXO.

4 UTHIXO uphakeme ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke,
inkazimulo yakhe ngaphezulu kwamazulu.
5 Ngubani na ONJENGOTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,
oNguye ohlezi ebukhosini phezulu,
6 okhothama akhangele phansi

emazulwini lasemhlabeni?

7 Uyabavusa abampofu othulini,
aphakamise abaswelayo esilotheni;
8 abahlalise lamakhosana,
amakhosana abantu bakibo.
9 Lomfazi oyinyumba umenza ahlale kuhle emzini wakhe
afane lalowo ongunina wabantwana.

Dumisani uThixo.

Ihubo 114

1 Kwathi ekuphumeni kuka-Israyeli eGibhithe,
indlu kaJakhobe isuka ebantwini bolimi lwezizweni,
2 uJuda waba yindlu engcwele kaNkulunkulu,
u-Israyeli waba ngumbuso wakhe.

3 Ulwandle lwakubona lwabaleka,
iJodani yabuyela emuva.
4 Izintaba zaqothuka njengenqama,
amaqaqa enza njengamawundlu.

5 Kwakungani, we lwandle, wasuka wabaleka?
Wena Jodani wabuyela emuva?
6 Lani zintaba laqolotsha njengenqama,
lina maqaqa njengamawundlu?

7 Thuthumela, we mhlaba, phambi kukaThixo,
phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe,
8 owaphendula idwala laba lichibi,
idwala eliqinileyo laba ngumthombo wamanzi.

Ihubo 115

1 Kakungabi kithi, Oh Thixo, hatshi kithi
kodwa kwelakho ibizo kakube lenkazimulo,
ngenxa yothando lokuthembeka Kwakho.

2 Kungani izizwe zisithi,
“Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo na?”
3 UNkulunkulu wethu usezulwini;
wenza loba yini ayithandayo.
4 Kodwa izithombe zabo yisiliva legolide,
zenziwe ngezandla zabantu.
5 Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi,
amehlo, kodwa kaziboni;
6 zilezindlebe, kodwa kazizwa,
amakhala, kodwa kazinuki lutho;
7 zilezandla, kodwa kazenelisi ukuthinta,
inyawo, kodwa kazihambi;
njalo ngeke nje zenze umsindo ngemphimbo yazo.
8 Labo abazenzayo bazakuba njengazo,
kube njalo lakulabo abathemba kuzo.

9 Oh ndlu ka-Israyeli, methembe uTHIXO
lusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo.
10 Oh, ndlu ka-Aroni, methembe uTHIXO
ulusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo.
11 Lina elimesabayo, thembani kuTHIXO
ulusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo.

12 UTHIXO uyasikhumbula njalo uzasibusisa:
Uzayibusisa indlu ka-Israyeli,
uzayibusisa indlu ka-Aroni,
13 uzababusisa labo abamesabayo uTHIXO
abancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo.

14 Sengathi uTHIXO angalenza lande,
lonke lina kanye labantwana benu.
15 Sengathi lingabusiswa nguTHIXO
uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba.

16 NGAKATHIXO amazulu aphezu kwakho konke,
kodwa umhlaba wawunika abantu.
17 Kakusibo abafileyo abadumisa uTHIXO,
labo abangena phansi ekuthuleni;
18 yithi esimbabazayo uTHIXO,
khona manje kanye laphakade.

Dumisani uTHIXO.

Ihubo 116

1 Ngiyamthanda uTHIXO ngoba walizwa ilizwi lami;
wezwa ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa.
2 Ngoba wangipha indlela yakhe,
ngizambiza kokuphela nxa ngisaphila.

3 Izibopho zokufa zangithandela,
ubuhlungu obukhulu bengcwaba bangehlela;
ngagajelwa yikuhlupheka losizi.
4 Ngasengibiza ibizo LIKATHIXO :
“Oh THIXO ake ungisindise!”

5 UTHIXO ulomusa njalo ulungile;
uNkulunkulu wethu ulesihawu.
6 UTHIXO uvikela abalenhliziyo ethobekileyo;
ngathi ngihluphekile kakhulu wangisindisa.

7 Phumula njalo, we mphefumulo wami,
ngoba uTHIXO ukwenzile ukulunga.

8 Ngoba wena THIXO,
uwukhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni,
amehlo ami ezinyembezini,
lezinyawo zami azaze zakhubeka,

9 ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaThixo
elizweni labaphilayo.

10 Ngathembela kuThixo; ngakho ngasengisithi,
“Ngiyahlupheka kakhulu.”
11 Ngiphakathi kokulahla ithemba ngathi,
“Bonke abantu balamanga.”

12 Ngingambonga ngani uThixo
ngabo bonke ubuhle bakhe kimi?

13 Ngizayiphakamisa inkezo yensindiso
ngimemeze ibizo likaThixo.
14 Ngizazigcwalisa izifungo zami kuThixo
phambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe.

15 Kuligugu emehlweni kaThixo
ukufa kwabathembekileyo bakhe.
16 Oh Thixo, ngempela ngiyinceku Yakho,
indodana yencekukazi yakho;
usungikhulule emaketaneni ami.

17 Ngizakwenzela umhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga
ngilibize ibizo likaThixo
18 Ngizazigcwalisa izifungo zami kuThixo
phambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe,
19 emagumeni endlu kaThixo
phakathi kwakho, wena Jerusalema.

Dumisani uThixo.

Ihubo 117

1 Dumisani uThixo lina zizwe zonke;
mbabazeni lina bantu lonke.
2 Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakhe kithi,
lokuthembeka kukaThixo kumi kuze kube phakade.

Dumisani uThixo.

Ihubo 118

1 Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

2 U-Israyeli katsho athi:
“Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.”
3 Kayithi indlu ka-Aroni:
“Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.”
4 Akuthi bonke abamesabayo uThixo bathi:
“Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.”

5 Ngathi ngidabukile ngakhala kuThixo,

waphendula ngokungikhulula.
6 UTHIXO ulami, angiyikwesaba.
Umuntu angenzani kimi na?
7 UTHIXO ulami; ungumsizi wami.
Ngizazinyonkoloza ngegunya izitha zami.

8 Kungcono ukuphephela kUTHIXO
kulokuthemba umuntu.
9 Kungcono ukuphephela kUTHIXO
kulokuthemba amakhosana.
10 Zonke izizwe zangihanqa,
kodwa ngegama LIKATHIXO ngazichitha.
11 Zangihanqa inxa zonke
kodwa ngegama LIKATHIXO ngazichitha.
12 Zangiminyezela njengezinyosi
kodwa zafa masinyane njengokungunguma komlilo wameva;
ngebizo LIKATHIXO ngazichitha.
13 Ngasunduzelwa emuva ngaphose ngawa,
kodwa UTHIXO wangisiza.
14 UTHIXO ungamandla ami lengoma yami;
yena useyikusindiswa kwami.

15 Imisindo yentokozo lokunqoba
iphuma emathenteni abalungileyo:
“Isandla sokunene SIKATHIXO senzile izinto ezinkulu!
16 Isandla sokunene SIKATHIXO siphakanyisiwe kakhulu;
isandla sokunene SIKATHIXO senzile izinto ezinkulu!”
17 Angizukufa kodwa ngizaphila,
ngizamemezela lokho akwenzileyo UTHIXO.
18 UTHIXO ungitshayile kakhulu,
kodwa kanginikelanga ekufeni.
19 Ngivulela amasango okulunga;
ngizangena ngimbonge UTHIXO.
20 Nanti isango LIKATHIXO
okungangena khona abalungileyo.
21 Ngizakubonga, ngoba ungiphendulile;
usuyinsindiso yami.

22 Ilitshe ababelilahlile
seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni;
23 UTHIXO ukwenzile lokhu;
njalo kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu.
24 Leli lilanga alenzileyo UTHIXO;
kasithokoze sijabule ngalo.

25 Oh THIXO, sisindise;
Oh THIXO, siphumelelise.

26 Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo LIKATHIXO.
Siyakubusisa sisendlini KATHIXO.
27 UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu,

wenzile ukukhanya kwakhe kwehlela phezu kwethu.
Liphethe izingatshana, ngenani edibini lomgido
lize liyefika empondweni ze-alithare.

28 UnguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakubonga;
unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakuphakamisa.

29 Mbongeni uTHIXO ngoba ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade.

Ihubo 119

א *Aleph*

1 Babusisiwe labo abandlela zabo zingelansolo,
abahamba ngomthetho kaTHIXO.
2 Babusisiwe labo abagcina imilayo yakhe,
abayidinga ngenhliziyo yabo yonke.
3 Kaboni lutho;
bahamba ezindleleni zakhe.
4 Wena ubekile izimiso
ukuthi zilandelwe ngokupheleleyo.
5 He, aluba izindlela zami zithembekile
ekulaleleni izimemezelo zakho!
6 Lapho-ke ngeke ngibe lenhloni
nxa ngikhumbula yonke imilayo yakho.
7 Ngizakudumisa ngenhliziyo eqotho
ngilokhu ngiyifunda imithetho yakho elungileyo.
8 Ngizazilalela izimemezelo zakho;
ungangikhalali ngempela.

ב *Beth*

9 Ijaha lingaphila njani impilo ehlambulukileyo?
Ngokuphila ngendlela yelizwi lakho.
10 Ngikudinga ngenhliziyo yami yonke;
ungangiyekeli ngiphambuke emilayweni yakho.
11 Ilizwi lakho ngilifihlile enhliziyweni yami
ukuze ngingenzi isono kuwe.
12 Udumo kalube kuwe, Oh THIXO;
ngifundisa izimemezelo zakho.
13 Ngezindebe zami ngiyayibala yonke
imithetho ephuma emlonyeni wakho.
14 Kuyangithokozisa ukulandela izimiso zakho
njengomuntu ethabela inotho enkulu.
15 Ngiyanakana ngezimiso zakho
ngikhumbule ngezindlela zakho.
16 Ngiyathokoza ngezimemezelo zakho;
angiyikulidela ilizwi lakho.

ג *Gimel*

17 Yenzele okuhle inceku yakho ukuba ngiphile;
ngizalilalela ilizwi lakho.
18 Vula amehlo ami ukuze ngibone
izinto ezimangalisayo emthethweni wakho.
19 Ngiyisihambi emhlabeni;

ungangifihleli imilayo yakho.
20 Umphefumulo wami uhugekile ngokulangazelela
imithetho yakho ngezikhathi zonke.
21 Uyabakhuza abaklolodayo,
abaqalekisiweyo abaphambukayo emithethweni yakho.
22 Susa kimi ihlazo lokweyisa,
ngoba ngiyazigcina izimiso zakho.
23 Loba ababusi behlangana ngami bengigcona,
inceku yakho izanakana ngezimemezelo zakho.
24 Izimiso zakho ziyinjabulo yami;
zingabacebisi bami.

ד *Daleth*

25 Ngehliselwe phansi othulini;
londoloza impilo yami njengokwelizwi lakho.
26 Ngabalisa izindlela zami wangiphendula;
ngifundisa izimiso zakho.
27 Ngenza ngizwisise imfundiso yezimiso zakho;
lapho-ke ngizanakana ngezimanga zakho.
28 Umphefumulo wami ukhathele ngosizi;
ngiqinisa njengokwelizwi lakho.
29 Ngivikela ezindleleni zenkohliso;
woba lobubele kimi ngokomthetho wakho.
30 Ngikhethe indlela yeqiniso;
sengibeke inhliziyo yami emithethweni yakho.
31 Ngibambelele ezimisweni zakho, Oh THIXO;
ungangiyekeli ngiyangeka.
32 Ngigijima ngendlela yemithetho yakho,
ngoba uyikhulule inhliziyo yami.

ה *He*

33 Ngifundisa, Oh THIXO; ukulandela izimemezelo zakho;
ukuthi ngizigcine kuze kufike ekucineni.
34 Ngipha ukuzwisisa ukuze ngigcine umthetho wakho
ngiwulalele ngayo yonke inhliziyo yami.
35 Ngiqondisa endleleni yemilayo yakho,
ngoba khonapho ngifumana ukuthokoza.
36 Phendulela inhliziyo yami ezimisweni zakho
kungabi ngokokuzizuzela okungokwami.
37 Phendula amehlo ami asuke ezintweni ezingesilutho;
londoloza impilo yami njengokwelizwi lakho.
38 Gcwalisa isithembiso sakho encekwini yakho,
ukuze wesatshwe.
39 Susa ihlazo engilesabayo,
ngoba imithetho yakho ilungile.
40 Ngizilangazelela kanjani izimiso zakho!
Londoloza impilo yami ekulungeni kwakho.

ו *Waw*

41 Sengathi uthando lwakho olungaphuthiyo lungeza kimi, Oh THIXO,
insindiso yakho ize njengokuthembisa kwakho;
42 lapho-ke ngizamphendula lowo ongithukayo,
ngoba ngithembe ilizwi lakho.
43 Ungangemuki emlonyeni ilizwi leqiniso,

ngoba ithemba lami ngilibeke emithethweni yakho.
44 Ngizahlala ngiwulalela umthetho wakho,
okwanini lanini.
45 Ngizazihambela ngikhululekile,
ngoba ngiyidingisisile imithetho yakho.
46 Ngizakhuluma ngezimiso zakho phambi kwamakhosi
ngingabi lamahloni,
47 ngoba ngithokoza ngisemilayweni yakho
ngoba ngiyayithanda.
48 Ngizaphakamisa izandla zami emilayweni yakho engiyithandayo,
nginakana ngezimemezelo zakho.

ז *Zayin*

49 Khumbula ilizwi lakho encekwini yakho,
ngoba usungiphe ithemba.
50 Induduzo yami phakathi kokuhlupheka kwami yile:
Isithembiso sakho sigcina impilo yami.
51 Abaklolodayo bangihleka baze bakholise,
kodwa kangiphambuki emthethweni wakho.
52 Ngiyayikhumbula imithetho yakho yekadeni, Oh Thixo,
ngifumana ukududuzeka kuyo.
53 Ngithukuthela ngife ngenxa yababi,
asebedele umthetho wakho.
54 Izimemezelo zakho ziyiyo injongo yengoma yami
loba ngingabe ngihlala ngaphi
55 Ebusuku ngiyalikhumbula ibizo lakho, Oh Thixo,
njalo ngizawugcina umthetho wakho.
56 Le yiyo injayelo yokwenza kwami:
Ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho.
57 Uyingxenye yami, Oh Thixo,
ngithembisile ukulalela amazwi akho.
58 Ngiyabudinga ubuso bakho ngenhliziyo yami yonke;
woba lobubele kimi njengesithembiso sakho.
59 Sengizihlolile izindlela zami
ngaphendula izinyathelo zami zaya ezimisweni zakho.
60 Ngizaphangisa ngingaphuzi
ukulalela imilayo yakho.
61 Loba ababi bengangibopha ngentambo,
angiyikuwukhohlwa umthetho wakho.
62 Phakathi kobusuku ngivukela ukukubonga
ngemithetho yakho emihle.
63 Ngingumngane kubo bonke abakwesabayo,
kubo bonke abalandela imithetho yakho.
64 Umhlaba ugcwele uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo;
ngifundisa izimiso zakho.
65 Senzele okuhle isisebenzi sakho
njengelizwi lakho, Oh Thixo.
66 Ngifundisa ulwazi lokwahlulela okufaneleyo,
ngoba ngiyayikholwa imilayo yakho.
67 Ngingakabi sekuhluphekeni ngalahleka,
kodwa manje sengilalela ilizwi lakho.

68 Ulungile njalo okwenzayo kulungile;
ngifundisa izimiso zakho.
69 Lokuba abaklolodayo bengibhaceke ngamanga,
ngiyazigcina izimiso zakho ngenhliziyo yami yonke.
70 Inhliziyo zabo zilolunya kazilazwelo,
kodwa mina ngijabula ngomthetho wakho.
71 Kwakukuhle kimi ukuthi ngihlutshwe
ukuze ngifunde izimiso zakho.
72 Umthetho ophuma emlonyeni wakho uligugu kimi
okudlula inhlamvu zesiliva legolide eziyizinkulungwane.

י *Yodh*

73 Izandla zakho zangenza zangibumba,
ngipha ukuzwisisa ukuze ngifunde imilayo yakho.
74 Sengathi labo abakwesabayo bangathokoza nxa bengibona,
ngoba sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini lakho.
75 Ngiyazi, THIXO, ukuthi imithetho yakho ilungile,
lokuthi ungihlukuluzile ngenxa yokuthembeka kwakho.
76 Sengathi uthando lwakho olungaphuthiyo lungaba yinduduzo kimi,
njengesithembiso sakho encekwini yakho.
77 Isihawu sakho kasize kimi ukuze ngiphile,
umthetho wakho uyikuthokoza kwami.
78 Sengathi abaklolodayo bangayangiswa ngokungigcona ngingonanga lutho;
kodwa mina ngizanakana ngemithetho yakho.
79 Sengathi labo abakwesabayo bangaphendukela kimi,
bona abezwisisa izimiso zakho.
80 Sengathi inhliziyo yami ingaba msulwa ngezimiso zakho,
ukuze ngingayangiswa.

כ *Kaph*

81 Umphefumulo wami uyacikizeka ngokulangazelela insindiso yakho,
kodwa ngilibekile ithemba lami elizwini lakho.
82 Amehlo ami aseze efiphala ngokulinda isithembiso sakho;
ngithi, “Uzaze ungiduduze nini na?”
83 Lanxa nginjengesixaxa sewayini esesikhumba sifuswe entuthwini,
kangizilibali izimiso zakho.
84 Inceku yakho izalinda kuze kube nini na?
Uzabajezisa nini abangihluphayo na?
85 Abaklolodayo bangigebhela amagodi,
bephikisa umthetho wakho.
86 Yonke imilayo yakho ithembekile,
ngisiza, ngoba abantu bayangichukuluza kungelasizatho.
87 Baphose bangesula emhlabeni,
kodwa kangiyilahlanga imithetho yakho.
88 Ngivuselela ngomusa wakho olothando,
ukuze ngigcine izimiso zomlomo wakho.

ל *Lamedh*

89 Ilizwi lakho, Oh THIXO, kalipheli lanini;
limi liqinile emazulwini.
90 Ukuthembeka kwakho kukhona kuzozonke izizukulwane;
wawumisa umhlaba, uzakuma kokuphela.
91 Imithetho yakho imi lanamhla lokhu,

ngoba zonke izinto zikhonza wena.
92 Aluba umthetho wakho ubungesiyo injabulo yami
ngabe ngabhubha ngiphakathi kokuhlupheka kwami.
93 Kangisoze ngafa ngayilibala imithetho yakho,
ngoba ngayo uyilondolozile impilo yami.
94 Ngisindisa ngoba ngingowakho;
ngiyidingisisile imithetho yakho.
95 Ababi balindele ukungichitha,
kodwa ngizanakana ngezimiso zakho.
96 Kukho konke ukuphelela ngibona kulomkhawulo;
kodwa imilayo yakho ayilamingcele.

מ *Mem*

97 Oh, ngiwuthanda kangakanani umthetho wakho!
Ngikhumbula ngawo ilanga lonke.
98 Imilayo yakho iyangihlakaniphisa kulezitha zami,
ngoba ngihlezi ngilayo.
99 Ngicacile ukuqedisisa kwami kulabafundisi bami,
ngoba ngiyanakana ngezimiso zakho.
100 Ngiyezwisisa okudlula abadala,
ngoba ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho.
101 Inyawo zami kaziyinyathelanga layiphi indlela embi
ukuze ngilalele ilizwi lakho.
102 Kangiphambukanga emithethweni yakho,
ngoba wena ngokwakho ungifundisile.
103 Amazwi akho anambitheka kamnandi kimi,
amnandi kulenyosi emlonyeni wami!
104 Ngiyazuza ukuqedisisa emithethweni yakho;
ngakho ngiyayizonda loba layiphi indlela engalunganga.

נ *Nun*

105 Ilizwi lakho liyisibane ezinyaweni zami
liyikukhanya kwendlela yami.
106 Sengenzile isifungo ngasiqinisa,
ukuthi ngizalandela imithetho yakho elungileyo.
107 Sengihlupheke kakhulu;
londoloza impilo yami, Oh THIXO
njengokutshiwo yilizwi lakho.
108 Yamukela, Oh THIXO,
indumiso epheleleyo ngomlomo wami,
ungifundise imithetho yakho.
109 Loba ngihlezi ngizibona sengingene engozini,
kangiyi kuwulibala umthetho wakho.
110 Ababi sebengithiye ngomjibila
kodwa kangiphambukanga emithethweni yakho.
111 Izimiso zakho ziyilifa lami laphakade;
ziyintokozo yenhliziyo yami.
112 Inhliziyo yami izimisele ukugcina imilayo yakho
kuze kube sekupheleni.

ס *Samekh*

113 Ngiyabazonda abantu abangongqondombili,
kodwa ngiyawuthanda umthetho wakho.
114 Uyisiphephelo sami lesihlangu sami;

sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini lakho.
115 Sukani kimi lina benzi bobubi,
ukuze ngikwazi ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu wami!
116 Ngisekela njengesithembiso sakho ukuze ngiphile;
ithemba lami lingaze labhidlika.
117 Ngiqinisa ukuze ngikhululwe;
ngizahlala ngizinanza izimiso zakho.
118 Uyabalahla bonke labo abaphambuka ezimisweni zakho,
ngoba ukukhohlisa kwabo kuyize.
119 Bonke ababi bomhlaba uyabalahlela kude njengezibi;
ngakho ngiyazithanda izimiso zakho.
120 Inyama yami iyathuthumela ngokukwesaba;
ngizwa ngiyesaba imithetho yakho.

ע *Ayin*

121 Ngenzile okulungileyo lokufaneleyo;
ungangiyekeleli abancindezeli bami.
122 Qinisa impilakahle yenceku yakho;
ungayekeli abaklolodayo bangincindezele.
123 Amehlo ami asefiphala elokhu ekhangele insindiso yakho,
ekhangele isithembiso sakho esilungileyo.
124 Yenza encekwini yakho ngokothando lwakho,
ungifundise izimiso zakho.
125 Ngiyinceku yakho; ngipha ukuqedisisa
ukuthi ngizwisise izimiso zakho.
126 Sekuyisikhathi sakho sokuthi wenze okwakho, Oh THIXO
umthetho wakho uyephulwa nje.
127 Ngoba ngiyayithanda imilayo yakho kulegolide,
kulegolide elicengekileyo,
128 njalo njengoba ngisithi imithetho yakho ilungile,
ngiyayizonda yonke indlela engaqondanga.

פ *Pe*

129 Izimiso zakho ziyamangalisa;
ngakho ngiyazilalela.
130 Ukwambulwa kwamazwi akho kuletha ukukhanya;
kunika ukuzwisisa kwabayizithutha.
131 Ngivula umlomo wami ngikhefuzele,
ngilangazelela imilayo yakho.
132 Phendukela kimi ube lomusa kimi,
njengoba uhlezi ukwenza kwabathanda ibizo lakho.
133 Qondisa izinyathelo zami ngokwelizwi lakho;
kakungabi lesono esingibusayo.
134 Ngihlenga ekuncindezelweni ngabantu,
ukuze ngilalele imithetho yakho.
135 Yenza ubuso bakho bukhanye encekwini yakho,
ungifundise izimiso zakho.
136 Imifula yezinyembezi iyajuluka emehlweni ami,
ngoba umthetho wakho kawulalelwa.

צ *Tsadhe*

137 Ulungile wena THIXO,
lemithetho yakho ilungile.

138 Izimiso ozibekileyo zilungile;
zithembekile ngokupheleleyo.
139 Ukutshiseka kwami kuyangicoba,
ngoba izitha zami kaziwananzi amazwi akho.
140 Izithembiso zakho zihlolisisiwe kakhulu,
inceku yakho iyazithanda.
141 Loba ngingumuntukazana ngiseyiswa,
angiyikhohlwa imithetho yakho.
142 Ukulunga kwakho kumi laphakade
njalo umthetho wakho uliqiniso.
143 Uhlupho losizi kuyakungehlele,
kodwa imilayo yakho iyikuthokoza kwami.
144 Izimiso zakho zihlezi zilungile;
ngipha ukuzwisisa ukuze ngiphile.

ק *Qoph*

145 Ngiyamemeza ngayo yonke inhliziyo yami;
ngiphendula, THIXO, mina ngizalalela imithetho yakho.
146 Ngiyakubiza, ngisindisa mina
ngizagcina izimiso zakho.
147 Ngivuka emathathakusa ngikhale kuwe ngicela usizo;
sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini lakho.
148 Amehlo ami alala ekhangele ngemilindo yonke yobusuku,
ukuze ngicabange ngezithembiso zakho.
149 Zwana ilizwi lami ngokuya kothando lwakho;
londoloza impilo yami, Oh THIXO ngokuya kwemithetho yakho.
150 Labo abakha amasu amabi baseduze,
kodwa bakhatshana lomthetho wakho.
151 Ikanti useduze, wena THIXO,
lemilayo yakho yonke iqinisile.
152 Sekukade ngafunda ezimisweni zakho
ukuthi wazenzela ukuthi zime lanininini.

ר *Resh*

153 Khangela ukuhawula kwami ungikhulule,
ngoba kangiwukhohlwanga umthetho wakho.
154 Ake ungimele ukuze ungihlenge;
londoloza impilo yami njengesithembiso sakho.
155 Insindiso ikhatshana kwababi,
ngoba kabazidingi izimiso zakho.
156 Isihawu sakho sikhulu, Oh THIXO
londoloza impilo yami mayelana lemithetho yakho.
157 Zinengi izitha ezingihluphayo,
kodwa kangiphambukanga ezimisweni zakho.
158 Ngikhangela abangakholwayo ngibenyanye,
ngoba kabalilaleli ilizwi lakho.
159 Ake ubone ukuthi ngiyithanda kanganani imithetho yakho;
londoloza impilo yami, Oh THIXO, ngokothando lwakho.
160 Wonke amazwi akho aqinisile;
yonke imithetho yakho elungileyo ngeyaphakade.

ש *Sin kumbe Shin*

161 Ababusi bayangihlupha kungelasizatho,
kodwa inhliziyo yami iyaliqhuqhela ilizwi lakho.

162 Isithembiso sakho siyangithokozisa
ingathi ngumuntu othole impango enkulu.
163 Amanga ngiyawazonda njalo ngiyawenyanya
kodwa umthetho wakho ngiyawuthanda.
164 Ngikudumisa kasikhombisa ngelanga
ngenxa yemithetho yakho elungileyo.
165 Kukhulu ukuthula abalakho labo abathanda umthetho wakho,
kakulalutho olungabakhubekisa.
166 Ngiyilindele insindiso yakho, Oh THIXO
njalo ngiyayilandela imilayo yakho.
167 Ngiyazilalela izimiso zakho,
ngoba ngiyazithanda kakhulu.
168 Ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho lezimiso zakho,
ngoba uyazazi zonke izindlela zami.

ת *Taw*

169 Sengathi ukukhala kwami kungafika kuwe, Oh THIXO
ngipha ukuzwisisa njengelizwi lakho.
170 Sengathi ukuncenga kwami kungafika kuwe;
ngikhulula njengesithembiso sakho.
171 Sengathi indebe zami zingageleza indumiso yakho,
ngoba uyangifundisa imithetho yakho.
172 Sengathi ulimi lwami lungalihlabela ilizwi lakho,
ngoba yonke imilayo yakho ilungile.
173 Sengathi isandla sakho singalungela ukungisiza,
ngoba sengikhethe imithetho yakho.
174 Ngilangazelela insindiso yakho, Oh THIXO
ngoba umthetho wakho uyinjabulo yami.
175 Kangiphile ukuze ngikudumise,
sengathi njalo lemithetho yakho ingangisekela.
176 Ngiphambukile njengemvu elahlekileyo.
Yidinge inceku yakho,
ngoba kangikayikhohlwa imilayo yakho.

Ihubo 120

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Ngiyambiza UTHIXO ngisosizini,
laye angiphendule.
2 Ngisindisa, Oh THIXO,
ezindebeni zamanga
lezindimini zenkohliso.

3 Uzakwenzani kuwe,
aphinde enzeni njalo,
wena limi lwenkohliso?
4 Uzakujezisa ngomtshoko obukhali owebutho,
ngamalahle avuthayo esihlahla.

5 Maye mina ngokuhlala kwami eMesheki,
ngokuthi ngihlala emathenteni aseKhedari!
6 Sengihlale isikhathi eside kakhulu
phakathi kwalabo abazonda ukuthula.

7 Ngingumuntu wokuthula;
kodwa ngithi ngingakhuluma, sebefuna impi.

Ihubo 121

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Ngiphakamisela amehlo ami ezintabeni
usizo lwami luvela ngaphi na?
2 Usizo lwami luvela kuTHIXO,
uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba.

3 Kayikuyekela unyawo lwakho lutshelela
yena okulindayo kayikuwozela;
4 ngempela yena olinda u-Israyeli
akayikuwozela, akayikulala.

5 UTHIXO uyakulinda
uTHIXO ungumthunzi wakho esandleni sakho sokunene;
6 ilanga kaliyikukutshisa emini noma
loba inyanga ebusuku.

7 UTHIXO uzakuvikela kuzozonke izingozi
uzalinda impilo yakho;
8 uTHIXO uzalondoloza ukufika kwakho lokusuka kwakho
manje kuze kube phakade.

Ihubo 122

Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida.
1 Ngathokoza lalabo abathi kimi,
“Kasiye endlini kaTHIXO.”
2 Inyawo zethu zimi
ngaphakathi kwamasango akho, wena Jerusalema.

3 IJerusalema yakhiwe njengomuzi
obambeneyo waqina.
4 Kulapho eziqansela khona izizwana,
izizwana zikaTHIXO,
ukudumisa ibizo likaTHIXO
njengalokho okwamiselwa u-Israyeli,
ukuba abonge ibizo likaTHIXO.
5 Kulapho okumi khona izihlalo zobukhosi ezokwahlulela,
izihlalo zobukhosi ezendlu kaDavida.

6 Khulekelani ukuthula kwaseJerusalema:
“Sengathi labo abakuthandayo bangaphepha.
7 Sengathi kungaba lokuthula ngaphakathi kwemiduli yakho
lokuvikela ngaphakathi kwezinqaba zakho.”
8 Ngenxa yabafowethu labangane bami,
ngizakuthi, “Ukuthula akube ngaphakathi kwakho.”
9 Ngenxa yendlu kaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,
ngizakhuthaza ukuphumelela kwakho.

Ihubo 123

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Ngiphakamisela amehlo ami kuwe,
wena osesihlalweni sobukhosi emazulwini!
2 Njengalokhu amehlo ezisebenzi ekhangela isandla somqatshi wazo,
lanjengoba amehlo encekukazi ekhangela isandla senkosikazi yayo,
kanjalo amehlo ethu akhangela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu,
aze abe lomusa kithi.

3 Woba lomusa kithi, Oh Thixo,
woba lomusa kithi,
ngoba sesidiniwe yikweyiswa.
4 Sesibhensele ukuhozwa okunengi ngabazigqajayo,
ukweyiswa yilabo abaklolodayo.

Ihubo 124

Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida.
1 Aluba uThixo ubengemanga lathi
yekela u-Israyeli atsho njalo,
2 aluba uThixo ubengemanga lathi,
lapho sasihlaselwa ngabantu,
3 lapho ulaka lwabo lwalutshisa ngathi
ngabe basiginya siphila;
4 ngabe izikhukhula zasigalulisa,
umsinga wawuzasikhukhula,
5 amanzi ayabulayo
ayezasikhucula.

6 Udumo kalube kuThixo
ongasiyekelanga sadlithizwa ngamazinyo abo.
7 Siphunyukile njengenyoni
emjibileni womthiyi;
umjibila uqamukile
sahle saphunyuka.
8 Usizo lwethu lusegameni likaThixo
uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba.

Ihubo 125

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Labo abamethembayo uThixo banjengentaba iZiyoni,
yona enganyikinyekiyo, emi kuze kube laphakade.
2 Njengezintaba ezigombolozele iJerusalema,
ngokunjalo uThixo uzungeza abantu bakhe
manje kuze kube laphakade.

3 Intonga yobukhosi eyababi kayiyikusala
ezweni elabelwe abalungileyo,
ngoba abalungileyo bangaqabuka sebesebenzisa
izandla zabo ukwenza okubi.

4 Yenza okuhle, awu Thixo, kulabo abalungileyo,
kulabo abaqotho enhliziyweni

5 kodwa labo abaphambukela ezindleleni ezitshekileyo
uTHIXO uzabaxotsha kanye labenzi bobubi.

Ukuthula kakube ku-Israyeli.

Ihubo 126

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Kwathi lapho uTHIXO ebuyisa izithunjwa eZiyoni,
sasinjengabantu abaphuphayo.
2 Imilomo yethu yayigcwele ngohleko,
lezindimi zethu zicula izingoma zentokozo.
Basebesithi abezizwe,
“UTHIXO ubenzele izinto ezimangalisayo.”
3 UTHIXO usenzele izinto ezimangalisayo,
ngakho siyathokoza kakhulu.

4 Buyisa ukuphumelela kwethu, Oh THIXO,
njengemifula eseNegebi.
5 Labo abahlanyela ngezinyembezi
bazavuna ngezingoma zentokozo.
6 Lowo ophuma ekhala,
ethwele inhlanyelo ukuba ayehlanyela
uzabuya ngezingoma zentokozo,
ethwele izinyanda.

Ihubo 127

Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaSolomoni.
1 Ngaphandle kokuba uTHIXO ayakhe indlu,
abakhi bayo basebenzela ize.
Ngaphandle kokuba uTHIXO awulinde umuzi,
abalindi bawo balinda ize.
2 Kuyize ukuvuka
kwenu ngovivi liphinde libambe kuze kuhlwe,
lisebenzela ukudla kokufaka emlonyeni
ngoba upha ubuthongo kulabo abathandayo.

3 Amadodana ayilifa elivela kuTHIXO,
abantwana bangumvuzo ovela kuye.
4 Njengemitshoko esandleni sebutho
anjalo amadodana azelwe ngumuntu esesemutsha.
5 Ubusisiwe umuntu
omxhaka wakhe ugcwele wona.
Kayikuyangeka nxa sebedibana
lezitha entubeni.

Ihubo 128

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Babusisiwe bonke abamesabayo uTHIXO,
abahamba ngezindlela zakhe.
2 Lizakudla izithelo zomsebenzi wenu;
izibusiso lokuphumelela kuzakuba ngokwenu.

3 Umkakho wesifazane uzakuba njengevini elithela
kakhulu phakathi kwendlu yakho;
amadodana akho azakuba njengamahlumela e-oliva
esetafuleni yakho.
4 Ibusisiwe kanjalo
indoda eyesaba UTHIXO.

5 Sengathi UTHIXO angakubusisa eseZiyoni
insuku zonke zokuphila kwakho;
sengathi ungakubona ukuphumelela kweJerusalema,
6 njalo sengathi ungaphila uze ubone isizukulwane sakho.
Ukuthula kakube ku-Israyeli.

Ihubo 129

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Sebengihluphe kakhulu kusukela ebutsheni bami
katsho njalo u-Israyeli,
2 sebengihluphe kakhulu kusukela ebutsheni bami,
kodwa kabangehlulanga.
3 Abalimi bawulimile umhlane wami
benza imifolo emide.
4 Kodwa UTHIXO ulungile;
ungikhulule ezintanjeni zababi.

5 Akuthi bonke abayizondayo iZiyoni
babuyiselwe emuva beyangekile.
6 Sengathi bangaba njengotshani obukhula ephahleni
obubuna bungakakhuli;
7 umvuni angeke agcwalisa isandla sakhe ngabo,
loba lowo obuthayo agcwalise izingalo zakhe.
8 Sengathi labo abadlulayo bangabokuthi,
“Izibusiso ZIKATHIXO mazibe kuwe;
siyakubusisa ngegama LIKATHIXO.”

Ihubo 130

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Ngingaphansi ekujuleni ngiyakhala kuwe, THIXO;
2 Thixo, zwana ilizwi lami.
Indlebe zakho kazilalele ukukhala kwami
ngicela umusa.

3 Aluba wena, THIXO ububhala phansi zonke izono,
ngubani ongema na Nkosi?
4 Kodwa kuwe kulentethelelo;
ngalokho uyesatshwa.

5 Ngiyamlindela UTHIXO, umphefumulo wami uyalinda,
ngibeka ithemba lami elizwini lakho.
6 Umphefumulo wami ulindela uThixo
okudlula abalindi bemelele ukusa,
okudlula abalindi bemelele ukusa.

7 We Israyeli, beka ithemba lakho kuThixo,
ngoba kuye uThixo kulothando olungaphuthiyo
njalo kuye kulensindiso epheleleyo.
8 Yena ngokwakhe uzahlenga u-Israyeli
kuzozonke izono zabo.

Ihubo 131

Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida.
1 Inhliziyo yami kayizikhukhumezi, Oh Thixo,
amehlo ami kawaziphakamisi;
kangizihluphi ngezindaba ezinkulu
loba ngezinto ezimangalisayo kimi.
2 Kodwa ngiwupholisile ngawuthulisa umphefumulo wami;
njengomntwana okhutshwe ebeleni likanina,
njengomntwana okhutshwe ebeleni
unjalo umphefumulo wami uthule ngaphakathi kwami.

3 Oh, Israyeli, beka ithemba lakho kuThixo
manje kuze kube phakade.

Ihubo 132

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Oh Thixo, khumbula uDavida
ngezinhlupheko zonke azibhenselayo.

2 Wafunga isifungo kuThixo
wenza isithembiso kuMninimandla kaJakhobe:
3 “Angizukungena endlini yami
loba ngiye embhedeni wami,
4 angiyikuwavumela amehlo ami ubuthongo,
akukuba lakuwozela enkopheni zami,
5 ngize ngifumane indawo kaThixo,
indawo yokuhlala uMninimandla kaJakhobe.”

6 Sakuzwa lokhu e-Efrathi,
sakubona emangweni waseJayari:
7 “Kasiye lapho ahlala khona;
kasikhonze phansi kwesihlalo sakhe.
8 Phakama, Oh Thixo, ubuye endaweni yakho yokuphumula,
wena umtshokotsho wesivumelwano elitshengisa amandla akho.
9 Sengathi abaphristi bakho bangembeswa ngokulunga;
sengathi labathembekileyo bakho bangahlabelela ngentokozo.”

10 Ngenxa yenceku yakho uDavida,
ungamfulatheli ogcotshiweyo wakho.

11 UThixo wenza isifungo kuDavida,
isifungo esiqinileyo angakusaphula wathi:
“Omunye wezizukulwane zakho
ngizambeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi
12 aluba amadodana akho egcina isivumelwano sami

lezimiso engibafundisa zona,
lapho-ke amadodana abo azahlala esihlalweni sakho
sobukhosi kuze kube nini lanini.”

13 Ngoba uTHIXO uyikhethile iZiyoni,
uyithandile ukuba yindawo yakhe yokuhlala:
14 “Le yindawo yami yokuphumula lanini;
lapha ngizahlala ngisebukhosini, ngoba ngiyithandile
15 ngizayibusisa ngokudla okunengi;
abayanga bayo ngizabasuthisa ngokudla.
16 Ngizavunulisa abaphristi bayo ngensindiso,
labathembekileyo bakhe bazahlabelela ngentokozo nini lanini.

17 Lapha ngizakhulisa uphondo lukaDavida
ngilungisele ogcotshiweyo wami isibane.
18 Ngizakwembathisa izitha ngehlazo,
kodwa umqhele osekhanda lakhe uzakhazimula.”

Ihubo 133

Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida.
1 Bheka kuhle, kuyabukeka kangakanani
nxa abazalwane behlezi ndawonye ngokuzwana!

2 Kunjengamafutha aligugu athelwe ekhanda,
ejuluka endevini,
ejuluka endevini zika-Aroni,
ehlele emabheqeni ezigqoko zakhe.
3 Kufana lokuthi amazolo aseHemoni
akhithikela eNtabeni iZiyoni.
Ngoba lapho uTHIXO wehlisela isibusiso sakhe,
esiyikuphila okwaphakade.

Ihubo 134

Ingoma yemiqanso.
1 Dumisani uTHIXO, lonke lina zinceku zikaTHIXO
eliqhuba inkonzo endlini kaTHIXO ebusuku.
2 Phakamisani izandla zenu endlini engcwele
lidumise uTHIXO.

3 Sengathi uTHIXO,
uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba,
angalibusisa eseZiyoni.

Ihubo 135

1 Dumisani uTHIXO.

Dumisani ibizo likaTHIXO;
mdumiseni lina zinceku zikaTHIXO,
2 lina eliqhuba inkonzo endlini kaTHIXO,
emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu.

3 Dumisani uTHIXO ngoba uTHIXO ulungile;

hlabelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe ngoba lokho kuhle.
4 Ngoba UTHIXO usemkhethile uJakhobe ukuba ngowakhe,
u-Israyeli ukuba yinotho yakhe eligugu.

5 Ngiyazi ukuthi UTHIXO mkhulu,
lokuthi iNkosi yethu inkulu kulabonkulunkulu bonke.
6 UTHIXO wenza loba yini ayifunayo,
emazulwini lasemhlabeni,
enlwandle lasezinzikini zazo.
7 Wenza amayezi aqubuka emikhawulweni yomhlaba;
uthuma umbane kanye lezulu,
avulele umoya oseziphaleni zakhe.

8 Wawalahla phansi amazibulo aseGibhithe,
amazibulo abantu lawezinyamazana.
9 Wathumela izibonakaliso lezimangaliso zakhe
phakathi kwakho, wena Gibhithe,
phezu kukaFaro lezinceku zakhe zonke.
10 Wazilahla phansi izizwe ezinengi
wabulala amakhosi alamandla,
11 uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori,
u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
lawo wonke amakhosi aseKhenani
12 wanika ilizwe labo laba yilifa,
ilifa labantu bakhe, u-Israyeli.

13 Ibizo lakho, Oh THIXO, limi kuze kube nininini,
udumo lwakho, Oh THIXO, ezizukulwaneni zonke.
14 Ngoba UTHIXO uzabalamulela abantu bakhe
abe lesihawu ezincekwini zakhe.

15 Izithombe zezizwe ziyisiliva legolide,
zenziwe ngezandla zabantu.
16 Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi,
amehlo, kodwa kaziboni;
17 zilezindlebe, kodwa kazizwa,
njalo kazilamphefumulo emilonyeni yazo.
18 Labo abazenzayo bazakuba njengazo,
kube njalo lakulabo abathemba kuzo.

19 Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, dumisa UTHIXO;
wena ndlu ka-Aroni, dumisa UTHIXO;
20 wena ndlu kaLevi, dumisa UTHIXO
lina elimesabayo, dumisani UTHIXO.
21 Udumo alube UTHIXO lusuka eZiyoni,
kuye ohlala eJerusalema.

Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ihubo 136

1 Bongani UTHIXO, ngoba ulungile.
Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

2 Bongani uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu.
Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
3 Bongani uMbusi wababusi:
Uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube laphakade.

4 Kuye yedwa owenza izimanga ezinkulu,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
5 Owathi ngokuzwisisa kwakhe wenza amazulu,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
6 Owendlala umhlaba phezu kwamanzi,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
7 Owenza izibane ezinkulu,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
8 Ilanga ukubusa emini,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
9 Inyanga lezinkanyezi ukubusa ebusuku,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

10 Kuye owatshaya walalisa amazibulo aseGibhithe,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
11 Wakhupha u-Israyeli phakathi kwabo,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
12 Ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyeluliweyo,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

13 Kuye owadabula uLwandle oluBomvu lwehlukana,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
14 Wakhuphula u-Israyeli phakathi kwalo,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
15 Kodwa wakhukhulela uFaro lempi yakhe eLwandle oluBomvu,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

16 Wahola abantu bakhe enkangala,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

17 Owalahla phansi amakhosi amakhulu,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
18 Wabulala amakhosi esabekayo,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade,
19 uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade,
20 lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
21 Wanikela amazwe abo njengelifa,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
22 Abayilifa encekwini yakhe u-Israyeli,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

23 Kuye Yedwa owasikhumbula singesibantu balutho,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

24 Wasikhulula ezitheni zethu,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.
25 Njalo onika ukudla izidalwa zonke,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

26 Bongani uNkulunkulu wasezulwini,
uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.

Ihubo 137

1 Ngasemifuleni yaseBhabhiloni sahlala phansi sakhala
lapho sasikhumbula iZiyoni.
2 Khona lapho ezihlahleni zemidubu
saphanyeka amachacho ethu,
3 ngoba khonapho abathumbi bethu bacela izingoma kithi,
labahlukuluzi bethu bafuna izingoma zentokozo;
bathi, “Sihlabeleleni enye yezingoma zaseZiyoni!”

4 Singazihlabela kanjani izingoma zikaThixo
siselizweni lemzini na?
5 Aluba ngikukhohlwa, Oh Jerusalema,
isandla sami sokunene kasilahlekelwe yibungcitshi baso.
6 Sengathi ulimi lwami lunganamathela elwangeni lomlomo wami
uba ngingakukhumbuli wena,
uba ngingathathi iJerusalema
njengentokozo yami ephezu konke.

7 Khumbula, Oh Thixo, ama-Edomi akwenzayo
mhla iJerusalema ithunjwa.
“Lidilizeni,” baklabalala,
“lidilizeni kanye lezisekelo zalo!”
8 Wena Ndodakazi yaseBhabhiloni,
oqunyelwe ukubhubha,
ubusisiwe lowo okuphindiselayo ngalokho okwenzileyo kithi.
9 Ubusisiwe lowo othatha insane zakho,
azisakazele ematsheni.

Ihubo 138

ElikaDavida.
1 Ngizakudumisa, Thixo, ngenhliziyo yami yonke;
phambi kwabo “nkulunkulu” ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho.
2 Ngizakhothama ngikhangele ethempelini lakho elingcwele
ngidumise ibizo lakho,
ngenxa yothando lwakho lokuthembeka kwakho,
ngoba uphakamise ngaphezu kwezinto zonke
ibizo lakho lelizwi lakho.
3 Ngabiza wena wangiphendula;
wangenza ngaba lesibindi lenhliziyo eqinileyo.

4 Sengathi wonke amakhosi omhlaba angakudumisa, Oh Thixo,
lapho esizwa amazwi omlomo wakho.
5 Sengathi bangahlabela ngezindlela zikaThixo

ngoba inkazimulo kaThixo inkulu.

6 Loba uThixo ephakeme, uyabananza abathobekileyo,
kodwa abazigqajayo ubazi ekhatshana labo.
7 Loba ngihamba phakathi kohlupho
uyayilondoloza impilo yami;
uyaselula isandla sakho ukungivikela elakeni lwezitha zami,
ngesandla sakho sokunene uyangisindisa.
8 UThixo uzagcwalisa icebo lakhe ngami;
uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo, lumi laphakade
ungawutshiyi umsebenzi wezandla zakho.

Ihubo 139

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo.
1 Oh Thixo, usungihlolile
usungazi.
2 Uyakwazi lapho ngihlala lalapho ngiphakama;
uyayibona imicabango yami lanxa ukhatshana.
3 Uyananzelela ukuphuma kwami lokulala phansi kwami;
uzazi kuhle zonke izindlela zami.
4 Ilizwi lingakabi khona elimini lwami
usulazi lonke, wena Thixo.
5 Uyangihonqolozela emuva laphambili;
ubekile isandla sakho phezu kwami.
6 Ukwazi okunje kungumangaliso kimi,
kuphakeme kakhulu ngeke ngikufinyelele.

7 Ngingaya ngaphi ngisuke eMoyeni wakho na?
Ngingabalekela ngaphi ngisuke kuwe na?
8 Ngingakhuphukela emazulwini, ukhona lapho;
nxa ngilala ezinzikini, ukhona lapho.
9 Aluba ngindiza ngamaphiko okusa,
aluba ngisehlela ngaphetsheya kolwandle,
10 lalapho isandla sakho sizangikhokhela,
isandla sakho sokunene sizangibamba singiqinise.
11 Nxa ngisithi, “Ngempela ubumnyama buzangifihla
ukukhanya kube yibusuku eduze kwami,”
12 lalobo bumnyama kabukuba mnyama kuwe;
ubusuku buzakhanya njengemini,
ngoba ubumnyama buyikukhanya kuwe.

13 Ngoba wadala ingaphakathi yobuyimi;
wangiphetha kuhle ndawonye esiswini sikamama.
14 Ngiyakudumisa ngokuthi ngabunjwa ngesimanga esesabekayo;
iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho,
lokho ngikwazi kamhlophe.
15 Isimo samathambo ami sasingafihlekanga kuwe
lapho ngangisenziwa endaweni esithekileyo.
Lapho ngangiselukelwa ndawonye ezinzikini zomhlaba,
16 amehlo akho awubona umzimba wami ungakabi lesimo.

Zonke insuku ezamiselwa mina zabhalwa encwadini yakho
lalunye lwazo lungakabi khona.
17 Iligugu elinganani kimi imicabango yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu!
Bukhulu kanganani ubunengi bayo!
18 Aluba ngingayibala
ingedlula ubunengi bezinhlamvu zetshebetshebe.
Ngithi nxa ngivuka ngibe ngilokhu ngilawe.

19 Ungasake ubabulale ababi, awu Nkulunkulu!
Sukani kimi lina bachithi begazi!
20 Bakhuluma ngawe beqonde ububi;
abakuphikisayo badlala ngebizo lakho.
21 Kangibazondi yini abakuzondayo na Oh, THIXO,
ngibenyanye labo abakuvukelayo na?
22 Ngiyabazonda ngenzondo yonke;
ngithi bayizitha zami.
23 Ngihlola, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyazi inhliziyo yami;
ngizama ukuze wazi ukunqineka kwemicabango yami.
24 Ake ubone ingabe kulendledlana embi kimi,
ungihole ngendlela yaphakade.

Ihubo 140

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo LikaDavida.
1 Ngilamulela, Oh THIXO, ebantwini ababi;
ngivikela ebantwini bodlakela,
2 abakha amacebo amabi ezinhliziyweni zabo
bahlokomise impi ukusa kwamalanga.
3 Benza izindimi zabo zicije njengezenyoka;
ubuhlungu benhlangwana busezindebeni zabo.

4 Ngivikela, Oh THIXO, ezandleni zababi;
ngiphephisa ebantwini bodlakela
abaceba ukungigwenxa.
5 Abantu abazigqajayo bangifihlele isifu;
sebewanwebile amambule abo
bangithiya lapha lalapha endleleni yami.

6 Oh THIXO, ngithi kuwe, “UnguNkulunkulu wami.”
Zwana, ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa.
7 Oh THIXO wobukhosi, mhlengi wami olamandla,
ovikela ikhanda lami ngelanga lempi
8 ungavumeli ababi izifiso zabo Oh THIXO;
ungayekeli amacebo abo ukuthi aphumelele, funa bazigqaje.

9 Akuthi ingqondo zalabo abangihanqileyo
zandelwe luhlupho oludalwe yizindebe zabo.
10 Akuthi amalahle avuthayo abakhithikele;
sengathi bangaphoselwa emlilweni,
emigodini ebhixa udaka, bangavuki futhi.
11 Akuthi abahlebayo bangatholi indawo elizweni;

akuthi umnyama ubahlale izithende abantu bochuku.

12 Ngiyazi ukuthi UTHIXO ubenzela okulungileyo abayanga,
ubamele abaswelayo.
13 Ngempela abalungileyo bazalidumisa ibizo lakho
labaqotho bazahlala phambi kwakho.

Ihubo 141

Ihubo likaDavida
1 Oh THIXO, ngiyakubiza; woza masinyane kimi.
Zwana ilizwi lami nxa ngikubiza.
2 Sengathi umkhuleko wami ungema phambi kwakho njengempepha;
kuthi ukuphakama kwezandla zami kube njengomhlatshelo wakusihlwa.

3 Ngibekela umlindi womlomo wami, Oh THIXO,
qaphela umnyango wezindebe zami.
4 Ungayekeli inhliziyo yami ihugwe ngokubi,
ngingene ezenzweni ezimbi
labantu abayizigangi;
mangingadli izibiliboco zabo.

5 Ake ngitshaywe ngumuntu olungileyo, kungumusa;
kake angikhuze, kungamafutha ekhanda lami.
Ikhanda lami kaliyikukwala.
Ikanti umkhuleko wami uhlezi umelana lezenzo zezigangi.

6 Ababusi bazo bazaphoselwa phansi emaweni,
lababi bazafunda ukuthi amazwi ami ayekhulunywe kuhle.
7 Bazakuthi, “Njengalowo olimayo eqeqebula umhlabathi,
kanjalo amathambo ethu achithiziwe emlonyeni weliba.”

8 Kodwa amehlo ami agxile kuwe, Oh THIXO woBukhosi;
kuwe ngiyaphephela unganginikeli ekufeni.
9 Ngivikela emijibileni asebeyithiyele mina,
ezifini ezithiywe yizigangi.
10 Akuthi ababi bawele emambuleni abo,
mina ngidlule kuhle ngiphephile.

Ihubo 142

Ihubo likaDavida. Lapho esebhalwini. Umkhuleko.
1 Ngiyamemeza kakhulu KUTHIXO;
ngiphakamisela ilizwi lami KUTHIXO ngicela umusa.
2 Ngithululela ukusola kwami phambi kwakhe;
phambi kwakhe ngichaza ukuhlupheka kwami.

3 Lapho umphefumulo wami uncipha ngaphakathi kwami,
nguwe oyaziyo indlela yami.
Endleleni engihamba ngayo
abantu bangithiyile khona.
4 Khangela kwesokunene sami ubone;
kakho lobani onginanzayo.

Angilaso isiphephelo;
kakho onakekela impilo yami.

5 Ngikhala kuwe, Oh THIXO;
ngithi, “Uyisiphephelo sami,
uyisabelo sami elizweni labaphilayo.”

6 Lalela ukukhala kwami,
ngoba ngileziswelo ezizikileyo,
ngikhulula kulabo abaxotshana lami,
ngoba balamandla kakhulu kulami.
7 Ngikhulula entolongweni yami,
ukuze ngidumise ibizo lakho.
Lapho-ke abalungileyo bazangibuthanela
ngenxa yokulunga kwakho kimi.

Ihubo 143

Ihubo likaDavida
1 Oh THIXO, zwana umkhuleko wami,
zwana ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa;
ngokuthembeka kwakho langokulunga kwakho
woza uzongiphumuza.
2 Ungangenisi inceku yakho ekwahlulelweni,
ngoba kakho ophilayo ongabe ulungile kuwe.
3 Isitha siyangizingela,
singincindezela phansi emhlabathini;
singenza ngihlale emnyameni
njengalabo abafa kudala.
4 Kanjalo umphefumulo wami uyaphela ngaphakathi kwami;
inhliziyo yami ngaphakathi kwami idanile.
5 Ngiyazikhumbula insuku zekadeni;
ngidla ingqondo ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakho
nginakane ngalokho okwenziwe yizandla zakho.
6 Ngiyelula izandla zami kuwe;
umphefumulo wami uyakomela njengomhlabathi owomileyo.

7 Ngiphendula masinyane, awu THIXO;
umoya wami uyaphela.
Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho
funa ngibe njengalabo abaya egodini.
8 Akuthi ukusa kungilethele ilizwi lothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo,
ngoba sengibeke ithemba lami kuwe.
Ngitshengisa indlela okumele ngihambe ngayo,
ngoba ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami kuwe.
9 Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, Oh THIXO,
ngoba ngizifihla kuwe.
10 Ngifundisa ukwenza intando yakho,
ngoba unguNkulunkulu wami;
sengathi uMoya wakho omuhle kakhulu
ungangikhokhela emhlabathini ochayileyo.

11 Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Oh THIXO, londoloza impilo yami;
ngokulunga kwakho ngikhupha ekuhluphekeni.
12 Ethandweni lwakho olungaphuthiyo, thulisa izitha zami;
bhubhisa bonke abangizondayo,
ngoba ngiyinceku yakho.

Ihubo 144

ElikaDavida.
1 Udumo kalube kuTHIXO iDwala lami,
yena ofundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi,
leminwe yami ukuhlasela.
2 UnguNkulunkulu wami othandekayo lenqaba yami,
inqaba yami lomkhululi wami,
isihlangu sami engiphephela kuso,
othobisa abantu bami ngaphansi kwami.

3 Kambe THIXO, umuntu uyini ungaze umnanze,
indodana yomuntu ukuthi uyikhumbule na?
4 Umuntu unjengomphefumulo;
insuku zakhe zinjengesithunzi esidlulayo masinyane.

5 Yahlukanisa izulu lakho, Oh THIXO, wehlele phansi;
thinta izintaba, ukuze zithunqe intuthu.
6 Thumela umbane uzihlakaze izitha;
phosa imitshoko yakho zichitheke.
7 Yelula isandla sakho sisuka phezulu;
ngihlenga ungikhulule
emanzini alamandla abezizweni
8 omilomo yabo igcwele amanga,
ozandla zabo zokunene zilenkohliso.

9 Ngizakuhlabelela ingoma entsha, Oh Nkulunkulu;
ngechacho lezintambo ezilitshumi ngizakutshayela ingoma,
10 kuye yedwa onika amakhosi ukunqoba,
ohlenga inceku yakhe uDavida enkembeni ebulalayo.

11 Ngihlenge, ungikhulule
ezandleni zabezizwe
omilomo yabo igcwele amanga,
ozandla zabo zokunene zilenkohliso.

12 Kuzakuthi amadodana ethu ebutsheni bawo
azakuba njengezihlahla ezikhuliswa kuhle,
kuthi amadodakazi ethu
abe njengezinsika ezibazelwe ukucecisa isigodlo.
13 Iziphala zethu zizagcwala
ngemihlobo yonke yokudla.
Izimvu zethu zizakwanda ngezinkulungwane,
ngamatshumi ezinkulungwane emadlelweni ethu;
14 inkabi zethu zizadonsa imithwalo enzima.
Akusayikuba khona ukubhidlizwa kwemiduli,
ukuya ebugqilini,

lokukhala kosizi emigwaqweni yakithi.
15 Babusisiwe labobantu lokhu okuzakwenzakala kubo;
babusisiwe abantu oNkulunkulu wabo ngu THIXO.

Ihubo 145

Ihubo lokudumisa. ElikaDavida.
1 Ngizaphakamisa wena, Nkulunkulu wami oyiNkosi;
ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho kuze kube phakade.
2 Zonke insuku ngizakudumisa
ngibabaze ibizo lakho kuze kube phakade.

3 Umkhulu UTHIXO njalo ufanele kakhulu ukudunyiswa;
ubukhulu bakhe kakho ongabulinganisa.
4 Yileso laleso isizukulwane sizababaza imisebenzi yakho kwesinye;
sizatshelana ngezenzo zakho ezinkulu.
5 Sizakhuluma ngenkazimulo yakho ebenyezelayo ubukhosi bakho,
lami ngizazidla ingqondo ngemisebenzi yakho emangalisayo.
6 Zizalandisa ngamandla emisebenzi yakho emangalisayo,
lami ngizafakaza ngemisebenzi yakho emikhulu.
7 Bazakwenza umkhosi ngokulunga kwakho okukhulu
bahlabele ngentokozo ngokulunga kwakho.

8 UTHIXO ulomusa njalo ulesihawu,
uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, kodwa uyanda ngothando.

9 UTHIXO ulungile kubo bonke;
ulesihawu kukho konke akwenzayo.
10 Konke owakwenzayo kuzakudumisa, wena THIXO;
abathembekileyo bakho bazakubabaza.
11 Bazalandisa ngenkazimulo yombuso wakho
bakhulume ngamandla akho,
12 kuze kuthi bonke abantu bazi ngezenzo zakho ezinkulu
lokubenyezela kwenkazimulo yombuso wakho.
13 Umbuso wakho ungumbuso ongapheliyo,
lobukhosi bakho bumi kuzozonke izizukulwane.

UTHIXO uthembekile kuzozonke izithembiso zakhe
njalo ulothando kukho konke akwenzayo.
14 UTHIXO uyabaxhasa bonke labo abawayo
abaphakamise bonke abacubayo.
15 Amehlo abo bonke akhangela kuwe,
wena ubaphe ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.
16 Uyavula isandla sakho
usuthise izidingo zakho konke okuphilayo.

17 UTHIXO ulungile kuzozonke izindlela zakhe
njalo uthembekile kukho konke akwenzayo.
18 UTHIXO useduze kulabo abacela kuye,
kubo bonke abacela kuye ngeqiniso.
19 Uyagcwalisa izidingo zalabo abamesabayo;
uyezwa ukukhala kwabo abasindise.

20 UTHIXO uyabalinda bonke abamthandayo,
kodwa bonke ababi uzababhubhisa.

21 Umlomo wami uzakhuluma ngokudumisa UTHIXO.
Akuthi izidalwa zonke zidumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele
kuze kube nini lanini.

Ihubo 146

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Dumisa UTHIXO mphefumulo wami.

2 Ngizamdumisa UTHIXO impilo yami yonke;
ngizahlabela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami nxa ngisaphila.
3 Lingabeki ithemba lenu emakhosini,
ebantwini benyama, abangeke basindise.
4 Kuthi umoya wabo ungaphuma, babuyele emhlabathini;
mhlalokho nje amacebo ahle abhidlike.

5 Ubusisiwe lowo osizo lwakhe lunguNkulunkulu kaJakhobe,
othemba lakhe LIKUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe.

6 UnguMenzi wamazulu lomhlaba,
ulwandle lakho konke okulapho:
UTHIXO owala elokhu ethembekile laphakade.
7 Uyabalwela abancindezelwayo
anike abalambileyo ukudla.
UTHIXO ukhulula izibotshwa,
8 UTHIXO wenza iziphofu zibone,
UTHIXO uyabaphakamisa labo asebebhazalele,
UTHIXO uthanda abalungileyo.
9 UTHIXO uyabalinda abezizweni
asekele izintandane labafelokazi,
kodwa anyampise izindlela zababi.

10 UTHIXO uyabusa nini lanini,
uNkulunkulu wakho, wena Ziyoni, ezizukulwaneni zonke.

Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ihubo 147

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Kuhle kangakanani ukuhlabela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu,
kumnandi njalo kufanele ukumbonga!

2 UTHIXO uyalakha iJerusalema;
aqoqe labo abahlakazekileyo baka-Israyeli.
3 Uyabathoba abadabukileyo enhliziyweni
abophe amanxeba abo.
4 Umisile ubunengi bezinkanyezi
aziqambe leyo laleyo ngamabizo.

5 INkosi yethu inkulu, njalo makhulu amandla ayo;
ukuzwisisa kwayo kakulamkhawulo.
6 UTHIXO uyabasekela abathobekileyo kodwa
abaphosele phansi ababi.

7 Hlabelani KUTHIXO ngokubonga;
litshaye amachacho kuNkulunkulu wethu.

8 Uyembesa umkhathi ngamayezi;
awuphe umhlaba izulu
njalo akhulise utshani ezintabeni.
9 Unika inkomo utshani
aphe lamatsiyane amawabayi nxa esekhala.

10 Ukuthokoza kwakhe kakukho emandleni ebhiza,
loba injabulo yakhe ekuqineni kwemilenze yomuntu;
11 UTHIXO uthokoza ngalabo abamesabayo,
ababeka ithemba labo ethandweni lwakhe olungaphuthiyo.

12 Umbabaze UTHIXO, Oh Jerusalema;
dumisa uNkulunkulu wakho, Oh Ziyoni.

13 Ngoba uyaqinisa imigoqo yamasango akho,
abusise labantu bakho ngaphakathi kwakho.
14 Wenza ukuthula emikhawulweni yelizwe lakho.
Njalo ukusuthisa ngamabele amahle kakhulu.

15 Uthumela umlayo wakhe emhlabeni;
ilizwi lakhe ligijima masinyane.
16 Wendlala ungqwaqwane njengoboya bezimvu
ahaze iliqhwa njengomlotha.
17 Uphosela phansi isiqhotho sakhe njengamatshe.
Ngubani ongamelana lomfutho wakhe olomqando na?
18 Uthumela ilizwi lakhe konke kuncibilike;
aphephethise umoya wakhe amanzi ageleze.

19 Ulivezile ilizwi lakhe kuJakhobe,
imithetho yakhe lezahlulelo ku-Israyeli.
20 Lokhu kazange akwenzele esinye isizwe;
kaziyazi imithetho yakhe.

Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ihubo 148

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Dumisani UTHIXO emazulwini,
mdumiseni eziqongweni ngaphezulu.
2 Mdumiseni zingilosi zakhe zonke,
mdumiseni lonke mabutho asezulwini.
3 Mdumiseni, langa lenyanga,

mdumiseni lonke zinkanyezi ezikhazimulayo.
4 Mdumiseni lina ziqongo zamazulu
lani manzi ngaphezulu komkhathi.

5 Konke kakudumise ibizo LIKATHIXO
ngoba yena watsho ilizwi kwadaleka.
6 Wazibeka ezindaweni zazo okwanini lanini;
wanika isahlulelo esingela kuguquka.

7 Dumisani UTHIXO emhlabeni,
lina zidalwa zasolwandle lezinziki zalo zonke,
8 umbane lesiqhotho, ungqwaqwane lamayezi,
umoya wesiphepho owenza intando yakhe,
9 lina zintaba lamaqaqa wonke,
zihlahla zezithelo lemisedari yonke,
10 zinyamazana zeganga lenkomo zonke,
zinanakazana lezinyoni eziphaphayo,
11 makhosi omhlaba lezizwe zonke,
lina makhosana lababusi bonke emhlabeni,
12 majaha lezintombi,
maxhegu labantwana.

13 Kabalidumise ibizo LIKATHIXO,
ngoba ibizo lakhe lodwa liphakeme;
inkazimulo yakhe ingaphezulu komhlaba lamazulu.
14 Ubaphakamisele abantu bakhe uphondo,
indumiso yabo bonke abathembekileyo bakhe,
eka-Israyeli, abantu abasesifubeni sakhe.

Dumisani UTHIXO.

Ihubo 149

1 Dumisani UTHIXO.

Hlabelelani UTHIXO ingoma entsha,
indumiso yakhe ebandleni labathembekileyo.

2 Akuthi u-Israyeli athokoze ngoMenzi wakhe;
akuthi abantu baseZiyoni bajabule ngeNkosi yabo.
3 Kabadumise ibizo lakhe ngokusina,
batshaye amagedla lamachacho.
4 Ngoba UTHIXO uyathokoza ngabantu bakhe;
abathobekileyo ubapha umqhele wensindiso.
5 Akuthi abathembekileyo bathokoze ngale inhlonipho,
bahlabele ngentokozo besemibhedeni yabo.

6 Sengathi indumiso kaNkulunkulu ingaba semilonyeni yabo
lenkemba esika nxazonke ibe sezandleni zabo,
7 ukuthi benze impindiselo phezu kwezizwe
lesijeziso phezu kwabantu,
8 babophe amakhosi azo ngentambo
lezikhulu zabo ngezibopho zensimbi,

9 ukugcwalisa kubo isigwebo abasibhalelwayo.
Lokhu kuyinkazimulo yabathembekileyo bakhe bonke.

Dumisani uTHIXO.

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1 Dumisani uTHIXO.

Dumisani uNkulunkulu endlini yakhe engcwele;
mdumiseni emazulwini Akhe amakhulu.
2 Mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo zakhe zamandla;
mdumiseni ngenxa yobukhulu bakhe obudlula konke.
3 Mdumiseni ngokutshaya icilongo,
mdumiseni ngechacho langomhubhe,
4 mdumiseni ngegedla langokusina,
mdumiseni ngeziginci langomqangala,
5 mdumiseni ngamazenge akhencezayo;
mdumiseni ngomsindo wamazenge ancencethayo!

6 Akuthi konke okuphefumulayo kumdumise uTHIXO.

Dumisani uTHIXO.

Izaga
Injongo Lendikimba

1 Izaga zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, inkosi yako-Israyeli:
2 ukuba abantu bazuze ukuhlakanipha lokuzithiba;
ukuba bazwisise amazwi okuqedisisa;
3 ukuba bazuze impilo yokuzithiba lobuqotho,
besenza okulungileyo, okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo;
4 ukunika ulwazi kwabayizithutha,
ulwazi lokukhetha okuqondileyo kwabatsha
5 ukuthi ohlakaniphileyo alalele engeze ukufunda kwakhe,
kuthi obonisisayo azuze izeluleko,
6 ukuba abantu bazwisise izaga lemizekeliso,
izitsho lamalibho abahlakaniphileyo.

7 Ukwesaba uTHIXO kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho,
kodwa iziwula ziyakweyisa ukuqedisisa lokuzithiba.

Isandulelo: Isikhuthazo Sokubambelela Elwazini

Isixwayiso Ngokukhangwa Yizoni

8 Lalela, ndodana yami, izeluleko zikayihlo
njalo ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko.
9 Kuzakuba ngumqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho
lomgaxo wokucecisa intamo yakho.

10 Ndodana yami, aluba izoni zikuhuga,
ungaze wavuma.
11 Nxa zisithi, “Woza sihambe;
kasicathamele abantu sichithe igazi,
kasicwathele omunye umuntu ongelacala;
12 kasibaginye bephila njengengcwaba,
sibajwamule njengabawele emgodini;
13 sizazuza impahla ezinhle ezehlukeneyo
sigcwalise izindlu zethu ngempango;
14 phathisana lathi
ukuze sibelesikhwama sinye”
15 ndodana yami, ungahambi lazo,
ungalugxobi olwakho ezindleleni zazo;
16 ngoba ezabo inyawo zigijima ekoneni,
bachitha igazi lula.
17 Kakusizi ukuthiya ngembule
lithe dandalazi emehlweni ezinyoni!
18 Abantu laba bacathamela ukuchitheka kwelabo igazi;
bajuma okwabo ukuphila.
19 Sinjalo isiphetho salabo abadinga inzuzo ngobugebenga;
kuyayichitha impilo yalabo abayitholayo.

Isixwayiso Ngokufulathela Inhlakanipho

20 Ukuhlakanipha kuyamemeza emgwaqweni,

kuphakamisa ilizwi lakho ezinkundleni;
21 kuyanqongoloza lezindleleni okuxokozela khona,
kuyatshumayela emasangweni omuzi kuthi:

22 “Koze kube nini lina zithutha lithanda ubuthutha benu na?
Koze kube nini izideleli zikholisa ukudelela
leziphukuphuku zizonda ulwazi na?
23 Lalelani ukukhuza kwami liphenduke!
Ngizalivulela isifuba sami,
ngilivezele imicabango yami.
24 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi langifulathela ngilibiza,
kwangabi khona onginanzayo ngiselula isandla sami,
25 njengoba lala izeluleko zami
njalo kalavuma ukukhuza kwami,
26 ngakho lami ngizahleka selihlupheka;
ngizaliklolodela nxa lisehlelwa lusizi,
27 nxa usizi lulehlela njengesiphepho;
nxa incithakalo ilikhukhula njengesivunguzane,
nxa usizi lezinhlupheko ziligabhela.

28 Lapho-ke bazangibiza kodwa kangiyikusabela;
bazangidinga bangangitholi.
29 Ngoba babeluzonda ulwazi
kabaze bakhetha ukwesaba uTHIXO
30 ngoba kabavumanga iseluleko sami,
badelela ukukhuza kwami,
31 bazakudla izithelo zokuhamba kwabo
basuthiswe ngezithelo zamacebo abo.
32 Phela ubuhlongandlebe bezithutha buzazibulala,
lokungananzi kweziphukuphuku kuzazibhubhisa;
33 kodwa lowo ongilalelayo uzahlala evikelekile ekhululekile,
engesabi lutho olungamlimaza.”

2

Imivuzo Emihle Yokuhlakanipha

1 Ndodana yami, nxa usamukela amazwi ami
ugcine imilayo yami ngaphakathi kwakho,
2 uvule indlebe yakho izwe ukuhlakanipha
unikele inhliziyo yakho ukuthi izwisise,
3 njalo nxa ucela ukuqedisisa
ukhalela kakhulu ukuzwisisa,
4 futhi ukudingisisa njengokudinga isiliva
ukuphenye njengento eligugu efihliweyo,
5 lapho-ke uzakuzwisisa ukumesaba uTHIXO
njalo uluzuze ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu.
6 Ngoba uTHIXO uyapha ukuhlakanipha,
emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma ulwazi lokuqedisisa.
7 Abaqotho ubapha ukunqoba,
ulihawu lalabo abahamba bengasoleki,
8 ngoba uyayilinda indlela yabalungileyo

avikele ukuhamba kwabathembekileyo bakhe.

9 Yikho uzazwisisa lokho okulungileyo lokuqondileyo lokufaneleyo
zonke izindlela ezinhle.
10 Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kuzangena enhliziyweni yakho,
lolwazi lube mnandi emphefumulweni wakho.
11 Ukwazi ukukhetha kuzakuvikela,
lokuzwisisa kuzakulinda.

12 Ukuhlakanipha kuzakusindisa ezindleleni zabantu ababi,
abantu abamazwi abolileyo,
13 abatshiya izindlela eziqondileyo,
bahambe ngezindlela ezilamathunzi,
14 abathokoza ngokwenza okubi
bajabule ngokungcola kokubi,
15 abandlela zabo zitshekile
lokuhamba kwabo kakuqondakali.

16 Kuzakukhulula njalo koyisiphingikazi,
lasemfazini olamazwi akhohlisayo,
17 osetshiye indoda yakhe yobutsha bakhe
wadela isifungo asenza phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
18 Ngoba indlu yakhe iholela ekufeni
lezindlela zakhe zidonsela kwabafileyo.
19 Kakho ongena kuye obuyayo
kumbe aphinde azuze izindlela zokuphila.

20 Ngakho uzahamba ezindleleni zabantu abalungileyo
walele emikhondweni yabaqondileyo.
21 Ngoba abaqotho bazahlala elizweni,
labangasolekiyo bazasala kulo;
22 kodwa izigangi zizasuswa elizweni,
labangathembekanga bazakhutshwa kulo.

3

Eminye Njalo Imivuzo Emihle Yokuhlakanipha

1 Ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa imfundiso yami,
kodwa ugcine imilayo yami enhliziyweni yakho,
2 ngoba izakwandisa impilo yakho okweminyaka eminengi,
ikuphe ukuthula.

3 Akungasuki kuwe loba nini uthando lokuthembeka;
kubophele entanyeni yakho,
ukubhale egwalibeni lenhliziyo yakho.
4 Ngalokho uzathandeka uzuze ibizo elihle
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu laphambi kwabantu.

5 Themba KUTHIXO ngenhliziyo yakho yonke,
ungathembi ekuzwisiseni kwakho;
6 mvume kuzozonke izindlela zakho,
yena uzaqondisa zonke izindlela zakho.

7 Ungazenzi ohlakaniphileyo ngokubona kwakho;
yesaba uTHIXO uxwaye okubi.
8 Lokho kuzawuphilisa umzimba wakho
kuwaqinise lamathambo akho.

9 Dumisa uTHIXO ngenotho yakho;
ngezithelo zakho zokuqala zonke;
10 ngalokho iziphala zakho zizagcwala ziphuphume,
lezimbiza zakho zewayini zize zichitheke ngewayini elitsha.

11 Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kukaTHIXO
njalo ungacaphukeli ukukhuza kwakhe,
12 ngoba uTHIXO ulaya labo abathandayo,
njengoyise elaya indodana yakhe ayithandayo.

13 Ubusisiwe umuntu ozuza ukuhlakanipha,
umuntu ozuza ukuqedisisa,
14 ngoba khona kulenzuzo eyedlula isiliva
lenzuzo eyedlula igolide.
15 Kuligugu elidlula amarubhi;
kakukho okuloyisayo okungalinganiswa lakho.
16 Impilo ende isesandleni sakho sokunene;
kwesokhohlo kulenotho lodumo.
17 Izindlela zakhe zilokuthokoza,
lemikhondo yakhe ilokuthula.
18 Kuyisihlahla sokuphila kulabo abakwamukelayo;
labo abakuphathayo bazabusiswa.

19 Ngokuhlakanipha uTHIXO wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
ngokuqedisisa wamisa izulu endaweni yalo;
20 ngolwazi lwakhe inlwandle zehlukaniswa,
lamayezi athontisa amazolo.

21 Ndodana yami, gogosa ingqondo ehlela ngolwazi,
ungayekeli kukucatshele;
22 kuzakuba yikuphila kuwe,
kube ngumceciso omuhle entanyeni yakho.
23 Lapho-ke uzahamba ngendlela evikelweyo
unyawo lwakho lungakhubeki;
24 nxa ulala kawuyikwesaba;
uzalala ubuthongo obumnandi.
25 Ungabi lovalo nxa ujunywa ngumonakalo
kumbe yikubhidlika lokho okwehlela ababi,
26 ngoba uTHIXO uzakuba lithemba lakho
avikele unyawo lwakho emjibileni.

27 Ungaze wala ukusiza labo abadinga uncedo,
wena ulakho ongabasiza ngakho.
28 Ungabokuthi kumakhelwane wakho:
“Ubobuya kwesinye isikhathi; ngizakunika kusasa”

wena ulalo lololutho.
29 Ungacebi okubi ngomakhelwane wakho,
ohlezi lawe ekwethemba.
30 Ungaxabani lomuntu kungelasizatho
yena engakonelanga ngalutho.

31 Ungamhawukeli umuntu othanda ukulwa
loba nje ufise lakuphi ukwenza kwakhe,
32 ngoba UTHIXO uyamenyanya umuntu oxhwalileyo
kodwa oqotho umbeka ekhwapheni lakhe.
33 Isiqalekiso SIKATHIXO sehlela endlini yababi,
kodwa uyayibusisa indlu yabalungileyo.
34 Uyabahleka usulu abayizideleli ezizithembayo,
kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo.
35 Abahlakaniphileyo baphiwa udumo
kodwa abayiziwula ubathela ihlazo.

4

Ukuhlakanipha Kuyinqaba

1 Zwanini, madodana ami, izeluleko zikayihlo;
lalelani lizuze ukuqedisisa.
2 Ngilipha izifundo ezipheleleyo;
ngakho lingalahli imfundiso yami.
3 Ngathi ngisengumfana emzini kababa,
ngisebuthakathaka, ngiyimi ngedwa ingane kamama,
4 wangifundisa ubaba wathi,
“Abambe amazwi ami ngenhliziyo yakho yonke;
gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile.
5 Zuza ukuhlakanipha, zuza ukuqedisisa;
ungawakhohlwa amazwi ami, kumbe ugudluke kuwo.
6 Ungafulatheli ukuhlakanipha, kuzakuvikela;
kuthande, kuzakulinda.
7 Ukuhlakanipha kuyinqaba; ngakho zuza ukuhlakanipha.
Zuza ukuqedisisa loba kungathatha konke olakho.
8 Kugogose, kuzakuphakamisa;
kugone, kuzakunika udumo.
9 Kuzakwethesa umqhele wamaluba omusa ekhanda lakho
kukwethese umqhele wenkazimulo.”

10 Zwana mntanami, yamukela lokho engikutshoyo,
ukuze insuku zokuphila kwakho zibe zinengi.
11 Ngiyakukhokhela endleleni yokuhlakanipha,
ngikuqondise ezindleleni eziqondileyo.
12 Nxa uhamba kawuyikuthikaza;
nxa ugijima kawuyikukhubeka.
13 Bambelela iziqondiso, ungayekethisi;
zigcine kuhle ngoba ziyikuphila kwakho.
14 Ungayingeni indlela yababi
njalo ungahambi endleleni yezigangi.
15 Ixwaye, ungahambi ngayo;

itshiye uqhubeke ngeyakho indlela.
16 Phela kabalali bengenzanga ukuganga;
badela ubuthongo ukuze baqale balimaze omunye umuntu.
17 Badla isinkwa sobubi
banathe iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu.

18 Indlela yabalungileyo injengovivi lokusa,
kukhule ukukhanya kwalo kuze kuphelele emini.
19 Kodwa indlela yababi ifana lomnyama omkhulu;
kabazi ukuthi kuyini okubakhubayo.

20 Ndodana yami, zwana lokhu engikutshoyo;
lalelisisa amazwi ami.
21 Ungawasusi emehlweni akho,
agcine enhliziyweni yakho;
22 ngoba ayikuphila kulabo abawafumanayo;
lokuqina komzimba wonke womuntu.
23 Phezu kwakho konke, gcina inhliziyo yakho,
ngoba ingumthombo wokuphila kwakho.
24 Lahla izibozi zamazwi emlonyeni wakho;
ungakhuphi inkulumo yokuxhwala ezindebeni zakho.
25 Khangelisa amehlo akho nta phambili,
uwathi nhlo amehlo akho kulokho okuphambi kwakho.
26 Lungisa izindlela ukuze inyawo zakho zinyathele kuhle,
uhambe ngezindlela eziqinileyo kuphela.
27 Ungaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo;
ugcine unyawo lwakho lunganyatheli okubi.

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Isixwayiso Kwabafebayo

1 Ndodana yami, nanzelela ukuhlakanipha kwami,
ulalele kuhle amazwi ami alombono,
2 ukuze uhlale ukwazi ukukhetha okuqondileyo
lokuze izindebe zakho zigcine ulwazi.
3 Phela izindebe zesifebekazi zithonta uluju,
lenkulumo yaso iyatshelela kulamafutha;
4 kodwa ekucineni iyababa ingathi yinyongo,
ibukhali njengenkemba esika nxa zombili.
5 Inyawo zaso zehlela ekufeni;
izinyathelo zaso ziqonda nta elibeni.
6 Kasikhathali ukuthi kuphilwa njani;
izindlela zaso ziyazombeleza, kodwa kasikuboni lokho.

7 Ngalokho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelani;
lingaphambuki kulokho engikukhulumayo.
8 Hambani ngendlela ekhatshana kwaso,
lingasondeli emnyango wendlu yaso,
9 funa unikele kwabanye amandla akho wonke
lobudala bakho kulowo olesihluku,
10 funa abemzini bazitike ngenotho yakho

lokusebenza kwakho kunothise umuzi wenye indoda.
11 Ekupheleni kokuphila kwakho uzabubula,
lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho sekugugile.
12 Uzakuthi, “Uthi ngangikuzonda yini ukulaywa!
Inhliziyo yami yayikuzonda njani ukuqondiswa!
13 Ngangingafuni ukulalela abafundisi bami
kumbe ukulalela abeluleki bami.
14 Ngacina sengisenkingeni enkulu
ngiphakathi kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu.”

15 Natha amanzi kowakho umgqomo,
amanzi agelezayo kowakho umthombo.
16 Kambe imifudlana yakho ingayekelwa
igelezela emigwaqweni,
lezifula zakho zamanzi
zigelezele ezinkundleni zabantu na?
17 Kazibe ngezakho wena wedwa,
ungazabelani labafokazana nje.
18 Sengathi ungabusiswa umthombo wakho
njalo sengathi ungathokoza ngomfazi wobutsha bakho.
19 Oyimpalakazi ethandekayo, imbabala ebutshelezi
amabele akhe sengathi angakusuthisa lanini, nini lanini
ukhangwe luthando lwakhe.
20 Kungani ndodana yami,
uthunjwa yisifebekazi?
Kungani ugona iqolo lomfazi wenye indoda?

21 Phela izindlela zomuntu zisobala kuTHIXO,
uyazihlola zonke izindlela zakhe.
22 Izenzo ezimbi zomuntu omubi ziyamthiya;
izibopho zesono sakhe zimuthe nko.
23 Uzabhubha ngoba engalayeki,
elahlekiswa yibuphukuphuku bakhe.

6

Izixwayiso Ngobuwula

1 Ndodana yami, nxa wenzele umakhelwane wakho isibambiso,
nxa libambene izandla ukuba uzamhlawulela imilandu yakhe,
2 aluba usuzihilele ngalokho okutshiloyo,
wazibambisa ngamazwi omlomo wakho,
3 lapho-ke yenza lokhu, ndodana yami, ukuzikhulula,
njengoba usuwele ezandleni zakhe umakhelwane wakho:
Hamba ufike uzehlise;
mncengancenge umakhelwane wakho!
4 Ungabuvumeli ubuthongo emehlweni akho,
ungavumeli ukuwozela enkopheni zakho.
5 Zikhulule njengempala ezandleni zomzingeli,
njengenyoni esifini somthiyi.

6 Khangela ubunyonyo, wena vila;

hlolisisa ukwenza kwabo uhlakaniphe!
7 Kabulamphathi,
kabula mkhangeli loba umbusi,
8 kodwa buyaqoqa umphako wabo ehlobo
bubuthe ukudla kwabo nxa kuvunwa.

9 Uzalala khonapho kuze kube nini, vila ndini?
Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho?
10 Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane,
ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula,
11 ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela
lokuswela njengesigebenga.

12 Isigangi lesixhwali
esihamba sikhuluma amanyala,
13 esiqhweba ngelihlo
sitshengise ngezinyawo zaso
njalo sitshengise ngeminwe yaso,
14 esiceba ububi ngenkohliso enhliziyweni yaso
sithanda ukuvusa inkani kokuphela.
15 Ngakho lowo uzawelwa yingozi ngokuphazima;
uzabhidlizwa ngokuphangisa
kungasekho okungenziwa.

16 Ziyisithupha izinto UTHIXO azizondayo,
eziyisikhombisa eziyisinengiso kuye:
17 amehlo atshengisa ukudelela,
ulimi oluqamba amanga,
izandla ezichitha igazi elingelacala,
18 inhliziyo egaya izibozi,
inyawo eziphangisa ukuya ebubini,
19 umfakazi wamanga, okhuluma inkohliso
lomuntu oletha ukuxabana kubazalwane.

Isixwayiso Ngokuphinga

20 Ndodana yami, gcina imilayo kayihlo
ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko.
21 Kubophele enhliziyweni yakho nini lanini;
kugqize entanyeni yakho.
22 Nxa uhamba, lezizinto zizakukhokhela;
lanxa ulele zizakulinda;
uthi uvuka zikukhulumise.
23 Ngoba imilayo le iyisibane,
imfundiso le iyikukhanya,
leziqondiso zokuzithiba ziyindlela yokuphila,
24 zikuvikela kowesifazane ongaziphathanga,
laselimini olumnandi lomfazi ongelambeko.

25 Ungasuki umfise ngenhliziyo yakho ngenxa yobuhle bakhe
kumbe akuhuge ngamehlo akhe.

26 Ngoba isifebe siyakululazisa ufane lesinkwa,
kodwa umfazi womuntu uyayibhidliza impilo yakho uqobo.
27 Kambe umuntu angokhela umlilo emathangazini akhe na
zingaze zatsha izigqoko zakhe?
28 Kambe umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle
inyawo zakhe zingaze zatsha na?
29 Kunjalo kulowo olala lomfazi wenye indoda;
kakho omthintayo ongayikujeziswa.

30 Abantu kabalithuki isela
nxa lintshontsha ngoba lifuqwa liphango.
31 Kodwa lingabanjwa lihlawuliswa kasikhombisa,
lanxa inhlawulo ilithathela yonke impahla yendlu yalo.
32 Kodwa indoda efebayo kayilangqondo;
lowo okwenzayo lokho uyazibulala yena ngokwakhe.
33 Izidutshulo lehlazo kuyisabelo sakhe,
ukuyangeka kwakhe kakusoze kwafa kwaphela.

34 Ngoba ubukhwele bendoda yalowomfazi buyiqubula ulaka,
ingabe isaba lozwelo lapho isiphindisela.
35 Kayizukuvuma inhlawulo;
kayiyikwamukela isivalamlomo loba singakanani.

7

Isixwayiso Emfazini Oyisifebe

1 Ndodana yami, agcine amazwi ami
ulondoloze imilayo yami ngaphakathi kwakho.
2 Gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile;
ulinde imfundiso yami njengegugu lakho elikhulu.
3 Ibophele eminweni yakho;
uyilobe enhliziyweni yakho.
4 Tshela ukuhlakanipha uthi, “Ungudadewethu wena,”
uthi ukuqedisisa kuyisihlobo sakho;
5 lezizinto zizakuvikela emfazini oyisifebe,
lakumkakho ongelambeko ngamazwi akhe adukisayo.

6 Ngema ewindini lendlu yami
ngalunguza ngesikhala.
7 Ngabona phakathi kwabayizithutha,
ngananzelela phakathi kwamajaha
ngabona ijaha elingelangqondo.
8 Lalisehla ngomgwaqo liseduze lejiko,
liqonda endlini yowesifazane
9 ntambama sekunqunda amehlo,
umnyama wobusuku usujiya.

10 Khonokho nje kwaqhamuka owesifazane elihlangabeza
egqoke okwesifebe ngoba eqophile.
11 (Umfazi lowo, ngumuntu womsindo uyisiqholo,
inyawo zakhe kazihlali phansi;

12 khathesi nangu emgwaqweni, njalo nangu enkundleni,
utshobatshoba izindawana zonke.)
13 Wafika waligona lelijaha walanga
wakhuluma engelanhloni wathi:

14 “Ngenzile umnikelo wobudlelwano ngekhaya;
lamuhla ngizigcwalisile izifungo zami.
15 Yikho ngilapha ukukuhlangabeza;
sengikudinge ngaze ngakuthola!
16 Sengiwendlele umbheda wami
ngamalineni eGibhithe awemibalabala.
17 Sengiwuqholile umbheda wami ngemure,
ngenhlaba langesinamoni.
18 Woza sizitike ngothando kuze kuse;
kasizijabulise ngothando!
19 Indoda yami kayikho ekhaya;
ihambile iye khatshana.
20 Ithwele isikhwama sayo sigcwele imali,
ngakho kayibuyi kuze kube phakathi kwenyanga.”

21 Ngamazwi akhe amnandi waledukisa ijaha lelo;
walihuga ijaha lelo ngolimi olumnandi.
22 Khonokho nje lahle lamlandela
njengenkabi idonselwa ukuyabulawa,
njengomziki uzingenisa emjibileni,
23 umtshoko uze uyehlaba isibindi,
njengenyoni ithothela ngaphansi kwesifu,
ingaboni ukuthi isizingenise ekufeni.

24 Ngakho-ke madodana ami, ngilalelani;
zwanini lokhu engikutshoyo.
25 Lingayivumeli inhliziyo ikhangwe yizindlela zakhe,
langabe iphumputhekele emikhubeni yakhe.
26 Banengi labo asebadilizile;
izinkubela zakhe zilucaca olwesabekayo.
27 Indlu yakhe ingumgudu oya engcwabeni,
iholela phansi ezindongeni zokufa.

8

Ubizo Lokuhlakanipha

1 Ukuhlakanipha kakumemezi yini?
Ukuqedisisa kakuphakamisi ilizwi lakho na?
2 Emiqolweni yezindlela,
emahlanganweni ezindlela kulapho okujame khona;
3 emasangweni angena phakathi kwedolobho,
ezintubeni kuyamemeza kakhulu kusithi:
4 “Ngimemeza lina, madoda;
ilizwi lami libiza bonke abantu.
5 Lina eliyizithutha, zuzani ukuqonda;
lina ziphukuphuku, zuzani ukuqedisisa.

6 Lalelani ngoba ngilitshela izinto eziqakathekileyo;
ngivula izindebe zami ngikhuluma okuqondileyo.
7 Umlomo wami ukhuluma okuliqiniso,
ngoba izindebe zami ziyabenyanya ububi.
8 Wonke amazwi omlomo wami aqondile;
kalikho lelilodwa elitshekileyo loba elingcolileyo.
9 Kulowo ozwisisayo wonke alungile;
akulankohliso kulabo abalolwazi.
10 Khetha iseluleko sami kulesiliva,
ulwazi kulegolide elikhethiweyo,
11 ngoba ukuhlakanipha kuligugu okudlula amarubhi,
njalo akulanto ongayifisa ezifisweni zakho okulingana lakho.

12 Mina, kuhlakanipha, ngihlala ndawonye lokuqondisisa;
ngilolwazi lokukhetha kuhle.
13 Ukwesaba UTHIXO yikuzonda ububi;
ngiyakuzonda ukuzazisa lobuqholo,
ukuziphatha kubi lenkulumo ebolileyo.
14 Ukweluleka lokwahlulela okuhle kungokwami;
ngilokuzwisisa lamandla.
15 Amakhosi abusa ngenxa yami
lababusi balakho ukutshaya imithetho elungileyo;
16 amakhosana abusa ngami,
lazozonke izikhulu ezibusa emhlabeni.
17 Ngiyabathanda labo abangithandayo,
labo abangidingayo bayangithola.
18 Kimi kukhona inotho lodumo,
inotho engapheliyo lokuphumelela.
19 Izithelo zami zingcono kulegolide elicengiweyo;
okuphuma kimi kwedlula isiliva sekhethelo.
20 Ngihamba ngendlela yokulunga,
ngilandela umkhondo wokuqonda,
21 ngiyabela inotho kulabo abangithandayo
ngigcwalise iziphala zabo.

22 UTHIXO wangenza ngaba khona
ngaqalela konke okukhona,
kuqala kokwenza ezinye izinto;
23 ngaba khona ekudabukeni kwezinto,
kwasekuqaleni, umhlaba ungakabi khona.
24 Kungakabi lezilwandle, ngasengizelwe,
kungakabi khona izihotsha ezigcwele amanzi;
25 izintaba zingakamiswa ensikeni zazo,
engakabi khona amaqaqa, ngasengizelwe,
26 UTHIXO engakawenzi umhlaba lamaganga,
loba lonke uthuli lomhlaba.
27 Ngangikhona UTHIXO ehlela kuhle izulu,
ephawula kuhle imingcele yomkhathi lolwandle,
28 esenza amayezi emkhathini
wazizinzisa inziki zolwandle,
29 ebeka imingcele yolwandle

ukuze amanzi angedluli izimiso zakhe,
ngesikhathi lapho emisa izisekelo zomhlaba.
30 Ngalesosikhathi ngangingumbumbi eceleni kwakhe.
Ngangilenjabulo enkulu insuku ngensuku,
ngithokoza ukuba laye kokuphela,
31 ngithokoza ngomhlaba wakhe wonke
ngijabuliswa yibukhona babantu.

32 Ngakho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelani;
babusisekile labo abalondoloza izindlela zami.
33 Lalelani imfundiso yami ukuze lihlakaniphe;
lingaqali ukuyidela.
34 Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ongilalelayo,
olinda imihla yonke eminyango yami,
elindile entubeni yami.
35 Ngoba lowo ongifumanayo uzuza ukuphila
emukeliswe ukuthandwa NGUTHIXO.
36 Kodwa lowo owehlulekayo ukungifumana uyazilimaza;
bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.”

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Ukunxusa Kwenhlakanipho Lokobuwula

1 Ukuhlakanipha sekuzakhele indlu yakho,
imisiwe ngezinsika eziyisikhombisa.
2 Isiphekiwe inyama yakho kwalungiswa lewayini;
konke sekudekiwe etafuleni.
3 Usewathumile amantombazana,
uyanxusa emi ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zedolobho.
4 “Akuthi bonke abayizithutha beze lapha!”
Esitsho kulabo abangaqedisisiyo.
5 “Wozani lidle ukudla kwami
linathe iwayini esengililungisile.
6 Lahlani izindlela zenu zobuthutha lizaphila;
hambani ngendlela yokuzwisisa.”

7 Lowo oweluleka oklolodayo ubiza inhlamba;
okhuza umuntu oxhwalileyo ucina ethethiswa.
8 Ungakhuzi isiqholo ngoba sizakuzonda;
khuza ohlakaniphileyo uzakuthanda.
9 Yeluleka umuntu ohlakaniphileyo
uzakwandisa ukuhlakanipha kwakhe;
fundisa umuntu olungileyo, uzakwengeza ulwazi lwakhe.

10 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho,
njalo ulwazi ngaLowo oNgcwele luyikuqedisisa.
11 Ngoba ngami zizakuba zinengi insuku zakho,
kwandiswe iminyaka yokuphila kwakho.
12 Nxa uhlakaniphile, ukuhlakanipha kwakho kuzakusiza;
aluba uyisiqholo, uzahlupheka wedwa.

13 Umfazi othiwa nguBuwula ulomsindo;

kagobeki njalo kazi lutho.
14 Uthanda ukuhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe,
esihlalweni endaweni esesiqongweni sedolobho,
15 abe ehuga labo abedlulayo,
abahamba beqonde lapho abaya khona.
16 “Abeze lapha bonke abayizithutha!”
Esitsho kulabo abangacabangiyo.
17 “Ulutho lokuntshontshwa lumnandi;
ukudla okudlelwa ensitha kuyahlabusa!”
18 Kodwa kabazi ukuthi kuyafiwa, kuleyondawo,
ukuthi izethekeli zalowomfazi sezaphelela ekujuleni kwengcwaba.

Izaga ZikaSolomoni

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1 Izaga zikaSolomoni:
Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iletha ukuthokoza kuyise,
kodwa indoda eyisiwula iletha ukudabuka kunina.

2 Inotho ezuzwe ngobuqili kayisizi lutho,
kodwa ukulunga kukhulula ekufeni.

3 UTHIXO kayekeli abalungileyo belambile
kodwa uyavimbela izinkanuko zezixhwali.

4 Izandla ezivilaphayo ziletha ubuyanga,
kodwa izandla ezikhutheleyo ziletha inotho.

5 Lowo obutha amabele ngesikhathi sawo yindodana ehlakaniphileyo,
kodwa olalayo ngesikhathi sokuvuna yindodana ehlazisayo.

6 Izibusiso zingumqhele womuntu olungileyo.
Kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu bugcwele emlonyeni womubi.

7 Umkhumbulo ngomuntu olungileyo ubusisekile
kodwa ibizo lesigangi lizabola.

8 Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni bayalalela izeluleko,
kodwa isiphukuphuku esivala ngomsindo siyadilika.

9 Umuntu oqotho uhamba engelakwesaba,
kodwa ohamba ngezindlela ezigobileyo uzadaluleka.

10 Lowo oqwayiza ngomona uletha usizi,
lesiphukuphuku esivala ngomsindo siyadilika.

11 Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ungumthombo wokuphila,
kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu bugcwele emlonyeni womubi.

12 Inzondo idunga ingxabano,
kodwa uthando lusibekela bonke ububi.

13 Ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa ezindebeni zalowo oqedisisayo;
kodwa uswazi lwehla emhlane walowo ongezwayo.

14 Abantu abahlakaniphileyo bayaluqoqa ulwazi,
kodwa umlomo wesiwula ugwegwa ukubhidlika.

15 Inotho yezikhulu ingumuzi wazo ovikelweyo;
kodwa ubuyanga buyikudilika kwabampofu.

16 Inzuzo yabalungileyo iyabaphilisa,
kodwa umholo wababi ubalethela ukujeziswa.

17 Lowo olalela ukuqondiswa utshengisa indlela yokuphila,
kodwa lowo oyala ukwelulekwa wedukisa abanye.

18 Lowo ofihla inzondo yakhe ulendebe ezilamanga,
kuthi lowo onyeyayo yisiwula.

19 Lapho okwande khona amazwi, isono kasisweleki,
kodwa lowo ogcina ulimi lwakhe uhlakaniphile.

20 Ulimi lomuntu olungileyo luyisiliva esikhethiweyo,
kodwa inhliziyo yesigangi kayisilutho.

21 Izindebe zolungileyo ziphilisa abanengi;
kodwa iziwula ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo.

22 Isibusiso SIKATHIXO siletha inotho,
leyonotho ingabi lahlupho.

23 Isiwula siyajabula ezenzweni zobubi,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthokoza ngokuhlakanipha.

24 Lokho akwesabayo omubi kuzamfumana;
kodwa lokho akuloyisayo olungileyo uzakuphiwa.

25 Nxa isiphepho sesikhukhule sedlula,
ababi sebedlule, kodwa abalungileyo bagxilile lanini.

26 Njengeviniga emlonyeni, lentuthu emehlweni,
unjalo olesidensi kulabo abamthumayo.

27 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyengeza ubude bempilo,
kodwa iminyaka yababi iyafinyezwa.

28 Ikusasa yabalungileyo iyikuthokoza,
kodwa amathemba ababi aphelela ezeni.

29 Indlela KATHIXO yisiphephelo sabalungileyo,
kodwa iyikubhidlika kwalabo abenza okubi.

30 Abalungileyo kabasiphuleki,
kodwa ababi kabayikusala elizweni.

31 Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ukhupha inhlakanipho,
kodwa ulimi oluxhwalileyo luzaqunywa.

32 Izindebe zabalungileyo ziyakwazi okufaneleyo,
kodwa umlomo wezigangi ukhupha izibozi.

11

1 UTHIXO uyazenyanya izilinganiso zokudlelezela,
kodwa uthokoza ngezilinganiso eziqondileyo.

2 Nxa kungena ukuzigqaja kungena lokweyisa,
kodwa ukuzithoba kuhamba lenhlakanipho.

3 Ubuqotho kwabaqondileyo buyabakhokhela,
kodwa abangathembekanga
babulawa yibumenemene babo.

4 Inotho kayisizi lutho ngosuku lweziphithiphithi
kodwa ukulunga kuyaphephisa ekufeni.

5 Ukulunga kwabangelacala kuqondisa indlela yabo,
kodwa ababi bawiswa yibubi babo.

6 Ukulunga kwabaqondileyo kuyabakhulula,
kodwa abangathembekanga
bagwenxwa yizinkanuko zabo ezimbi.

7 Umuntu omubi angafa ithemba lakhe liyaphela;
konke abesithi uzakuzuza ngamandla akhe
kuphelela ezeni.

8 Umuntu olungileyo uyakhululwa enkathazweni,
kusuke kuyewela komubi.

9 Ngomlomo wakhe umuntu ongakholwayo uyamchitha umakhelwane,
kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayaphepha.

10 Nxa kuphumelela abalungileyo umuzi uyathokoza;
nxa kusifa omubi kuba lokujabula.

11 Ngokubusiswa ngabalungileyo omubi ubalodumo,
kodwa ngomlomo wezigangi uyachitheka.

12 Umuntu ongelangqondo weyisa umakhelwane wakhe,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthiba ulimi lwakhe.

13 Onyeyayo wehluleka ukuvala isifuba sakhe,

kodwa othembekileyo uyayigcina imfihlo.

14 Isizwe esingelabukhokheli obuqondileyo siyachitheka,
kodwa ngobunengi babeluleki siyanqoba.

15 Lowo okhuphela omunye umuntu isibambiso uzahlupheka,
kodwa owalayo ukupha isibambiso uvikelekile.

16 Umfazi olomusa uyahlonitshwa,
kodwa amadoda alesihluku azuza inotho kuphela.

17 Umuntu olomusa uyazisiza,
kodwa umuntu ololunya uyazilimaza.

18 Umuntu omubi uhola umvuzo wobuqili,
kodwa lowo ohlanyela ukulunga uvuna umvuzo omuhle.

19 Lowo omiyo ekulungeni uzuza ukuphila,
kodwa oxotshana lobubi uya ekufeni.

20 UTHIXO uyabazonda abantu abalenhliziyo embi,
kodwa uyathokoza ngalabo abandlela zabo zilungile.

21 Kodwa yazi lokhu, ababi bazajeziswa
kodwa abalungileyo bazahlala bekhululekile.

22 Njengesongo legolide lifakwe emakhaleni engulube,
unjalo umfazi omuhle kodwa ongelambeko.

23 Izifiso zabalungileyo zizuza okuhle
kodwa ithemba lababi liphelela osizini.

24 Ophayo ngesihle uyazuza okunengi kulakuqala,
lowo ogodlayo ungenelwa yibuyanga.

25 Lowo ophayo uzaphumelela;
owonga abanye laye uzakongiwa.

26 Abantu bayamqalekisa lowo ogodla amabele,
kodwa izibusiso zingumqhele walowo ovuma ukuwathengisa.

27 Lowo odinga ukulunga uzuza umusa,
kodwa okubi kwehlela lowo okudingayo.

28 Othembele enothweni yakhe uzakuwa;
kodwa olungileyo uzaphila njengehlamvu eliluhlaza.

29 Olethela abendlu yakhe uhlupho ilifa lakhe yize,
lesihawu sizakuba yinceku yohlakaniphileyo.

30 Izithelo zolungileyo ziyisihlahla sokuphila,

njalo lowo ozuza imiphefumulo uhlakaniphile.

31 Nxa abalungileyo bezuza ukujeziswa emhlabeni
pho kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo labayizoni!

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1 Othanda ukuqondiswa uthanda ulwazi,
kodwa ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha.

2 Umuntu olungileyo uthola umusa kuTHIXO,
kodwa uTHIXO uyamlahla owakha amacebo amabi.

3 Umuntu angazake amiswe yibubi,
kodwa olungileyo angeke aquphuke.

4 Umfazi olesimilo ungumqhele womkakhe,
kodwa umfazi oyangisayo unjengokubola kwamathambo akhe.

5 Izimiso zabalungileyo ziqondile,
kodwa izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso.

6 Amazwi ababi alindele ukuchitha igazi,
kodwa inkulumo yabalungileyo iyabakhulula.

7 Abantu ababi bayachithwa bangabe besaba khona,
kodwa indlu yolungileyo imi izinzile.

8 Umuntu udunyiswa ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe,
kodwa abantu abalengqondo ezimbi bayeyiswa.

9 Kungcono ukungabi ngubani kodwa ulesisebenzi,
kulokuzitshaya ulutho kodwa uswela lokudla.

10 Umuntu olungileyo uyayinanzelela imfuyo yakhe
kodwa okuhle komuntu omubi yilunya.

11 Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uzathola ukudla okunengi,
kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize akalangqondo.

12 Ababi bahawukela impango yezigangi,
kodwa impande yabalungileyo imi iqinile.

13 Umuntu omubi uthiyeka ngenkulumo yakhe yesono,
kodwa umuntu olungileyo uyaphepha enkathazweni.

14 Umuntu uzuza okuhle ngamazwi omlomo wakhe,
umsebenzi wezandla zakhe umnika inzuzo.

15 Indlela yesiwula ikhanya iqondile kuso,
kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyalalela izeluleko.

16 Isiwula siyaphangisa ukuthukuthela,
kodwa umuntu olengqondo kananzi loba ethukwa.

17 Umfakazi oleqiniso upha ubufakazi obuqondileyo,
kodwa umfakazi ongathembekanga ukhuluma amanga.

18 Amazwi okubhuda agwaza njengenkemba,
kodwa ulimi lohlakaniphileyo luyelapha.

19 Izindebe zeqiniso zimi lanini,
kodwa ulimi olulamanga luma umzuzwana nje.

20 Inhliziyo zabaceba ububi zigcwele inkohliso,
kodwa kulokuthokoza kwabaletha ukuthula.

21 Akukho ngozi ewela abalungileyo,
kodwa izigangi zikhulelwa zinhlupho.

22 UTHIXO uyazenyanya izindlela ezilamanga,
kodwa uyathokoza ngabantu abaleqiniso.

23 Umuntu olengqondo kazitshengiseli ulwazi lwakhe,
kodwa iziwula ziyabutshengisela ubuthutha bazo.

24 Izandla ezikhutheleyo zizaletha inhlalakahle,
kodwa ubuvila budonsela ekugqilazweni.

25 Inhliziyo ekhathazekileyo iyamcakisa umuntu,
kodwa ilizwi elilomusa liyamthokozisa.

26 Umuntu olungileyo ukhetha abangane ngonanzelelo,
kodwa indlela yababi iyabaphumputhekisa.

27 Umzingeli olivila kazuzi nyama yokosa,
kodwa umuntu okhutheleyo uyazibula ngenotho yakhe.

28 Endleleni yokulunga kulokuphila,
kuleyondlela kulokuphila okungapheliyo.

13

1 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iyemukela izeluleko zikayise,
kodwa ihlongandlebe kalilaleli nxa likhuzwa.

2 Umuntu uzuza okuhle ngamazwi omlomo wakhe,
kodwa ababi batshisekela udlakela.

3 Lowo olinda izindebe zakhe ulinda impilo yakhe,
kodwa lowo osuka abhede nje uyazibulala.

4 Ivila liyafisa kodwa lingazuzi lutho,

kodwa izifiso zokhutheleyo ziyagcwaliseka.

5 Abalungileyo bayakuzonda okungamanga,
kodwa izigangi ziletha ihlazo lesigcono.

6 Ukulunga kuyamlinda umuntu oqotho,
kodwa ububi buyamchitha oyisoni.

7 Umuntu angazenza onothileyo, yena engelalutho,
omunye azitshaye umyanga, kanti elenotho enengi.

8 Inotho yomuntu ingahlenga impilo yakhe,
kodwa umyanga uvele kasongelwa muntu.

9 Isibane sabalungileyo sikhanya sithi kla!
Kodwa isibane sezigangi siyafiphala ngentuthu.

10 Ukuziqakisa kukhokhelela engxabanweni,
kodwa ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa kwabemukela ukwelulekwa.

11 Imali ezuzwe ngobuqili iyanyamalala,
kodwa lowo oyizuza ngokuqogelela uyayandisa.

12 Ithemba eliphuzayo ligulisa inhliziyo,
kodwa isifiso esigcwalisiweyo siyisihlahla sokuphila.

13 Lowo oweyisa izeluleko uzibizela ingozi,
kodwa othobela umlayo uzaphiwa umvuzo.

14 Imfundiso yabahlakaniphileyo ingumthombo wokuphila,
iphephisa umuntu emijibileni yokufa.

15 Ukuzwisisa okuhle kuletha ukuthandeka,
kodwa indlela yabakhohlisayo inzima.

16 Wonke umuntu ohlakaniphileyo wenza konke ngolwazi,
kodwa isiwula sitshengisa ubuthutha baso.

17 Isithunywa esibi siwela phakathi kohlupho,
kodwa isithunywa esithembekileyo siletha ukusila.

18 Ongananzi ukuqondiswa wehlelwa yibuyanga lehlazo,
kodwa onanza ukukhuzwa uyadunyiswa.

19 Simnandi emphefumulweni isifiso singagcwaliseka,
kodwa iziwula kazifuni ukutshiya ububi.

20 Ohamba lezihlakaniphi uyahlakanipha,
kodwa othandana leziwula uwela engozini.

21 Umnyama ulandelana loyisoni,

kodwa impumelelo ingumvuzo wabalungileyo.

22 Umuntu olungileyo utshiyela izizukulwane sakhe ilifa,
kodwa inotho yesoni ibekelwa abalungileyo.

23 Insimu yomyanga ingathela ukudla okunengi,
kodwa umona wabalamandla uyayikhukhula.

24 Lowo ongasebenzisi uswazi uyayizonda indodana yakhe,
kodwa lowo oyithandayo unqinekela ukuyiqondisa.

25 Olungileyo uyadla asuthe ntintinini,
kodwa isisu somubi sihlala silambile.

14

1 Umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uyakha indlu yakhe,
kodwa lowo oyisiwula uyayibhidliza ngezandla zakhe.

2 Lowo ohamba ngobuqotho uyamesaba uTHIXO,
kodwa lowo ondlela zakhe zigobile uyameyisa.

3 Inkulumo yesiwula isikhothisa ngoswazi emhlane,
kodwa indebe zalowo ohlakaniphileyo ziyamvikela.

4 Lapho okungelankabi khona isibaya siyize,
kodwa amandla enkabi aletha isivuno esinengi.

5 Umfakazi oleqiniso kakhohlisi,
kodwa umfakazi ongelaqiniso uhutsha amanga.

6 Oweyisayo uyakudinga ukuhlakanipha kodwa kakutholi,
kodwa ulwazi luyazizela koqondisisayo.

7 Suka emuntwini oyisiwula,
ngoba awuyikuthola ulwazi ezindebeni zakhe.

8 Ukuhlakanipha kwabaqondayo yikuthi bayacabanga ngalokho abakwenzayo,
kodwa ubuthutha beziwula buyinkohliso.

9 Iziwula zikwenza ubuthutha ukuphenduka ezonweni,
kodwa abaqotho bafisa ukwenza uxolo.

10 Inhliziyo leyo laleyo iyakwazi ukudabuka kwayo,
njalo kakho ongakwazi ukuthokoza kwayo.

11 Indlu yomubi izadilizwa,
kodwa ithente loqotho lizaphumelela.

12 Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini,
kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikufa.

13 Ukuhleba kungabe kufihle ubuhlungu benhliziyo,
lokuthokoza kucine sekulusizi.

14 Abangelakho bazavuzwa ngokubafaneleyo,
lomuntu olungileyo laye avuzwe ngokwakhe.

15 Umuntu oyisithutha ukholwa loba yini,
kodwa olengqondo uyakucabangisisa konke akwenzayo.

16 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyamesaba UTHIXO, axwaye okubi,
kodwa isiwula siliphikankani kodwa sizizwa sivikelekile.

17 Umuntu olicaphucaphu wenza izinto zobuthutha,
lomuntu oliqili uyazondwa.

18 Abangazi lutho ilifa labo yibuwula,
kodwa abalengqondo betheswa umqhele wolwazi.

19 Abantu ababi bazilahla phansi phambi kwabalungileyo,
lezixhwali ziguqa emasangweni abalungileyo.

20 Abayanga bahlanyukelwa langabomakhelwane babo,
kodwa izinothi zilabangane abanengi.

21 Lowo oweyisa umakhelwane wenza isono,
kodwa ubusisiwe olomusa kwabaswelayo.

22 Kabalahleki yini abaceba ububi?
Kodwa abamisa ukwenza okuhle bafumana uthando lokuthembeka.

23 Ukusebenza nzima konke kuletha inzuzo,
kodwa ukuqina ngomlomo kuthelela ubuyanga.

24 Inotho yabahlakaniphileyo ingumqhele wabo,
kodwa ubuphukuphuku beziwula buzala ubuthutha.

25 Umfakazi oleqiniso uyabakhulula abantu,
kodwa umfakazi wamanga uyakhohlisa.

26 Lowo owesaba UTHIXO ulenqaba eqinileyo,
uzakuba yisiphephelo senzalo yakhe.

27 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kungumthombo wokuphila,
kuvikela umuntu emijibileni yokufa.

28 Ubunengi babantu elizweni kuludumo enkosini,
kodwa nxa kungelabantu umbusi kasilutho.

29 Umuntu obekezelayo uyazwisisa kakhulu,
kodwa ophanga ukuthukuthela uveza ubuthutha.

30 Ingqondo elokuthula iletha ukuphila emzimbeni,
kodwa umhawu ubolisa amathambo.

31 Lowo oncindezela abayanga weyisa uMenzi wabo,
kodwa olomusa kwabaswelayo udumisa uNkulunkulu.

32 Nxa kufika ubunzima ababi bayadilika,
kodwa abalungileyo balesiphephelo lasekufeni.

33 Ukuhlakanipha kuzinzile enhliziyweni yabaqedisisayo,
kuyaziveza kanye lakwabayiziwula.

34 Ukulunga kuyasiphakamisa isizwe,
kodwa isono silihlazo lakubaphi abantu.

35 Inkosi iyathokoza ngenceku ehlakaniphileyo,
kodwa inceku ehlazisayo iyayithukuthelisa.

15

1 Impendulo ethobekileyo iyaludedisa ulaka,
kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa ulaka.

2 Ulimi lomuntu ohlakaniphileyo lukhulisa ulwazi,
kodwa umlomo wesiwula uphihlika ubuphukuphuku.

3 Amehlo KATHIXO asezindaweni zonke,
alinde ababi labalungileyo.

4 Ulimi oluletha ukuphola luyisihlahla sokuphila,
kodwa ulimi olukhohlisayo luyawephula umoya.

5 Isiwula siyakulahla ukulaya kukayise,
kodwa owemukela ukuqondiswa uveza ukuhlakanipha.

6 Indlu yolungileyo igcwele inotho,
kodwa inzuzo yababi ibehlisela uhlupho.

7 Izindlela zabahlakaniphileyo ziyalwandisa ulwazi,
kodwa kazenzi njalo inhliziyo zeziwula.

8 UTHIXO uyawenyanya umhlatshelo wababi,
kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho uyamthokozisa.

9 UTHIXO uyayenyanya indlela yababi,
kodwa uyabathanda labo abalandela ukulunga.

10 Ukujeziswa okubuhlungu kumlindele ophambuka endleleni;
ozonda ukuqondiswa uzakufa.

11 UKufa lokuBhujiswa kusobala phambi KUKATHIXO

kangakanani ke inhliziyo zabantu!

12 Isideleli siyakuzonda ukuqondiswa;
kasibuzi kwabahlakaniphileyo.

13 Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza ubuso buchelese,
kodwa inhliziyo ebuhlungu yephula umoya.

14 Inhliziyo eqedisisayo idinga ulwazi,
kodwa umlomo wesiwula wongiwa ngobuthutha.

15 Zonke insuku zabancindezelweyo zilukhuni,
kodwa inhliziyo ethokozileyo ihlezi iminza.

16 Kungcono ukuba lokulutshwana umesaba UTHIXO
kulokuba lenotho enengi ulenhlupho.

17 Kungcono ukutsheba ngemibhida lapho okulothando khona,
kulokudla inyama enonileyo okugcwele khona inzondo.

18 Ololaka oluvuthayo ubanga ukuxabana,
kodwa umuntu obekezelayo uqeda inkani.

19 Indlela yevila igcwele ameva,
kodwa indlela yomuntu olungileyo ikhamisile.

20 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iletha intokozo kuyise,
kodwa indoda eyisiwula yeyisa unina.

21 Ubuthutha bujabulisa umuntu ongelangqondo,
kodwa umuntu olokuzwisisa uhamba ngendlela eqondileyo.

22 Amaqhinga ayehluleka nxa kungelazeluleko,
kodwa ayaphumelela ngabeluleki abanengi.

23 Umuntu uyathokoza ngokupha impendulo eqondileyo
yeka kuhle kangakanani ukuzwa ilizwi elifaneleyo!

24 Indlela yempilo iyimpumelelo kohlakaniphileyo
ukuze angalengeli engcwabeni.

25 UTHIXO uyayibhidliza indlu yomuntu oziphakamisayo,
kodwa indawo yomfelokazi kayiyikuncitshiswa.

26 UTHIXO uyayizonda imicabango yababi,
kodwa leyo eyabalungileyo iyamthabisa.

27 Indoda eyisihwaba iluhlupho kwabendlu yayo,
kodwa lowo ozonda ukufunjathiswa uzaphila.

28 Olungileyo uyayihlolisisa impendulo engakaphenduli,

kodwa umlomo womubi ukhihliza okubi.

29 UTHIXO ukhatshana kwababi,
kodwa uyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo.

30 Ubuso obubobothekayo buletha intokozo enhliziyweni,
lezindaba ezinhle ziqinisa umzimba.

31 Lowo olalela ukukhuzwa okumphilisayo,
uzahlala kuhle labahlakaniphileyo.

32 Lowo onganaki ukulaywa uyazeyisa yena ngokwakhe,
kodwa onanza iziqondiso uzuza ukuzwisisa.

33 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kufundisa umuntu ukuhlakanipha,
njalo ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo.

16

1 Umuntu angawabumba amacebo ngenhliziyo yakhe,
kodwa UTHIXO nguye omupha amazwi okuwachaza.

2 Umuntu angabona sengathi zonke izindlela zakhe ziqondile,
kodwa UTHIXO uyazihlolisisa zonke injongo zomuntu.

3 Nikela KUTHIXO konke okwenzayo,
kuzaphumelelisa wonke amacebo akho.

4 UTHIXO uzilungisele isiphetho sakho konke
kanye lababi usuku lokubhujiswa.

5 UTHIXO uyabazonda bonke abazikhukhumezayo.
Ngempela kabayikuphepha ukujeziswa.

6 Isono siyahlawulelwa ngothando langokwethembeka;
ngokwesaba UTHIXO umuntu uyaphepha ebubini.

7 Nxa izindlela zomuntu zimthokozisa UTHIXO,
uyenza lezitha zakhe zihlalisane laye ngokuthula.

8 Kungcono ukuzuza okulutshwana ngendlela elungileyo
kulokuzuza okunengi ngobuqili.

9 Umuntu angalungisa indlela yakhe engqondweni yakhe,
kodwa UTHIXO nguye olawula izinyathelo zakhe.

10 Izindebe zombusi zikhuluma kungathi lidlozi
ngakho umlomo wakhe kawungaphambuli umthetho.

11 Izilinganiso eziqondileyo zivela KUTHIXO;
zonke izisindo ezisemgodleni zenziwa nguye.

12 Amakhosi ayakuzonda ukwenza okubi,
ngoba isihlalo sobukhosi sakhelwe phezu kokulunga.

13 Amakhosi athokoziswa yizindebe ezithembekileyo;
ayamazisa umuntu okhuluma iqiniso.

14 Ulaka lwenkosi luyisithunywa sokufa,
kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyaluxolisa.

15 Nxa ubuso benkosi bulentokozo, kukhomba ukuphila;
ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengeyezi lezulu entwasa.

16 Kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha kulegolide,
ukukhetha ukuzwisisa kulesiliva!

17 Umgwaqo womuntu oqotho uceza ububi;
lowo onanzelelayo indlela yakhe unanzelela impilo yakhe.

18 Ukuzigqaja kwandulela ukubhujiswa,
umoya omubi ulandelwa yikuwa.

19 Kungcono umoya othobekileyo lokuhlala kwabancindezelweyo
kulokwabelana impango labazigqajayo.

20 Lowo olalela izeluleko uyaphumelela,
njalo ubusisiwe lowo othemba UTHIXO.

21 Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni kuthiwa bayaqedisisa,
njalo amazwi amnandi aqinisa izeluleko.

22 Ukuzwisisa kungumthombo wokuphila kulabo abalakho,
kodwa ubuwula buletha isijeziso eziwuleni.

23 Inhliziyo yomuntu ohlakaniphileyo ikhokhela umlomo wakhe,
kanti lezindebe zakhe zikhuthaza izeluleko.

24 Amazwi amahle alikhekheba loluju,
amnandi emphefumulweni njalo ayelapha emathanjeni.

25 Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini,
kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikufa.

26 Isisebenzi sifuqwa liphango ukusebenza kakhulu;
ukulamba yikho okusikhuthazayo.

27 Isixhwali siceba ububi,
lenkulumo yaso injengomlilo ohaqazayo.

28 Umuntu ongelangqondo udaza inkani,
njalo lomuntu onyeyayo wehlukanisa abangane.

29 Umuntu wodlakela uhuga umakhelwane wakhe
amholele endleleni engalunganga.

30 Lowo ofica ngelihlo lakhe uceba izibozi;
lowo oluma indebe zakhe uqonde ububi.

31 Inwele ezimhlophe zingumqhele wobukhulu,
zizuzwa ngempilo elungileyo.

32 Ungcono umuntu obekezelayo kuleqhawe,
umuntu ozinqandayo ulaka lwakhe kulalowo othumba idolobho.

33 Inkatho iphoselwa enkundleni,
kodwa isinqumo sayo sisemandleni KATHIXO.

17

1 Lungcono uqweqwe lwesinkwa umuntu elokuthula
kulendlu egcwele amagqibhagqibha okudla
kodwa kulengxabano.

2 Isisebenzi esihlakaniphileyo sizabusa indodana eyangisayo,
sizakwabelwa ilifa njengomunye wamadodana.

3 Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni,
imvutho ngeyegolide
kodwa UTHIXO uhlola inhliziyo.

4 Umuntu oxhwalileyo uyazilalela izindebe ezimbi;
lomqambimanga uyalulalela ulimi olulomona.

5 Lowo ohleka umyanga weyisa uMenzi wakhe;
oklolodayo nxa konakele kayikuphepha isijeziso.

6 Abazukulu bangumqhele wabalupheleyo,
njalo labantwana baziqhenya ngabazali babo.

7 Izindebe zokutshinga azisifanelanga isiwula
zimbi kangakanani ke izindebe zamanga kumbusi!

8 Isivalamlomo siyintelezi kulowo osinikayo;
uyaphumelela kukho konke.

9 Ofihla ukona komunye uqinisa uthando,
kodwa okhuluma ngakho kokuphela
wehlukanisa abangane abasekhwapheni.

10 Ukukhuza kuyamqondisa umuntu olengqondo
kulokutshaya isiwula imvimvinya ezilikhulu.

11 Umuntu omubi udinga ukuhlamuka kuphela;

uzathunyelwa inxusa elilesihluku.

12 Kungcono ukuqondana lebhele
elithathelwe imidlwane yalo
kulokuhlangana lesiwula ebuthutheni baso.

13 Nxa umuntu ephindisela okuhle ngobubi,
ububi kabusoze basuka endlini yakhe.

14 Ukusungula inkani kunjengokubhidliza umduli wedamu;
ngakho yekela indaba ingakadaleki inkani.

15 Ukukhulula olecala lokugweba omsulwa
UTHIXO uyakuzonda kokubili.

16 Isizani imali esandleni sesiwula,
sivele singatshisekeli ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha?

17 Umngane ulothando ngezikhathi zonke,
lomzalwane uzalelwa izikhathi zenhlupheko.

18 Umuntu ongananzeleliyo uyaziwisela anike isibambiso
enceda umakhelwane wakhe.

19 Lowo othanda inkani uthanda isono;
lowo owakha isango eliphakemeyo udinga ukubhidlizwa.

20 Umuntu olenhliziyo exhwalileyo kaphumeleli;
lowo olimi lwakhe luyakhohlisa uwela ekuhluphekeni.

21 Ukuba lendodana eyisiwula kuthelela usizi;
akulakuthokoza kuyise wesiwula.

22 Inhliziyo ethokozayo ingumuthi omuhle,
kodwa umoya owephukileyo womisa amathambo.

23 Umuntu omubi wamukela isivalamlomo ensitha
ukuze ahlanekele indlela yokwahlulela.

24 Umuntu ohluzisisayo izinto ukhokhelwa yikuhlakanipha,
kodwa amehlo esiwula asabalala afike ekucineni komhlaba.

25 Indodana eyisiwula ithelela uyise
usizi lokudabuka kulowo owayizalayo.

26 Kakukuhle ukujezisa umuntu ongelacala,
loba ukufaka uswazi izisebenzi ngenxa yobuqotho bazo.

27 Umuntu ololwazi ubeka amazwi akhe ngokunanzelela,
njalo umuntu oqedisisayo kathukutheli ngokuphangisa.

28 Lesiwula kuthiwa sihlakaniphile nxa sithule,
kuthiwe siyaqedisisa nxa sibamba ulimi lwaso.

18

1 Umuntu ongelamusa uzifunela okwakhe;
uyazilahla zonke iziqondiso ezinhle.

2 Isiwula kasikuthakazeleli ukuzwisisa
kodwa sithokoza ngokutsho eyaso imibono.

3 Nxa kufika ububi kufika lokweyisa,
njalo ihlazo liza lokudumazeka.

4 Amazwi omlomo womuntu ayinziki yamanzi,
kodwa umthombo wokuhlakanipha ngumfudlana ontuntuzayo.

5 Kakukuhle ukulungisela ababi
loba ukungehluleli kuhle abangelacala.

6 Izindebe zesiwula zisilethela ingxabano,
lomlomo waso unxusa ukutshaywa.

7 Umlomo wesiwula yiwo osidilizayo,
lezindebe zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo waso.

8 Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco;
angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu.

9 Lowo ovilaphayo emsebenzini wakhe
ungumfowabo walowo odilizayo.

10 Ibizo LIKATHIXO liyinqaba eqinileyo;
abalungileyo babalekela kulo baphephe.

11 Inotho yezikhulu ingumuzi wazo ovikelweyo;
zicabanga ukuthi imiduli yawo ayikhweleki.

12 Umuntu uyazikhukhumeza ngenhliziyo yakhe,
mandulo kokuba awe,
ikanti ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo.

13 Lowo ophendulayo engaqali alalele
lobo yibuwula bakhe lehlazo lakhe.

14 Umphefumulo womuntu uyamqinisa nxa egula,
kodwa ngubani ongaphila elomoya owephukileyo na?

15 Inhliziyo yabaqedisisayo izuza ulwazi;
indlebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyakudinga.

16 Isipho siyamvulela indlela ophayo
azuze ithuba lokubonana labakhulu.

17 Ecaleni okhuluma kuqala ubonakala enguye olungileyo,
kuze kuqhamuke omunye ambuzisise.

18 Ukwenza inkatho kuyakuqeda ukulwisana,
kubehlukanise abaxabanayo.

19 Umzalwane owonelweyo
uba lukhuni kulomuzi ohonqolozelweyo,
lezingxabano zinjengamasango enqaba avaliweyo.

20 Isisu somuntu sigcwaliswa yizithelo zomlomo wakhe;
usuthiswa yisivuno sezindebe zakhe.

21 Ulimi lulamandla okuphila lokufa,
njalo labo abaluthandayo bazakudla izithelo zalo.

22 Lowo ozuza umfazi ufumana okuhle,
athole umusa kuThixo.

23 Umyanga uyancenga ukuthi axolelwe,
kodwa isinothi siphendula ngolaka.

24 Umuntu olabangane abanengi ucina kubi,
kodwa kuba khona umngane othembeka okudlula umfowenu.

19

1 Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho
kulesiwula esilezindebe ezingcolileyo.

2 Kakulunganga ukutshiseka kodwa ungelalwazi,
loba ukuwalazela uze ulahlekelwe yindlela.

3 Ubuwula bomuntu budiliza impilo yakhe,
ikanti inhliziyo yakhe ithukuthelela uThixo.

4 Inotho iletha abangane abanengi,
kodwa umyanga ufulathelwa ngumngane wakhe weduze.

5 Umfakazi wamanga uthola isijeziso,
lalowo ohutshuza amanga kayikuphunyuka.

6 Banengi abazincengela ukuthandwa ngumbusi,
njalo wonke umuntu ngumngane walowo ophanayo.

7 Umyanga uhlanyukelwa yizihlobo zakhe zonke,
pho abangane bakhe bona bamnina kangakanani!
Lanxa ebancenga kangakanani,

ngeke esabathola.

8 Lowo ozuze ukuhlakanipha uthanda umphefumulo wakhe;
lowo ogogosa ukuzwisisa uyaphumelela.

9 Umfakazi wamanga uthola isijeziso,
njalo lowo ohutshuza amanga uzabhubha.

10 Kakusifanelanga isiwula ukuthi sihlale enothweni
kubi kangakanani ukuthi isigqili sibuse amakhosana.

11 Ukuhlakanipha komuntu kumupha isineke;
kumupha udumo ukunganaki ukuqalwa.

12 Ukuthukuthela kwenkosi kunjengokubhonga kwesilwane,
kodwa ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengamazolo etshanini.

13 Indodana eyisiwula iyamchitha uyise,
lomfazi olenkani
unjengamanzi athonta ephahleni njalonje.

14 Izindlu lenotho yilifa elizuzwa ebazalini,
kodwa umfazi ozwisisayo uvela kuThixo.

15 Ubuvila buletha ubuthongo obukhulu,
njalo umuntu owehluleka ukuzenwaya uyalamba.

16 Lowo olalela izeluleko uvikela impilo yakhe,
kodwa lowo ozedelelayo uzakufa.

17 Olomusa kubayanga upha uThixo,
uzamupha umvuzo ngalokho akwenzayo.

18 Qondisa indodana yakho, ngoba lokho kuzayisiza;
ungabi lengxenye yokuyibulala.

19 Umuntu ololaka oluphuphumayo luyamtshayisa,
ungamlamulela, usuzahlala umlamulela njalo.

20 Lalela ukucetshiswa, wamukele ukuqondiswa,
ngoba ekucineni uzahlakanipha.

21 Inhliziyo yomuntu igcwele amacebo amanengi,
kodwa yisimiso sikaThixo esimayo.

22 Umuntu uloyisa uthando olungaqamukiyo;
kungcono ukuba ngumyanga kulokuba lamanga.

23 Ukumesaba uThixo kuholela ekuphileni:
olakho uhlala esuthisekile, engathintwa yizinhlupheko.

24 Ivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini,
liyehluleke ukubuyisa isandla emlonyeni lidle.

25 Thela uswazi isideleli, abathobekileyo bazafunda ukuhlakanipha;
khuza umuntu oqedisisayo, uzazuza ulwazi.

26 Lowo ontshontshela uyise, axotshe unina
yindodana ethelela inhloni lehlazo.

27 Nxa uyekela ukulandela izeluleko, ndodana yami,
uzalahleka utshiye amazwi okwazi.

28 Umfakazi oxhwalileyo uyawudelela umthetho,
lomlomo womubi uminza ububi.

29 Izijeziso zilungiselwe izideleli,
loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula.

20

1 Iwayini lenza ukudelela lotshwala buyaxabanisa,
okhohliswa yilezi izinto kahlakaniphanga.

2 Ulaka lwenkosi lunjengokubhonga kwesilwane;
lowo oyizondisayo udela impilo yakhe.

3 Kumupha udumo umuntu ukubalekela ukuxabana,
kodwa iziphukuphuku zonke ziphangisa ukuthenga inkani.

4 Ivila kalilimi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo;
kuthi ngesikhathi sokuvuna liswele amabele.

5 Izifiso zenhliziyo yomuntu zingamanzi azikileyo,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uyazifinyelela.

6 Banengi abathi balothando olungapheliyo,
kodwa ngubani ongamthola umuntu othembekileyo na?

7 Umuntu olungileyo uphila impilo encomekayo;
babusisiwe abantwabakhe abamfuzayo.

8 Inkosi nxa ihlezi esihlalweni sayo isahlulela,
iyakuhlungula konke okubi ngamehlo ayo.

9 Ngubani ongathi, “Ngiyigcinile inhliziyo yami imhlophe;
ngihlanzekile kangilasono?”

10 Izisindo ezitshiyanayo
lezilinganiso ezitshiyanayo uTHIXO uyakuzonda kokubili.

11 Lomntwana waziwa ngezenzo zakhe,

ngokuthi isimilo sakhe sihle, siqotho.

12 Indlebe ezizwayo lamehlo abonayo
kokubili kwenziwa NGUTHIXO.

13 Ungathandani lobuthongo uzakuba ngumyanga,
hlala uvukile uzakuba lokudla okunengi.

14 “Kubi, kubi!” kutsho umthengi;
esuka lapho usezincoma ngakuthengileyo.

15 Likhona igolide lamatshe aligugu amanengi,
kodwa izindebe ezikhuluma ulwazi zilivelakancane.

16 Thatha isembatho salowo owenzela owezizweni isibambiso;
sigcine nxa ebambisela owesifazane ongaziphathanga.

17 Ukudla okuzuzwe ngenkohliso kumnandi emuntwini,
kodwa kucina sekungathi udla itshebetshebe.

18 Nxa usenza amacebo dinga izeluleko;
nxa usiyahlasela zuza ukuqondiswa.

19 Onyeyayo uyehluleka ukugcina imfihlo,
ngakho yehlukana lomuntu okhuluma angathuli.

20 Nxa umuntu ethuka uyise loba unina,
isibane sakhe sizacinywa abesemnyameni omubi.

21 Ilifa elizuzwa lula ekuqaleni
alilakubusiswa ekucineni.

22 Ungabokuthi, “Lami ngizakulungisa ngalokhu ongenze khona!”
Yekela, UTHIXO nguye ozakusiza.

23 UTHIXO uyazizonda izilinganiso eziguquguqulwayo,
njalo kathokoziswa yizikali zokudlelezela.

24 Izinyathelo zomuntu zikhokhelwa NGUTHIXO.
Pho umuntu angayazi kanjani na indlela yakhe?

25 Yikuzithiya ukuthembisa ngokuphangisa ukupha ulutho,
phambili umuntu aphinde azisole ngalesosifungo.

26 Inkosi ehlakaniphileyo iyabahlungula ababi;
iyabahadla njengelitshe lokuchola.

27 Isibane SIKATHIXO siyawuhlolisisa umphefumulo womuntu;
sihlolisisa ekujuleni kwemibilini yakhe.

28 Uthando lokwethembeka kuyayivikela inkosi;

ngothando isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sivikelekile.

29 Udumo lwamajaha lusemandleni awo,
izimvu zekhanda ziyinkazimulo yabadala.

30 Izidutshulo lamanxeba kugezisa okubi,
lezibhaxulo zihlambulula ingaphakathi.

21

1 Inhliziyo yenkosi isezandleni ZIKATHIXO,
uyiholela lapho athanda khona njengomsele wamanzi.

2 Umuntu ubona kungathi zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile,
kodwa UTHIXO uhlola inhliziyo.

3 Ukwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo
kuyathandeka KUTHIXO kulomhlatshelo.

4 Amehlo okuzikhukhumeza lenhliziyo ezigqajayo,
okuyikho okukhokhela ababi, konke yizono!

5 Amalungiselelo abakhutheleyo anika umvuzo
njengoba nje amawala eletha ubuyanga.

6 Inotho ezuzwe ngendlela yamanga
iyinkungu ememethekayo lomjibila wokufa.

7 Ukuhlukuluza kwababi kuzabakhukhula,
ngoba bayala ukwenza okulungileyo.

8 Indlela yomuntu olecala iyathubezela,
kodwa ukwenza kongelalo kuqondile.

9 Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla lwendlu
kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo.

10 Umuntu omubi utshisekela ububi;
kalasihawu ngomakhelwane wakhe.

11 Nxa kujeziswa isideleli isithutha sizuza ukuhlakanipha;
nxa ohlakaniphileyo eqondiswa uzuza ulwazi.

12 Olungileyo uyayinanzelela indlu yesigangi
kuthi lesosigangi asibhubhise.

13 Nxa umuntu egcika indlebe zakhe ukuze angezwa ukukhala kwabayanga,
laye uzakuthi esekhala angalalelwa muntu.

14 Isipho esiphiwa ensitha siyaludedisa ulaka,
lesivalamlomo esifihlwe emajazini siyakudedisa ukuthukuthela.

15 Ukwahlulela kuhle kuthokozisa olungileyo
kodwa izigangi kuzitshayisa uvalo.

16 Umuntu ophambuka endleleni yokuzwisisa
ucina esendawonye labafileyo.

17 Lowo othanda ukuzithokozisa uzakuba ngumyanga;
laloba ngubani othanda iwayini lezibondlo ngeke anothe.

18 Ababi baba ngumhlawulelo wabalungileyo,
labangathembekanga bangumhlawulelo wabaqotho.

19 Kungcono ukuhlala enkangala
kulokuhlala lomfazi olenkani lothethayo.

20 Indlu yohlakaniphileyo igcwele amaqubaquba ezibiliboco lamafutha,
kodwa umuntu oyisithutha udla aqede du konke alakho.

21 Lowo odinga ukulunga lothando
uzuza ukuphila, ukuphumelela lodumo.

22 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uhlasela umuzi wabalamandla
adilizele phansi inqaba abayithembileyo.

23 Lowo oqaphela umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe
uyaziphephisa ezingozini.

24 Umuntu ozigqajayo loyisiqholo ibizo lakhe ngu “Sideleli,”
wenza izinto ngokuziqakisa okukhulu.

25 Izinkanuko zevila yizo ezililimazayo,
ngoba izandla zalo ziyala ukusebenza.
26 Ilanga lonke litshona lifisa okungapheliyo,
kodwa abalungileyo bayapha bengagodli.

27 Umhlatshelo wababi uyisinengiso
kambe mubi kangakanani nxa ulethwa ngenhliziyo embi.

28 Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha,
kuthi lowo omlalelayo uzabhujiswa lanini.

29 Umuntu omubi utshengisa isibindi samanga,
kodwa umuntu oqotho uyananzelela izenzo zakhe.

30 Akulakuhlakanipha, akulambono, akulacebo
okunganqoba UTHIXO.

31 Ibhiza liyalungiselelwa usuku lwempi,
kodwa ukunqoba kulawulwa NGUTHIXO.

22

1 Ibizo elihle liyathandeka kulenotho enengi;
ukuhlonitshwa kungcono kulesiliva kumbe igolide.

2 Abanothileyo labayanga bayafanana ngalokhu:
UTHIXO unguMenzi wabo bonke.

3 Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe,
kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena enkathazweni.

4 Ukuzithoba lokwesaba UTHIXO
kuletha inotho lodumo lokuphila.

5 Endleleni yababi kugcwele ameva lemjibila,
kodwa onanzelela umphefumulo wakhe unqenqela khatshana.

6 Fundisa umntwana indlela amele ahambe ngayo,
kuzakuthi esemdala kayikuphambuka kuyo.

7 Abanothileyo babusa abayanga,
lalowo owebolekayo uyisichaka salowo omebolekayo.

8 Lowo ohlanyele ububi uvuna ukuhlupheka,
njalo uswazi lolaka lwakhe luzakwephulwa.

9 Umuntu ophanayo uzabusiswa,
ngoba wabela abayanga ukudla kwakhe.

10 Xotsha isideleli, lenkani ihle iphume;
ukuxabana lokuthukana kuyaphela.

11 Othanda inhliziyo ehlanzekileyo, onkulumo yakhe ipholile
uzakuba ngumngane wombusi.

12 Amehlo KATHIXO ayaluvikela ulwazi
kodwa uyawadiliza amazwi abangathembekanga.

13 Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane phandle!
Ngizabulawa ezindleleni!”

14 Umlomo wesifebekazi unjengomgodi otshonayo;
lowo othukwe NGUTHIXO uzawobokela kuwo.

15 Ubuwula bugxilile enhliziyweni yomntwana,
kodwa uswazi lokuqondisa luzabuxotshela khatshana.

16 Lowo oncindezela abayanga ukuze anothe ngabo,
lalowo oncenga abanothileyo ngezipho,
bonke bacina sebengabayanga.

Amazwi Angamatshumi Amathathu Ezihlakaniphi

Ilizwi Lakuqala

17 Lalela uzwe amazwi ezihlakaniphi;
nikela inhliziyo yakho ezifundweni zami,
18 ngoba kuyathokozisa nxa uzigcina enhliziyweni yakho,
uzitsho kalula ngezindebe zakho.
19 Ukuze ithemba lakho lihlale KUTHIXO,
yikho ngikufundisa lamuhla wena ngokwakho.
20 Kangikulobelanga yini izitsho ezingamatshumi amathathu,
izitsho zokweluleka lolwazi,
21 ezikufundisa amazwi eqiniso athembekileyo,
ukuze ukwazi ukupha impendulo ezilesisindo
kulowo okuthumileyo na?

22 Ungagegeleli abayanga ngoba bengabayanga
njalo ungaphoseli abaswelayo entolongweni,
23 ngoba UTHIXO uzakuba ngumeli wabo
abahlukuluze labo ababahlukuluzayo.

24 Ungabi ngumngane womuntu ololaka,
ungahambi lomuntu ozonda masinyane,
25 funa ufunde izindlela zakhe
uzingenise emjibileni.

26 Ungabi ngumuntu ophanga ukwenza izithembiso
kumbe onika isibambiso ngezikwelede;
27 ungayiswela inhlawulo
uzakwemukwa noma ngumbheda wakho olala kuwo.

28 Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele
elabekwa ngokhokho bakho.

29 Uyambona umuntu oyingcitshi emsebenzini wakhe na?
Uzasebenzela amakhosi;
akayikusebenzela abantukazana.

23

1 Nxa uhlala phansi usidla lombusi,
nanzelela ukuthi kuyini okuphambi kwakho,
2 ungazifaki ingqamu entanyeni
nxa uhugwa yibuhwaba.
3 Ungahawukeli izibiliboco zakhe
ngoba lokho kudla kuyakhohlisa.

4 Ungazihlukuluzi uzigugise ngomsebenzi uzama inotho;
hlakanipha wazi ukuzikhuza.
5 Ungayibona manje inotho, masinyane isinyamalele,
ngoba ngempela izamila impiko
iphaphele emkhathini njengengqungqulu.

6 Ungakudli ukudla komuntu oncitshanayo,

ungazihawukeli izibiliboco zakhe;
7 ngoba yena uhlezi ebalisa ngendleko.
Angathi kuwe, “Dlana unathe,”
kodwa kungasuki enhliziyweni yakhe.
8 Uzakuhlanza okuncane lokho okudlileyo
ube udlalise amazwi akho okubonga.
9 Ungakhulumi lesithutha
ngoba sizakweyisa inhlakanipho yamazwi akho.

10 Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele
loba uzithathele amasimu ezintandane,
11 ngoba uMhlengi wazo ulamandla;
uzakuba ngumeli wazo aphikisane lawe.

12 Nikela inhliziyo yakho ekufundisweni
lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi.

13 Ungayekeli ukumlaya umntwana;
ukumtshaya ngoswazi akuyikumbulala.
14 Mjezise ngoswazi
ukuze uphephise umphefumulo wakhe ekufeni.

15 Ndodana yami, aluba inhliziyo yakho ihlakaniphile,
inhliziyo yami layo izathokoza;
16 ingaphakathi yami izajabula
lapho izindebe zakho zikhuluma okulungileyo.
17 Inhliziyo yakho mayingahawukeli izoni,
kodwa hlala utshisekela ukwesaba uTHIXO.
18 Ngeqiniso lihle ikusasa lakho,
lethemba lakho kaliyikucitshwa.

19 Lalela, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe,
ubeke inhliziyo yakho endleleni elungileyo.
20 Ungahlangani leziminzi zewayini
labazitika ngenyama,
21 ngoba izidakwa lezihwaba ziba ngabayanga,
ukuwozela kwazo kuzembese amadabudabu.

22 Lalela uyihlo owakuletha emhlabeni,
njalo ungeyisi unyoko nxa eseluphele.
23 Thenga iqiniso ungalithengisi;
zuza ukuhlakanipha lokuzikhuza lokuzwisisa.
24 Uyise womuntu olungileyo uyathokoza kakhulu;
lowo olendodana ehlakaniphileyo uyathokoza ngayo.
25 Sengathi uyihlo lonyoko bangathokoza;
sengathi lowo owakuzalayo angajabula!

26 Ndodana yami, ngipha inhliziyo yakho,
amehlo akho ahlale ezindleleni zami,
27 ngoba isifebe singumgodi otshonayo
lomfazi olibele lendlela ungumthombo oyingozi.

28 Uyacathamela njengesigebenga,
andise amadoda angathembekanga.

29 Ngubani ohlaba umkhosi?
Ngubani olosizi na?
Ngubani otshingayo?
Ngubani olensolo na?
Ngubani omahluzuhluzu ngeze?
Ngubani omehlo abomvu gebhu na?
30 Yilabo abalibala ngewayini,
abahamba bedinga inzwisa yewayini elidibanisiweyo.
31 Ungahugwa liwayini ulibona libomvu,
nxa likhazimula enkomitshini,
lapho lisehla kamnandi!
32 Ekucineni liluma njengenyoka
libe lobuhlungu obubulalayo njengenhlangwana.
33 Amehlo akho azabona izinto ezingaqedakaliyo
lengqondo yakho icabange izinto ezididayo.
34 Uzakuba njengomuntu ondendayo phakathi kolwandle,
olele esiqongweni sensika yomkhumbi.
35 Uzakuthi, “Bangitshayile kodwa kangilimalanga!
Bangibethile kodwa kakubuhlungu!
Ngizavuka nini bo ngiyodinga obunye utshwala?”

24

1 Ungabahawukeli abantu abaxhwalileyo,
ungafisi ubungane labo;
2 ngoba ezingqondweni zabo bahlose udlakela,
lezindebe zabo zikhuluma ngokuvusa umsindo.

3 Indlu yakhiwa ngokuhlakanipha,
imiswe ngokuzwisisa;
4 amakamelo ayo agcwaliswe ngolwazi,
agcwaliswe ngemiceciso yakude eligugu.

5 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla amakhulu,
njalo umuntu ololwazi uyandisa amandla;
6 ukuthi unqobe empini kufunakala izeluleko,
lokunqoba kudinga abeluleki abanengi.

7 Ukuhlakanipha kuphakeme kakhulu koyisiwula;
enkundleni kalalutho angalukhuluma.

8 Lowo oceba ububi
uzakwaziwa njengomacebomabi.
9 Amacebo obuwula ayisono,
njalo abantu bayasizonda isideleli.

10 Nxa uthikaza ngezikhathi zenhlupheko,
mancinyane kanganani amandla akho!

11 Bahlangule labo abaholelwa ekufeni;
banqande labo abadayizela besiya ekubulaweni.
12 Nxa usithi, “Angithi besingazi lutho ngalokhu,”
kambe lowo ohlola inhliziyo kakuboni lokho na?
Kakwazi lokho yini onguye olinda ukuphila kwakho na?
Akayikuvuza ubani lobani ngakwenzileyo na?

13 Dlana uluju ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile;
uluju olujuluka ekhekhebeni lumnandi luyanambitheka.
14 Yazi njalo ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kumnandi emphefumulweni wakho,
aluba ukuzuza ikusasa lakho lilethemba elihle,
njalo ithemba lakho aliyikudaniswa.

15 Ungacathameli indlu yomuntu olungileyo njengesigebenga,
ungawuhlaseli umuzi wakhe;
16 ngoba loba angaze awe kasikhombisa umuntu olungileyo uyavuka futhi,
kodwa ababi babhazalaliswa yizinhlupheko.

17 Ungathatshiswa yikuwa kwesitha sakho;
nxa sikhubeka ungavumeli inhliziyo yakho ithokoze,
18 ngoba UTHIXO uzakubona lokho
asole abesepholisa ulaka lwakhe kuso isitha.

19 Ungazikhathazi ngenxa yabantu ababi
loba ubahawukele abaxhwalileyo,
20 ngoba umuntu omubi akalalo ithemba lakusasa,
njalo isibane sezixhwali sizacinywa.

21 Yesaba UTHIXO lombusi, ndodana yami,
ungangenelani labahlamuki,
22 ngoba laba bobabili bazakwehlisa ulaka lubabhubhise,
ngoba phela ngubani kambe okwaziyo ukubhubhisa abangakwehlisa?

Amanye Amazwi Ahlakaniphileyo

23 La ngamanye amazwi ezihlakaniphi:
Ukwahlulela ngobandlululo kakulunganga:
24 Loba ngubani othi kolecala, “Umsulwa,”
abantu bonke bazamqalekisa
lezizwe zonke zizamhlamukela.
25 Kodwa kuzabalungela labo abamlahlayo olecala,
lezibusiso ezinengi zizabehlela.

26 Impendulo eqotho
injengokwangiwa ezindebeni.

27 Qeda umsebenzi wakho waphandle
ulungise lamasimu akho;
kuthi-ke usuqedile wakhe indlu yakho.

28 Ungafakazi ngokubethela umakhelwane kungelamlandu,
kumbe usebenzise izindebe zakho ukhohlisa.

29 Ungabokuthi, “Ngizakwenza kuye njengoba enze kimi;
ngizahlawulisa ngalokho angenze khona.”

30 Ngedlula ensimini yevilavoxo,
ngedlula esivinini somuntu ongelangqondo;
31 ameva ayesekhula indawo yonke,
indawo yonke isithe phethu ukhula,
lomduli wamatshe usudilikile.
32 Ngakunanzelela konke engangikubona
ngafunda isifundo kulokho engakubonayo:
33 Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane,
ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula,
34 ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela
lokuswela njengesigebenga.

Ezinye Izaga ZikaSolomoni

25

1 Lezi ngezinye njalo izaga zikaSolomoni, ezabhalwa yizinceku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda:
2 Kuyinkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ukufihla indaba;
ukuchwayisisa indaba ludumo lwababusi.
3 Njengalokhu izulu liphakeme lomhlaba ujulile,
kanjalo imicabango yamakhosi kayifinyelelwa.

4 Susa amakhafutha ahlangene lesiliva
umkhandi athole ukulungisa isitsha sihle;
5 susa abantu ababi phambi kwenkosi,
isihlalo sayo sizaqiniswa ngokulunga.

6 Ungaziphakamisi phambi kwenkosi,
ungaziphendleli indawo phakathi kwezikhulu;
7 kuba ngcono ukuthi yona ithi, “Woza uhlale ngapha,”
kulokuthi yona ikwehlise phambi kwezikhulu.

Lokho okubonileyo ngawakho amehlo
8 ungaphangisi ukukubika emthethwandaba,
ngoba uzathini nxa umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisa?

9 Nxa ungaya edale lomakhelwane wakho
ungahambi usuhlabela imfihlo yenu,
10 funa lowo okuzwayo akuyangise
uhlale usungumuntu olebizo elibi.

11 Ilizwi elikhulunywe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo
linjengama-aphula egolide
ananyekwe emcepheni wesiliva.
12 Njengecici legolide kumbe umceciso wegolide elicengiweyo
kunjalo ukukhuza komuntu ohlakaniphileyo, kolalelayo.

13 Njengokuqanda kongqwaqwane ngesikhathi sokuvuna

sinjalo isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo;
sivuselela imiphefumulo yabaphathi baso.
14 Njengamayezi lomoya okungalethi izulu
unjalo umuntu ozikhukhumeza ngamandla angelawo.

15 Ngokubekezela inkosi ingancengwa ize ivume,
lolimi oluthambileyo lungalephula ithambo.

16 Nxa uthole inyosi, dlana okwaneleyo
ungedlulisi amalawulo, uzazihlanza.
17 Ungabi ngunsukuzonke endlini kamakhelwane wakho
uzacina usumdaka abesekuzonda.

18 Unjengesagila loba inkemba kumbe umtshoko obukhali
umuntu ofakaza amanga ngomakhelwane wakhe.
19 Njengezinyo elibuhlungu loba unyawo olwenyeleyo
kunjalo ukweyama emuntwini ongathembekanga
ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka.
20 Njengomuntu okhumula ibhatshi mhla kumakhaza,
loba njengokuthela iviniga phakathi kwesoda
unjalo ohlabelela izingoma emuntwini odabukileyo.

21 Nxa isitha sakho silambile siphe ukudla sidle;
nxa somile siphe amanzi sinathe.
22 Ngokwenza lokho, umokhela amalahle avuthayo ekhanda,
njalo UTHIXO uzakubusisa.

23 Njengomoya wasenyakatho uletha izulu,
lunjalo ulimi olulobuqili luvusa ulaka.

24 Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla lwendlu
kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo.

25 Njengamanzi aqandayo emuntwini okhatheleyo,
zinjalo izindaba ezimnandi ezivela elizweni elikude.
26 Njengesiziba esidungekileyo loba umthombo ongcolileyo
unjalo umuntu olungileyo odedela umuntu omubi.

27 Kakukuhle ukudla inyosi wedlulise,
njalo kakulasithunzi ukuzidingela ukudunyiswa.

28 Njengedolobho eselidilikelwe ngumthangala walo
unjalo umuntu ongazithintiyo.

26

1 Njengongqwaqwane ehlobo loba izulu ebusika
kanjalo udumo alusifanelanga isiwula.
2 Njengentaka ephaphazelayo loba inkonjane entwezayo,
sinjalo isiqalekiso esingelasizatho kasinamatheli.
3 Isiswebhu ngesebhiza, amatomu ngakababhemi,
loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula!

4 Ungabophendula isiwula ngendlela yobuwula baso,
funa ubenjengaso wena ngokwakho.
5 Phendula isiwula ngendlela yobuwula baso,
sizabona kungathi sihlakaniphile.
6 Njengokuziquma inyawo zakho loba ukunatha itshefu,
kunjalo ukuthumela umlayezo ngesiwula.
7 Njengemilenze eqhugezelayo eyomuntu oqhulayo
sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwula.
8 Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni
kunjalo ukupha udumo koyisiwula.
9 Njengogatsha lwameva luphethwe yisidakwa
sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwula.
10 Njengomtshoko ociba loba ngubani odlulayo
unjalo oqhatsha isiwula loba umuntu ozedlulelayo.
11 Njengenja ebuyela emahlanzweni ayo
kanjalo isiwula siyabuphinda ubuthutha baso.
12 Uyambona yini umuntu ozibona engohlakaniphileyo?
Kulethemba elingcono ngesiwula kulaye.

13 Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane endleleni,
kulesilwane emigwaqweni!”
14 Njengesivalo esitshibilika ngamabhanti aso
kanjalo ivila liphenduka embhedeni walo.
15 Ivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini;
livilaphe ukusa isandla emlonyeni lidle.
16 Ivila lizibona lihlakaniphile kakhulu
okwedlula abantu abayisikhombisa abangaphendula ngokuhlakanipha.

17 Njengomuntu odonsa inja ngendlebe
unjalo umuntu othi edlula angenele ingxabano ingesiyakhe.

18 Njengohlanya luphosa izikhuni zomlilo
kumbe imitshoko ebulalayo,
19 injalo indoda ephoxa umakhelwane wayo
ibisisithi, “Bengizidlalela nje!”

20 Nxa kungaselankuni umlilo uyacima;
nxa kungaselakunyeya ukuxabana kuyaphela.
21 Njengamalahle avuthayo loba njengenkuni emlilweni,
unjalo umuntu othanda ingxabano ekuvuseni inkani.
22 Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco;
angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu.

23 Njengesiliva egcotshwe esitsheni sebumba sikhazimule
kunjalo ukuthakazelela kwezindebe zenhliziyo elobubi.
24 Umuntu olenhliziyo embi uvala ngezindebe ezimnandi,
kodwa enhliziyweni yakhe ufihle inkohliso.
25 Loba ukukhuluma kwakhe kumnandi,
kodwa ungaze wamkholwa,
ngoba inhliziyo yakhe igcwele izithuko eziyisikhombisa.

26 Inzondo yakhe angayivala ngobuqili,
kodwa ububi bakhe buzavezwa obala ebantwini.
27 Umuntu angagebha umgodi, uzawela kuwo;
umuntu angagiqa ilitshe,
lizaphenduka ligiqikele phezu kwakhe.
28 Ulimi oluqamba amanga luyabazonda labo olubalimazayo,
lomlomo okhohlisayo uletha incithakalo.

27

1 Ungazincomi ngelakusasa,
ngoba kawukwazi ukuthi liza lithweleni.

2 Yekela omunye akudumise, hatshi owakho umlomo;
akube ngomunye, kungabi ngezakho izindebe.

3 Ilitshe liyasinda, itshebetshebe ngumthwalo onzima,
kodwa ukucatshulwa yisiwula kunzima okudlula kokubili.

4 Ulaka lulolunya lentukuthelo iyagabha,
kambe ngubani ongema phambi komhawu na?

5 Kungcono ukuthukwa obala
kulokuthandwa ngokufihlakeleyo.

6 Ukulinyazwa ngumngane kakwesabeki,
kodwa isitha sikwanga sedlulise amalawulo.

7 Osuthiyo kathakazeleli uluju oluvela ekhekhebeni,
kodwa kolambileyo lokubabayo kunambitheka mnandi.

8 Njengenyoni elahleka esidlekeni sayo,
unjalo umuntu otshiya umuzi wakhe.

9 Amakha lempepha kuletha intokozo enhliziyweni,
lobumnandi bomngane busuka ezelulekweni zakhe eziqinileyo.

10 Ungadeli umngane wakho lomngane kayihlo,
futhi ungayi endlini yomfowenu nxa wehlelwe yizinhlupheko
ungcono umakhelwane eduze kolomfowenu okhatshana.

11 Hlakanipha, ndodana, ulethe intokozo enhliziyweni yami;
lapho ngizakwazi ukumphendula ongeyisayo.

12 Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe,
kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena enkathazweni.

13 Thatha isigqoko salowo owenzela owemzini isibambiso;
sigcine njengesithembiso aluba esenzela umfazi ongelasimilo.

14 Uba umuntu evukisa umakhelwane wakhe ngokumnqolonga ekuseni kakhulu,

kuzathiwa uyamqalekisa.

15 Umfazi olenkani
unjengamathonsi angapheliyo mhlana kusina;
16 ukumkhuza kufana lokukhuza umoya
loba lokubamba okulamagcobo ngesandla.

17 Njengensimbi ilola insimbi,
kanjalo indoda ikhaliphisa enye.

18 Lowo onakekela isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla izithelo zawo,
kuthi lowo olondoloza umqhatshi wakhe abelodumo.

19 Njengamanzi etshengisa ubuso bomuntu,
kanjalo inhliziyo yomuntu itshengisa ayikho khona.

20 UKufa leNcithakalo kakusuthi,
anjalo lamehlo omuntu.

21 Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni imvutho ngeyegolide,
kodwa abantu bahlolwa ngodumo lwabo.

22 Ungaze uchole isiwula elitsheni,
usichole njengamabele ngembokodo
kawusoze ubususe ubuwula baso.

23 Woba leqiniso ukuthi uhlala usazi kuhle isimo sezifuyo zakho,
nanzelela imihlambi yakho;
24 ngoba inotho kayiyikuhlala kokuphela,
lomqhele wobukhosi kawuyikuba ngowezizukulwane zonke.
25 Utshani bungaqunywa kuqalise ukuhluma obunye
kuthi bonke obusikiweyo ezintabeni sebubuthiwe,
26 amawundlu azakupha uboya bezigqoko,
lembuzi zikuphe imali elingana intengo yesiqinti.
27 Uzakuba lochago lwembuzi olunengi
olwakho lolwendlu yakho lusuthise lezinceku zakho.

28

1 Umuntu omubi uyabaleka loba engaxotshaniswa muntu,
kodwa abalungileyo balesibindi njengesilwane.

2 Nxa ilizwe lihlamuka liba lababusi abanengi,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo lololwazi ugcina ukuthula.

3 Umbusi oncindezela abayanga
unjengezulu elinengi elikhukhula amabele.

4 Labo abaphikisa umthetho bakhuthaza izigangi,
kodwa labo abawugcinayo bayazenqabela.

5 Abantu ababi kabakuzwisisi ukwahlulela kuhle,
kodwa labo abamdingayo UTHIXO bayakuzwisisa kakhulu.

6 Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngokulunga
kulesinothi esilezindlela zokungcola.

7 Lowo ogcina umthetho yindodana eqedisisayo,
kodwa umngane wezixhwali uyangisa uyise.

8 Lowo owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzaliso
uyibuthela omunye ozaba lomusa kubayanga.

9 Loba ngubani ongawulaleliyo umthetho,
lemikhuleko yakhe izakuba yisinengiso.

10 Lowo oholela olungileyo endleleni embi
uzawela emjibileni wakhe,
kodwa ongelacala uzakwamukela ilifa elihle.

11 Umuntu onothileyo angazibona ingathi uhlakaniphile,
kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uhle abone ukuthi kasumuntu.

12 Nxa olungileyo enqoba kulokujabula okukhulu;
kodwa nxa omubi ethatha umbuso abantu bayacatsha.

13 Lowo ofihla iziphambeko zakhe kayikuphumelela,
kodwa lowo ozivumayo azitshiye ufumana umusa.

14 Ubusisiwe umuntu ohlala emesaba UTHIXO,
kodwa lowo oyenza lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe uwela enkathazweni.

15 Njengesilwane esibhongayo loba ibhele elihlaselayo
unjalo umuntu omubi nxa ebusa abantu abangelamandla.

16 Umbusi oncindezelayo wehluleka ukwahlulela kuhle,
kodwa lowo ozonda inzuzo yokuganga uzakuba lempilo ende.

17 Umuntu odliwa ngumzwangedwa wokubulala omunye
uzaba ngohlala ebaleka aze ayokufa;
akungabi lomuntu omsekelayo.

18 Lowo ompilo yakhe ingelacala uvikelekile,
kodwa ondlela zakhe zixhwalile uzakuwa masinyane.

19 Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uzathola ukudla okunengi,
kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize uzakuba ngumyanga onukayo.

20 Umuntu othembekileyo uzabusiswa ngokuphumelela,
kodwa ogijimela ukunotha kayikuphepha ekujezisweni.

21 Ukubandlulula abantu kakulunganga

ikanti umuntu uyona ukuze azuze ucezu lwesinkwa.

22 Umuntu oncitshanayo utshisekela ukunotha
kodwa kaboni ukuthi unyenyelwa yibuyanga.

23 Lowo okhuza umuntu uzacina esethandeka
kulalowo ololimi olukhohlisayo.

24 Lowo ontshontshela uyise loba unina
athi, “Akusinto embi”
ungumngane lomuntu obhidlizayo.

25 Umuntu olomhawu ubanga ingxabano,
kodwa lowo omethembayo UTHIXO uzaphumelela.

26 Lowo ozithembayo yena uyisiwula,
kodwa lowo ohamba ngenhlakanipho uvikelekile.

27 Lowo opha abayanga kayikuswela lutho,
kodwa ovala amehlo ingathi kababoni uzuza iziqalekiso ezinengi.

28 Lapho izigangi zisiba yiziphathamandla abantu bayacatsha;
kodwa nxa kusifa izixhwali abalungileyo bayaphumelela.

29

1 Umuntu oqinisa intamo phezu kokukhuzwa kanengi
uzabhujiswa ngesikhatshana kungabi lokuphepha.

2 Lapho kuphumelela abalungileyo abantu bayajabula;
nxa kubusa izixhwali abantu bayabubula.

3 Umuntu othanda ukuhlakanipha uletha intokozo kuyise,
kodwa ohamba lezifebe utshaphaza inotho yakhe.

4 Ngokubusa kuhle inkosi iyaliqinisa ilizwe layo,
kodwa leyo elihaga lezivalamlomo iyalibhidliza.

5 Loba ngubani okhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe
uzendlalela umambule wokuzithiya.

6 Umuntu omubi uthiywa yisono sakhe,
kodwa umuntu olungileyo angahlabela athokoze.

7 Olungileyo uyawananza amalungelo abayanga,
kodwa ababi kabazidubi ngalokho.

8 Izideleli zingalidunga idolobho,
kodwa abantu abahlakaniphileyo bayaludedisa ulaka.

9 Nxa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo esiya emthethwandaba lesiwula,

isiwula siyatshinga sibhede kube lomsindo.

10 Abadinga ukuchitha igazi bayamzonda umuntu oqotho
njalo badinga ukubulala abalungileyo.

11 Isiwula siyalukhihliza lonke ulaka lwaso,
kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithiba.

12 Nxa umbusi elalela amanga,
zonke izikhulu zakhe ziba zimbi.

13 Umyanga lomncindezeli bakanye kulokhu:
UTHIXO uvula amehlo abo bobabili.

14 Nxa inkosi isahlulela abayanga kungelabandlululo,
isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sizaqina.

15 Uswazi lokuqondisa lunika ukuhlakanipha,
kodwa umntwana oyekelwayo uhlazisa unina.

16 Nxa ababi bephumelela, lesono laso siyaphumelela,
kodwa abalungileyo bazabawisa.

17 Qondisa indodana yakho, izakupha ukuthula;
izaletha injabulo emphefumulweni wakho.

18 Lapho okungekho khona isambulelo,
abantu badela ukuzithiba;
kodwa ubusisiwe lowo ogcina umlayo.

19 Inceku kayiqondiswa ngamazwi nje wodwa,
loba izwisisa kayiyikukwenza ekutshelwayo.

20 Uyambona umuntu owalazela ukukhuluma?
Kulethemba elingcono esiwuleni kulaye.

21 Umuntu ototoza inceku yakhe isakhula,
leyonceku izamthwalisa nzima ekucineni.

22 Umuntu othukuthelayo udala ingxabano,
kodwa lowo olicaphucaphu wenza izono ezinengi.

23 Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuyamehlisa,
kodwa umuntu ozehlisayo uzuza udumo.

24 Osizana lesela uyazizonda yena;
usezifungise kulo ngakho ngeke afakaze iqiniso.

25 Ukwesaba abantu kuba yizithiyo,
kodwa lowo othemba UTHIXO uzaphepha.

26 Abanengi bazama ukuzisondeza kumbusi,
kodwa ukwahlulela okuhle kuvela kuTHIXO.

27 Abalungileyo bayabenyanya abangathembekanga;
abaxhwalileyo bayabenyanya abalungileyo.

Izitsho Zika-Aguri

30

1 Amazwi ka-Aguri indodana kaJakhe, amazwi ahlakaniphileyo:
Umuntu lo wathi ku-Ithiyeli:

“Ngikhathele, Oh Nkulunkulu,
kodwa ngizophumelela.

2 Angilalwazi okudlula bonke abantu;
angilakho ukuzwisisa komuntu.
3 Angikufundanga ukuhlakanipha
njalo kangilalwazi ngaye oNgcwele.
4 Ngubani oseke waya ezulwini waphinda wehla na?
Ngubani oseke wafumbatha umoya ngesandla sakhe na?
Ngubani oseke wagoqela amanzi ngesigqoko sakhe na?
Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba na?
Lingubani ibizo lakhe, lebizo lendodana yakhe?
Ngitshela nxa usazi!

5 Wonke amazwi kaNkulunkulu akalamposiso;
uyisihlangu kulabo abacatsha kuye.
6 Ungengezeleli emazwini akhe,
funa akukhuze akwenze umqambimanga.

7 Zimbili izinto engizicela kuwe, Oh THIXO;
ungangincitshi zona ngingakafi:
8 Susa kimi inkohliso lamanga;
ungangiphi ubuyanga loba inotho,
kodwa ungiphe kuphela ukudla kwami kwansukuzonke.
9 Phela ngingaba lokunengi kakhulu ngikuphike wena
ngithi, ‘Ungubani uTHIXO?’
loba ngibengumyanga ngintshontshe;
ngalokho ngiliyangise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami.

10 Ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo,
ngoba izakuqalekisa ungene enkathazweni.

11 Bakhona abathuka oyise,
abangababusisiyo onina;
12 labo abazibona belungile
ikanti kabahlambululwanga emanyaleni abo;
13 labo abamehlo abo ahlezi egcwele ulaka,
abakhangela ngokudelela;

14 labo omazinyo abo zinkemba,
omihlathi yabo inanyathiselwe izingqamu
ukuze baginye abayanga baphele emhlabeni,
labaswelayo abaphakathi kwabantu.

15 Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili;
ayamemeza athi, ‘Siphe! Siphe!’

Zintathu izinto ezingasuthiyo,
zine ezingakaze zithi, ‘Sekwanele!’:
16 lingcwaba
yisisu senyumba,
lomhlabathi ongasuthiyo amanzi,
lomlilo ongezukufa wathi, ‘Sekwanele!’

17 Ilihlo elihleka uyise,
elidelela ukulalela unina,
lizakotsholwa ngamawabayi asesigodini,
lizadliwa ngamanqe.

18 Kukhona izinto ezintathu ezingimangalisayo kakhulu,
ezine engingazizwisisiyo:
19 indlela yengqungqulu emkhathini,
umzila wenyoka edwaleni,
indlela yomkhumbi olwandle,
lendlela yejaha lentombi.

20 Le yindlela yesiphingikazi:
siyadla sesule umlomo waso
besesisithi, ‘Angenzanga lutho olubi.’

21 Zintathu izinto ezizamazamisa umhlaba,
zine ongeke uzithwale:
22 yinceku ebayinkosi,
yisiwula esisuthiyo,
23 ngumfazi owendileyo ongathandwayo,
lencekukazi ethathela inkosikazi indoda.

24 Kukhona emhlabeni izinto ezine ezincinyane,
ikanti-ke zihlakaniphile kakhulu:
25 Ubunyonyo kabulamandla anganani,
kodwa buyabuthelela ukudla kwabo ehlobo;
26 lezimbila ziyizidalwa ezilamandla angatsho lutho,
kodwa zenza izikhundla zazo ezingoxweni zamadwala;
27 izintethe kazilankosi,
kodwa zihamba ziludibi olwesabekayo;
28 umbankwa ungabanjwa ngesandla,
kodwa ungena lasezigodlweni zamakhosi.

29 Kulezinto ezintathu ezihamba zinqekuza kamnandi,
zine ezihamba zibeka kamnandi:

30 yisilwane, esilamandla esabekayo phakathi kwezilo, esingabalekeli lutho;
31 liqhude eliditshazelayo,
yimpongo,
njalo lenkosi nxa ihanqwe libutho layo.

32 Nxa ube yisithutha waziphakamisa,
kumbe nxa wakhe amacebo okwenza okubi,
vala umlomo wakho ngesandla sakho.
33 Ngoba njengokuphehla uchago kudala iphehla,
lanjengoba ukugubha amakhala kubanga umungula,
kunjalo ukuvusa ulaka kudala ingxabano.”

Izitsho Zenkosi ULemuweli

31

1 Amazwi enkosi uLemuweli, amazwi enhlakanipho awafundiswa ngunina:
2 Oh, ndodana yami! Oh ndodana yethumbu lami!
Oh, ndodana yezifungo zami,
3 ungadlalisi amandla akho ebafazini,
izifutho zakho kulabo abadiliza amakhosi.

4 Kakusikho kwamakhosi, bakithi Lemuweli
kakusikho kwamakhosi ukunatha iwayini,
kakusikho kwababusi ukunxwanela utshwala,
5 funa badakwe bakhohlwe izimiso zomthetho,
behluleke ukumisela kuhle abahluphekayo amalungelo abo.
6 Phana utshwala kulabo abavele sebezifele,
iwayini kulabo abalosizi olukhulu;
7 kabanathe bakhohlwe ubuyanga babo
bakhohlwe nya usizi lwabo.

8 Bamele labo abehlulekayo ukuzikhulumela,
uwamele amalungelo alabo abangelalutho.
9 Khuluma njalo wahlulele ngokulunga;
alwele amalungelo abayanga labaswelayo.

Amazwi okuphetha: Umfazi Oncomekayo

10 Ngubani na ongathola umfazi olesimilo?
Uligugu elidlula kakhulu amatshe amahle.
11 Indoda yakhe iyamthemba ngokupheleleyo
njalo kayisweli lutho oluqakathekileyo.
12 Uyenzela okuhle, hatshi okubi,
empilweni yakhe yonke.
13 Uyakhetha kuhle iwulu lesikusha
akweluke kuhle ngezandla ezikhutheleyo.
14 Unjengemikhumbi yabathengisi,
eletha ukudla okuvela kude.
15 Uvuka ekuseni kusesemnyama;
alungisele abomuzi wakhe ukudla
abele lezincekukazi zakhe.
16 Uyayihlolisisa insimu mandulo kokuyithenga;
ngalokho akuzuzayo uyahlanyela isivini sakhe.
17 Uwubamba ngokukhuthala umsebenzi wakhe;

aqinise izingalo zakhe emsebenzini.
18 Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa kwakhe kulenzuzo,
lokuthi isibane sakhe kasicimi ebusuku.
19 Uphatha uluthi lokuphotha ngesandla sakhe
abesebamba ngeminwe yakhe isigudugudu sokweluka.
20 Welulela izandla zakhe kubayanga
njalo ulezandla ezilula kwabaswelayo.
21 Lapho kukhithika ungqwaqwane, kalakwesaba ngabendlu yakhe;
ngoba bonke bagqoke ezibomvu.
22 Wendlala amalembu ombheda wakhe;
agqoke ilineni elihle lezigqoko eziyibubende.
23 Indoda yakhe iyahlonitshwa enkundleni
lapho efika ihlale khona ndawonye labadala belizwe.
24 Uthunga izigqoko zelineni azithengise,
abathengi bemigaxo bayizuza kuye.
25 Wembethe amandla lesithunzi;
uyahleka loba kusiza insuku ezimbi.
26 Ukhuluma ngenhlakanipho,
lezeluleko eziqondileyo zisolimini lwakhe.
27 Unqinekela ezomuzi wakhe
njalo kadli isinkwa sobuvila.
28 Abantwabakhe bayambonga bathi ubusisiwe;
lendoda yakhe layo iyamdumisa ithi,
29 “Banengi abafazi abenza izimangaliso zobuhle,
kodwa wena uyabedlula bonke.”
30 Ukubukeka kuyakhohlisa, lobuhle buyaphela;
kodwa umfazi owesaba UTHIXO kadunyiswe.
31 Kaphiwe umvuzo wobuhle abenzayo,
imisebenzi yakhe imlethele udumo enkundleni.

UMtshumayeli

Konke Kuyize

1 Amazwi oMtshumayeli, indodana kaDavida inkosi yaseJerusalema:
2 “Ize! Ize!”
kutsho uMtshumayeli.
“Ize elipheleleyo!
Konke kuyize.”

3 Umuntu uzuzani ngawo wonke umsebenzi wakhe awusebenza nzima
ngaphansi kwelanga?
4 Izizukulwane ziyafika, izizukulwane ziyedlula,
kodwa umhlaba umi lanini.
5 Ilanga liyaphuma njalo ilanga liyatshona,
liphinde liphange libuyele lapho eliphuma khona.
6 Umoya uphephethela eningizimu
ujike uye enyakatho;
uyabhoda, ubhode njalo
ujinge ubuyela endleleni yawo.
7 Zonke izifula zigelezela olwandle,
kodwa ulwandle kalugcwali.
Endaweni lapho izifula ezidabuka khona
zicina zibuyela khona njalo.
8 Zonke izinto ziyadina,
lokho okungelandiswe muntu.
Ilihlo kalidinwa yikubona,
lendlebe layo kayigcwali ngokuzwa.
9 Lokho okwake kwaba khona kuzakuba khona njalo;
okwake kwenziwa kuzakwenziwa njalo;
akulalutho olutsha ngaphansi kwelanga.
10 Kukhona yini umuntu angathi ngakho,
“Khangela! Lolulutho lutsha?”
Selwake lwaba khona ngaphambili, kudala;
lwalukhona singakabi khona.
11 Kayikho imikhumbulo ngabantu bakudala,
njalo lalabo abezayo abayikukhunjulwa
yilabo abalandelayo.

Ukuhlakanipha Kuyize

12 Mina Mtshumayeli, ngangiyinkosi yako-Israyeli eJerusalema. 13 Ngazinikela ekufundeni lokudingisisa ngolwazi konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwezulu. Unzima kangakanani umthwalo uNkulunkulu awethese abantu! 14 Sengizibonile zonke izinto ezenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga; zonke kazitsho lutho, kuyikuxotshana lomoya.
15 Okutshileneyo kungaze kwaqondiswa;
okungekho kungaze kwabalwa.
16 Ngacabanga ngedwa ngathi, “Khangela, sengikhulile njalo kwanda ukuhlakanipha kwami okudlula bonke asebake babusa eJerusalema ngaphambi kwami; sengibe lakho ukuhlakanipha okukhulu lolwazi.” 17 Ngasengizimisela ukuzwisisa

ukuhlakanipha, njalo lokuphambana ingqondo lobuwula, kodwa ngafunda ukuthi
lokhu lakho kuyikuxotshana lomoya.
18 Phela ngokwanda kokuhlakanipha kuyanda lokukhathazeka;
ukwandisa ulwazi yikwandisa usizi.

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Ukuzithokozisa Kakusizi Lutho

1 Ngacabanga ngenhliziyo ngathi, “Kulungile, ake ngizame ukuzithokozisa ngibone
ingabe kuhle yini.” Kodwa lokho lakho kwakhanya kuyize. 2 Ngathi, “Ukuhleka
kuyibuthutha. Ukuzithokozisa khona kusizani?” 3 Ngazama ukuzithabisa ngewayini,
ngisenza ubuwula kodwa ingqondo yami ilokhu ingikhokhela ngokuhlakanipha.
Ngangifuna ukubona ukuthi kuyini okumlungeleyo umuntu ukuthi akwenze lapha
ngaphansi kwezulu ngezinsukwana lezo zokuphila kwakhe.
4 Ngaqalisa imisebenzi emikhulu: ngazakhela izindlu ngahlanyela amavini.
5 Ngasungula izivande lezigcawu zokubukwa ngahlanyela kuzo yonke imihlobo
yezihlahla lezithelo. 6 Ngenza iziziba zamanzi okuthelela izihlahla ezazikhula
kuhle. 7 Ngathenga izigqili zesilisa lezesifazane, ngilezinye futhi izigqili ezazalelwa
emzini wami. Ngaba lemihlambihlambi yenkomo lezimvu okwedlula bonke abake
babakhona eJerusalema ngaphambi kwami. 8 Ngabuthelela isiliva legolide, kanye
lempahla yamakhosi eligugu ivela ezigodini. Ngazidingela abahlabeleli besilisa
labesifazane, lesithembo esikhulu, khona okujabulisa inhliziyo yendoda. 9 Ngaba
mkhulu ngokwedluleyo kulaloba ngubani owaba seJerusalema ngaphambi kwami.
Phakathi kwayo yonke inyakanyaka le ukuhlakanipha kwami kwahlala kukhona.
10 Angizincitshanga lutho olwalufiswa ngamehlo ami;
inhliziyo yami angiyalelanga layiphi intokozo.
Inhliziyo yami yathokoza ngawo wonke umsebenzi wami,
lokhu kwaba ngumvuzo wezithukuthuku zami.
11 Kanti lanxa ngahlolisisa konke okwenziwa yizandla zami
lalokho engangibhensela ukukuzuza,
konke kwakuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya;
kwakungela nzuzo ngaphansi kwelanga.

Ukuhlakanipha Lobuwula Kuyize

12 Ngasengigxilisa imicabango yami ekuhlolisiseni ukuhlakanipha,
njalo lobuhlanya kanye lobuwula.
Kambe angenzani othatha isikhundla senkosi
ngaphandle kwalokho obekuvele sekwenziwe?
13 Ngabona ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulobuwula,
njengokukhanya kungcono kulomnyama.
14 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamehlo ekhanda,
ikanti isiwula sihamba ebumnyameni;
kodwa ngacina sengibona
ukuthi isiphetho sabo bonke sinye.
15 Ngasengicabanga enhliziyweni yami ngathi,
“Isiphetho sesiwula sizangehlela lami.
Pho, ngizuzani ngokuhlakanipha?”
Ngathi ngenhliziyo yami,
“Lokhu lakho kuyize.”
16 Ngoba umuntu ohlakaniphileyo, njengesiwula,
akazukukhunjulwa kokuphela;

ngezinsuku ezizayo bobabili bazakhohlakala.
Njengesiwula, umuntu ohlakaniphileyo laye uzakufa!

Ukusebenza Nzima Kuyize

17 Yikho-ke ngasengikuzonda ukuphila, ngoba umsebenzi owenziwayo ngaphansi
kwelanga wawubuhlungu kimi. Wonke uyize, yikuxotshana lomoya. 18 Ngazizonda
zonke izinto engangiziginqele ngaphansi kwelanga, ngoba ngimele ngitshiyele lowo
oza ngemva kwami. 19 Njalo ngubani owaziyo ingabe uzakuba ngumuntu ohlaka-
niphileyo loba isiwula? Kodwa nguye ozalawula wonke umsebenzi wamaginqo
ami lobungcitshi bami. Lokhu lakho kuyize. 20 Ngalokho inhliziyo yami yaqalisa
ukuphela amandla ngikhumbula konke lokho engakuginqelayo ngaphansi kwelanga.
21 Ngoba umuntu angenza umsebenzi wakhe ngokuhlakanipha, ngolwazi langamasu,
kodwa utshiyela konke alakho komunye ongazange akusebenzele. Lokhu lakho
kuyize, kungumnyama. 22 Umuntu uzuzani ngakho konke ukusebenza nzima
langokutshikatshika kabuhlungu lapha emhlabeni? 23 Ubuhlungu umsebenzi wakhe
awenzayo kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe; kwala kanye lebusuku umkhumbulo
wakhe kawuphumuli. Lokhu lakho kuyize.
24 Akukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphandle kokuthi adle, anathe njalo azuze
ukusuthiseka ngomsebenzi wakhe. Lokhu lakho ngiyakubona ukuthi kuvela kuNku-
lunkulu, 25 ngoba ngaphandle kwakhe ngubani ongadla kumbe azuze intokozo?
26 Kulowo omthokozisayo uNkulunkulu umupha ukuhlakanipha, ulwazi lokuthaba,
kodwa koyisoni umupha umsebenzi wokuqoqa lokulonda inotho ukuze ayiphe lowo
othokozisa uNkulunkulu. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya.

3

Konke Kulesikhathi Sakho

1 Zonke izinto zilesikhathi sazo,
konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga kulesibanga sakho:

2 isikhathi sokuzalwa lesikhathi sokufa,
isikhathi sokuhlanyela lesikhathi sokusiphuna,
3 isikhathi sokubulala lesikhathi sokuphilisa,
isikhathi sokubhidliza lesikhathi sokwakha,
4 isikhathi sokukhala lesikhathi sokuhleka,
isikhathi sokulila lesikhathi sokugida,
5 isikhathi sokuchithiza amatshe lesikhathi sokuwabutha,
isikhathi sokugona lesikhathi sokunina,
6 isikhathi sokudinga lesikhathi sokukhalala,
isikhathi sokugcina lesikhathi sokulahla,
7 isikhathi sokudabula lesikhathi sokuthunga,
isikhathi sokuthula lesikhathi sokukhuluma,
8 isikhathi sokuthanda lesikhathi sokuzonda,
isikhathi sempi lesikhathi sokuthula.

9 Umuntu osebenzayo uzuzani na ngokusadalala kwakhe? 10 Sengiwubonile
umthwalo uNkulunkulu awethese abantu. 11 Yonke into uyenze yabanhle ngesikhathi
sayo. Wamupha umuntu iphakade enhliziyweni yakhe; kodwa abantu bangeke
bafinyelele kulokho uNkulunkulu asakwenzayo kwasekuqaleni kusiya ekupheleni.
12 Ngiyakwazi ukuthi kakukho okungcono ebantwini kulokuthi bajabule njalo benze
okuhle besaphila. 13 Ukuthi wonke umuntu adle, anathe asuthiseke ekusebenzeni
kwakhe gadalala, lokhu kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu. 14 Ngiyazi yonke into eyenziwa

nguNkulunkulu izakuba khona kokuphela; akulalutho olungengezwa kukho loba
kususwe kukho. UNkulunkulu uyenza lokho ukuze abantu bamkhonze.
15 Loba yini ekhona seyake yaba khona,
kulalokho okuzakuba khona sekwaba khona ngaphambili;
njalo uNkulunkulu uzakubalisa okwedlulayo.
16 Njalo ngabona okunye ngaphansi kwelanga:
endaweni yokwahlulela, ububi babukhona,
endaweni yokulungisa, ububi babukhona.
17 Ngacabanga ngenhliziyo yami,
“UNkulunkulu uzabehlulela
bonke abalungileyo lababi,
ngoba sizaba khona isikhathi sezenzakalo zonke,
isikhathi sawo wonke umsebenzi.”
18 Ngacabanga njalo ngathi, “UNkulunkulu uyabahlola abantu ukuze babone ukuthi
banjengezinyamazana. 19 Isiphetho somuntu siyafana lesezinyamazana; isiphetho
sinye sibalindele bonke: njengoba lokhu kuyafa, kanjalo lokunye kuyafa. Konke
kokubili kulomphefumulo munye; umuntu kangcono kulenyamazana. Konke kuyize.
20 Konke kuya ndawo yinye; konke kuvela othulini, yikho konke kubuyela othulini.
21 Ngubani owaziyo ingabe umphefumulo womuntu uyakhwela uye phezulu kuthi
owenyamazana wehlele phansi phakathi emhlabathini?”
22 Yikho ngabona ukuthi kakukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphandle kokuthi
akholise umsebenzi wakhe ngoba leso yiso isabelo sakhe. Ngoba kambe ngubani
ongamenza ukuthi abone lokho okuzakwenzakala yena esedlule?

4

Ukuhlupheka, Ukusebenza Nzima, Ukuswela Umngane

1 Ngakhangela njalo ngabona konke ukuncindezelwa okwakukhona ngaphansi
kwelanga:
Ngabona inyembezi zabancindezelwayo
babengelabaduduzi;
amandla ayekulaba abancindezelayo
abalaye umduduzi.
2 Ngangifakaza ukuthi abafileyo,
abavele sebefile,
bayathokoza kulabaphilayo,
abalokhu besaphila.
3 Kodwa okungcono kulakho kokubili
ngulowo ongakabikhona,
ongakaboni ububi
obenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga.
4 Ngasengibona ukuthi konke ukusebenza lokuphumelela konke kuvela emhawini
womuntu ngomakhelwane wakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize, kuyikuxotshana lomoya.
5 Isiwula sigoqa izandla zaso
sidilize impilo yaso.
6 Kungcono isandla esisodwa esigcweleyo silokuthula
kulezandla ezimbili ezingagcwalanga ezilomtshikatshika
lokuxotshana lomoya.
7 Njalo ngabona okunye okuyize ngaphansi kwelanga:
8 Kwakulendoda eyayiyodwa zwi;
yayingelandodana loba umfowabo.

Yayisebenza gadalala ingaphumuli,
kodwa amehlo ayo ayengasuthiswa yinotho yayo.
Yabuza yathi, “Ngiginqela bani kangaka,
njalo kungani ngizincitsha intokozo?”
Lokhu lakho kuyize
umsebenzi othelela usizi!

9 Ababili bangcono kuloyedwa,
ngoba balomvuzo obonakalayo ngomsebenzi wabo.
10 Omunye angawa,
umngane wakhe uyamncedisa amvuse.
Kodwa maye lowomuntu owayo
kungelamuntu ongamsiza amvuse!
11 Njalo nxa ababili belala ndawonye bazakhudumezana.
Kanti umuntu angakhudumala kanjani eyedwa na?
12 Loba umuntu engehlulwa nxa eyedwa,
ababili bangazivikela.
Intambo elemicu emithathu kayiqamuki lula.

Ukuphiwa Isikhundla Kuyize

13 Lingcono ijaha elingumyanga kodwa lihlakaniphile kulenkosi endala eyisiwula eyalayo ukwamukela izixwayiso. 14 Ijaha lelo kungabe ngeliphuma ejele libe yinkosi, loba lingelazalelwa ebuyangeni elizweni lalowombuso. 15 Ngabona ukuthi bonke ababephila behamba ngaphansi kwelanga balilandela lelojaha elathatha isikhundla sobukhosi. 16 Amakhosi la (endala lencinyane) kungabe ayelodumo elandelwa ngabantu abanengi abangelakubalwa. Kodwa izizukulwane ezilandelayo azimthandanga lowo owathatha ubukhosi. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya.

5

Mesabe UNkulunkulu

1 Qaphela izinyathelo zakho nxa usiya endlini kaNkulunkulu. Sondela ulalele kulokuthi wenze imihlatshelo yeziwula ezingaziyo ukuthi ziyona.
2 Ungawalazeli ngomlomo wakho,
ungabi lephaphu
uphange uthembise kuNkulunkulu.
UNkulunkulu usezulwini
ikanti wena usemhlabeni,
ngakho kawabe malutshwana amazwi akho.
3 Njengephupho elifika nxa kulezinkathazo ezinengi,
injalo inkulumo yesiwula nxa ilamazwi amanengi.
4 Nxa usenza isifungo kuNkulunkulu, ungaphuzi ukusigcwalisa. Kathokozi ngeziwula; gcwalisa isifungo sakho. 5 Kungcono ukungafungi kulokwenza isifungo ungabe usasigcwalisa. 6 Ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukungenise esonweni. Njalo ungatshingeli isithunywa sethempelini usithi, “Isifungo sami besiyisiphosiso.” UNkulunkulu angakuthukuthelelani lokho okutshoyo abesebhidliza umsebenzi wezandla zakho na? 7 Ukuphupha kanengi lamazwi amanengi kuyize. Ngakho mesabe uNkulunkulu.

Inotho Iyize

8 Nxa ubona abayanga esiqintini bencindezelwa, bencitshwa ukwahlulelwa okuhle kanye lamalungelo, ungamangaliswa yilezozinto; ngoba phela induna nganye

ikhangelwe ngomunye ongaphezu kwayo, kuthi ngaphezu kwabo bonke kube labanye
njalo abangaphezulu. 9 Inala elizweni ngeyomuntu wonke; inkosi ngokwayo ithola
inzuzo ngalokho okuvela emasimini.
10 Lowo othanda imali akaneliswa yiloba yimalini;
lowo othanda inotho akasuthiswa yilokho akuzuzayo.
Lokhu lakho kuyize.

11 Nxa inotho isanda,
bayanda lalabo abayisebenzisayo.
Imsiza ngani umniniyo
ngaphandle kokuyithapha ngamehlo nje kuphela?

12 Bumnandi ubuthongo besisebenzi,
loba sisidla okuncane loba okunengi,
kodwa isinothi
asilali ngenxa yenotho yaso.
13 Sengibone ububi obudanisayo ngaphansi kwelanga:
ubuhaga ngenotho okulimaza umnikazi,
14 loba inotho esuke yachitheka ngomnyama othile,
okuthi nxa umuntu elendodana
ayisayikuthola lutho.
15 Umuntu uphuma esiswini sikanina engelalutho,
njengokufika kwakhe ubuyela enjalo.
Kazuzi lutho olusuka emsebenzini wakhe
angaluphatha ezandleni zakhe.
16 Lobu labo yibubi obudanisayo:
Njengokufika kwakhe, umuntu uzabuyela enjalo,
ngakho uzuzani,
njengoba esebenza esadalalela umoya?
17 Zonke insuku zakhe udlela emnyameni,
ekhathazekile, ehluphekile, ezondile.
18 Ngasengibona ukuthi kuhle kuqondile ukuthi umuntu adle njalo anathe, njalo azuze ukusuthiseka ekutshikatshikeni kwakhe ngomsebenzi ngaphansi kwelanga ngalezonsuku ezilutshwane ezokuphila uNkulunkulu asamuphe zona ngoba lesi yisabelo sakhe. 19 Kunjalo futhi ukuthi nxa uNkulunkulu esipha umuntu inotho lempahla, amvumele ukuthi akholise ngazo, emukele isabelo sakhe athokoze emsebenzini wakhe, lesi yisipho sikaNkulunkulu. 20 Kahlali ekhumbula ngezinsuku zempilo yakhe ngoba uNkulunkulu umenza ahlale ngenjabulo enhliziyweni.

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1 Sengibone obunye ububi ngaphansi kwelanga engibona ukuthi bunzima kakhulu ebantwini: 2 UNkulunkulu upha umuntu inotho lempahla lodumo ukuze angasileli lutho oluloyiswa yinhliziyo yakhe, kodwa uNkulunkulu kamniki amandla okuthi azikholise lezozinto, zikholiswa ngowemzini. Lokhu kuyize, ububi obudanisayo.
3 Umuntu angaba labantwana abalikhulu aphile okweminyaka eminengi; ikanti loba angaze aphile kanganani kodwa nxa engeke akholise inotho yakhe njalo angangcwatshwa ngendlela eqondileyo, ngithi umphunzo ungcono kulaye. 4 Ufika ungasilutho, unyamalale emnyameni lebizo lawo liphelele emnyameni. 5 Loba lowomphunzo ungazange ulibone ilanga loba wazi ulutho usekuphumuleni okungcono kulalowomuntu 6 loba angaze aphile okweminyaka eyinkulungwane iphindwe kabili kodwa angaze akholisa inotho yakhe. Kabayi ndawonye bonke na?

7 Yonke imizamo yomuntu iya emlonyeni wakhe,
kodwa iphango lakhe kaligcwali.
8 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ungcono ngani kulesiwula?
Umuntu ongumyanga uzuzani
ngokwazi ukuziphatha kuhle phambi kwabanye na?
9 Kungcono okubonwa lilihlo
kulokuhwaywa liphango.
Lokhu lakho kuyize,
yikuxotshana lomoya.

10 Loba yini ekhona seyavele yethiwa ibizo,
laloba yini umuntu ayiyo yona kuvele sekusaziwa;
akulamuntu ongaphuthumana
lomunye olamandla kulaye.
11 Ngokwanda kwamazwi
siyancipha lesisindo sawo;
pho kumsiza ngani umuntu?
12 Kambe ngubani okwaziyo okulungele umuntu ekuphileni kwakhe ngensuku ezimbalwa ezingatsho lutho adlula kuzo njengethunzi na? Ngubani ongamtshela okuzakwenzeka ngaphansi kwelanga yena esedlule?

7

Inhlakanipho

1 Ibizo elihle lingcono kulamakha amnandi,
lelanga lokufa lingcono kulelanga lokuzalwa.
2 Kungcono ukuya endlini yesililo
kulokuya endlini yamadili,
ngoba ukufa kuyisiphetho somuntu wonke;
abaphilayo kabakunanzelele lokho.
3 Usizi lungcono kulokuhleka,
ngoba ubuso obudanileyo buyayisiza inhliziyo.
4 Inhliziyo yabahlakaniphileyo isendlini yokulila,
kodwa inhliziyo yeziwula isendlini yokuzithokozisa.
5 Kungcono ukulalela izixwayiso zomuntu ohlakaniphileyo
kulokulalela ingoma yeziwula.
6 Njengokuchachamba kwameva ngaphansi kwembiza,
lunjalo uhleko lweziwula.
Lokhu lakho kuyize.

7 Ukuqilibezela kwenza ohlakaniphileyo abe yisiwula,
lesivalamlomo siyayona inhliziyo.

8 Isiphetho sendaba singcono kulokuqala kwayo,
lokubekezela kungcono kulokuqinisa intamo.
9 Ungaphangisi ukufuthelana ngaphakathi,
ngoba ulaka luhlezi lugonwe yiziwula.

10 Ungaze wathi, “Kungani insuku zayizolo zazingcono kulalezi?”
Ngoba kakukuhle ukubuza imibuzo enjalo.

11 Ukuhlakanipha, njengelifa, kuyinto enhle
njalo kuyabasiza bonke abaphilayo.
12 Ukuhlakanipha kuyisiphephelo
njengoba imali iyisiphephelo,
kodwa ubungcono bolwazi yilobu:
ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kuyayilondoloza impilo yalowo olakho.
13 Nakana ngalokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo:
Ngubani ongakuqondisa
lokho akwenze kwagoba na?
14 Ngezikhathi konke kukuhle, thokoza;
kodwa ngezikhathi zobubi, cabanga ukuthi:
uNkulunkulu ukwenzile lokhu
kanye lalokhuyana njalo.
Ngakho-ke umuntu ngeke akwazi
ukuthi ikusasa lakhe lizakuba yini.
15 Kuyonale impilo yami eyize sengizibonile izinto lezi zombili:
umuntu olungileyo uyafa elungile enjalo,
lomuntu omubi uba lempilo enhle emubi enjalo.
16 Ungalungi wedlulise,
futhi ungabi lokuhlakanipha okweqileyo
kambe uzibulalelani na?
17 Ungaxhwali okudlulisileyo,
njalo ungabi yisiwula
kambe ufelani singakafiki isikhathi sakho?
18 Kuhle ukuthi uthi ubambe lokhu
ungayekeli uphunyukwe ngokunye.
Umuntu owesaba uNkulunkulu kedlulisi amalawulo.

19 Ukuhlakanipha kwenza umuntu ohlakaniphileyo oyedwa abe lamandla
kulababusi abalitshumi edolobheni.

20 Akulamuntu loyedwa olungileyo emhlabeni
owenza okulungileyo ongazake enze isono.

21 Ungaphiki ngokulalela wonke amazwi akhulunywa ngabantu,
funa uzwe inceku yakho ikuthuka
22 ngoba uyakwazi enhliziyweni yakho
ukuthi wena ngokwakho uyawubathuke abanye.
23 Konke lokhu ngakuhlolisisa ngokuhlakanipha ngathi,
“Ngizimisele ukuhlakanipha”
kodwa lokhu kwakungaphezu kwami.
24 Ukuhlakanipha okungabe kukhona,
kukhatshana kakhulu njalo kuzikile kakhulu:
ngubani ongakufinyelela na?
25 Ngasengibeka ingqondo yami ukuthi ngizwisise,
ngidingisise njalo ngichwayisise ukuhlakanipha kanye lesimo sezinto
lokuzwisisa ubuphukuphuku bokuxhwala
lobuhlanya lobuwula.

26 Ngibona ukuthi uyingozi eyedlula ukufa
umfazi ongumjibila,

onhliziyo yakhe iyisithiyo
njalo ozandla zakhe zingamaketane.
Indoda eyesaba uNkulunkulu izaphepha kuye,
kodwa isigangi uzasihilela.
27 Uthi uMtshumayeli, “Khangela, nanku esengikunanzelele:
Ngihlanganisa lokhu lalokhu ngizama ukubona isimo sezinto
28 ngilokhu ngisachwayisisa
kodwa ngingatholi
ngafumanisa indoda eyodwa elungileyo kwabayinkulungwane,
kodwa ngitsho loyedwa umfazi oqondileyo kubo.
29 Yilokhu kuphela esengikufumene:
UNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu wabaqotho,
kodwa abantu basuka bazenzele okwabo.”

8

1 Ngubani onjengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo na?
Ngubani oyaziyo ingcazelo yezinto na?
Ukuhlakanipha kuyabukhanyisa ubuso bomuntu
njalo kuguqula ukunyukubala kwabo.

Hlonipha Inkosi

2 Ngithi hlonipha umlayo wenkosi ngoba wenza isifungo phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
3 Ungawalazeli ukusuka phambi kwenkosi. Ungalumeli ulutho nxa lungaqondanga
ngoba yona ingenza loba yini eyithandayo. 4 Njengoba ilizwi lenkosi lingaphikiswa
ngubani ongathi kuyo, “Kanti wenzani?”
5 Lowo ohlonipha imilayo yayo akayikwehlelwa ngokubi,
lenhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo iyasazi isikhathi lendlela yokwenza.
6 Ngoba into yonke ilesikhathi esiqondileyo lendlela yokwenza eqondileyo,
lanxa umuntu eyabe esindwa yizinkathazo zakhe.

7 Njengoba kungekho muntu olaziyo ikusasa,
ngubani pho ongamtshela okuzayo na?
8 Njengoba kungelamuntu olamandla phezu komoyo ovunguzayo
Akulamuntu olamandla phezu kosuku lwakhe lokufa.
Njengoba ibutho lingakhululwa ngesikhathi sempi,
kunjalo ukuxhwala akuyikubakhulula labo abaphila ngakho.
9 Konke lokhu ngakubona lapho ngangihlolisisa ngengqondo yami konke okwen-
ziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga. Kukhona isikhathi lapho umuntu aphatha khona
abanye ngochuku kanti uyazilimaza yena. 10 Ngabona njalo ababi bengcwatshwa,
labo ababehlala befika bahambe endaweni engcwele bazuze udumo kulelodolobho
ababeganga khona. Khona lakho kuyize.
11 Nxa isigwebo secala singenziwanga masinyane, abantu basuka bacabange
ukuqhubeka ngokuganga kwabo. 12 Loba umuntu ogangileyo engenza amacala
alikhulu ajinge aphile okwesikhathi eside, ngiyazi ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono kulabo
abamesabayo uNkulunkulu, abazithobayo kuNkulunkulu. 13 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi
izixhwali kazimesabi uNkulunkulu, kakuzukuzilungela, lezinsuku zazo kaziyuk-
weluleka njengesithunzi.
14 Kukhona njalo enye into eyize eyenzakalayo emhlabeni: abantu abalungileyo
abazuza okufanele ababi, labantu ababi abazuza okufanele abalungileyo. Ngithi
lokhu lakho kudida ingqondo. 15 Ngakho-ke ngikhuthaza ukuzithokozisa empilweni

ngoba kakukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphansi kwelanga kulokuzitika, unathe, uthokoze. Lapho-ke injabulo izahlala injalo kuye emsebenzini wakhe zonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe aziphiwe nguNkulunkulu lapha emhlabeni.
16 Ngathi ngibeka ingqondo yami ekwazini ukuhlakanipha lokunanzelela
imisebenzi yabantu emhlabeni, umuntu engalali imini lobusuku, 17 ngasengibona
konke uNkulunkulu akwenzileyo. Kakho ongaqedisisa okwenzakalayo ngaphansi
kwelanga. Loba umuntu ohlakaniphileyo angazitshaya owaziyo, kodwa angeke
akuqedisise.

9

Isiphetho Sinye Kubo Bonke

1 Yikho ngakucabanga konke lokhu ngabona ukuthi abalungileyo labahlakaniphi-
leyo labakwenzayo kusezandleni zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa kakho owaziyo ingabe
ulindelwe luthando langabe yinzondo. 2 Bonke balesiphetho sinye, abaqondileyo
labaxhwalileyo, abalungileyo lababi, abahlambulukileyo labangcolileyo, abenza
imihlatshelo labangayenziyo.
Njengoba kunjalo emuntwini olungileyo,
kunjalo lakoyisoni;
njengoba kunjalo kwabenza izifungo,
kunjalo lakulabo abesaba ukuzenza.
3 Lobu yibo ububi obuvelela zonke izinto ngaphansi kwelanga: Konke kulesiphetho
sinye. Njalo inhliziyo zabantu zigcwele izibozi futhi kulokubheda phakathi kwazo
nxa besaphila, ikanti emva kwakho konke baya kwabafileyo. 4 Loba ngubani
olethemba nxa esahlezi kwabaphilayo, yebo kambe phela inja ephilayo ingcono
kulesilwane esifileyo!
5 Ngoba abaphilayo bayakwazi ukuthi bazakufa,
kodwa abafileyo kabazi lutho;
kabaselawo omunye umvuzo,
ngitsho lokukhumbula ngabo kuyaphela.
6 Uthando lwabo, inzondo yabo
lomona wabo sekwedlula nya;
nini lanini kabasayikuba lengxenye
loba kukuphi okwenzakalayo ngaphansi kwelanga.
7 Hamba nje uyezidlela ukudla kwakho uchelesile, unathe iwayini lakho
ngenhliziyo emhlophe, ngoba uNkulunkulu usakuvumele okwamanje. 8 Gqoka
ezimhlophe ngezikhathi zonke, ugcobe ikhanda lakho ngamafutha. 9 Kholisa
impilo lomfazi wakho omthandayo kuzozonke insuku zale impilo eyize uNkulunkulu
akunike yona ngaphansi kwelanga, zonke insuku zakho eziyize. Phela lesi yiso
isabelo sakho empilweni phakathi kokutshikatshika kwakho ngaphansi kwelanga.
10 Lokho isandla sakho esingakwenza kwenze ngamandla akho wonke, ngoba
engcwabeni lapho oya khona akusetshenzwa, akulakulungiselela, kakulalwazi kumbe
ukuhlakanipha.
11 Ngikubonile okunye njalo ngaphansi kwelanga:
Ukutshiya abanye kakuyi ngesiqubu
kumbe ukunqoba impi kuye ngamandla;
kakutsho ukuthi ukudla kuya kwabahlakaniphileyo
kumbe inotho kwabakhaliphileyo
loba okuhle kwehlele abafundileyo;
kodwa kuya ngesikhathi langenhlanhla kubani lobani.
12 Futhi kakho owaziyo ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sizafika nini:

Njengezinhlanzi ezigolwa kabuhlungu ngamambule
loba izinyoni zibanjwa esifini,
kanjalo abantu bafikelwa yizikhathi ezimbi
ezibafikela belibele.

Kungcono Ukuhlakanipha Kulobuwula

13 Ngaphinda ngabona ngaphansi kwelanga lesisibonelo sokuhlakanipha esagxila
engqondweni yami: 14 Kwake kwaba khona idolobho elincinyane elalilabantu
abalutshwana kulo. Kwasuka inkosi elamandla yalihlasela, yalihonqolozela yakha
amadundulu amakhulu okuvimbezela. 15 Kulelodolobho kwakuhlala indoda ethile
engesulutho kodwa ihlakaniphile, ngakho yawusindisa umuzi lowo ngokuhlakanipha
kwayo. Kodwa kakho loyedwa owaphinde wayikhumbula leyondoda eyayingebani.
16 Yikho-ke ngasengisithi, “Ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulamandla.” Kodwa ukuhlaka-
nipha komuntukazana kuyeyiswa lamazwi akhe akasanakwa.
17 Amazwi apholileyo abahlakaniphileyo afanele alalelwe
ngcono kulokumemeza kombusi weziwula.
18 Ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulezikhali zempi,
umoni oyedwa uyabuchitha bonke ubuhle.

10

1 Njengoba impukane ezifele phakathi kwamakha ziwenza anuke kubi,
kunjalo lobuwula obuncinyane bugabhela ukuhlakanipha lodumo.
2 Inhliziyo yolungileyo ikhungathekela ekulungeni,
kodwa inhliziyo yesiwula ikhungathekela ebubini.
3 Loba ehamba nje emgwaqweni
oyisiwula kalangqondo,
utshengisa loba ngubani ubuphukuphuku bakhe.
4 Aluba umbusi ekuthukuthelela,
ungasuki esikhundleni sakho;
ukuthobeka kungathoba umonakalo obungaba khona.

5 Bukhona ububi esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga,
kuliphutha elenziwa ngumbusi:
6 Iziwula ziphakanyiselwa ezikhundleni ezinengi eziphezulu,
kodwa abanothileyo belezikhundla eziphansi.
7 Sengibone izichaka zigade amabhiza,
kuthi amakhosana ahambe ngezinyawo njengezichaka.

8 Lowo ogebha umgodi angawela kuwo;
odiliza umduli angalunywa yinyoka.
9 Oqhekeza amatshe angalinyazwa yiwo;
obanda inkuni angaba sengozini yazo.

10 Lapho ihloka libuthundu
ubukhali balo bungalolwanga,
kudingeka amandla amanengi
kodwa ubungcitshi buyaphumelelisa.

11 Nxa inyoka ihle ilume ingakalunjwa,
umlumbi kaselanzuzo.

12 Amazwi aphuma emlonyeni wesihlakaniphi amnandi,
kodwa isiwula sichithwa yizindebe zaso.
13 Ekuqaleni amazwi aso ayibuwula;
ekucineni aseyikuwumana okubi
14 njalo isiwula sanda ngamazwi.

Kakho okwaziyo okuzayo
ngubani ongamazisa okuzakwenzakala ngemva kwakhe na?

15 Umtshikatshika wesiwula uyasidinisa;
kasiyazi indlela eya edolobheni.

16 Maye kuwe, wena lizwe onkosi yalo yayiyisichaka,
amakhosana akho azitika ngamadili ekuseni.
17 Ubusisiwe wena, wena lizwe onkosi yalo izalwa esikhosini
amakhosana alo adla ngezikhathi eziqondileyo
edlela ukuqina hatshi ukudakwa.

18 Nxa indoda ilivila intungo ziyabhensa;
nxa izandla zayo ziyekethisa indlu iyavuza.

19 Idili lenzelwa ukujabula,
lewayini lenza impilo ibe mnandi,
kodwa imali yiyo impendulo yakho konke.

20 Ungayithuki inkosi lasemicabangweni yakho,
loba uqalekise abanothileyo loba usendlini yakho yokulala,
ngoba mhlawumbe inyoni yasemoyeni ingawathwala amazwi akho,
loba inyoni ephaphayo ingayabika okutshoyo.

11

Isinkwa Emanzini

1 Phosela isinkwa sakho phezu kwamanzi,
ngoba ngemva kwensuku ezinengi uzasifumana futhi.
2 Yabela abayisikhombisa, yebo abayisificaminwembili,
ngoba kawuwazi umonakalo ongehlela elizweni.

3 Nxa amayezi ethwele, anisa izulu emhlabathini.
Aluba isihlahla singawela eningizimu loba enhla,
silala khonapho esiwele khona.
4 Lowo onanzelela umoya kayikuhlanyela;
lowo okhangela amayezi akazukuvuna.

5 Njengoba ungayazi indlela yomoya,
loba ukubunjwa komzimba esiswini sikanina,
yikho ungeke uzwisise umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu,
uMenzi wezinto zonke.

6 Hlanyela inhlanyelo yakho ekuseni,
kuthi ntambama uphumuze izandla zakho,
ngoba kawukwazi okuzaphumelela,

kumbe yilokhu loba yilokhuyana,
langabe kokubili kuzalunga ngokufananayo.

Khumbula UMenzi Wakho UseseMutsha

7 Ukukhanya kumnandi,
njalo kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga.
8 Umuntu angaze aphile iminyaka emingaki,
kayikholise yonke.
Kodwa makakhumbule insuku zobumnyama,
ngoba zizabe zizinengi.
Konke okuzakuza kuyize.

9 Jabula nsizwa usesemutsha,
uvumele inhliziyo yakho ikuthokozise ensukwini zobutsha bakho.
Landela izindlela zenhliziyo yakho
lakho konke amehlo akho akubonayo,
kodwa yazi ukuthi ngenxa yazo zonke lezizinto
uNkulunkulu uzakumisa ekwahlulelweni.
10 Ngakho-ke, susa ukukhathazeka enhliziyweni yakho
ulahlele kude inhlupheko zomzimba wakho,
ngoba ubutsha lamadlabuzane kuyize.

12

1 Khumbula uMdali wakho
ngezinsuku zobutsha bakho,
kungakafiki insuku zokuhlupheka
njalo kusondele leminyaka
lapho ozakuthi,
“Angizuzi kuthokoza kuyo”
2 andubana ilanga lokukhanya
kanye lenyanga lezinkanyezi kufiphale,
lamayezi achitheke
ngemva kwezulu;
3 lapho abalindi bendlu
bezathuthumela,
amadoda aqinileyo akhokhobe,
labacholi batshiye umsebenzi
ngoba sebebalutshwana,
kuthi labalunguzayo ngamawindi
sebebona lufifi;
4 lapho iminyango ephumela emigwaqweni isivaliwe
lomsindo wokuchola usufiphala;
lapho abantu besethuswa yikukhala kwenyoni,
lezingoma zazo zincipha;
5 lapho abantu sebesesaba izindawo eziphakemeyo
lezingozi emigwaqweni;
lapho isihlahla se-alimondi sesiqhakaza
lentethe isihamba ngokuzihudula nje
njalo kungasekho ukulangazelela.
Lapho-ke umuntu usesiya ekhaya lakhe
laphakade njalo abalilayo

bagcwale emigwaqweni.

6 Mkhumbule intambo yesiliva ingakaqamuki,
kumbe umganu wegolide ungakabhidlizwa;
lodiwo lungakahlikizwa emthonjeni,
loba ivili lephulwe emgodini wamanzi,
7 kuthi umhlabathi ubuyele emhlabathini
lapho owavela khona,
lomphefumulo ubuyele kuNkulunkulu
onguye owawuphayo.

8 “Ize! Ize!” kutsho uMtshumayeli,
“Konke kuyize!”

Isiphetho Sendaba

9 UMtshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, njalo esabela abantu ulwazi. Wazidla ingqondo wadingisisa wamisa kuhle izaga ezinengi. 10 UMtshumayeli wadingisisa ukuze azuze amazwi ayiwonawona, kwathi-ke konke akulobayo kwaqonda njalo kuliqiniso.

11 Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengenswazi zokwethusa izimvu, izitsho zabo ez-iqoqiweyo zinjengezipikili ezibethelwe zatshona, zivela kuMalusi munye. 12 Limuka, ndodana yami, loba kuyini okudlula lapho.

Ukulotshwa kwezincwadi ezinengi akulamkhawulo, njalo ukufunda kakhulu kuhlukuluza umzimba.

13 Manje-ke konke sekuzwakele;
nansi isiphetho sendaba:
Mesabe uNkulunkulu ugcine imiyalo yakhe,
ngoba lo yiwo wonke umlandu womuntu.
14 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzazahlulela zonke izenzo,
lalokho okufihliweyo
loba kuhle loba kubi.

Ingoma Yezingoma

1 Ingoma yezingoma kaSolomoni.

Umlobokazi
2 Kangange ngezangiwo zomlomo wakhe
ngoba uthando lwakho lumnandi kulewayini.
3 Limnandi iphunga lamagcobo akho;
ibizo lakho linjengamakha atheliweyo.
Yikho izintombi zikuthanda kangaka!
4 Ngithatha uhambe lami, kasiphangise!
Inkosi kayingingenise endlini yayo.
Abangane
Siyathokoza njalo siyajabula ngawe;
sizalubabaza uthando lwakho okudlula iwayini.
Umlobokazi
Kabazenzi ukuba bakuthande!

5 Ngimnyama kodwa ngiyabukeka,
lina madodakazi aseJerusalema
ngimnyama okwamathente aseKhedari,
okwamakhetheni amathente kaSolomoni.
6 Linganginyonkolozi ngoba ngimnyama,
ngimnyama ngenxa yokutshiswa lilanga.
Abanewethu bangizondela
bangenza umlindi wesivini;
angabe ngisanaka esami isivini.
7 Akungitshele, wena engikuthandayo,
uyelusela ngaphi imihlambi yezimvu zakho
lokuthi ziphumula ngaphi izimvu zakho emini?
Kungani ngisiba njengomfazi ombozileyo eceleni
kwemihlambi yabangane bakho na?
Abangane
8 Nxa ungazi, wena omuhle okudlula bonke abesifazane,
landela umkhondo wezimvu
udlisele amazinyane embuzi zakho
eduze lamathente abelusi.
Umyeni
9 Sithandwa sami, ngikufanisa lebhiza elisikazi
elibotshwe enqoleni kaFaro.
10 Izihlathi zakho zinhle ngokuceciswa,
intamo yakho ngobuhlalu obucazimulayo.
11 Sizakwenzela amacici egolide,
ebalazwe ngesiliva.
Umlobokazi
12 Khonapho inkosi isetafuleni
amakha ami enadi alanquza iphunga lawo elimnandi.
13 Kimi isithandwa sami sinjengemfuko yemure
ithe khoxo phakathi kwamabele ami.

14 Kimi isithandwa sami sinjengelixha lempoko zehena
eliphuma esivinini se-Eni-Gedi.
Umyeni
15 Bakithi, umuhle njani sithandwa sami!
Ngeqiniso umuhle!
Amehlo akho angamajuba.
Umlobokazi
16 Umuhle ngempela, sithandwa sami!
Bakithi, uyabukeka!
Umbheda wethu butshani obuluhlaza tshoko.
Umyeni
17 Izinsika zendlu yethu ngezomsedari
lezintungo ngezefire.

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Umlobokazi
1 Ngililuba laseSharoni,
imbali yasezigodini.
Umyeni
2 Njengembali phakathi kwameva
sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwezintombi.
Umlobokazi
3 Njengesihlahla se-aphula phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga
sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwamajaha.
Kumnandi kimi ukuhlala emthunzini waso,
lezithelo zakhe ziyahlabusa kimi.
4 Useke wangisa endlini yedili,
lophawu lwakhe kimi luthando.
5 Ngiqinisani ngamavini awonyisiweyo,
lingivuselele ngama-aphula,
ngoba sengiyathiswa luthando.
6 Ingalo yakhe yobunxele ngiyiqamele,
kuthi ingalo yakhe yokunene ingigonile.
7 Madodakazi aseJerusalema,
ngiyaliqonqosela
ngezimpala langezimpalakazi zeganga.
Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando
luze luzifunele lona.

8 Zwanini! Yisithandwa sami!
Khangelani! Nansi siyeza,
siseqa ezintabeni
siqolotsha emaqaqeni.
9 Isithandwa sami sinjengempala loba ithole lomziki.
Khangela! Nansiyana simi ngale komduli wakwethu,
sikhangele sibona emawindini,
silunguza ngezimbotshana.
10 Isithandwa sami sakhuluma sathi kimi,
“Sukuma, sithandwa sami,
wena omuhle, woza sihambe.
11 Khangela! Ubusika sebudlulile;
isikhathi sezulu sesidlule.

12 Amaluba asebonakala emangweni;
isikhathi sokuhlabelela kwezinyoni sesifikile,
ukukhala kwamajuba
sekuzwakala elizweni lakithi.
13 Umkhiwa usuthela izithelo zawo zakuqala;
amavini aqhakazayo aseletha iphunga elimnandi.
Sukuma, woza sithandwa sami;
wena omuhle wami, woza sihambe.”
Umyeni
14 Juba lami elisezingoxweni zedwala,
ekusithekeni kwamawa entaba,
akungitshengise ubuso bakho,
akungizwise ilizwi lakho;
ngoba limnandi ilizwi lakho,
lobuso bakho buyabukeka.
15 Sibambeleni amakhanka,
amakhanka amancinyane
onayo ezivinini,
izivini zethu esezithela.
Umlobokazi
16 Isithandwa sami ngesami lami ngingowakhe;
uzithokozisa ngoba phakathi kwamaluba.
17 Akuze kube emadabukakusa
lapho kunyamalala khona izithunzi,
phenduka sithandwa sami,
ube njengempala
loba njengegogo elisengumntwana
phezu kwezintaba ezilamakhelekethe.

3

1 Ubusuku bonke ngisembhedeni wami
ngamdinga lowo othandwa yinhliziyo yami;
ngamdinga kodwa kangimfumananga.
2 Sengivuka manje ngizulazule phakathi kwedolobho,
emigwaqweni lasemagcekeni alo;
ngizalibhudula ngidinga othandwa yinhliziyo yami.
Kanjalo ngamdinga kodwa angaze ngamthola.
3 Abalindi bangifica belokhu
benquma phakathi kwedolobho.
“Like lambona yini lowo othandwa yinhliziyo yami?”
4 Ngathi ngisedlula kubo
ngabe ngimbona othandwa yinhliziyo yami.
Ngambamba angaze ngamyekela ukuba ahambe
ngaze ngamletha endlini kamama,
endlini yakhe lowo owangizalayo.
5 Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela
ngezimpala langezimpalakazi zeganga.
Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando
luze luzifunele lona.

6 Ngubani lo ozayo eqhamuka enkangala

kungathi yisikhatha sentuthu,
eziqhole ngamakha emure lenhlaka eyenziwe
ngemihlobo yonke yezinongo zomthengisi?
7 Khangela! Yinqola kaSolomoni,
isekelwe ngamabutho angamatshumi ayisithupha,
angabathenjwa abayinqaba ko-Israyeli,
8 bonke begqize izinkemba enqulwini,
bonke sebake bazilwa izimpi,
ngulowo lalowo inkemba yakhe eceleni kwakhe,
elungele ukuhlatshwa komkhosi ebusuku.
9 Inkosi uSolomoni yazenzela inqola leyo;
yayenza ngezigodo zeLebhanoni.
10 Imijabo yayo yayenza ngesiliva,
isisekelo sayo yasenza ngegolide.
Isihlalo sayo yasithungela ilembu eliyibubende
ingaphakathi yayo yaceciswa ngothando
ngamadodakazi aseJerusalema.
11 Phumani phandle madodakazi aseZiyoni,
libone iNkosi uSolomoni ithwele umqhele,
umqhele ewetheswa ngunina mhla welanga atshada ngalo,
ilanga inhliziyo yakhe yathokoza ngalo.

4

Umyeni
1 Kayisibuhle bakho, sithandwa sami!
Awu, ayisibuhle, bakithi!
Amehlo akho embeswe liveli, angamajuba.
Inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi
zisehla entabeni iGiliyadi.
2 Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvu zisanda kugundwa,
zivela geziswa yileyo ihamba laleyo efanana layo;
kayikho ethe qekele yodwa.
3 Izindebe zakho zinjengozwezwe olubomvu;
muhle umlomo wakho.
Izihlathi zakho ezembeswe liveli lakho
ezinjengephomegranathi elidatshulwe phakathi.
4 Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wokulinda kaDavida,
owakhiwa waba muhle kakhulu;
kulengiswe kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane,
wonke angamahawu amaqhawe.
5 Amabele akho omabili anjengamazinyane amabili,
njengamaphahla amazinyane empala
adla utshani phakathi kwezimbali.
6 Nxa kusesemadabukakusa
izithunzi zingakabaleki emuntwini,
ngizakuya entabeni yemure
laseqaqeni lwamakha amnandi.
7 Umuhle kakhulukazi, ntokazi yami;
kakulanto engenhle kuwe.

8 Woza, mlobokazi wami, sisuke eLebhanoni,

woza sisuke eLebhanoni.
Yehla emaweni ase-Amana,
wehle esiqongweni saseSeniri, isiqongo seHemoni,
ezimbalwini zezingonyama
lezintabeni okuhlala ingwe kuzo.
9 Uyithumbile inhliziyo yami, dadewethu, mlobokazi wami;
uyithumbile inhliziyo yami
ngokungithi jeqe ngamehlo akho,
langengqongqo elilodwa lobuhlalu bakho.
10 Luthokozisa kanganani uthando lwakho,
dadewethu, mlobokazi wami!
Lumnandi kakhulu kulewayini,
lephunga lamakha akho
kulawo wonke amafutha!
11 Izindebe zakho ziconsa ubumnandi njengoluju, mlobokazi wami;
uchago loluju kungaphansi kolimi lwakho.
Iphunga lezivunulo zakho
linjengeleLebhanoni.
12 Uyisivande esibiyelweyo, dadewethu, mlobokazi wami;
ungumthombo obiyelweyo,
lesiphethu esihuqelweyo sagcikwa.
13 Izilimo zakho ziyisivande samaphomegranathi
alezithelo ezinhle zilehena lenadi,
14 inadi lesafuroni,
ikhalamu lesinamoni,
lemihlobo yonke yezihlahla zempepha,
imure lenhlaba lazozonke iziyoliso zekhethelo.
15 Uyisiphethu sesivandeni,
umthombo ogeleza amanzi
ugeleza usehla eLebhanoni.
Umlobokazi
16 Vuka moya wenyakatho,
woza moya weningizimu!
Phephetha esivandeni sami,
ukuze amakha aso agcwale indawo yonke.
Akuthi isithandwa sami size esivandeni saso
sikholise izithelo zaso zekhethelo.

5

Umyeni
1 Sengingenile esivandeni sami, dadewethu, mlobokazi wami;
sengiyibuthile imure yami lesiyoliso sami.
Sengizidlile inhlanga zami loluju lwami;
sengiyinathile iwayini yami lochago lwami.
Abangane
Dlanini, bangane, linathe;
nathani lizidele, lina zithandani.
Umlobokazi
2 Ngalala kodwa inhliziyo yami ivukile.
Zwana! Isithandwa sami siyaqoqoda:
“Ngivulela, dadewethu, sithandwa sami,
juba lami, wena ongelasiyinga.

Ikhanda lami ligcwele amazolo,
inwele zami zilobumanzi bobusuku.”
3 Sengisikhulule isigqoko sami
ngisigqoke futhi na?
Sengizigezile inyawo zami
ngibuye ngizingcolise futhi na?
4 Isithandwa sami sangenisa isandla saso embotsheni yomnyango;
inhliziyo yami yagubhazela ifuna sona.
5 Ngavuka ngayasivulela isithandwa sami,
izandla zami zijuluka imure,
iminwe yami igeleza imure,
phezu kwezibambo zekhiye.
6 Ngasivulela isithandwa sami,
kodwa isithandwa sami sasesisukile, sasesihambile.
Inhliziyo yami yadangala ngoba sesihambile.
Ngasithalaza kodwa ngasiswela.
Ngasimemeza kodwa kasisabelanga.
7 Abalindi bangibona
ngesikhathi bebhodabhoda, behlola idolobho.
Bangitshaya bangilimaza;
bangihlubula bathatha ibhatshi lami,
labobalindi bemiduli!
8 Lina madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela
nxa lisithola isithandwa sami lizasitshelani?
Sitsheleni ukuthi mina sengiyathiswa luthando.

Abangane

9 Isithandwa sakho singcono ngani kulezinye izithandwa
wena omuhle okudlula bonke abesifazane?
Singcono ngani isithandwa sakho kulezinye
osungaze usiqonqosele kangaka?

Umlobokazi

10 Isithandwa sami siyakhazimula sincwaba,
siyabonakala laphakathi kwezinkulungwane ezilitshumi.
11 Ikhanda laso liligolide elicengwe kakhulu;
inwele zaso ziyibulembu,
zimnyama okwewabayi.
12 Amehlo aso anjengamajuba
esezifuleni ezilamanzi,
agezwe ngochago,
amiswa njengamatshe engcebo.
13 Izihlathi zaso zinjengendima yeziyoliso
ezilephunga lamakha.
Izindebe zaso zinjengezimbali,
ziconsa imure.
14 Izingalo zaso yimiqwayi yegolide
elixutshwe ngekhrisolithe.
Umzimba waso unjengophondo lwendlovu olulolongiweyo
lwaceciswa ngamasafire.
15 Imilenze yaso yizinsika zelitshe
eliqinileyo elibutshelezi
elimiswe ezisekelweni zegolide elicengekileyo.

Isithombo saso sinjengeLebhanoni,
njengemisedari yakhona eyebanga laphezulu.
16 Umlomo waso uyibumnandi qobo lwabo;
siyabukeka ngokupheleleyo.
Lesi yiso isithandwa sami, yena umngane wami,
we madodakazi aseJerusalema.

6

Abangane
1 Sesiye ngaphi isithandwa sakho
wena omuhle kulabo bonke abesifazane?
Siqonde ngaphi isithandwa sakho
ukuze sikudingise sona?
Umlobokazi
2 Isithandwa sami sehlele ngesivandeni saso,
endimeni yamaluba eziyoliso,
ukuzulazula ezivandeni
lokuqunta izimbali.
3 Ngingowaso isithandwa sami, laso singesami;
uzithokozisa ngoba phakathi kwamaluba.
Umyeni
4 Umuhle, sithandwa sami, njengeThiza,
uthandeka njengeJerusalema,
ulesithunzi njengamabutho ephethe uphawu lwempi.
5 Susa amehlo akho kimi;
angihubula igwebu.
Inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi
zisehla eGiliyadi.
6 Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvu
zivela geziswa
yileyo ihamba laleyo efanana layo;
akula ehamba yodwa.
7 Izihlathi zakho ezivalwe liveli lakho
zinjengezingxenye zesithelo sephomegranathi.
8 Kungabe kukhona amakhosikazi angamatshumi ayisithupha,
labanye abafazi beceleni abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili,
lezintombi eziphelelelo ezingelakubalwa;
9 kodwa ijuba lami, opheleleyo wami, wehlukene,
nguye yedwa kunina,
uyintandokazi yalowo owamzalayo.
Izintombi zambona zathi ubusisiwe;
amakhosikazi labafazi beceleni bambabaza.
Abangane
10 Ngubani lo oqhamuka njengokusa,
omuhle njengenyanga, okhazimula njengelanga,
olobukhosi njengezinkanyezi ziludwendwe?
Umyeni
11 Ngehlela esivandeni esilezithelo ezilenkelo
ngisiyabona amahlumela esigodini,
ngisiyabona ingabe amavini ayesenunkula yini
langabe amaphomegranathi ayeseqhakazile na.

12 Ngisalibele nje
isifiso sami sangibeka ezinqoleni zobukhosi ezabantu bakithi.
Abangane
13 Phenduka, phenduka, wena mShulamithi;
phenduka, phenduka, ukuze sikubuke!
Umyeni
Liyabe limbukelani umShulamithi
kungathi libuka umgido kaMahanayimi?

7

1 Zinhle kakhulu inyawo zakho emanyathelweni,
awu ndodakazi yenkosana!
Amathebe mahle anjengamatshe aligugu,
ingathi abunjwa kuhle yingcitshi.
2 Inkaba yakho yindingilizana yesiphathelo esihle
esihlala sigcwele iwayini elixutshiweyo.
Ukhalo lwakho luyinqunjana yengqoloyi
ezingelezwe yizimbali.
3 Amabele akho anjengamazinyane amabili,
njengamaphahla empala.
4 Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wempondo zendlovu.
Amehlo akho ayiziziba zeHeshibhoni
eduze lesango laseBhathi Rabhimi.
Impumulo yakho injengomphotshongo waseLebhanoni
ukhangele eDamaseko.
5 Ikhanda lakho lingumqhele kuwe njengentaba iKhameli.
Inwele zakho zingumceciso wobukhosi;
inkosi ithunjiwe ngamagoda azo.
6 Wamuhle bantu njalo uyathokozisa,
wena sithandwa, ngezintokozo zakho!
7 Uluthi lwakho luthe klwi, njengesihlahla sephamu,
lamabele akho anjengelixha lezithelo.
8 Ngathi, “Ngizakhwela esihlahleni sephamu;
ngizaziphatha lezozithelo zalo.”
Sengathi amabele akho angaba njengamaxha evini,
amakha okuphefumula kwakho abe njengama-aphula,
9 lomlomo wakho ube njengewayini elidlula wonke.
Umlobokazi
Sengathi iwayini lelo lingaya kusithandwa sami,
ligeleze kakuhle ezindebeni lasemazinyweni.
10 Ngingowaso isithandwa sami,
silangathela mina.
11 Woza, sithandwa sami, kasihambe siye emaphandleni,
kasiyolala emizini.
12 Kasihambe ekuseni ezivinini
ukuyabona ingabe amavini asenunkula na,
ingabe amaluba amaphomegranathi awo aseqhakazile
lapho ngizakupha uthando lwami.
13 Izihlahla zamamandraki zikhupha iphunga elimnandi,
kuthi emnyango wakwethu kube lezibiliboco zonke

ezintsha lezindala,
engikubekele zona, sithandwa sami.

8

1 Aluba nje unjengomfowethu kimi,
owondliwa emunya emabeleni kamama!
Lapho-ke, nxa ngikufica phandle,
ngithi loba ngikwanga,
angabikhona ongisolayo.
2 Ngabe ngiyakudonsa
ngikuse endlini kamama
yena owangikhulisayo.
Ngabe ngikupha iwayini elixutshiweyo unathe,
uluju lwamaphomegranathi ami.
3 Ingalo yakhe yobunxele ngiyiqamele
kuthi ingalo yakhe yokunene ingigonile.
4 Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela:
Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando
luze luzifunele lona.
Abangane
5 Ngubani lo oqhamukayo evela enkangala na,
eyeme isithandwa sakhe?
Umlobokazi
Ngikuvusile ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-aphula;
kulapho unyoko akumithela khona,
kulapho ahelelwa wakuzalela khona.
6 Ngibeka ngibe njengesidindo enhliziyweni yakho,
njengesidindo engalweni yakho;
ngoba uthando lulamandla njengokufa,
ubukhwele balo kabuyekethisi njengengcwaba.
Luyatshisa njengomlilo obhebha kakhulu,
njengelangabi elivuthayo.
7 Impophoma zamanzi ngeke zilucime uthando;
imifula ngeke ilukhukhule.
Nxa umuntu enganika
yonke inotho yomuzi wakhe
ngenxa yothando kungaba yinhlekisa.
Abangane
8 Silentombazana engumnawethu,
njalo kayikaphuhli.
Sizamenzelani kambe umnawethu
mhla sekuthiwa uyacelwa?
9 Uba engumduli,
sizakwakha imiphotshongo yesiliva phezu kwakhe.
Uba engumnyango,
sizamvala ngamapulanka esihlahla somsedari.
Umlobokazi
10 Ngingumduli,
lamabele ami anjengemiphotshongo.
Yikho-nje emehlweni akhe

sengifana lalowo olethe ukusuthiseka.
11 USolomoni wayelesivini eBhali Hamoni;
wasiqhatshisela ebalimini isivini sakhe.
Munye ngamunye kwakumele athele umthelo wezithelo zawo
ongamashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane.
12 Kodwa esami isivini ngesami ukupha santando;
amashekeli lawo ayinkulungwane ngawakho, bakithi Solomoni,
lamakhulu amabili amashekeli ngawalabo abalondoloza izithelo zawo.
Umyeni
13 Wena ohlala ezivandeni labangane
bekususa isizungu,
ake ngilizwe ilizwi lakho!
Umlobokazi
14 Masihambe, sithandwa sami,
woba njengembabala
kumbe njengejongosana lomziki
ezintabeni ezigcwele amakha.

U-Isaya

1 Umbono omayelana ngoJuda leJerusalema owabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-
Amozi ensukwini zokubusa kuka-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi
akoJuda.

Isizwe Esihlamukayo

2 Zwanini, mazulu! Lalelani, mhlaba!
Ngoba UTHIXO usekhulumile:
"Ngondla abantwana ngabakhulisa,
kodwa sebengihlamukele.
3 Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo,
lobabhemi uyasazi isibaya somnikazi wakhe,
kodwa u-Israyeli kazi,
abantu bami kabaqedisisi."

4 Maye kuso isizwe esonayo,
abantu abathwele amacala,
inzalo yabenza okubi,
abantwana abaxhwalileyo!
Sebemlahlile UTHIXO;
bamdelele oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
bamfulathela.

5 Kungani kumele litshaywe futhi?
Kungani liqhubeka ngokuhlamuka?
Ikhanda lakho lonke lilimele,
yonke inhliziyo yakho ihlukuluziwe.
6 Kusukela ngaphansi kwentende yonyawo lwakho kusiya esicholo sekhanda
lakho akukho kuphelela,
kodwa izilonda lemvivinya kuphela,
kanye lamanxeba;
akugeziswanga, akubotshwanga
kumbe kwathanjiswa ngamafutha.

7 Ilizwe lenu lichithekile,
amadolobho enu atshiswa ngomlilo,
umhlaba wenu uphundlwa ngabezizweni,
phambi kwenu uqobo,
uchitheka njengalapho udilizwa ngabezizweni.
8 Indodakazi yaseZiyoni isele
njengedumba esivinini,
njengendlwana ensimini yamajodo,
njengedolobho elihonqolozelweyo.
9 Aluba UTHIXO uSomandla
kasitshiyelanga abalutshwana abasindayo,
sasizakuba njengeSodoma;
sasizafana leGomora.

10 Zwanini ilizwi LIKAThIXO,
lina babusi baseSodoma,
lalelani umthetho kaNkulunkulu wethu,
lina bantu baseGomora!
11 “Ubunengi bemihlatshelo yenu
buyini kimi?”
kutsho UThIXO.
“Ngileminikelo yokutshiswa edlula efunekayo,
eyenqama lamahwahwa ezifuyo ezinonisiweyo;
igazi lenkunzi,
lelamawundlu lelembuzi kalingithokozisi.
12 Lapho lisiza phambi kwami,
ngubani othe linyathele amaguma ami na?
13 Yekelani ukuletha iminikelo eyize!
Impepha yenu iyisinengiso kimi.
Angingeke ngibekezelele imbuthano yenu yobubi,
eyokuThwasa kweNyanga, amaSabatha lemihlangano.
14 Umphefumulo wami uyawazonda
amadili enu okuthwasa kwezinyanga
lemikhosi yenu emisiweyo.
Sekube ngumthwalo kimi;
sengikhathele ngokukuthwala.
15 Lapho lichaya izandla zenu likhuleka,
ngizalifihlela amehlo ami;
loba selikhuleka imikhuleko eminengi,
angiyikulalela.

Izandla zenu zigcwele igazi!

16 Gezani libe ngabahlambulukileyo.
Susani izenzo zenu ezimbi phambi kobuso bami;
yekelani ukwenza okubi.
17 Fundani ukwenza okulungileyo; funani ukwahlulela okuhle.
Khuthazani abancindezelweyo.
Vikelani izintandane;
lamulelani umfelokazi.

18 Wozani, siqondisane sindawonye,”
kutsho UThIXO.
“Lanxa izono zenu zibomvu gebhu,
zizakuba mhlophe njengonqwaqwane,
loba zibomvu njengegazi,
zizakuba njengoboya bezimvu.
19 Nxa livuma njalo lilalela,
lizakudla okuhle kwelizwe;
20 kodwa nxa linqaba, lihlamuka,
lizadliwa yinkemba.”
Ngoba umlomo KATHIXO usukhulumile.

21 Khangelani ukuthi idolobho elithembekileyo
seliphenduke laba yisifebe kanjani!

Lake lagcwala ngokufaneleyo;
ukulunga kwakuhlala kulo,
kodwa khathesi sekuhlala ababulali!
22 Isiliva senu sesingamanyele,
iwayini lenu elihle selihlanganiswe lamanzi.
23 Ababusi benu bangabahlamuki,
abangane bamasela;
bonke bathanda izivalamlomo,
bafune izipho.
Izintandane kabazivikeli;
indaba yomfelokazi kayifiki kibo.

24 Ngakho-ke iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla,
uMninimandla ka-Israyeli, uthi:
“Yebo! Ngizabhodlisela ezitheni zami,
ngibuye ngiphindisele kwabayizitha zami.
25 Ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kini;
ngizawahlambulula ngokupheleleyo amanyele enu,
ngisuse lakho konke ukungcola kwenu.
26 Ngizabuyisa abehluleli benu njengezinsukwini zakudala,
labeluleki benu njengasekuqaleni.
Muva uzabizwa ngokuthi
iDolobho Lokulunga,
iDolobho Elithembekileyo.”

27 IZiyoni izahlengwa ngemfanelo,
abaphendukayo bayo bahlengwe ngokulunga.
28 Kodwa abahlamuki lezoni bazachithwa,
lalabo abalahla uTHIXO bazabhubha.

29 “Lizayangeka ngenxa yezihlahla zom’okhi ezingcwele
elazithokozisa ngazo.
Lizadana ngamasimu elawakhethayo.
30 Lizafana lom’okhi olamahlamvu asebuna,
lanjengensimu engelamanzi.
31 Indoda elamandla izafana lencwathi,
umsebenzi wayo ufane lenhlansi;
kokubili kuzakutsha kanyekanye,
kungekho ozacitsha umlilo.”

2

Intaba KaTHIXO

1 Lokhu yikho okwabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi mayelana loJuda leJerusalema:

2 Ngezinsuku zokucina
intaba yethempeli LIKaTHIXO izamiswa
njengenhloko phakathi kwezintaba;
izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba
njalo izizwe zonke zizabekelela zisiya kuyo.
3 Abantu abanengi bazakuza bathi,

“Wozani siye phezu kwentaba kaThixo,
siye ethempelini likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.
Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe,
ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe.”
Umthetho uzavela eZiyoni,
ilizwi likaThixo livele eJerusalema.
4 Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe,
alamule ingxabano zabantu abanengi.
Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe yimihlathi yamakhuba,
lemikhonto yabo ibe ngamahloka okuthena izihlahla.
Isizwe asiyikuhlomela isizwe ngenkemba
loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi.

5 Woza, ndlu kaJakhobe,
kasihambe ekukhanyeni kukaThixo.

Usuku LukaThixo
6 Wena, Thixo, usubalahlile abantu bakho,
isizukulwane sikaJakhobe.
Bagcwele ukholo oluyize lwaseMpumalanga
benza lemisebenzi yobungoma njengamaFilisti,
njalo babambana izandla labangakholwayo.
7 Ilizwe labo ligcwele isiliva legolide;
inotho yabo ayilakuphela.
Ilizwe labo ligcwele amabhiza;
izinqola zabo zempi kazipheli.
8 Ilizwe labo ligcwele izithombe;
bakhothamela umsebenzi wezandla zabo,
lakulokho okwenziwa yiminwe yabo.
9 Ngakho abantu bazakwehliselwa phansi
bonke bazehliswa
ungabathetheleli.

10 Ngenani ezimbalwini zamatshe lasemhlabathini,
licatshele ukwesabeka kukaThixo
lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe!
11 Amehlo omuntu oziphakamisayo azathotshiswa,
lokuziphakamisa kwabantu kwehliselwe phansi;
uThixo kuphela nguye ozaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku.

12 UThixo uSomandla ulosuku alubekele
bonke abazazigqajayo labazikhukhumezayo;
lakho konke okuphakemeyo
(kuzathotshiswa),
13 olwazo zonke izihlahla zemisedari zaseLebhanoni ezinde leziphakemeyo,
lazozonke izihlahla zom’Okhi zaseBhashani,
14 olwazo zonke izintaba ezindekazi
lamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo,
15 olwayo yonke imiphotshongo ephakemeyo
layo yonke imiduli eyinqaba,
16 olwemikhumbi yonke yaseThashishi
layo yonke imikolo emihle.

17 Ukuziphakamisa kwabantu kuzakwehliselwa phansi,
ukuzazisa kwabantu kuthobekiswe;
UTHIXO kuphela nguye ozadunyiswa ngalolosuku,
18 izithombe zizanyamalala zithi nya.

19 Abantu bazabalekela ezimbalwini zamatshe
lasemilindini emhlabathini
bebalekela ukwesabeka KUKATHIXO
lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe
lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye umhlaba.
20 Ngalolosuku abantu bazazilahlela
emvukuzaneni lakubomalulwane
izithombe zabo zesiliva lezegolide
abazenzela ukuba bazikhonze.
21 Bazabalekela ezimbalwini zamatshe
lasezingoxweni zamawa
bebalekela ukwesabeka KUKATHIXO
lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe,
lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye umhlaba.

22 Yekelani ukwethemba umuntu
olomphefumulo nje kuphela emakhaleni akhe.
Ngoba uyini yena na?

3

Ukwahlulelwa KweJerusalema Lelizwe LakoJuda

1 Khangelani khathesi UTHIXO,
UTHIXO uSomandla
usezasusa eJerusalema lelizweni lakoJuda
okufunekayo losizo:
konke ukudla lamanzi,
2 iqhawe lebutho,
umahluleli lomphrofethi,
isangoma lomuntu omdala,
3 induna yebutho labangamatshumi amahlanu
lamadoda ayizikhulu,
umeluleki, ingcitshi yemisebenzi,
lesanuse esihlakaniphileyo.

4 “Ngizakwenza abafana babeyizikhulu zabo;
abantwana nje bazababusa.”

5 Abantu bazancindezelana,
umuntu avukele umuntu,
umakhelwane avukele umakhelwane.
Abatsha bazavukela abadala,
abeyisekayo bavukele abahlonitshwa.

6 Indoda izabamba omunye wabafowabo
emzini kayise ithi,
“Ulesembatho, woba ngumkhokheli wethu,
inqwaba yamanxiwa le

izakuba ngaphansi kombuso wakho.”
7 Kodwa ngalolosuku uzakhala athi,
“Angilamasiza.
Endlini yami akulakudla loba izigqoko;
ungangenzi umkhokheli wabantu.”

8 IJerusalema liyadiyazela,
uJuda uyawa;
amazwi abo lezenzo zabo kuphambene LOTHIXO,
kweyisa ubukhosi bakhe.
9 Ukukhangeleka kobuso babo kufakaza kubi ngabo;
babukisa izono zabo njengeSodoma;
kabazifihli.
Maye kubo!
Bazilethele incithakalo phezu kwabo.

10 Tshela abalungileyo ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kubo,
ngoba bazakholisa izithelo zezenzo zabo.
11 Maye kwababi!
Incithakalo isiphezu kwabo!
Bazaphindiselwa
ngalokho izandla zabo ezikwenzileyo.

12 Abatsha bancindezela abantu bami,
abesifazane bayababusa.
Awu, bantu bami, abakhokheli benu bayaliduhisa;
bayaliphambula endleleni.

13 UTHIXO uphakama ukuba afakaze indaba yakhe,
uyasukuma ukuba ahlulele abantu.
14 UTHIXO uqalisa ukwahlulela
abadala labakhokheli babantu esithi,
“Yini elitshabalalise isivini sami;
elikuthumbe kubayanga kusezindlini zenu.
15 Litshoni ngokuchoboza abantu bami
langokuchola ubuso babayanga?”
kutsho iNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla.

16 UTHIXO uthi,
“Abesifazane baseZiyoni bayaziphakamisa,
bahamba belule izintamo,
behuga ngamehlo abo,
begwenxeka ngamanyathelo amancane,
izigqizo zikhencezela enqagaleni zabo.
17 Ngakho-ke UTHIXO uzakwenza amakhanda
abesifazane baseZiyoni abe lezilonda;
UTHIXO uzakwenza
isikhumba samakhanda abo siphuceke.”
18 Ngalolosuku uThixo uzahluthuna imiceciso yabo: amasongo, imincwazi, lemigaxo yentanyeni 19 amacici, izigqizo lezimbombozo, 20 amaqhiye, izigetsho lamabhanti; amambodlela amakha lezintebe, 21 indandatho ezilophawu lamasongo

empumulo, 22 izembatho ezinhle lezingubo lezigqoko, izikhwama 23 lezibuko,
lezigqoko zelineni, imiqhele lamaveli.
24 Endaweni yephunga elimnandi
kuzakuba lomnuko omubi;
endaweni yebhanti kuzakuba legoda,
endaweni yenwele ezilungiswe kuhle
kuzakuba lempabanga,
endaweni yezigqoko ezinhle
kuzakuba ngamasaka,
endaweni yobuhle, kuzakuba lihlazo.
25 Amadoda akini azakuwa ngenkemba,
kanjalo lamabutho akini empini.
26 Amasango aseZiyoni azakhala alile,
kuthi yona ihlale phansi ichithekile.

4

1 Ngalolosuku abesifazane abayisikhombisa
bazabamba indoda yinye
bathi, “Sizakudla ukudla kwethu
sigqoke izigqoko zethu;
sivumele kuphela nje ukuba sibizwe ngebizo lakho.
Susa ihlazo lethu.”

UGatsha LUKATHIXO

2 Ngalolosuku uGatsha LUKATHIXO luzakuba luhle lube yinkazimulo, lezithelo
zelizwe zizakuba ligugu lenkazimulo kwabasindayo ko-Israyeli. 3 Labo abatshiywe
eZiyoni, abasele eJerusalema, kuzathiwa bangcwele, labo bonke abalotshiweyo
phakathi kwabaphilayo eJerusalema. 4 INkosi izagezisa ingcekeza yabesifazane
baseZiyoni, izahlambulula amachatha egazi eJerusalema ngomoya wokwahlulela lan-
gomoya womlilo. 5 Lapho-ke, phezu kwayo yonke iNtaba iZiyoni langaphezulu kwabo
bonke abahlangana khona, UTHIXO uzakwenza iyezi lentuthu emini, lokukhanya
kwamalangabi omlilo ebusuku; ngaphezu kwenkazimulo yonke kuzakuba lesivikelo
esinjengophahla. 6 Sizakuba yisisitho lomthunzi wokuvika ukutshisa kwemini,
isiphephelo lendawo yokucatshela isiphepho lezulu.

5

Ingoma Yesivini

1 Ngizahlabelela lowo engimthandayo
ingoma ngesivini sakhe:
Othandwa yimi wayelesivini
eqaqeni oluvundileyo.
2 Wasigebha, wasusa amatshe kuso,
wahlanyela kuso amavini amahle.
Wakha umphotshongo ophakemeyo phakathi kwaso
njalo wagebha lesikhamelo sewayini kuso.
Walindela izithelo ezinhle,
kodwa amavini athela ezimbi kuphela.

3 “Manje-ke lina abahlala eJerusalema lani madoda akoJuda,
yahlulelani phakathi kwami lesivini sami.
4 Kuyini okudlula lapho okwakumele kwenziwe esivinini sami

engingakwenzanga kuso na?
Lapho ngangilindele izithelo ezinhle
kungani sona sathela ezimbi kuphela na?
5 Khathesi-ke sengizalitshela
engizakwenza esivinini sami:
Ngizasusa uthango lwaso;
sizadilizwa.
Ngizabhidliza umduli waso,
sizagxotshwa ngezinyawo.
6 Ngizasenza sibe liganga
kungabikho ukuthenwa kumbe ukuhlakulwa;
inkotha lameva kuzakhula kuso.
Ngizalaya amayezi
anganisi zulu kuso.”

7 Isivini SIKATHIXO uSomandla
yindlu ka-Israyeli;
abantu bakoJuda
bayinsimu eligugu kuye.
Wayelindele okufaneleyo,
kodwa wabona ukuchitheka kwegazi;
endaweni yokulunga, wezwa ukukhala kosizi.

Izikhalazo Lezahlulelo

8 Maye kini elengeza izindlu ngezindlu
lihlanganise insimu ensimini
kuze kusweleke indawo eseleyo,
njalo lihlala lodwa elizweni.
9 UTHIXO uSomandla usetshilo ngisizwa wathi:
“Ngeqiniso izindlu ezinengi zizakuba ngamanxiwa;
ezinkulu ezinhle zisale zingaselamuntu ohlala kuzo.
10 Izindima ezilitshumi zesivini
zizathela ifatshi elilodwa lewayini,
ihomeri lenhlanyelo lithele ihefa lamabele.”

11 Maye kulabo abavuka ngovivi ekuseni
begijimela ukunatha utshwala;
abaqhubekayo kuze kube phakathi kobusuku
baze badakwe butshwala.
12 Balamachacho lemihubhe emadilini abo,
amagedla, imihlanga, lewayini,
kodwa kabazinaki izenzo ZIKATHIXO,
akukho nhlonipho yomsebenzi wezandla zakhe.
13 Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazakuya ekuthunjweni
ngenxa yokungazwisisi;
izikhulu zabo zizabulawa yindlala
lenengi labo lizakoma ngomhawu wamanzi.
14 Ngakho indawo yabafileyo izakwelula imihlathi yayo,
ikhamise umlomo wayo okungelamkhawulo;
izikhulu zabo lenengi labo bawele phakathi
labo bonke abaxokozelayo labazithokozisayo.
15 Abantu bazakwehliselwa phansi,

abantu bazathobekiswa,
amehlo abaziphakamisayo athotshiswe.
16 Kodwa uTHIXO uSomandla uzaphakanyiswa
ngokwahlulela kwakhe okuhle;
ubungcwele bukaNkulunkulu
buzabonakala ngokulunga kwakhe.
17 Lapho-ke izimvu zizakudla angathi kusemadlelweni azo,
amazinyane adle emanxiweni ezinothi.

18 Maye kulabo abahudula isono ngentambo zenkohliso
lobubi kungathi kungamagoda enqola,
19 kulabo abathi, “UNkulunkulu kaphangise,
kaphangisise umsebenzi wakhe
ukuze siwubone.
Kalisondele icebo loNgcwele ka-Israyeli
kalize ukuze silazi.”

20 Maye kulabo abathi okubi kuhle
bathi okuhle kubi,
ababeka umnyama esikhundleni sokukhanya;
ukukhanya esikhundleni somnyama;
ababeka okubabayo esikhundleni sokumnandi,
okumnandi esikhundleni sokubabayo.

21 Maye kulabo abahlakaniphileyo emehlweni abo
njalo besile ekuboneni kwabo.

22 Maye kulabo abangamaqhawe ekunatheni iwayini
njalo bezintshantshu ekuhlanganiseni okunathwayo,
23 abakhulula abalamacala ngenxa yokufunjathiswa.
Kodwa banqabele abamsulwa imfanelo yabo.
24 Ngakho-ke, njengalokhu umlilo utshisa inhlanga,
utshani obomileyo buphelela phakathi kwamalangabi,
ngokunjalo impande zabo zizabola.
Lamaluba abo aphephuke njengothuli;
ngoba bawalile umthetho kaTHIXO uSomandla
balidelela ilizwi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
25 Ngakho ulaka lukaTHIXO luzavutha ebantwini bakhe;
isandla sakhe siphakeme njalo uyabatshaya.
Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka,
izidumbu zabafileyo zinjengezibi ezindleleni.

Ikanti kukho konke lokhu ulaka lwakhe kaluphelanga,
isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

26 Uphakamisela izizwe ezikude uphawu,
ubatshayela ikhwelo abasemaphethelweni omhlaba.
Nampa besiza
ngokuphangisa langejubane!
27 Kakho omunye wabo odinwayo loba okhubekayo,
kakho owozelayo kumbe olalayo,

akukho bhanti elixegiswayo ekhalweni,
akukho ntambo yenyathelo equmekileyo.
28 Imitshoko yabo ibukhali,
wonke amadandili abo agotshisiwe;
amasondo amabhiza abo afana lelitshe elilukhuni,
amavili ezinqola zabo zokulwa anjengesivunguzane.
29 Ukubhonga kwabo kufana lokwesilwane,
babhonga njengezilwane ezikhulayo,
bayabhavuma lapho bebamba inyamazana edliwayo,
babaleke layo kungekho ongabemuka.
30 Ngalolosuku bazabhavumela phezu kwayo
njengokubhavuma kolwandle.
Njalo nxa umuntu ekhangela ilizwe,
uzabona umnyama losizi;
lelanga lizakwenziwa libe mnyama ngamayezi.

6

Ukuthunywa Kuka-Isaya

1 Ngomnyaka inkosi u-Uziya eyafa ngawo, ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi esiphezulu esiphakemeyo, injobo yesembatho sakhe igcwele ithempeli. 2 Ngaphezu kwakhe kwakulamaserafimu, elinye lelinye lilempiko eziyisithupha. Ayegubuzele ubuso bawo ngezimpiko ezimbili, egubuzele inyawo zawo ngezimbili, ephapha ngezimbili. 3 Elinye lamemezela kwelinye lisithi:
“Ungcwele, ungcwele, ungcwele uTHIXO uSomandla,
umhlaba wonke ugcwele inkazimulo yakhe.”
4 Ekuzwakaleni kwamazwi awo imigubazi lombundu kwanyikinyeka, kwathi ithempeli lagcwala intuthu.

5 Mina ngakhala ngathi, “Maye mina! Sengibhujisiwe! Ngoba ngingumuntu olezindebe ezingcolileyo, njalo ngihlala phakathi kwabantu abalezindebe ezingcolileyo, lamehlo ami asebone iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla.”

6 Lapho-ke elinye lamaserafimu laphaphela kimi liphethe ilahle elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu e-alithareni. 7 Lathinta umlomo wami ngalo lathi, “Khangela, lokhu sekuthinte izindebe zakho; icala lakho selisusiwe, njalo lesono sakho sesihlawulelwe.”

8 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi, “Ngizathuma bani na? Ngubani na ozasihambela?”
Mina ngathi, “Ngilapha. Ngithuma!”

9 Yasisithi, “Hamba uyetshela abantu uthi:
‘Zwanini kokuphela, kodwa lingaqedisisi;
libone kokuphela, kodwa lingabonisisi.’
10 Yenza inhliziyo yalababantu ibe lukhuni;
wenze indlebe zabo zibe buthundu,
uvale amehlo abo.
Hlezi babone ngamehlo abo,
bezwe ngezindlebe zabo,
baqedisise ngezinhliziyo zabo,
baphenduke basiliswe.”

11 Ngasengisithi, “Koze kube nini, Nkosi?”
Yona yaphendula yathi:
“Amadolobho aze achitheke
njalo kungaselabantu kuwo,

izindlu zize zisale zingaselabantu,
lamasimu ephundleke abhuquzeka,
12 uTHIXO aze axotshele umuntu wonke khatshana
njalo ilizwe lidelwe ngokupheleleyo.
13 Lanxa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini isala elizweni
izachithwa futhi.
Kodwa njengezihlahla zetherebhinti lemi-okhi
zitshiya izidindi lapho seziganyulwe,
ngokunjalo inhlanyelo engcwele izakuba yisidindi elizweni."

7

Isibonakaliso Sika-Imanuweli

1 Kwathi u-Ahazi indodana kaJothamu, indodana ka-Uziya, eyinkosi yakoJuda, uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli basuka bayahlasela iJerusalema, kodwa kabalinqobanga.
2 Indlu kaDavida yatshelwa kwathiwa, "I-Aramu isimanyene lo-Efrayimi," inhliziyo ka-Ahazi lezabantu bakhe zanyikinyeka njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa ngumoya.
3 UTHIXO wasesithi ku-Isaya, "Hamba wena lendodana yakho uSheyari-Jashubi ukuba lihlangabeze u-Ahazi ekucineni komgelo wamanzi oweChibi Elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni oya Ensimini Yomgezisi. 4 Lithi kuye, 'Nanzelela, hlala ngokuthula, njalo ungesabi. Inhliziyo yakho kayingadeli ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaRezini lo-Aramu lolwendodana kaRemaliya.' " 5 U-Aramu lo-Efrayimi lendodana kaRemaliya sebecebe ukukutshabalalisa besithi, 6 "Kasihlaseleni ilizwe lakoJuda; kasilidabuleni phakathi silabelane, senze indodana kaThabheli ibe yinkosi yalo." 7 Kodwa-ke lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi:
" 'Akuyikuphumelela,
akuyikwenzakala,
8 ngoba inhloko ye-Aramu yiDamaseko,
inhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini kuphela.
Phakathi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu
u-Efrayimi uzakuba esetshabalele engaseyiso sizwe.
9 Inhloko ka-Efrayimi yiSamariya,
inhloko yeSamariya yindodana kaRemaliya kuphela.
Nxa lingami liqine okholweni lwenu
alisoze livele lime.' "
10 UTHIXO wakhuluma njalo ku-Ahazi wathi, 11 "Cela isibonakaliso kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, ingabe ekujuleni kwezulu loba phezulu engqongweni."
12 Kodwa u-Ahazi wathi, "Angiyikucela. Angiyikulinga uTHIXO."
13 U-Isaya wasesithi, "Khathesi-ke zwana wena lendlu kaDavida. Akwenelanga na ukulinga ukubekezela kwabantu? Uzalinga lokubekezela kukaNkulunkulu wami njalo na? 14 Ngakho-ke iNkosi ngokwayo izanika isibonakaliso: Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwa izale indodana bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuweli. 15 Uzakudla amasi loluju lapho eselolwazi olwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo. 16 Kodwa-ke umfana engakazi okwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo, ilizwe lamakhosi amabili owesabayo lizachithwa. 17 UTHIXO uzakwehlisela phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho, laphezu kwendlu kayihlo, isikhathi esingafani lesinye kusukela u-Efrayimi ebhazuka kuJuda, uzaletha inkosi yase-Asiriya."

I-Asiriya, Isitsha SIKATHIXO

18 Ngalelolanga uTHIXO uzatshaya ikhwelo ebiza impukane ezisekudabukeni kwezifula zaseGibhithe lezinyosi eziselizweni lase-Asiriya. 19 Zizakuza zonke zihlale

ezingoxweni ezingamawa, ezimbalwini zamadwala, ezihlahleni zonke zameva kuwo
wonke amagodi amanzi. 20 Ngalolosuku iNkosi izasebenzisa impuco ebolekwe
enkosini yase-Asiriya ngaphetsheya koMfula iYufrathe ukuphuca ikhanda lakho
loboya obusembaleni yakho, lokugunda indevu zakho lazo. 21 Ngalolosuku umuntu
uzafuya ithokazi elilodwa lembuzi ezimbili. 22 Ngenxa yobunengi bochago oluzavela
kuzo, uzakuba lamasi azawadla. Bonke abazasala elizweni bazakudla amasi loluju.
23 Ngalolosuku, ezindaweni zonke lapho okwakulamavini ayinkulungwane alingana
amashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane, kuzakuba lokhula lameva kuphela. 24 Abantu
bazakuya khona belamadandili lemitshoko ngoba ilizwe lizakuba seligcwele ukhula
lameva. 25 Emaqaqeni wonke ake alinywa ngekhuba kawusayikuya khona ngenxa
yokwesaba ukhula lameva, azakuba yindawo yokwelusela inkomo lamadlelo ezimvu.

8

U-Isaya Labantwabakhe Njengezibonelo

1 UTHIXO wathi kimi, “Thatha isibhebhedu selitshe esikhulu ulobe kuso ngolimi
olujwayelekileyo ukuthi: Maheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi (okutsho ukuthi: abaphanga
ukuhuquluza okuphangiweyo). 2 Ngizabiza u-Uriya umphristi loZakhariya indodana
kaJebherekhiya njengabofakazi bami abathembekileyo.” 3 Ngemva kwalokho ngaya
kumphrofethikazi, wathatha isisu, wazala indodana. UTHIXO wasesithi kimi,
“Mbize ngokuthi nguMaheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi. 4 Kuzakuthi umfana engakakwazi
ukuthi ‘Ubaba’ loba ‘Umama,’ inotho yaseDamaseko lempahla ethunjwe eSamariya
kuzathathwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya.”
5 UTHIXO wakhuluma kimi futhi wathi:
6 “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu laba sebewalile
amanzi ageleza kuhle aseShilowa
bethokozela uRezini
lendodana kaRemaliya,
7 ngakho-ke iNkosi isiseduze ukubalethela
izikhukhula zamanzi ezilamandla,
eziyinkosi yase-Asiriya lobukhosi bayo bonke,
zivela eYufrathe.
Azachithekela ngaphandle kwayo yonke imigelo yawo,
ageleze phezu kwamakhumbi ayo wonke,
8 afohlele koJuda, agcwale kulo,
adlule phakathi kwalo efika entanyeni.
Impiko zawo ezeluliweyo
zizakwembesa ububanzi belizwe lakho,
Awu, Emanuweli!”

9 Hlabani umkhosi wempi lina zizwe, lichithwe!
Lalelani lonke lina mazwe akude.
Lungiselani impi, lichithwe!
Lungiselani impi lichithwe!
10 Lungisani icebo lenu, kodwa kalisoze liphumelele:
bumbani isu lenu, kodwa kaliyikuma,
ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi.

Mesabeni UTHIXO

11 UTHIXO wakhuluma kimi isandla sakhe esilamandla siphezu kwami, engixwayisa
ukuba ngingalandeli indlela yalababantu. Wathi:
12 “Ungabokuthi kungamacebo amabi

konke abantu laba abathi kungamacebo amabi;
ungakwesabi abakwesabayo
njalo ungakuqhuqhi.
13 UTHIXO uSomandla
nguye okumele limazi engongcwele,
nguye okumele limesabe,
nguye okumele limqhuqhe.
14 Uzakuba yisiphephelo;
kodwa kuzo zombili izindlu zako-Israyeli
uzakuba yilitshe elikhubekisa abantu
ledwala elibenza bawe.
Ebantwini baseJerusalema uzakuba
yisifu lomjibila.
15 Inengi labo lizakhubeka;
bazakuwa bephuke,
bazathiywa bathunjwe.”

16 Bopha ubufakazi besixwayiso,
uqinise umthetho phakathi kwabafundi bakaNkulunkulu.
17 Ngizamlindela UTHIXO,
ofihlela indlu kaJakhobe ubuso bakhe.
Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye.
18 Mina ngilapha, kanye labantwana UTHIXO angiphe bona. Siyizibonakaliso lempawu ku-Israyeli ezivela KUTHIXO uSomandla, ohlala entabeni iZiyoni.

Ubumnyama Buphenduka Ukukhanya

19 Nxa abantu bekutshela ukuthi buza abalamadlozi labalemimoya yobuthakathi, labanyenyezayo bengunguza, kambe abantu akumelanga babuzisise uNkulunkulu wabo na? Kungani abaphilayo libabuzela kwabafayo na? 20 Emthethweni lakubo ubufakazi! Nxa bengakhulumi ngokumayelana lelizwi leli, kabalakho ukukhanya kokusa. 21 Bazazula lelizwe behlulukelwe, belambile. Lapho sebephalwe yindlala, bazathukuthela, bathuke inkosi yabo loNkulunkulu wabo bekhangele phezulu. 22 Emva kwalokho bazakhangela emhlabeni babone usizi kuphela, lomnyama owesabekayo, njalo bazaphoselwa emnyameni opheleleyo.

9

Sizalelwe Umntwana

1 Kodwa-ke akusayikuba khona ukudangala kulabo ababesosizini. Ensukwini ezedlulayo walithobisa ilizwe likaZebhuluni lelizwe likaNafithali. Kodwa ensukwini ezizayo uzayipha udumo iGalile yabezizweni, eNdleleni eya oLwandle elandela iJodani:
2 Abantu abahamba emnyameni
sebebone ukukhanya okukhulu;
kulabo abahlala elizweni lethunzi lokufa
ukukhanya sekukhanyisile.
3 Usikhulisile isizwe
wandisa intokozo yabo,
bayathokoza phambi kwakho
njengabantu bethokoza ekuvuneni,
njengempi ithokoza
isaba impango.

4 Ngoba njengamhla wokwehlulwa kukaMidiyani
usulephule ijogwe elibasindayo,
umgoqo onqume emahlombe abo,
intonga yomncindezeli wabo.
5 Lonke inyathela lebutho elisetshenziswe empini,
kanye lazozonke izigqoko ezigiqwe egazini
kuzakuya ekutshisweni;
kuzakuba ngokokubasisa umlilo.
6 Ngoba sizalelwe umntwana,
siphiwe indodana,
umbuso uzakuba phezu kwamahlombe akhe.
Uzabizwa ngokuthi
uMeluleki Omangalisayo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla,
uBaba Waphakade, iNkosana yokuThula.
7 Ukwanda kombuso wakhe lokuthula
akuyikuba lomkhawulo.
Uzabusa esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida
laphezu kombuso wakhe,
ewumisa njalo ewuqinisa
ngokufaneleyo langokulunga,
kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nini lanini.
Ukutshiseka KUKATHIXO uSomandla
kuzakufeza lokhu.

UTHIXO Uthukuthelele Abako-Israyeli

8 INkosi isithumele ilizwi lesixwayiso kuJakhobe
lizakwehlela phezu kuka-Israyeli.
9 Abantu bonke bazakwazi
u-Efrayimi labakhele eSamariya,
abathi ngokuzigqaja
langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo,
10 “Izitina sezidilikele phansi,
kodwa sizakwakha njalo ngamatshe abaziweyo;
imikhiwa isiganyulelwe phansi,
kodwa sizafaka imisedari endaweni yayo.”
11 Kodwa UTHIXO usebaqinisele izitha zikaRezini,
njalo usetshotshozele izitha zabo.
12 Ama-Aramu avela empumalanga lamaFilistiya avela entshonalanga
asedle u-Israyeli ngomlomo ovulekileyo.

Kodwa kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli,
isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

13 Kodwa abantu abakabuyeli kuye owabatshayayo.
Loba badinge UTHIXO uSomandla.
14 Ngakho UTHIXO uzaquma ko-Israyeli ikhanda lomsila,
ugatsha lwelala lomhlanga ngasuku lunye;
15 abadala lezikhulu balikhanda,
abaphrofethi abafundisa amanga bangumsila.
16 Labo abakhokhela abantu laba bayabalahlekisa,
labo abakhokhelwayo bayedukiswa.
17 Ngakho iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngezinsizwa zabo,

izintandane labafelokazi kayiyikuba lozwelo kubo,
ngoba bonke bayameyisa uNkulunkulu, njalo babi;
imilomo yonke ikhuluma amanyala.

Kodwa kukho konke lokhu,
ukuthukuthela kwayo akupheli,
isandla sayo silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

18 Ngeqiniso ububi butshisa njengomlilo,
budla ukhula lameva,
buthungela izixuku zehlathi zivuthe amalangabi
izikhatha zentuthu ziqonga zisiya phezulu.
19 Ngolaka LUKATHIXO uSomandla
ilizwe lizatshiswa,
abantu bazakuba zinkuni zomlilo,
kakho ozaphephisa umfowabo.
20 Bazaqeda kwesokudla
kodwa babe belokhu belambile;
bazakudla kwesokhohlo,
kodwa bangasuthi.
Omunye lomunye uzakudla abantwabakhe:
21 UManase uzakudla u-Efrayimi, u-Efrayimi adle uManase;
bobabili bazamelana loJuda.

Kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli,
isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

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1 Maye kulabo abenza imithetho emibi,
lakulabo ababhala izimiso ezincindezelayo,
2 ukuba kwamukwe abayanga amalungelo abo
lokugodla okufaneleyo kwabantu bami abancindezelweyo;
bazingela abafelokazi
baqhwage izintandane.
3 Lizakwenzani ngosuku lokuthonisiswa
lapho incithakalo isiza ivela khatshana?
Lizabalekela kubani ukuba lithole usizo na?
Lizayitshiya ngaphi inotho yenu?
4 Akukho okuzasala, kodwa ukuba baquthe phakathi kwabathunjiweyo
loba bafe lababuleweyo.

Ikanti kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli,
isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

UNkulunkulu Wahlulela I-Asiriya

5 “Maye kum’Asiriya, intonga yentukuthelo yami,
esandleni sayo kulesagila solaka lwami!
6 Ngimthumela ukuyamelana lesizwe esingelankulunkulu,
ngimthumela ukuyamelana labantu abangithukuthelisayo,
ukuba athumbe ahluthune impahla yokuthunjwa,

lokubanyathelela phansi njengodaka ezindleleni.
7 Kodwa lokhu akusikho akujongileyo,
lokhu akusikho okusengqondweni yakhe;
injongo yakhe yikutshabalalisa,
abhubhise izizwe ezinengi.
8 Uthi, ‘Izinduna zami zebutho kazisimakhosi zonke na?
9 IKhalino kaliphumelelanga njengeKharikhemishi na?
IHamathi kalinjenge-Ariphadi na?
LeSamariya kayinjengeDamaseko na?
10 Lanjengoba isandla sami sabamba imibuso yezithombe,
imibuso ezifanekiso zayo zedlula ezeJerusalema lezeSamariya,
11 angiyikuliphatha iJerusalema lezithombe zalo
ngendlela engaphatha ngayo iSamariya lezithombe zayo na?’ ”
12 Lapho uThixo esewuqedile wonke umsebenzi wakhe mayelana lentaba iZiyoni leJerusalema uzakuthi, “Ngizayijezisa inkosi yase-Asiriya ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwayo lokuzazisa okubonakala emehlweni ayo.” 13 Ngoba uthi:
“ ‘Ngamandla esandla sami langokuhlakanipha kwami
sengenze lokhu ngoba ngilokuqedisisa.
Ngayisusa imingcele yezizwe,
ngathumba inotho yazo;
njengolamandla nganqoba amakhosi azo.
14 Njengomuntu efinyelela isidleke senyoni,
ngokunjalo isandla sami safinyelela enothweni yezizwe,
njengabantu bebutha amaqanda atshiyiweyo,
kanjalo ngaqoqa amazwe wonke;
akukho okwaphaphazelisa amaphiko
loba okwavula umlomo wakho kwatshiyoza.’ ”

15 Konje ihloka liyaziphakamisela ngaphezu kwalowo olizulisayo na,
loba isaha izincome imelane lalowo oyisebenzisayo na?
Njengangathi induku izanyikinya lowo oyiphakamisayo,
kumbe isagila sinyikinye lowo ongasiso sigodo!
16 Ngakho-ke, iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla,
uzathumela isifo esicikizayo emabuthweni ayo aqinileyo;
ngaphansi kobukhosi bayo kuzaphembeka umlilo
njengelangabi elibhebhayo.
17 Ukukhanya kuka-Israyeli kuzakuba ngumlilo,
oNgcwele wabo abe lilangabi,
ngosuku olulodwa lizatshisa liqede
ameva akhe lokhula lwakhe.
18 Ubuhle bamahlathi akhe lamasimu akhe avundileyo,
uzakuqeda ngokupheleleyo
njengalapho umuntu ogulayo ecikizeka.
19 Izihlahla zamahlathi ezisalayo zizakuba zilutshwana,
okungathi lomntwana azibale.

Insalela Yako-Israyeli

20 Ngalolosuku insalela yako-Israyeli,
abendlu kaJakhobe abasindayo,
kabasayikwethemba kuye
owabatshayayo wababhubhisa

kodwa ngeqiniso bazathembela kuThixo,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
21 Insalela izabuyela, insalela kaJakhobe
izabuyela kuSomandla uNkulunkulu.
22 Loba abantu bakho, we Israyeli, benjengetshebetshebe olwandle,
kuzabuya insalela kuphela.
Incithakalo isimenyezelwe,
iyabakhulela kodwa ilungile.
23 INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uzasifeza isimemezelo
sokubhujiswa elizweni lonke.
24 Ngakho-ke lokho yikho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla akutshoyo:
“Awu bantu bami abahlala eZiyoni,
lingawesabi ama-Asiriya
alitshaya ngentonga
njalo lawo aliphakamisela isagila njengokwenziwa yiGibhithe.
25 Masinyane ukulithukuthelela kwami kuzaphela,
ulaka lwami luzaqondiswa ekubhujisweni kwabo.”

26 UThixo uSomandla uzabatshaya ngomchilo
njengalapho atshaya iMidiyani edwaleni lase-Orebi,
njalo uzaphakamisela intonga yakhe ngaphezu kwamanzi
njengalokhu akwenza eGibhithe.
27 Ngalolosuku imithwalo yabo izasuswa emahlombe enu,
lejogwe labo entanyeni zenu;
ijogwe lizakwephulwa
ngoba selizimukile.

28 Bayangena e-Ayathi;
badabula phakathi kweMigironi;
bagcina impahla eMikhimashi.
29 Badlula emkhandlwini bathi,
“Ebusuku sizalala eGebha.”
IRama liyathuthumela;
iGibhiya likaSawuli liyabaleka.
30 Hlaba umkhosi, We! Ndodakazi kaGalimi,
lalela we Layisha!
Anathothi ozihawulelayo!
31 IMadimena iyabaleka;
abantu baseGebhimu bazacatsha.
32 Ngalolosuku bazakuma kancane, kancane eNobhi,
bazakhomba ngezinqindi zabo
intaba yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni,
eqaqeni lwaseJerusalema.

33 Khangelani, iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla,
uzaquma ingatsha ngamandla amakhulu.
Izihlahla ezidephileyo zizaqunywa.
Ezinde zazo zizakwehliselwa phansi.
34 Ngehloka uzagamula izixuku zehlathi;
iLebhanoni izakuwa phambi kwakhe olaMandla.

11

UGatsha Oluvela KuJese

1 Ihlumela lizavela esidindini sikaJese;
uGatsha oluhlume empandeni zakhe luzathela izithelo.
2 UMoya kaThixo uzakuba phezu kwakhe,
uMoya wokuhlakanipha lowokuqedisisa,
uMoya wokweluleka lowamandla,
uMoya wokwazi lowokwesaba uThixo,
3 njalo uzathokoziswa yikwesaba uThixo.

Kayikwahlulela ngalokho akubona ngamehlo akhe,
loba aqume ngalokho akuzwa ngendlebe zakhe;
4 kodwa abaswelayo uzabehlulela ngokulunga
athathe izinqumo ngabayanga basemhlabeni ngokulunga.
Uzatshaya umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe;
ngomoya wendebe zakhe uzabulala ababi.
5 Ukulunga kuzakuba libhanti lakhe,
ukwethembeka kube luzwezwe ekhalweni lwakhe.

6 Impisi izahlala lezinyane lemvu,
ingwe izalala phansi lembuzi,
ithole kanye lesilwane kudle ndawonye;
umntwana omncane akukhokhele.
7 Inkomokazi izakudla lebhele,
amankonyane akho alale ndawonye;
njalo isilwane sizakudla utshani njengenkabi.
8 Usane luzadlalela phansi komlindi webululu,
umntwana omncane angenise isandla sakhe
emlonyeni womlindi wenhlangwana.
9 Abayikulimaza loba badilize
kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele,
ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lukaThixo
njengamanzi egcwalisa ulwandle.
10 Ngalolosuku iMpande kaJese izakuma njengophawu ebantwini; izizwe ziz-
abuthana kuye, indawo yakhe yokuphumula izakuba lodumo. 11 Ngalolosuku uThixo
uzakwelula isandla sakhe okwesibili ukuba abuyise insalela zabantu bakhe abasala
e-Asiriya, eGibhithe, ePhathrosi, eTiyopiya, eKhushi, e-Elamu, eShinari, eHamathi
lasezihlengeni zolwandle.
12 Uzaphakamisela izizwe uphawu
aqoqe abaxotshwayo ko-Israyeli.
Uzahlanganisa abantu bakoJuda abahlakazekileyo
bevela emagumbini amane omhlaba.
13 Ubukhwele buka-Efrayimi buzaphela,
izitha zikaJuda zizaqunywa;
u-Efrayimi akayikukhwelezela uJuda,
kumbe uJuda abe lobutha ku-Efrayimi.
14 Bazahwitha phansi emithezukweni yaseFilistiya ngasentshonalanga;
bebonke bazaphanga abantu basempumalanga.
Bazanqoba i-Edomi leMowabi lama-Amoni
azakuba ngaphansi kwabo.

15 UTHIXO uzacitsha
umsele wolwandle lwaseGibhithe,
ngomoya otshisayo uzadlulisa isandla sakhe
phezu komfula uYufrathe.
Uzawahlukanisa ube yizifula eziyisikhombisa
ukuze abantu bawuchaphe befake amanyathelo.
16 Kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu wezinsalela zabantu bakhe
abasele e-Asiriya,
njengoba kwakunjalo ko-Israyeli
ekubuyeni kwabo bevela eGibhithe.

12

Izingoma Zokubonga

1 Ngalolosuku wena uzakuthi:
“Ngizakubonga Oh THIXO.
Lanxa wawungithukuthelele
ulaka lwakho seluphelile,
njalo usungiduduzile.
2 Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uyinsindiso yami;
ngizathemba ngingesabi.
UTHIXO, uTHIXO ngokwakhe ungamandla lengoma yami;
usebe yinsindiso yami.”
3 Ngentokozo uzakukha amanzi
emithonjeni yensindiso.
4 Ngalolosuku uzakuthi:
“Mbongeni uTHIXO, bizani ibizo lakhe,
zaziseni izizwe ngalokhu akwenzileyo,
limemezele ukuthi ibizo lakhe liphakeme.
5 Hlabelelani kuTHIXO, ngoba wenze izinto ezinhle kakhulu;
lokhu kwenzeni kwazakale emhlabeni wonke.
6 Memezani kakhulu lihlabele ngokuthokoza, bantu baseZiyoni,
ngoba mkhulu oNgcwele ka-Israyeli phakathi kwenu.”

13

Isiphrofethi NgeBhabhiloni

1 Leli yilizwi elimayelana leBhabhiloni elaboniswa u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi:
2 Phakamisa uphawu phezu koqaqa oluligceke,
umemezele kubo,
ubaqhwebe ngesandla
ukuba bangene emasangweni asesikhosini.
3 Sengibalayile abangcwele bami,
sengiwalayile amaqhawe ami ukuba afeze ulaka lwami,
lawo athokozela ukunqoba kwami.

4 Lalelani, umsindo phezu kwezintaba,
onjengowexuku elikhulu.
Lalelani, ukuxokozela phakathi kwemibuso
njengezizwe zibuthana ndawonye!
UTHIXO uSomandla ubutha
ibutho elibuthela impi.

5 Bavela emazweni akude,
emikhawulweni yamazulu,
uTHIXO lezikhali zolaka lwakhe,
ukuba kuchithwe ilizwe lonke.

6 Lilani ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO seluseduze.
Luzafika njengokuchithakala okuvela kuSomandla.
7 Ngenxa yalokhu izandla zonke zizakuba buthakathaka,
inhliziyo zabantu bonke zizaphela amandla.
8 Bazakuba lokwesaba okukhulu,
baphathwe yibuhlungu losizi;
bazabhinqika njengowesifazane ehelelwa.
Bazakhangelana bemangele,
ubuso babo bungamalangabi.

9 Khangelani usuku LUKATHIXO luyeza,
usuku lwesihluku, ulaka lokuthukuthela okukhulu,
ukwenza ilizwe lichitheke,
kubhujiswe izoni eziphakathi kwalo.
10 Izinkanyezi zezulu lemithala yazo
akuyikukhanyisa.
Ilanga eliphumayo lizafiphazwa
lenyanga ayiyikukhanyisa.
11 Umhlaba ngizawujezisa ngenxa yobubi bawo,
lababi ngenxa yezono zabo.
Ngizaqeda ukukloloda kwabazikhukhumezayo,
ngehlise ukuzigqaja kwabalesihluku.
12 Ngizakwenza abantu basweleke okudlula igolide elicengekileyo,
basweleke okudlula igolide lase-Ofiri.
13 Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza amazulu anyikinyeke;
lomhlaba uzamazame endaweni yawo
ngokuthukuthela KUKATHIXO uSomandla,
ngosuku lolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo.

14 Njengempala ezingelwayo,
lanjengezimvu ezingelamelusi,
omunye lomunye uzabuyela ebantwini bakibo,
omunye lomunye uzabalekela elizweni lakibo.
15 Lowo ozathunjwa uzagwazwa;
bonke abazabanjwa bazabulawa ngenkemba.
16 Izingane zabo zizamahlazelwa phambi kwamehlo abo;
izindlu zabo zizakhuthuzwa, omkabo babanjwe ngodlakela.

17 Khangelani, ngizabavusela amaMede
angelandaba lesiliva,
njalo engalijabuleli legolide.
18 Imitshoko yawo izabulala izinsizwa;
kawayikuba lozwelo ezinganeni
loba abe lesihawu ebantwaneni.
19 IBhabhiloni, igugu lemibuso,
ubukhazikhazi bokuziqhenya kwamaKhaladiya,

lizachithwa nguNkulunkulu
njengeSodoma leGomora.
20 Akuyikuhlalwa kulo futhi
loba kwakhiwe kulo kuzozonke izizukulwane;
akulama-Arabhu azamisa amathente awo khona,
loba umelusi ozaphumuza imihlambi yakhe khona.
21 Kodwa izinyamazana zeganga zizahlala khona,
amakhanka azahlala ezindlini zakhona
lezikhova zizahlala khona,
lamagogo aqolotshe khona.
22 Impisi zizakhala ezinqabeni zakhona,
amakhanka ezindlini ezinhle zobukhosi.
Isikhathi salo sesizafika
njalo insuku zalo kaziyikwandiswa.

14

1 UTHIXO uzakuba lesihawu kuJakhobe;
uzamkhetha njalo u-Israyeli,
abahlalise elizweni labo.
Abezizwe bazahlangana labo
bamanyane lendlu kaJakhobe.
2 Izizwe zizabathatha
zibase endaweni yabo.
Indlu ka-Israyeli izathumba izizwe
zibe yizisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane elizweni LIKATHIXO.
Bazakwenza abathumbi babo babe yizigqili,
babuse abancindezeli babo.
3 Ngosuku UTHIXO azaliphumuza ngalo ekuhluphekeni, ekutshikatshikeni, lase-
bugqilini obulesihluku, 4 lizakutsho la amazwi okukloloda enkosini yaseBhabhiloni
lithi:
Umncindezeli usefikile ekucineni,
ukuthukuthela kwakhe sekuphelile!
5 UTHIXO useyephule intonga yababi,
induku yobukhosi eyababusi,
6 abatshaya abantu ngokuthukuthela,
langokugalela okungapheliyo,
banqoba izizwe ngentukuthelo
langokuncindezela okungapheliyo.
7 Amazwe wonke alokuphumula lokuthula;
aphahluka ahlabelele izingoma.
8 Lezihlahla zamaphayini lemisedari yaseLebhanoni
ziyathokoza ngawe zithi,
“Njengoba khathesi usuwiselwe phansi
akula ozakuzasigamula.”

9 Ithuna ngaphansi liyanyakaza
ukuba likuhlangabeze ekufikeni kwakho.
Livusa imimoya yabafayo ukuba ikubingelele,
bonke labo ababengababusi emhlabeni;
libenza basukume ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi,

bonke labo ababengamakhosi ezizwe.
10 Bazaphendula bonke,
bazakuthi kuwe,
“Lawe usubuthakathaka njengathi,
usube njengathi.”
11 Bonke ubukhosi bakho sebehliselwe phansi ethuneni,
kanye lomsindo wamachacho akho.
Impethu zendlaliwe ngaphansi kwakho,
inhlavane zikwembesile.

12 Yeka ukuwa kwakho uvela ezulwini,
wena nkanyezi yekuseni, ndodana yokusa!
Uphoselwe phansi emhlabeni,
wena owake wehlisela izizwe phansi!
13 Wathi enhliziyweni yakho,
“Ngizakwenyukela ezulwini,
ngizaphakamisela isihlalo sami sobukhosi
ngaphezu kwezinkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu;
ngizahlala ebukhosini phezu kwentaba yombuthano,
ezingqongweni zentaba engcwele.
14 Ngizakwenyukela phezu kwezindawo
eziphakemeyo emayezini;
ngizazenza ngibe njengoPhezukonke.”
15 Kodwa ulethwe phansi ethuneni,
ekuzikeni kwegodi.

16 Labo abakubonayo bakudonsela amehlo,
bayacabanga ngowakudalelwayo bathi:
“Nguye lo na umuntu owanyikinya umhlaba
wenza imibuso yaqhaqhazela,
17 umuntu owenza umhlaba waba lugwadule,
owadiliza amadolobho awo,
kazavumela abathunjwayo bakhe
ukubuyela ekhaya na?”

18 Wonke amakhosi ezizwe alele ebukhosini,
enye lenye ethuneni layo.
19 Kodwa wena uphoselwe ngaphandle kwethuna
lakho njengogatsha olulahliweyo;
welekwe ngababulawayo,
lalabo abagwazwa ngenkemba,
labo abehlela ematsheni egodi.
Njengesidumbu esinyathelwe ngezinyawo,
20 kawuyikuhlangana labo ekungcwatshweni;
ngoba usulichithile ilizwe lakho
wabulala labantu bakini.

Inzalo yababi
kakungakhulunywa ngayo futhi.
21 Lungisa indawo yokubulalela abantwabakhe

ngenxa yezono zabokhokho babo.
Kabamelanga bavuke ukuba bathathe ilizwe
bagcwalise umhlaba ngamadolobho abo.

22 “Ngizabavukela,”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
“Ngizakwesula iBhabhiloni labasindayo
abantwabakhe lezizukulwane,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
23 “Ngizalenza libe yindawo yezikhova
lelizwe elilixhaphozi.
Ngizalithanyela ngomthanyelo wencithakalo,”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.

Isiphrofethi Nge-Asiriya

24 UTHIXO uSomandla ufungile wathi,
“Ngeqiniso, njengoba sengilungisile, kuzakuba njalo,
njalo njengoba ngikumisile kuzakuma kanjalo.
25 Ngizamchoboza um’Asiriya elizweni lami;
ezintabeni zami ngizamnyathelela phansi.
Ijogwe lakhe lizasuswa ebantwini bami,
umthwalo wakhe ususwe emahlombe abo.”

26 Lokhu yikho okumiselwe umhlaba wonke,
lesi yisandla eselulelwe phezu kwezizwe zonke.
27 Ngoba uTHIXO uSomandla usenze isimiso,
ngubani ongamvimbela na?
Isandla sakhe siphakanyisiwe,
ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva na?

Isiphrofethi Ngamafilistiya

28 Ilizwi leli lafika nyakana kusifa inkosi u-Ahazi:
29 Lingathokozi, lonke lina maFilistiya,
lisithi intonga eyalitshayayo yephukile;
ngoba empandeni yenyoka leyana kuzavela inhlangwana,
inzalo yayo izakuba yinyoka elobuthi obutshokayo.
30 Abangabayanga kubayanga bazathola amadlelo,
abaswelayo bazalala phansi bevikelekile.
Kodwa impande yakho ngizayitshabalalisa ngendlala;
izabulala abaseleyo bakho.

31 Lila wena sango! Bubula wena dolobho!
Chithekani lonke lina maFilistiya!
Iyezi lentuthu livela enyakatho;
njalo akulamatshida eviyweni lalo.
32 Yimpendulo bani ezanikwa
izithunywa zalesosizwe na?
“UTHIXO useyakhile iZiyoni,
abantu bakhe abahluphekileyo bazaphephela kuye.”

15

Isiphrofethi NgeMowabi

1 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leMowabi:
I-Ari eMowabi itshabalalisiwe,
idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa.
IKhiri eMowabi itshabalalisiwe;
idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa.
2 IDibhoni iya phezulu ethempelini layo;
ezindaweni zayo eziphakemeyo ukuyalila;
iMowabi ililela iNebho leMedebha.
Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe;
indevu zonke zigeliwe.
3 Ezindleleni bagqoka amasaka,
phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu lasezindaweni zabantu bonke,
bayalila bonke,
baphele amandla ngokulila.
4 IHeshibhoni le-Eliyale kuyakhala,
amazwi akho azwakala laseJahazi.
Ngakho-ke amabutho aseMowabi ayakhala,
inhliziyo zawo zidangele.

5 Inhliziyo yami ikhalela iMowabi,
ababalekayo bayo babaleka baze bayefika kude eZowari;
kude njengase-Egilathi Shelishiya.
Bahamba ngendlela eya eLuhithi,
bakhala ohanjweni lwabo;
endleleni eya eHoronayimi
balilela ukubhujiswa kwabo.
6 Amanzi aseNimirimi acitshile,
utshani bubunile,
uhlaza kalusekho,
akukho lutho oluluhlaza oluseleyo.
7 Ngakho inotho abayizuzileyo bayigcina,
bayithwalela ngaphetsheya kweSifula semiDubu.
8 Ukuklabalala kwabo kuzwakele emngceleni waseMowabi,
ukukhala kwabo kufika kude e-Egilayimi,
ukulila kwabo kufika eBheri-Elimi.
9 Amanzi aseDimoni agcwele igazi
kodwa ngizajinge ngilethe okunengi phezu kweDimoni,
isilwane phezu kwababalekayo baseMowabi,
lakulabo abazasala elizweni.

16

1 Thumelani izimvu njengendlela yokuhlonipha
kumbusi welizwe
evela eSela, edabula enkangala,
esiya entabeni yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni.
2 Njengenyoni ephaphazelayo
isuswe esidlekeni,
banjalo abesifazane baseMowabi
emazibukweni ase-Arinoni.

3 UMowabi uthi, “Zinzisani ingqondo zenu
lenze isinqumo.
Yenzani isithunzi senu sibe njengobusuku
emini enkulu;
bafihleni ababalekayo,
linganikeli iziphepheli.
4 Vumelani iziphepheli zamaMowabi zihlale kini;
libe yisiphephelo sazo kubachithi.”

Umncindezeli uzakufa,
ukuchitheka kuzaphela,
umhlaseli uzanyamalala elizweni.
5 Ngothando, kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhosi;
ngokwethembeka, indoda izahlala kuso,
ivela endlini kaDavida,
yona ethi ekwahluleleni ifune imfanelo,
njalo iphangisisa indlela yokulunga.

6 Sizwile ngokuzigqaja kukaMowabi.
Ukuzigqaja kwakhe kokuzikhukhumeza lokuzazisa,
ukuzigqaja kwakhe lobuqholo bakhe,
kodwa ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe kuyize.
7 Ngakho-ke abaseMowabi bayalila,
balilela iMowabi bonke.
Khalani libubulele
izinkwa ezilezithelo zevini eKhiri-Haresethi.
8 Amasimu aseHeshibhoni ayabuna,
anjalo lamavini aseSibhima.
Ababusi bezizwe
sebewanyathelele phansi amavini amahle
kuqala ayefika eJazeri,
njalo anda kusiya ngasenkangala.
Amahlumela awo anaba
aze ayafika ngasolwandle.
9 Ngakho ngiyakhala njengalokhu iJazeri ikhala,
ngikhalela amavini aseSibhima.
Awu Heshibhoni lawe Eliyale,
ngilithambisa ngezinyembezi.
Ukuklabalalela izithelo zenu esezivuthiwe
ngentokozo lezivuno zenu sekuphelile.
10 Ukuthokoza lokuthaba akusekho ezivinini;
kakho ohlabelayo loba amemeze ezivinini;
kakho onyathela iwayini ezikhamelweni
ngoba umsindo sengiwuqedile.
11 Inhliziyo yami ikhalela uMowabi njengechacho,
ingaphakathi yami ikhalela iKhiri-Haresethi.
12 Lapho uMowabi evela endaweni yakhe ephakemeyo
uyazidinisa nje kuphela;
lalapho esiya endaweni yakhe yokukhonzela
ukuba akhuleke akusizi lutho.
13 Leli yilizwi uTHIXO avele eselikhulumile ngoMowabi. 14 Kodwa khathesi uTHIXO
uthi: “Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu, njengesisebenzi esibotshwe yisivumelwano

singayibala, udumo lukaMowabi labantu bakhe bonke abanengi kuzakweyiswa, njalo abazasinda bakhona bazakuba balutshwana kakhulu njalo bengelamandla.”

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Isiphrofethi NgeDamaseko

1 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leDamaseko:
“Khangela iDamaseko kayisayikuba lidolobho
kodwa izakuba yinqumbi yamanxiwa.
2 Amadolobho ase-Aroyeri azatshiywa,
etshiyelwa imihlambi ezalala phansi
kungekho ozayenza yesabe.
3 Idolobho elivikelweyo lizanyamalala ko-Efrayimi
lamandla obukhosi eDamaseko;
insalela ka-Aramu izakuba
njengodumo lwabako-Israyeli,”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.

4 “Ngalolusuku udumo lukaJakhobe luzakwehla;
amafutha asemzimbeni wakhe azancipha.
5 Kuzakuba njengalapho umvuni evuna amabele amiyo
evuna amabele ngengalo yakhe,
njenganxa umuntu edobha izikhwebu zamabele
eSigodini saseRefayi.
6 Ikanti ezinye izikhwebu zizasala,
njengalapho isihlahla se-oliva sibhuliwe,
kusale ama-oliva amabili loba amathathu
ezingatsheni eziphezulu kakhulu,
amane loba amahlanu ezingabeni zezithelo,”
kutsho uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

7 Ngalolosuku abantu bazathembela kuMenzi
wabo amehlo abo aphendukele koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
8 Abayikuthembela ema-alithareni,
umsebenzi wezandla zabo,
njalo kabayikuzinanza izinsika zika-Ashera
lama-alithare empepha enziwa yiminwe yabo.
9 Ngalolosuku amadolobho abo aqinileyo, abawatshiyayo ngenxa yama-Israyeli azafana lezindawo ezatshiyelwa izixukwana lezihlahlanyana. Konke kuzakuba yincithakalo.
10 Selimkhohliwe uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wenu,
kalilikhumbulanga iDwala, inqaba yenu.
Ngakho lanxa ligxumeka izihlahla ezinhle,
lihlanyele lamavini avela ezizweni,
11 lanxa lingawenza akhule ngelanga
elizawagxumeka ngalo,
loba liwenze ahlume
ngekuseni eliwahlanyele ngayo,
kodwa isivuno sizakuba yize
ngosuku lwesifo lobuhlungu obungelaphekiyo.

12 Maye, ukuhlokoma kwezizwe ezinengi,

zihlokoma njengokuhlokoma kolwandle!
Yeka ukuxokozela kwezizwe,
zihuba njengokuhuba kwamanzi amanengi!
13 Lanxa izizwe zihuba njengokugubhuza kwamanzi,
nxa ezikhuza zibalekela khatshana,
njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya emaqaqeni,
lanjengothuli olubangwa yisivunguzane.
14 Kusihlwa kuba lokuthuthumela.
Kungakasi, kabasekho.
Lesi yiso isabelo salabo abasikhuthuzayo,
isabelo salabo abasihlaselayo.

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Isiphrofethi NgeKhushi

1 Maye ngelizwe elilokuphaphazela kwempiko
emifuleni yaseKhushi,
2 elithuma izithunywa zihamba olwandle
ngezikepe zemihlanga phezu kwamanzi.

Hambani, zithunywa ezilejubane,
liye ebantwini abade abalejwabu elibutshelezi,
ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke,
isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo,
esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula.

3 Lonke lina bantu bomhlaba,
lina elihlala emhlabeni,
lapho uphawu luphakanyiswa phezu kwezintaba
lizalubona,
lalapho uphondo lukhala
lizaluzwa.
4 Lokhu yikho uTHIXO akutshoyo kimi:
“Ngizakwala ngithule,
ngikhangele ngisendaweni yami yokuhlala,
njengokucwebezela kokutshisa ekukhanyeni kwelanga,
lanjengenkungu yamazolo ngesikhathi sokuvuna.”
5 Ngoba kungakavunwa, lapho ukukhahlela sekudlule,
amaluba esesiba livini elivuthiweyo,
uzaquma amahlumela ngamahloka okuthena,
aqume lengatsha ezinabayo, azisuse.
6 Zonke zizatshiyelwa izinyoni zasezintabeni ezidla inyama,
lezinyamazana zeganga;
izinyoni zizakudla ihlobo lonke,
izinyamazana zeganga ubusika bonke.
7 Ngalesosikhathi izipho zizalethwa kuTHIXO uSomandla
zivela ebantwini abade abalamajwabu abutshelezi,
zivela ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke.
Isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo,
esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula,
izipho zizalethwa entabeni iZiyoni, endaweni yeBizo LIKATHIXO uSomandla.

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Isiphrofethi NgeGibhithe

1 Isiphrofethi esimayelana leGibhithe sithi:
Khangela uTHIXO ukhwele phezu kweyezi elilesiqubu
esiza eGibhithe.
Izithombe zaseGibhithe ziyathuthumela phambi kwakhe,
njalo inhliziyo zamaGibhithe ziba buthakathaka ngaphakathi kwawo.

2 "Ngizadunga umGibhithe alwe lomGibhithe,
umuntu uzakulwa lomfowabo,
umakhelwane alwe lomakhelwane,
idolobho lilwe ledolobho,
umbuso ulwe lombuso.
3 AbaseGibhithe bazaphelelwa lithemba,
njalo ngizakwenza amacebo abo abe yize;
bazabuza izithombe lemimoya yabafayo,
amadlozi lezanuse.
4 AbaseGibhithe ngizabanikela
enkosini elesihluku,
inkosi eyesabekayo izababusa,"
kutsho iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla.

5 Amanzi omfula azakutsha,
umfula uzacitsha, wome.
6 Imigelo izanuka,
izifula zaseGibhithe zizakwentsha zitshe.
Imihlanga lebhuma kuzabuna,
7 kanjalo lezihlahlanyana emakhunjini kaNayili
lapho umfula othela khona.
Konke okuhlanyelwe eduzane loNayili
Kuzakoma, kuphephukele khatshana Kungabikhona.
8 Abagoli benhlanzi bazababula balile,
bonke abaphosa amawuka kuNayili,
loba abajika amambule emanzini
bazaphela amandla.
9 Labo abasebenzisa isikusha bazadangala,
abeluka ilineni elihle bazaphelelwa lithemba.
10 Izisebenzi zasemalenjini zizadana,
njalo bonke abahola imiholo bazakuba lusizi.

11 Izikhulu zaseZowani azisilutho kodwa izithutha nje;
abaluleki bakaFaro abahlakaniphileyo banika izeluleko zobuwula.
Ungatsho kanjani kuFaro uthi,
"Mina ngingomunye wamadoda ahlakaniphileyo,
umfundi wamakhosi endulo?"

12 Khathesi bangaphi abantu bakini abahlakaniphileyo?
Kabalitshengise balazise
ngalokhu uTHIXO uSomandla
asecebe ukukwenza emelana leGibhithe.
13 Izikhulu zaseZowani sezibe yizithutha,
abakhokheli baseMemfisi bakhohlisiwe,

abazinsika zabantu bakhona
sebedukise iGibhithe.
14 UTHIXO usethele umoya wesiyezi phakathi kwabo;
benza iGibhithe ibhadazele kukho konke ekwenzayo,
njengesidakwa sidiyazela emahlanzweni aso.
15 Akulalutho iGibhithe engalwenza,
ikhanda loba umsila, ugatsha lwelala loba umhlanga.
16 Ngalolosuku abaseGibhithe bazafana labesifazane. Bazathuthumela ngokwesaba isandla esiphakanyisiweyo UTHIXO uSomandla abaphakamisele sona. 17 Lelizwe lakoJuda lizaletha ukwesaba kwabaseGibhithe. Bonke okuzakhulunywa kubo ngoJuda bazathuthumela, ngenxa yalokho UTHIXO uSomandla aceba ukukwenza kubo.
18 Ngalolosuku amadolobho amahlanu aseGibhithe azakhuluma ulimi lwaseKhenani, afungele ukwethembeka KUTHIXO uSomandla. Elinye lawo lizathiwa liDolobho leNcithakalo.
19 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba le-alithari LIKATHIXO phakathi kwelizwe laseGibhithe, lelitshe lesikhumbuzo sikaThixo emngceleni walo. 20 Lizakuba yisibonakaliso lobufakazi KUTHIXO uSomandla elizweni laseGibhithe. Lapho bekhalaza KUTHIXO ngenxa yabancindezeli babo, uzabathumela umsindisi lomvikeli, abahlenge. 21 Kanjalo UTHIXO uzakwenza ukuba azakale kwabaseGibhithe, njalo ngalolosuku bazamvuma UTHIXO. Bazakhonza ngemihlatshelo langeminikelo yamabele; bazakwenza izifungo KUTHIXO, bazigcine. 22 UTHIXO uzatshaya iGibhithe ngesifo; uzabatshaya aphinde abasilise. Bazaphendukela KUTHIXO, njalo uzakuzwa imikhuleko yabo abasilise.
23 Ngalolosuku bazakuba lomgwaqo osuka eGibhithe usiya e-Asiriya. Abase-Asiriya bazakuya eGibhithe, abeGibhithe labo baye e-Asiriya. AbaseGibhithe labase-Asiriya bazakhonza ndawonye. 24 Ngalolosuku i-Israyeli izakuba ngeyesithathu kanye leGibhithe le-Asiriya kube yisibusiso emhlabeni. 25 UTHIXO uSomandla uzababusisa esithi, “Kayibusiswe iGibhithe abantu bami, i-Asiriya umsebenzi wezandla zami le-Israyeli ilifa lami.”

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Isiphrofethi NgeGibhithe LeKhushi

1 Ngomnyaka indunankulu yebutho eyafika ngawo e-Ashidodi, ithunywe nguSagoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, yahlasela i-Ashidodi yayithumba, 2 ngalesosikhathi UTHIXO wakhuluma ngo-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathi kuye, “Susa isaka oligqokileyo emzimbeni wakho ukhuphe lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakho.” Wenza njalo, wahamba nqunu njalo engagqokanga lutho ezinyaweni.
3 UTHIXO wasesithi, “Njengoba inceku yami u-Isaya ihambe nqunu njalo ingagqokanga lutho ezinyaweni okweminyaka emithathu njengesibonakaliso lomhlolo kwabaseGibhithe labaseKhushi, 4 ngokunjalo inkosi yase-Asiriya izabaqhuba benqunu njalo bengafakanga manyathela ezinyaweni abaseGibhithe abathunjiweyo labaseKhushi abaxotshwayo elizweni lakibo, abatsha labadala, izibunu zisegcekeni, kube lihlazo eGibhithe. 5 Labo ababethembe iKhushi bezincoma ngeGibhithe, bazakwesaba bayangiswe. 6 Ngalolosuku abantu abahlala kulelicele eliseduze kolwandle bazakuthi, ‘Khangelani osokwenzakale kulabo ebesigwaba ngabo, labo esabalekela kubo ukuba sithole usizo lokukhululwa enkosini yase-Asiriya! Pho sizaphepha kanjani na?’ ”

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Isiphrofethi NgeBhabhiloni

1 Isiphrofethi mayelana leNkangala engasoLwandle:
Njengesivunguzane sidlula eNegebi,
umhlaseli uvela enkangala evelela
elizweni elesabekayo.

2 Ngitshengiswe umbono owesabekayo.
Umthengisi uyathengisa, umkhuthuzi uthatha impahla.
Elamu, hlasela! Mediya, vimbezela!
Mina ngizakuqeda konke ukububula akudalileyo.

3 Ngalokhu umzimba wami uyafuthelwa,
ngiphethwe yibuhlungu obufana lobowesifazane ehelelwa.
Ngithithibaliswa yilokhu engikuzwayo,
ngidideka ngalokhu engikubonayo.
4 Inhliziyo yami iphela amandla,
ukwesaba kungenza ngiqhaqhazele;
ukuhlwa engibe ngikufisa,
sekusesabeka kimi.

5 Itafula bayilungisile,
bendlala amalembu
bayadla, bayanatha.
Sukumani lina zikhulu,
ligcobe amahawu!
6 Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi:
“Hamba uyefaka umlindi
ukuze abike akubonayo.
7 Angabona izinqola zempi,
kulemihlambi yamabhiza,
abagadi phezu kwabobabhemi
loba abagadi phezu kwamakamela,
kaqaphele;
aqaphelisise sibili.”
8 Umlindi wasememeza esithi,
“Nkosi yami, usuku ngosuku ngiyema phezu komphotshongo wokulinda;
ubusuku ngabunye ngihlala ensikeni yami.
9 Khangela, nangu umuntu esiza esenqoleni yempi
lomhlambi wamabhiza.
Uphendula esithi,
‘IBhabhiloni isidilikile, isidilikile!
Zonke izifanekiso zezithombe zayo
zihlakazekele phansi!’ ”

10 Awu bantu bami elibhulelwe esizeni,
ngilitshela engikuzwileyo
kuvela THIXO uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

Isiphrofethi Nge-Edomi

11 Isiphrofethi esimayelana leDuma:
Umuntu othile uyangimemeza eseSeyiri, esithi,
“Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku okusaseleyo?

Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku okusaseleyo?”
12 Umlindi uphendula esithi,
“Ukusa kuyeza, kodwa lobusuku buyeza.
Nxa ufuna ukubuza, buza;
uphinde ubuye futhi.”

Isiphrofethi Nge-Arabhiya

13 Isiphrofethi esimayelana le-Arabhiya:
Lina zindwendwe zabakoDedani
ezimise emahlabathini ase-Arabhiya,
14 lethelani abomileyo amanzi;
lina elihlala eThema,
lethelani ababalekayo ukudla.
15 Babalekela inkemba,
inkemba eqhatshisiweyo,
babalekela idandili eligotshiweyo,
lokutshisa kwempi.
16 Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi ukuthi: “Phakathi komnyaka owodwa nje, njengendlela isisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo esingawubala ngayo, lonke udumo lweKhedari luzaphela. 17 Abasindayo kwabemitshoko, amabutho aseKhedari, baza-kuba balutshwana.” UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, usekhulumile.

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Isiphrofethi NgeJerusalema

1 Isiphrofethi ngesiGodi soMbono:
Kuyini okukukhathazayo khathesi,
wena sewakhwela phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu,
2 wena dolobho eligcwele iziphithiphithi,
wena dolobho lokuxokozela lokuthokoza?
Abafayo bakho ababulawanga ngenkemba,
njalo kabafelanga empini.
3 Bonke abakhokheli bakho babaleke bebonke,
bathunjiwe bengazange basebenzise mtshoko.
Lonke lina elabanjwayo lathathwa ukuba libe yizibotshwa ndawonye,
libalekile isitha sisesekhatshana.
4 Ngakho ngathi, “Sukani kimi;
lingiyekele ngikhale kabuhlungu.
Lingazami ukungiduduza
ngenxa yokuchithwa kwabantu bakithi.”

5 INkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla, ulosuku
lokuxokozela lokugxoba lokwesaba
eSigodini soMbono, usuku
lokudiliza imiduli
lokumemezela ezintabeni.
6 I-Elamu ithatha isikhwama semitshoko,
labatshayeli balo bezinqola zempi, lamabhiza;
iKhiri lambula ihawu.
7 Izigodi zakho ezinhle kakhulu zigcwele izinqola zempi,
abagadi bamabhiza bamiswe emasangweni edolobho.

8 Ukuvikeleka kukaJuda kususiwe,

Ngalolosuku wathemba
izikhali eziseSigodlweni seHlathi,
9 wabona ukuthi iDolobho likaDavida
lalilezikhala ezinengi ezivikelweni zalo;
wagcina amanzi eSizibeni esingaPhansi.
10 Wabala izindlu zaseJerusalema,
wazidiliza ukuze kuqiniswe umduli.
11 Phakathi kwemiduli yomibili wakha indawo yokugcinela
amanzi eSiziba esiDala.
Kodwa kawukhangelanga kuLowo owasenzayo,
kumbe umnake Lowo owaceba ukusenza kudala.

12 Ngalolosuku iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla,
wakubiza ukuba
ukhale ulile,
usiphune inwele zakho, ugqoke isaka.
13 Kodwa khangela, kulokuthaba lokuthokoza,
ukuhlatshwa kwezinkomo lokubalwa kwezimvu,
ukudliwa kwenyama lokunathwa kwewayini! Lithi,
“Kasidleni sinathe,
ngoba kusasa sizakufa!”
14 UTHIXO uSomandla usekuvezile lokhu ngisizwa: “Lesisono kasiyikuthethelelwa
kuze kube lusuku lwakho lokufa,” kutsho iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla.
15 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yiNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla, uthi:
“Hamba, uthi encekwini le,
kuShebhina ongumphathi wesigodlo:
16 Wenzani lapha, njalo ngubani okuphe imvumo ukuba
uzimbele ingcwaba lapha,
ugubha ingcwaba lakho endaweni ephezulu,
ugubha indawo yakho yokuphumula edwaleni?”

17 Qaphela, sekuseduze ukuthi uTHIXO akubambe aqinise,
akuphosele khatshana, wena ndoda elamandla.
18 Uzakugoqa ngokuqinisa akubumbe njengebhola
akuphosele elizweni elikhulu.
Uzafela khonapho.
Lezigqoko zakho zempi ezinhle zizasala khonapho,
wenza ihlazo endlini yenkosi yakho!
19 Ngizakususa esikhundleni sakho,
njalo uzaxotshwa emsebenzini wakho.
20 Ngalolosuku ngizabiza inceku yami, u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya.
21 Ngizamgqokisa izembatho zakho, ngimbophe ngebhanti lakho, ngimnike amandla
akho. Uzakuba nguyise walabo abahlala eJerusalema lakwabendlu kaJuda.
22 Ngizabeka phezu kwamahlombe akhe isivulo sendlu kaDavida; akuvulayo kakho
ongakuvala. 23 Ngizambethela njengesikhonkwane endaweni eqinileyo; uzakuba
yisihlalo sobukhosi sasendlini kayise. 24 Lonke udumo lwakwabo luzakuba kuye,
inzalo yakhona lezizukulwane zonke, izitsha zakhona ezincinyane, kusukela emigan-
wini kusiya enkonxeni zonke.
25 “Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla, “isikhonkwane esabethelwa en-
daweni eqinileyo sizakhumuka; sizaqunywa siwe, umthwalo ophezu kwaso uzawela
phansi.” UTHIXO usekhulumile.

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Isiphrofethi NgeThire

1 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leThire:
Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi!
Ngoba iThire selichithiwe
lasala lingaselandlu
kumbe indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi.
Ilizwi selifikile kibo
livela elizweni laseKhithimi.

2 Thulani lina bantu basesihlengeni
lani bathengi baseSidoni,
asebanothiswa ngabahambi bolwandle.
3 Amabele aseShihori
eza ephezu kwamanzi,
isivuno saseNayili sasiyinzuzo yeThire,
njalo yaba yindawo yezizwe yokuthengiselana.

4 Woba lenhloni wena Sidoni, lawe wena nqaba yasolwandle
ngoba ulwandle selukhulumile lwathi:
kangizange ngihelelwe kumbe ngizale;
“Kangizange ngondle amadodana kumbe ngikhulise amadodakazi.”
5 Lapho ilizwi lifika eGibhithe
bazakuba lusizi ngombiko ovela eThire.

6 Khuphukelani ngaseThashishi;
khalani lina bantu basesihlengeni.
7 Leli yilo na idolobho lenu lentokozo,
idolobho elidaladala,
elinyawo zalo zalithatha
ukuyalihlalisa emazweni akude?
8 Ngubani ocebe lokhu ngeThire,
umethesi wemiqhele,
abathengisi bayo bangamakhosana,
abathengisi bayo badumile emhlabeni?
9 UTHIXO uSomandla wakuceba lokhu,
ukwehlisa ukuzigqaja kwenkazimulo yonke
lokuthobisa bonke abalodumo emhlabeni.

10 Lima insimu yakho malungana leNayili
wena Ndodakazi yaseThashishi
ngoba kawuselayo indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi.
11 UTHIXO useselulele isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle
wenza imibuso yalo yanyikinyeka.
Usekhuphe umlayo ngeKhenani
ukuba izinqaba zayo zidilizwe.
12 Wathi, “Akusekho ukuthokoza kwakho
wena Ndodakazi Egcweleyo yaseSidoni esichoboziwe!

Vuka ukhuphukele ngaseKhithimi;
lakhona awuyikuthola ukuphumula.”

13 Khangela elizweni lamaKhaladiya,
abantu laba khathesi abangaselutho!
Abase-Asiriya sebelenze
laba yindawo yezidalwa zeganga;
bakhe imiphotshongo yabo yokuzivikela,
bazibhidlizile izinqaba zalo
balenza laba lunxiwa.

14 Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi,
inqaba yenu idiliziwe!
15 Ngalesosikhathi iThire izakhohlakala okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ibanga lokuphila kwenkosi. Kodwa ekupheleni kwaleyominyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, eThire kuzakwenzakala okunjengokutshiwo yingoma yewule ukuthi:
16 “Thatha ichacho, uhambahambe phakathi kwedolobho
wena wule elikhohlakeleyo.
Litshaye kuhle ichacho, uhlabele izingoma ezinengi,
ukuze ukhunjulwe.”
17 Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa UTHIXO uzakhumbula iThire. IThire lizabuyela ekuthengiseni kwalo njengesifebe, njalo lizabuyela emsebenzini walo wokuthengiselana lemibuso yonke esemhlabeni. 18 Inzuzo lemiholo yalo kuzakwahlukaniselwa UTHIXO; kakuyikulondolozwa loba kubuthelelwe. Inzuzo yalo izakuya kulabo abahlala LOTHIXO ukuba babe lokudla okunengi lezigqoko ezinhle.

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Ukuchithwa Komhlaba NGUTHIXO

1 Khangela, UTHIXO
uzabhidliza umhlaba utshabalale;
uzawuchitha, ahlakaze abahlala kuwo.
2 Kuzafanana
okuzenziwa kumphristi kuzenziwa lasebantwini,
okuzenziwa enkosini kuzenziwa lasencekwini,
okuzenziwa enkosikazini kuzenziwa lasencekukazini,
okuzenziwa kumthengisi kuzenziwa lakumthengi,
okuzenziwa kowebolekayo kuzenziwa lakumebolekisi,
okuzenziwa kokweledayo kuzenziwa lakokweledisayo.
3 Umhlaba uzatshabalaliswa nya
uphangwe uqedwe du.
UTHIXO uselikhulumile ilizwi leli.

4 Umhlaba uyoma ubune,
umhlaba uyahodoza ubune,
abaphakemeyo bomhlaba bayahodoza!
5 Umhlaba ungcoliswa ngabantu bawo.
Kabayilalelanga imithetho,
beqe imilayo
bephula isivumelwano esingapheliyo.
6 Ngakho-ke umhlaba uchithwa yisiqalekiso;
abantu bawo kumele bahlupheke ngenxa yokona kwabo.
Ngakho abantu abahlala emhlabeni bayatshiswa,
njalo balutshwana kakhulu abaseleyo.

7 Iwayini elitsha liyaphela, amavini ayabuna;
bonke abenza umsindo bejabula bayabubula.
8 Ukukhala kwamagedla kuthulisiwe,
umsindo wabajabulayo usuphelile,
ichacho lentokozo selithule.
9 Kabasanathi iwayini behlabela,
utshwala buyababa kubanathi babo.
10 Idolobho elidilikileyo litshabalele;
iminyango yezindlu zonke ivalekile.
11 Emigwaqweni bakhalela iwayini,
yonke intokozo iba yikudana,
ukujabula konke kuphelile emhlabeni.
12 Idolobho lisele selingamanxiwa,
isango lalo libhidlizwe laba yizicucu.
13 Kuzakuba njalo emhlabeni
laphakathi kwezizwe,
njengalapho isihlahla som'oliva sinyikinywa,
loba njengezithelo ezitholwa emva kokuvunwa kwamavini.

14 Baphakamisa amazwi abo, bahlabele ngentokozo;
bememezela ubukhosi BUKATHIXO bengasentshonalanga.
15 Ngakho-ke dumisani UTHIXO empumalanga;
phakamisani UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
ezihlengeni zolwandle.
16 Sizwa ukuhlabelela okuvela emikhawulweni yomhlaba:
"Udumo kalube koLungileyo."

Kodwa mina ngathi, "Ngiyacikizeka, ngiyacikizeka!
Maye mina!
Abakhohlisi bayaceba!
Ngenkohliso abakhohlisi bayaceba!"
17 Ukwesaba, igodi lomjibila kulilindele,
lina bantu basemhlabeni.
18 Loba ngubani obalekela umsindo wokwesaba
uzawela egodini;
loba ngubani ophumayo egodini
uzabanjwa ngumjibila.

Amasango asezulwini avuliwe,
izisekelo zomhlaba ziyanyikinyeka.
19 Umhlaba usubhidlikile,
umhlaba usudabuke phakathi,
umhlaba usunyikinywe impela.
20 Umhlaba udiyazela njengesidakwa,
uzunguzeka njengendlu kulesiphepho;
siwusinda kangaka isono sokuhlamuka kwawo
uze uwe, awuyikuvuka futhi.

21 Ngalolosuku UTHIXO uzajezisa
amabutho asemazulwini phezulu
lamakhosi emhlabeni ngaphansi.

22 Bazabuthelwa ndawonye
njengezibotshwa zibotshiwe emgodini oyintolongo.
Bazavalelwa entolongweni
bajeziswe emva kwensuku ezinengi.
23 Inyanga izayangeka,
ilanga libelenhloni;
ngoba UTHIXO uSomandla uzabusa ngenkazimulo phezu
kweNtaba iZiyoni laphakathi kweJerusalema,
laphambi kwabadala bakhona.

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Dumisani UTHIXO

1 Oh THIXO, wena unguNkulunkulu wami;
ngizakudumisa ngibabaza ibizo lakho
ngoba ngokuthembeka okupheleleyo,
wenze izinto ezimangalisayo,
izinto ezamiswa endulo.
2 Wenze idolobho laba yinqwaba yemfucuza;
idolobho elivikelweyo laba lunxiwa,
inqaba yabezizweni kayiseyilo dolobho;
kayiyikwakhiwa futhi.
3 Ngakho-ke abantu abalamandla bazakudumisa,
amadolobho ezizwe ezilolunya azakwesaba.
4 Ubuyisiphephelo sabayanga,
isiphephelo soswelayo osizini lwakhe,
isivikelo phakathi kwesiphepho
lomthunzi ekutshiseni kwelanga.
Ngoba umoya wabalesihluku
unjengesiphepho sitshayeka emdulini,
5 lanjengokutshisa kwasenkangala.
Wena uthulisa umsindo wabezizweni;
njengokutshisa kusehliswa ngumthunzi weyezi,
ithuliswa kanjalo lengoma yaba lesihluku.

6 Phezu kwale intaba UTHIXO uSomandla uzakwenzela
abantu bonke idili lokudla okumnandi,
idili lewayini elidala,
inyama enhle kakhulu lewayini elihle kakhulu.
7 Phezu kwale intaba uzadiliza
isembeso esimboze abantu bonke,
ilembu elembese izizwe zonke;
8 uzakuginya kokuphela ukufa.
UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzakwesula inyembezi
ebusweni babantu bonke;
uzasusa ihlazo labantu bakhe
emhlabeni wonke.
UTHIXO usekhulumile.
9 Ngalolosuku bazakuthi,
“Ngempela lo nguNkulunkulu wethu;
sethemba kuye, wasikhulula.
Lo NGUTHIXO, sethemba kuye;
kasithokozeni sithabe ngokusisindisa kwakhe.”

10 Isandla SIKATHIXO sizahlala phezu kwalintaba;
kodwa uMowabi uzanyathelelwa ngaphansi ezweni lakhe
njengotshani bunyathelelwa phansi emqubeni.
11 Bazakwelulela izandla zabo kuye,
njengenhlambi iselula izandla zayo ukuba intsheze.
UNkulunkulu uzakuqeda ukuzigqaja kwabo
phezu kokuhlakanipha kwezandla zabo.
12 Uzadiliza izinqaba zenu eziphakemeyo
azibhidlizele phansi;
uzazidilizela phansi emhlabathini,
kulo kanye uthuli.

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Ingoma Yokubonga

1 Ngalolosuku ingoma le izahlatshelwa elizweni lakoJuda:
Siledolobho eliqinileyo;
uNkulunkulu wenza ukusindisa
kube yimiduli yalo lezivikelo.
2 Vulani amasango
ukuze isizwe esilungileyo singene,
isizwe esigcina ukuthembeka.
3 Lizamemeza abe lokuthula okupheleleyo
lowo olengqondo ebambelelayo,
ngoba wethemba kuwe.
4 Thembani UTHIXO kokuphela,
ngoba UTHIXO, UTHIXO ngokwakhe, uliDwala laphakade.
5 Ubehlisela phansi abahlala engqongeni;
ulehlisela phansi idolobho eliphakemeyo,
ulidilizela emhlabathini,
aliphosele phansi othulini.
6 Inyawo zilinyathelela phansi,
inyawo zabancindezelweyo,
amanyathelo abayanga.

7 Indlela yabalungileyo iqondile;
awu wena oQotho,
wenza indlela yabalungileyo ibe butshelezi.
8 Yebo, THIXO, sihamba endleleni yemithetho yakho,
siyakulindela;
ibizo lakho lodumo lwakho
kulangathelelwa zinhliziyo zethu.
9 Umphefumulo wami uyakulangazelela ebusuku,
ekuseni umoya wami uyakukhumbula.
Lapho ukwahlulela kwakho kufika emhlabeni,
abantu basemhlabeni bayakufunda ukulunga.
10 Lanxa ababi betshengiswa umusa,
kabakufundi ukulunga;
laselizweni lokulunga baqhubeka besenza okubi,
bengabunaki ubukhosi BUKATHIXO.
11 Oh THIXO, isandla sakho siphakanyiselwe phezulu,

kodwa kabasiboni.
Babonise ukutshisekela kwakho abantu bakho bayangiswe;
umlilo olungiselwe izitha zakho kawubaqede.

12 THIXO, usilethela ukuthula;
konke esesikufezile sikwenzelwe nguwe.
13 Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye amakhosi ngaphandle kwakho ake asibusa,
kodwa ibizo lakho yilo lodwa esilidumisayo.
14 Khathesi asafa, kawasaphili;
imimoya leyana eyahambayo kayivuki.
Wawajezisa, wawatshabalalisa;
wesula konke ukukhunjulwa kwawo.
15 Usandisile isizwe, Oh THIXO;
usandisile isizwe.
Uzilethele udumo;
uyiqhelisile yonke imikhawulo yelizwe.

16 THIXO, beza kuwe ekuhluphekeni kwabo;
kwathi lapho usubajezisile
banelisa ukunyenyeza umkhuleko.
17 Njengowesifazane okhulelweyo lapho esezabeletha
uyabhinqika ekhaliswa yibuhlungu,
lathi sabanjalo phambi kwakho, Oh THIXO.
18 Sasikhulelwe, sabhinqika ebuhlungwini,
kodwa sazala umoya.
Kasilethanga nsindiso emhlabeni;
kasibazalelanga lutho abantu basemhlabeni.

19 Kodwa abafileyo bakho bazaphila THIXO,
imizimba yabo izavuka.
Lina elihlala othulini,
vukani lihlabelele ngentokozo.
Amazolo enu afana lamazolo ekuseni;
umhlaba uzabaveza abafileyo bawo.

20 Hambani bantu bami, ngenani ezindlini zenu,
lizivalele phakathi;
lizifihle okwesikhatshana
ulaka lwakhe luze luphele.
21 Khangelani, UTHIXO uyaphuma lapho ahlala khona
ukuba ajezise abantu basemhlabeni ngenxa yezono zabo.
Umhlaba uzaveza igazi elachithwa kuwo;
kawusayikubafihla ababulawayo bawo.

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Ukukhululwa Kuka-Israyeli

1 Ngalolosuku,
UTHIXO uzajezisa ngenkemba yakhe,
inkemba yakhe eyesabekayo, enkulu njalo elamandla,
uLeviyathani inyoka endizayo,
uLeviyathini inyoka egoqanayo;

uzayibulala inunu yasolwandle.
2 Ngalolosuku:
“Hlabelani ngesivini esithela izithelo.
3 Mina THIXO, ngiyasilinda;
ngiyasithelezela kokuphela.
Ngisilinda emini lebusuku
ukuze kungabikhona owenza okubi kuso.
4 Angithukuthelanga.
Sengathi kungabe kulokhula lameva okumelana lami!
Bengizakulanda ngilwe lakho empini;
bengizakutshisa konke ngomlilo.
5 Loba phela kabeze bazephephela kimi;
kabenze ukuthula lami,
yebo, kabenze ukuthula lami.”

6 Ensukwini ezizayo uJakhobe uzagxila,
u-Israyeli uzahluma akhahlele
agcwalise umhlaba wonke ngezithelo.

7 UTHIXO usemtshayile na
njengokutshaya kwakhe abamtshayayo?
Usebulewe na
njengokubulawa kwalabo abambulalayo?
8 Ngempi langokumxotsha elizweni ulwe laye,
ngesiphepho sakhe esesabekayo umsusela phandle,
njengamhla kuvunguza umoya wasempumalanga.
9 Ngalokhu-ke ukona kukaJakhobe kuzahlawulelwa,
njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisithelo esigcweleyo
esokususwa kwesono sakhe:
Lapho esenza wonke amatshe e-alithare
abe njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuzwe izicucu,
akulazinsika zika-Ashera kumbe ama-alithare empepha
azatshiywa emi.
10 Idolobho elivikelweyo libhidlikile,
indawo yokuhlala etshiyiweyo, yadelwa njengenkangala;
lapho asesidla khona amathole
lapho alala khona phansi;
aphundla ingatsha zalo zisale zize.
11 Lapho ingatsha zalo sezomile, ziyephulwa
kuze abesifazane babase umlilo ngazo.
Ngoba laba ngabantu abangelakuzwisisa;
ngakho uMenzi wabo kalasihawu kubo,
loMdali wabo akayikuba lomusa kubo.
12 Ngalolosuku UTHIXO uzabhula kusukela kuYufrathe ogelezayo kusiya eMhotsheni waseGibhithe, njalo lina abako-Israyeli lizabuthwa munye ngamunye. 13 Njalo ngalolusuku kuzakhaliswa icilongo elikhulu. Labo ababelahlekele elizweni lase-Asiriya lababexotshelwe elizweni laseGibhithe bazabuya bakhonze UTHIXO phezu kwentaba engcwele eJerusalema.

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Maye Kubathungameli Bako-Efrayimi LakoJuda

1 Maye kulowomqhele wamaluba,
iqhono lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi,
kuluba elibunayo, ubuhle obukhazimulayo,
obubekwe ngaphezulu kwesigodi esivundileyo,
kulelodolobho, iqhono lalabo asebelaliswe liwayini phansi!
2 Khangelani, uThixo ulaye olamandla oqinileyo.
Njengesiqhotho lomoya odilizayo,
njengezulu lesiphepho lesihlambi esilamandla,
uzakuphosa phansi ngamandla amakhulu.
3 Umqhele lowo wamaluba, iqhono lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi
kuzanyathelwa ngaphansi kwezinyawo.
4 Leliyaluba elibunayo, ubuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo,
kuhlanyelwe ngaphezu kwesigodi esivundileyo,
lizakuba njengomkhiwa ovuthiweyo kungakavunwa
okuthi khonokho nje omunye ewubona awukhe ngesandla
awuginye.

5 Ngalolosuku uTHIXO uSomandla
uzakuba ngumqhele okhazimulayo,
umqhele wamaluba omuhle
kulabo abayizinsalela zabantu bakhe.
6 Uzakuba ngumoya wokulunga
kulowo owahlulelayo,
umthombo wamandla
kulabo ababuyisela impi emuva isisesangweni.

7 Lalaba bayadiyazela ngenxa yewayini,
babhadazele ngenxa yotshwala.
Abaphristi labaphrofethi bayadiyazela ngenxa yotshwala,
njalo baphambene ngenxa yewayini;
bayabhadazela ngenxa yotshwala,
bayadiyazela,
lapho bebona imibono,
bayakhininda lapho besenza izinqumo.
8 Amatafula wonke agcwele amahlanzo
njalo akulandawo engelamanyala.

9 “Ngubani lowo ozama ukumfundisa?
Umbiko wakhe uwuchazela bani na?
Abantwana abangasamunyi,
kumbe abalunyuliweyo na?
10 Ngoba kumi kanje:
Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya,
umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya;
ingcosana lapha, lengconsana laphayana.”

11 Kungasenani, ngezindebe zabezizweni langolimi
olungaziwayo, uNkulunkulu uzakhuluma lalababantu,

12 atshoyo kubo wathi,
“Le yindawo yokuphumula, abadiniweyo kabaphumule”;
njalo, “Le yindawo yokucambalala,”
kodwa kabalalelanga.
13 Ngakho ilizwi LIKATHIXO kubo lizakuba ngelithi:
Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya,
umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya,
ingcosana lapha, ingcosana laphaya,
ukuze bahambe bawe nyovane,
balimale, bathiywe, bathunjwe.

14 Ngakho-ke zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO lina bantu abaklolodayo,
ababusa abantu laba eJerusalema.
15 Lizitshaya izifuba lisithi, “Senze isivumelwano lokufa,
senza isivumelwano lethuna.
Nxa isijeziso esikhulu sifika,
kasiyikusithinta,
ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu
lenkohliso yaba yindawo yethu yokucatsha.”
16 Ngakho lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO woBukhosi:
“Khangelani, ngibeka ilitshe eZiyoni,
ilitshe elihloliweyo,
ilitshe lengosi eliligugu;
elesisekelo esiqinisekileyo,
lowo othembayo akayikuphela amandla.
17 Ngizakwenza okufaneleyo kube yintambo yokulinganisa,
ukulunga kube yintambo yokuqondisa;
isiqhotho sizakhukhula isiphephelo senu, amanga,
lamanzi azagabhela indawo yenu yokucatsha.
18 Isivumelwano senu lokufa sizakwesulwa;
isivumelwano senu lengcwaba kasiyikuma.
Lapho isijeziso esikhulu sifika
sizalilahla phansi.
19 Ngazozonke izikhathi esizafika ngazo sizalithatha;
ukusa ngokusa, emini lebusuku,
sizalikhukhula.”

Ukulizwisisa ilizwi leli
kuzaletha ukwesaba khona ngokwakho.
20 Umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuba unabe kuwo,
ingubo incane kakhulu ukuba ugoqelwe ngayo.
21 UTHIXO uzavuka njengalokho akwenzayo entabeni iPherazimu;
uzathukuthela njengaseSigodini seGibhiyoni,
ukuba enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi oyisimanga,
enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi ongaziwayo.
22 Khathesi-ke yekelani ukukloloda kwenu
funa amaketane elibotshwe ngawo alisinde kakhulu;
iNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla usengitshele
ngesimiso sokutshabalalisa ilizwe lonke.

23 Lalelani lizwe ilizwi lami;

lalelani lizwe engikutshoyo.
24 Lapho umlimi elima ukuba ahlanyele, ulima kokuphela na?
Uqhubeka elima umhlabathi ewubhuqa kokuphela na?
25 Nxa umhlabathi esewendlale kuhle,
kahlanyeli ikharawayi ahlanyele lekhumini na?
Kahlanyeli ingqoloyi endaweni yayo;
ibhali ensimini yayo,
lespelithi ensimini yaso na?
26 UNkulunkulu wakhe uyamfundisa,
amfundise indlela eqondileyo.

27 Ikharawayi kayibhulwa ngesileyi;
lenqola kayihanjiswa phezu kwekhumini,
kodwa ikharawayi ibhulwa ngentonga,
kuthi ikhumini ibhulwe ngombhulo.
28 Amabele kumele acholwe ukuba kwenziwe isinkwa,
ngakho umuntu kawabhuli kokuphela.
Lanxa ehambisa inqola yakhe yokubhula phezu kwawo,
amabhiza akhe kawawacholi.
29 Konke lokhu lakho kuvela kuTHIXO uSomandla
omangalisayo ngokweluleka,
njalo olenhlakanipho emangalisayo.

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Maye Kulo Idolobho LikaDavida

1 Maye kuwe Ariyeli, Ariyeli,
idolobho uDavida ahlala kulo!
Yengezelela umnyaka emnyakeni
Wenze ukulandelana kwemikhosi yakho kuqhubeke.
2 Ikanti i-Ariyeli ngizalivimbezela,
lizakhala lilile,
kimi lizafana leziko le-alithari.
3 Ngizakuhlasela amacele wonke,
ngizakuzungeza ngemiphotshongo
ngikuvimbezele ngemisebenzi yokukuhlasela.
4 Nxa usudilizelwe phansi, uzakhuluma uphansi,
inkulumo yakho ayiyikuzwakala ivela othulini.
Ilizwi lakho lizafana lelethonga liphuma phansi emhlabathini.
Ilizwi lakho lizanyenyeza liphuma othulini.

5 Kodwa izitha zakho ezinengi,
zizakuba njengothuli olucolekileyo,
amaxuku alesihluku afane lamakhoba aphephukayo.
Masinyazana, ngesikhatshana nje,
6 UTHIXO uSomandla uzafika
ngomdumo langokunyikinyeka komhlaba langomsindo omkhulu;
ngesiphepho langesivunguzane langamalangabi omlilo oqothulayo.
7 Lapho-ke amaxuku ezizwe zonke ezilwa le-Ariyeli,
ayihlaselayo kanye lezinqaba zayo,
njalo eyizungezile, azakuba njengephupho,
lilombono webusuku,

8 njengomuntu olambileyo ephupha esidla,
kodwa aphaphame ukulamba kwakhe kulokhu kunjalo,
lanjengalapho umuntu owomileyo ephupha enatha
kodwa aphaphame engelamandla, ukoma kwakhe kungaphelanga.
Kuzakuba njalo lakumaxuku ezizwe zonke
ezilwa leNtaba iZiyoni.

9 Thithibalani limangale,
zenzeni iziphofu lingabe lisabona;
dakwani kodwa kungabi
ngenxa yotshwala.
10 UTHIXO ulehlisele ubuthongo obukhulu:
uwavalile amehlo enu (abaphrofethi);
wagubuzela amakhanda enu (izanuse).
11 Kini umbono wonke lo kawusilutho kodwa amazwi nje avalelwe encwadini
egoqiweyo. Njalo nxa incwadi leyo liyiqhubela umuntu okwaziyo ukubala lithi kuye,
“Ake ubale lokhu,” uzaphendula athi, “Anganelisi, ngoba ivaliwe.” 12 Loba nxa
incwadi leyo liyiqhubela umuntu ongakwaziyo ukubala lithi kuye, “Ake ubale lokhu,”
uzaphendula athi, “Angikwazi ukubala.”
13 UThixo uthi:
“Abantu laba basondela kimi ngemilomo yabo
bangikhonze ngezindebe zabo,
kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikude lami;
ukungikhonza kwabo
kwenziwa kuphela nje ngemilayo abayifundiswa ngabantu.
14 Ngakho-ke abantu laba ngizaphinda ngibethuse
ngesimanga phezu kwesimanga;
inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo izaphela,
ulwazi lwezazi lunyamalale.”
15 Maye kulabo abatshona phansi ukuba
bafihlele UTHIXO amacebo abo,
abenzela imisebenzi yabo emnyameni bacabange bathi,
“Ngubani osibonayo? Ngubani ozakwazi?”
16 Lina lihlanekela izinto kube
sengathi kucatshangwa ukuthi umbumbi unjengebumba.
Okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kokubumbileyo kuthi,
“Kangibumbanga”?
Imbiza ingatsho na kumbumbi ithi,
“Kazi lutho”?

17 Ngesikhatshana esifitshane nje,
iLebhanoni kayiyikuphendulwa ibe yinsimu evundileyo,
kuthi insimu evundileyo ifane legusu na?
18 Ngalolosuku izacuthe zizawezwa amazwi omqulu,
njalo ekukhanyeni lebumnyameni
amehlo eziphofu abone emnyameni omkhulu.
19 Abathobekileyo bazathokoza futhi KUTHIXO,
abaswelayo bazathokoza koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
20 Abalesihluku bazanyamalala,
abahleka usulu abayikuba khona,
bonke abathanda ukwenza okubi bazabhujiswa,

21 labo abenza umuntu abe lecala ngokufakaza amanga,
abathiya umvikeli enkundleni yamacala,
kuthi ngobufakazi obungamanga
benze omsulwa angehlulelwa ngemfanelo.
22 Ngakho-ke lokhu yikho UTHIXO owahlenga u-Abhrahama akutshoyo kwabendlu
kaJakhobe:
“UJakhobe kasayikuba lenhloni,
ubuso bakhe kabusayikudana.
23 Lapho bebona abantwana babo,
umsebenzi wezandla zami,
bazakwenza ibizo lami libengcwele;
bazabubona ubungcwele boNgcwele kaJakhobe,
njalo bazamesaba uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
24 Abalahlekileyo emoyeni bazakuba lokuzwisisa;
abasolayo bazavuma ukufundiswa.”

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Maye Esizweni Esiyisiqholo

1 “Maye ebantwaneni abalobuqholo,”
kutsho UTHIXO,
“kulabo abafeza amacebo angasiwami,
abenza isivumelwano, kodwa kungesi ngoMoya wami,
besengeza isono phezu kwesono;
2 labaya eGibhithe bengabuzanga kimi;
abadinga usizo lokuvikelwa nguFaro,
lomthunzi wokuphephela eGibhithe.
3 Kodwa-ke ukuvikelwa nguFaro kuzakuba lihlazo kini,
umthunzi weGibhithe uzaliyangisa.
4 Lanxa belabameli eZowani,
lezithunywa zabo sezifikile eHanesi,
5 bonke bazayangeka
ngenxa yabantu abangalasizo kubo,
abangalethi sizo loba inzuzo,
kodwa ihlazo lokuyangeka kuphela.”
6 Isiphrofethi mayelana lezinyamazana zeNegebi sithi:
kulolonke ilizwe lobunzima losizi,
elezilwane lezilwanekazi,
elamabululu lezinyoka ezeqayo
izithunywa zithwala inotho yazo ngemihlane yabobabhemi,
impahla yazo eligugu ziyithwale ngamalunda amakamela,
zikusa ebantwini abangayikuba losizo kuzo.
7 Zisiwa eGibhithe osizo lwayo lungelamsebenzi.
Ngakho ngiyibiza ngokuthi
nguRahabi ivilavoxo.

8 Hamba khathesi nje, ubalobele khona esibhebhedwini,
kulobe emqulwini,
ukuze kuthi ensukwini ezizayo
kube yibufakazi obungapheliyo.
9 Laba ngabantu abangabahlamuki, abantwana abangabakhohlisi,

abantwana abangafuniyo ukulalela imfundiso kaThixo.
10 Bathi kwabayizanuse,
“Lingabe lisahlahlula futhi.”
Kubaphrofethi bathi,
“Lingasitsheli imibono ngalokho okuqondileyo.
Sitsheleni izinto ezinhle,
liphrofethe inkohliso.
11 Tshiyani indlela le,
phambukani kulo umkhondo
liyekele ukusibelesela
ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!”
12 Ngakho okutshiwo ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli yilokhu:
“Njengoba lilalile ilizwi leli,
lathembela ekuncindezelweni,
lagwaba ngokukhohliswa,
13 isono lesi kini sizafana lomduli ophakemeyo,
olomnkenke njalo ohlephukayo,
odilika masinyane, ngesikhatshana nje.
14 Uzadilika ube yizicucu, njengembiza yombumbi
ephahazeke kakubi
akwaze kwatholakala lesihlephu sokokha amalahle eziko
ezicucwini zayo kumbe ukukha amanzi emgqonyeni.”
15 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ukuthi:
“Ukusindiswa kwenu kusekuphendukeni lekuphumuleni,
amandla enu asekuthuleni lekwethembeni,
kodwa likwalile lokhu.
16 Lithe, ‘Hatshi, sizabaleka ngamabhiza.’
Ngakho lizabaleka!
Lithe, ‘Sizagada amabhiza alejubane.’
Ngakho abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane!
17 Abayinkulungwane bazabaleka
besongelwe ngoyedwa nje;
ekusongeni kwabahlanu, lizabaleka lonke,
lize lisale linjengensika yophawu lwelizwe
elisengqongeni yentaba,
lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.”

18 Kodwa uThixo ulangatha ukuba lomusa kini;
uyavuka ukuba alitshengise isihawu.
Ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu wokulunga.
Babusisiwe bonke abamlindeleyo!
19 Awu bantu baseZiyoni, abahlala eJerusalema, alisayikulila. UThixo uzakuba lomusa kini nxa licela usizo. Uzaliphendula khonokho nje ekulizweni kwakhe. 20 Lanxa nje uThixo elinika isinkwa sokuhlupheka lamanzi osizi, abalifundisayo kabayikucatsha futhi; lizababona ngamehlo enu. 21 Loba liphambukele kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele lizalizwa ilizwi ngemva kwenu lisithi, “Le yiyo indlela; hambani ngayo.” 22 Lapho-ke lizangcolisa izithombe zenu ezihuqwe ngesiliva lezifanekiso zenu ezinanyekwe ngegolide; lizazilahlela khatshana njengelembu lowesifazane obesesikhathini, lithi kuzo, “Sukani lapha!”
23 UThixo uzalehlisela izulu lenhlanyelo yenu eliyihlanyele emhlabathini, lamabele azavela emhlabathini azakuba mahle njalo emanengi. Ngalolosuku inkomo zenu

zizakudla emadlelweni abanzi. 24 Inkabi labobabhemi elilima ngakho umhlabathi
kuzakudla utshani lamabele ahlungulwe ngefologwe langefotsholo. 25 Ngosuku
lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho imiphotshongo isiwa, izifula zamanzi zizageleza
kuzozonke izintaba ezinde lakuwo wonke amaqaqa adephileyo. 26 Inyanga iza-
khanya njengelanga, ukukhanya kwelanga kukhanye ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa,
njengokukhanya kwensuku eziyisikhombisa ezigcweleyo, lapho UTHIXO esebopha
amanxeba abantu bakhe, epholisa lezilonda ezabangwa nguye.
27 Khangelani, ibizo LIKATHIXO livela khatshana,
lolaka oluvuthayo kanye lokuthunqa kwentuthu enkulu;
izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo,
ulimi lwakhe lungumlilo ohangulayo.
28 Umoya awuphefumulayo unjengesifula
esigcwele amanzi afika entanyeni.
Uhlungula izizwe ngesefa yokubhubhisa;
ufaka emihlathini yabantu
amatomu abasa ekulahlekeni.
29 Lizahlabela
njengasebusuku bokuthakazelela umkhosi ongcwele;
inhliziyo zenu zizathokoza
njengalapho abantu besiya entabeni KATHIXO,
eDwaleni lika-Israyeli,
belemihubhe.
30 UTHIXO uzakwenza abantu balizwe ilizwi lakhe lobukhosi,
njalo uzakwenza bayibone ingalo yakhe isehla
ngokuthukuthela okukhulu langomlilo oqothulayo,
langesihlambo esikhulu, lomdumo kanye lesiqhotho.
31 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lizayichitha i-Asiriya;
abatshaye ngenduku yakhe yobukhosi.
32 Imvimvinya yinye UTHIXO abatshaya yona
ngentonga yakhe yokujezisa,
uzakuba ukanye lokutshaywa kwamagedla lemihubhe,
lapho esilwa labo impi ngezidutshulo zengalo yakhe.
33 IThofethi sekukade yalungiswa;
seyenziwa yalungela inkosi.
Igodi layo lomlilo selenziwa latshona njalo laba banzi,
lomlilo lenkuni ezinengi;
umphefumulo KATHIXO,
utshisa njengokugeleza komlilo wesolufa,
uyawulumathisa.

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Maye Kulabo Abathemba IGibhithe

1 Maye kulabo abaya eGibhithe ukuyafuna usizo,
abathemba amabhiza,
abathembe ubunengi bezinqola zabo zempi
lamandla amakhulu abagadi bamabhiza abo,
kodwa bengathembeli koNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
kumbe bacele usizo KUTHIXO.
2 Ikanti laye uhlakaniphile njalo angaletha incithakalo;
ilizwi lakhe kalibuyeli emuva.
Uzavukela abendlu yababi

lalabo abasiza abenza okubi.
3 Kodwa amaGibhithe ngabantu kawasiNkulunkulu;
amabhiza awo yinyama kawasimoya.
Lapho UTHIXO eselula isandla sakhe,
lowo osizayo uzakhubeka,
lowo osizwayo uzakuwa,
bobabili bazabhubha.
4 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO kimi, ukuthi:
"Njengesilwane sihwabha;
isilwane esikhulu sibhongela esikubambileyo,
lanxa ixuku lonke labelusi
libizwa ukuba lisihlasele,
kasethuswa yikuklabalala kwabo
kumbe sithikanyezwe ngumsindo wabo,
unjalo-ke UTHIXO uSomandla uzakwehla
ukuba alwe entabeni iZiyoni laseziqongweni zayo.
5 Njengezinyoni zitshaya amaphiko emoyeni,
UTHIXO uSomandla uzavikela iJerusalema,
uzalivikela alikhulule,
uzadlula 'ngaphezu' kwalo alihlenge."
6 Awu bantu bako-Israyeli, buyelani kulowo elamhlamukela kakubi. 7 Ngoba ngalolosuku lonke lizazilahla izithombe zenu zesiliva lezegolide elizenze ngezandla zenu ezonayo.
8 "I-Asiriya izachithwa ngenkemba engesiyabantu,
inkemba engasiyo yabantu izababhubhisa.
Bazayibalekela inkemba,
izinsizwa zabo zizakwenziwa izigqili.
9 Inqaba yabo izadilika ngenxa yokwesaba;
lapho bebona uphawu lwempi izinduna zabo zempi zizatshaywa luvalo,"
kutsho UTHIXO
omlilo wakhe useZiyoni,
osithando sakhe siseJerusalema.

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Umbuso Wokulunga

1 Khangelani, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga
lababusi bazabusa ngemfanelo.
2 Umuntu ngamunye uzakuba njengesihonqo sokuvikela umoya,
lesiphephelo sokucatshela isiphepho,
njengezihotsha zamanzi enkangala
njengomthunzi wedwala elikhulu elizweni elomileyo.

3 Lapho-ke amehlo alabo ababonayo kawasayikuvaleka,
lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo zizalalela.
4 Ingqondo yowalazelayo izakwazi, iqedisise,
ogagasayo ulimi lwakhe luzatshwaphuluka luzwakale kuhle.
5 Isithutha kasisayikuthiwa ngumhlonitshwa,
lesigangi kasiyikuhlonitshwa.
6 Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma ubuwula,
ingqondo yaso isebenza ububi:
Senza imisebenzi yenkohlakalo,

siqambe amanga NGOTHIXO;
abalambayo kasibaniki lutho,
abomileyo sibancitsha amanzi okunatha.
7 Izindlela zesigangi zimbi,
senza amacebo amabi
ukuba sichithe abayanga ngamanga,
lanxa isikhalazo sabaswelayo siqotho.
8 Kodwa umuntu ohloniphekayo wenza amacebo ahloniphekayo,
njalo uma ngezenzo ezihloniphekayo.

Abesifazane BaseJerusalema

9 Lina besifazane elingakhathazeki ngalutho,
vukani lilalele kimi;
lina madodakazi elizizwa livikelekile,
lalelani engikutshoyo!
10 Ngesikhatshana nje esedlula umnyaka
lina elizizwa livikelekile lizathuthumela;
ukuvunwa kwevini akuyikuphumelela,
lokuvunwa kwezithelo akuyikuba khona.
11 Thuthumelani lina madodakazi azizwa evikelekile;
qhaqhazelani lina madodakazi azizwa evikelekile!
Khululani izigqoko zenu,
lithandele inkalo zenu ngamasaka.
12 Zitshayeni izifuba zenu ngenxa yamasimu amahle,
langenxa yezivini ezithela izithelo,
13 langenxa yelizwe labantu bami,
ilizwe eligcwele ukhula lameva,
yebo, lilelani zonke izindlu zenjabulo
ledolobho lokuzitika lentokozo.
14 Inqaba enkulu izatshiswa,
idolobho elilomsindo lizatshiywa;
inqaba lomphotshongo wokulinda
kuzakuba ngumhlabathi ongatheli lutho kokuphela,
kube yintokozo yabobabhemi lamadlelo emihlambi,
15 umoya uze uthelwe phezu kwethu uvela phezulu,
inkangala ibe ngumhlaba ovundileyo,
umhlaba ovundileyo ube njengenhlabathi.
16 Ukwahlulela kuhle KUKATHIXO kuzakuba khona enkangala,
ukulunga kube khona emhlabeni ovundileyo.
17 Izithelo zokulunga zizakuba yikuthula;
okufaneleyo kuzaletha ukuthula zwi lethemba kuze kube nininini.
18 Abantu bami bazahlala ezindaweni ezilokuthula,
emakhaya avikelekileyo,
ezindaweni zokuphumula ezingelahlupho.
19 Lanxa isiqhotho sitshabalalisa ihlathi
ledolobho lidilizwe laphela nya,
20 yeka ukubusiswa elizakuba yikho,
lihlanyela inhlanyelo yenu emaceleni ezifula zonke,
njalo liyekela inkomo zenu labobabhemi benu ukuba kusabalale.

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Usizi Losizo

1 Maye kuwe, wena mchithi,
wena ongachithwanga!
Maye kuwe, wena mthengisi,
wena ongacetshwanga!
Lapho uyekela ukuthengisa,
lawe uzacetshwa.

2 Awu THIXO, woba lomusa kithi;
siyakulangazelela.
Woba ngamandla ethu ekuseni konke,
ube yinsindiso yethu esikhathini sosizi.
3 Ekukhwazeni kwelizwi lakho, izizwe ziyabaleka;
lapho uphakama izizwe ziyahlakazeka.
4 Elakuthumbayo, lina zizwe, kubuthwa sengangathi kuqoqwa yisikhongwane,
abantu beqela kukho njengomtshitshi wentethe.

5 UTHIXO uphakeme ngoba uhlala phezulu,
uzagcwalisa iZiyoni ngokufaneleyo langokulunga.
6 Uzakuba yisisekelo esithembekileyo sesikhathi senu,
isiphala esigcwele usindiso, ukuhlakanipha lokwazi;
ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyisiqokoqela sokuzuza ingcebo le.

7 Khangelani, amaqhawe akibo ahlaba umkhosi emigwaqweni!
Izithunywa zokuthula ziyakhala kakhulu.
8 Imigwaqo emikhulu ibetha umoya,
akulazihambi kuyo.
Isivumelwano sephulwe,
ofakazi baso beyisiwe,
kakho ohlonitshwayo.
9 Ilizwe liyalila njalo liyachitheka.
ILebhanoni iyangekile njalo iyabuna;
iSharoni injengenkangala,
iBhashani leKhameli akhithizwa amahlamvu awo.

10 UTHIXO uthi, “Khathesi sengizavuka,
khathesi sengizadunyiswa,
khathesi sengizaphakanyiswa.
11 Liqukethe ngamakhoba,
lizale izibi;
umoya wenu eliwuphefumulayo ungumlilo oliqedayo.
12 Abantu bazatshiswa bafane lekalaga;
bazathungelwa ngomlilo njengamahlahla ameva aganyuliweyo.”

13 Lina elikhatshana, zwanini engikwenzileyo;
lina abaseduze, vumani amandla ami!
14 Izoni zaseZiyoni ziyathuthumela;
abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu bayaqhaqhazela:
“Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lomlilo oqothulayo na?
Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lokutshisa okungapheliyo na?”

15 Ngulowo owenza okulungileyo,
ekhuluma okuqotho
oyalayo inzuzo yokuncindezelwa,
ale ukwamukela isivalamlomo,
owalayo ukulalela amaqhinga okubulala,
avale amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi,
16 lo nguye umuntu ozahlala ekuphakameni,
osiphephelo sakhe sizakuba yinqaba yasentabeni.
Uzalethelwa isinkwa sakhe,
lamanzi kayikuwaswela.

17 Amehlo enu azayibona inkosi ebuhleni bayo,
abuke lelizwe elibanzi.
18 Ezingqondweni zenu lizakhumbula ukwesaba kwakuqala lithi:
“Ingaphi induna yezikhulu leyana?
Ungaphi owayethatha imali yemithelo?
Singaphi isikhulu esigcina imiphotshongo na?”
19 Abantu labayana abaklolodayo kalisayikubabona futhi,
abantu labayana abolimi olungazwakaliyo,
abolimi olungaziwayo, olungaqondakaliyo.

20 Khangelani iZiyoni, idolobho lemikhosi yethu;
amehlo enu azabona iJerusalema
indawo yokuhlala elokuthula, ithente elingeke lisuswe;
izikhonkwane zalo kaziyikusitshunwa
lezintambo zalo kaziyikuqamuka.
21 Khonapho UTHIXO uzakuba ngolaMandla wethu.
Kuzafana lendawo elemifula ebanzi kanye lezifula.
Akukho mkhumbi wempi ozagwedlwa khona,
akukho mkhumbi olamandla ozahamba khona.
22 Ngoba UTHIXO ungumahluleli wethu,
UTHIXO usinika imithetho,
UTHIXO yinkosi yethu;
nguye ozasikhulula.

23 Izintambo zakho zeseyili ziyaxega.
Insika kayiqiniswanga;
iseyili kayivulekanga.
Lapho-ke impango enengi izakwabiwa
kuthi labaqhulayo labo bazazuza impango.
24 Akulamuntu ohlala eZiyoni ozakuthi, “Mina ngiyagula”;
labantu abahlala khona bazathethelelwa izono zabo.

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Ukwahlulelwa Kwezizwe

1 Sondelani lina zizwe, lilalele;
zwanini lina bantu!
Umhlaba kawulalele, lakho konke okukiwo,
umhlaba, lakho konke okuvela kuwo!
2 UTHIXO uthukuthelele izizwe zonke,
ulaka lwakhe luphezu kwezitha zabo zonke.
Uzazibhubhisa ngokupheleleyo,

uzazinikela ekubulaweni.
3 Ababuleweyo bakibo bazaphoselwa ngaphandle,
izidumbu zabo zizanuka;
izintaba zizacwila egazini labo.
4 Zonke izinkanyezi zasemazulwini zizanyamalala,
umkhathi ugoqwe njengomqulu;
wonke amaxuku ezinkanyezi
azakuwa njengamahlamvu abunileyo evinini
lanjengomkhiwa oswabileyo usiwa esihlahleni somkhiwa.

5 Inkemba yami isinathe yanela emazulwini;
khangelani yehlela phezu kwe-Edomi ukulahlulela,
abantu esengibabhubhise baphela.
6 Inkemba kaThixo igxanyuzwe egazini,
igcwele amafutha
igazi lezimvu lelembuzi,
amafutha ezinso zenqama.
Ngoba uThixo ulomhlatshelo eBhozira
lokubulawa okukhulu kwezifuyo e-Edomi.
7 Inyathi zizakufa kanye lazo,
amathole azinkunzi kanye lenkunzi ezinkulu.
Ilizwe labo lizagcwala igazi,
umhlabathi uzakuba manzi ngamafutha.

8 Ngoba uThixo ulosuku lokuphindisela,
umnyaka wokujezisa, ukuqinisa injongo yeZiyoni.
9 Izifula zase-Edomi zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino,
umhlabathi wakhona ube ngumlilo wesolufa,
ilizwe lakhona lizakuba yingcino etshayo!
10 Aliyikucitshwa ebusuku lemini;
intuthu yalo izathunqa kokuphela.
Lizakuba ngelichithiweyo
kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye;
kakho ozadabula phakathi kwalo futhi.
11 Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo kuzakwakha kulo;
isikhova esikhulu lewabayi kuzakwakha izidleke zakho kulo.
UNkulunkulu uzakwelulela phezu kwe-Edomi
intambo yokulinganisa incithakalo
lentambo yokulinganisa ukutshabalala.
12 Izikhulu zalo kaziyikuba lalutho olungathiwa ngumbuso,
wonke amakhosana alo azanyamalala.
13 Izinqaba zalo zizagcwala ameva,
imbabazane lokhula kugcwale kuziphephelo zalo.
Lizakuba yindawo yamakhanka,
lomuzi wezikhova.
14 Izinyamazana zenkangala zizahlangana lezimpisi,
amagogo azakhalelana;
izidalwa zebusuku zizalala khona
zizifunele izindawo zokuphumula.
15 Isikhova sizakwakha isidleke khona sibekele amaqanda,
sizawachamisela, sifukamele abantwana baso

ngaphansi komthunzi wempiko zaso,
lemizwazwa izabuthana khonapho,
yilowo lalowo lomngane wawo.
16 Khangelani encwadini KATHIXO lifunde okuthi:
Akukho lakunye kwalokhu okuzasweleka;
akukho okuzaswela umngane wakho.
Ngoba NGUTHIXO onike umlayo,
loMoya wakhe uzazigoqela ndawonye.
17 Uzakwahlukanisela izabelo zakho;
isandla sakhe sizakwabela ngesilinganiso.
Isabelo sizakuba lilifa lakho kokuphela,
njalo sizahlala khona kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kusizukulwane.

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Intokozo Yabahlengiweyo

1 Inkangala lelizwe elomileyo kuzathokoza;
inkangala izajabula iqhakaze.
Njengeluba 2 izakhahlela,
ithokoze kakhulu, ihlabele isithi.
Inkazimulo yaseLebhanoni izanikezwa kuyo
ubuhle beKhameli leSharoni,
kuzabona inkazimulo KATHIXO
lobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu wethu.

3 Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka,
liqinise lamadolo axegayo;
4 tshonini kulabo abalezinhliziyo ezilokwesaba lithi:
"Qinani, lingesabi;
uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza,
uzakuza ezophindisela,
ajezise ngokulunga
uzakuza ukuba alikhulule."

5 Lapho-ke amehlo eziphofu azavuleka,
lezindlebe zezacuthe zivuleke.
6 Lapho-ke abaqhulayo bazakweqa njengempala,
izimungulu zihlabele ngokuthokoza.
Amanzi azampompoza ogwaduleni,
izifula zigeleze enkangala.
7 Itshebetshebe elitshisayo lizakuba yisiziba,
umhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo echaphaka amanzi.
Ezindaweni amakhanka ake ahlala kuzo,
utshani lemihlanga lebhuma kuzakhula khona.

8 Njalo kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu:
uzathiwa yiNdlela yobuNgcwele,
izakuba ngeyalabo abahamba ngokuqonda.
Abangcolileyo kabayikuhamba kuwo;
uzakuba ngowalabo abahamba kuleyoNdlela lezithutha
ezonayo kaziyikuhambahamba kuwo.
9 Akuyikuba lesilwane khona,

loba esinye isilo esilolaka; sivuke kuwo
kaziyikutholwa khona.
Kodwa abahlengiweyo yibo kuphela abazahamba lapho,
10 njalo labahlengiweyo BAKATHIXO bazabuyela.
Bazangena eZiyoni behlabelela,
intokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngumqhele emakhanda abo.
Bazakuba lokuthula lenjabulo,
usizi lokububula kuzaphela.

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USenakheribhi Usongela IJerusalema

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wokubusa kwenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribhi
inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela wonke amadolobho avikelweyo akoJuda wawathumba.
2 Emva kwalokho inkosi yase-Asiriya yathuma umlawuli wayo lebutho elikhulu
lisuka eLakhishi lisiya enkosini uHezekhiya eJerusalema. Kwathi umlawuli webutho
esemi emgelweni wechibi elingaphezulu, elisendleleni eya eNsimini yoMgezisi, 3 u-
Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo, loShebhina umabhalane kanye
loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuye.
4 Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, "Tshelani uHezekhiya ukuthi,
'Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya ithi: Uthembeni ngalesisibindi sakho na? 5 Uthi ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho kodwa ukhuluma amazwi
ayize. Uthembe bani uze ungihlamukele nje? 6 Khangela, ngiyazi uthembe
iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa
eweyamile. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembele kuye.
7 Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, "Thina sithembe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu," kasuye yini
uHezekhiya asusa izindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lama-alithare akhe, esithi kuJuda
leJerusalema, "Kumele likhonzele phambi kwaleli i-alithari"?
8 Khathesi woza wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya: Ngiza-
kunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxa bekhona abazawagada! 9 Pho un-
gayehlula njani induna eyodwa yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami, lanxa uthembele
eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza na? 10 Phezu kwalokho,
kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha ilizwe leli kungatshongo UTHIXO na? UTHIXO uqobo
nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.' "
11 Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu loShebhina loJowa bathi kumlawuli webutho, "Ake
ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhi ngoba siyasizwa. Ungasikhulumisi
ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdulini besizwa."
12 Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula esithi, "Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba
izinto lezi ngizitsho kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi emdulini
okuzakuthi labo njengani badle ubulongwe babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?"
13 Umlawuli webutho wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, "Zwanini
amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya! 14 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yinkosi:
Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. 15 Lingamvumeli
uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembele KUTHIXO lapho esithi 'Ngempela UTHIXO
uzasikhulula; idolobho leli kaliyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.' "
16 Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-Asiriya: Yenza
isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume uze kimi. Lapho-ke omunye lomunye
uzakudla esivinini sakhe lasemikhiweni yakhe, anathe lamanzi emthonjeni wakhe,
17 ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana lelakini, ilizwe lamabele
lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini.

18 “Lingavumeli uHezekhiya ukuthi alikhohlise esithi, ‘UTHIXO uzasikhulula.’
Kulonkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi
yase-Asiriya na? 19 Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseHamathi le-Ariphadi na? Bangaphi
onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami na?
20 Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe la oke wenelisa ukukhulula ilizwe lakhe
kimi na? Pho UTHIXO angayikhulula njani iJerusalema esandleni sami na?”
21 Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho, ngoba inkosi yayilaye yathi,
“Lingamphenduli.”
22 U-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo loShebhina umabhalane
loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile
bamtshela okwakutshiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

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Ukuhlengwa KweJerusalema Kuyabikwa

1 Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, esezwe lokhu, wadabula izigqoko zakhe
wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 2 Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu
umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi abangabakhokheli, bonke
begqoke amasaka, baya kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. 3 Bathi kuye,
“UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa kanye lehlazo njen-
galapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha
engekho. 4 Mhlawumbe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho izawezwa amazwi omlawuli
webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-Asiriya, emthume ukuba athuke uNkulunkulu
ophilayo, lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwi-
leyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu iphila.”
5 Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya sezifikile ku-Isaya, 6 u-Isaya wathi kuzo,
“Tshelani inkosi yenu lithi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Ungesabi lokhu okuzwileyo,
amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. 7 Lalela! Ngizafaka
umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune ukubuyela elizweni lakhe, athi
angafika khonale ngenze ukuba abulawe ngenkemba.’ ”
8 Kwathi lapho umlawuli webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisisukile
eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina.
9 USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza
ukuba amhlasele. Esezwe lokho wathumela izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko
othi: 10 “Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi ukuthi unku-
lunkulu omthembileyo akukhohlise esithi, ‘IJerusalema kaliyikunikelwa enkosini
yase-Asiriya.’ 11 Ngempela usukuzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya emazweni
wonke, ewabhidliza okupheleleyo. Wena-ke uzaphepha na? 12 Onkulunkulu bezizwe
ezatshabalaliswa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula na, onkulunkulu beGozani,
iHarani, iRezefi kanye labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? 13 Ingaphi inkosi
yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi amakhosi aseLayiri leSefavayimi, loba
eyaseHena kumbe eyase-Iva?”

Umkhuleko KaHezekhiya

14 UHezekhiya wemukela incwadi eyeza lezithunywa wayibala. Emva kwalokho
waya ethempelini leNkosi, wayichaya phambi KUKATHIXO. 15 UHezekhiya wakhuleka
KUTHIXO esithi: 16 “THIXO Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli osebukhosini phakathi
kwamaKherubhi, wena kuphela nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemh-
labeni. Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. 17 Beka indlebe THIXO, uzwe; vula
amehlo akho THIXO, ubone. Lalela uzwe wonke amazwi uSenakheribhi awathumele
ukuzathuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo.

18 Kuliqiniso, THIXO, ukuthi amakhosi ase-Asiriya abatshabalalisa bonke lababantu
kanye lamazwe abo. 19 Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa, ngoba
kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo lamatshe kuphela, okubunjwe ngezandla
zabantu. 20 Khathesi, THIXO, Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe, ukuze
imibuso yonke emhlabeni ibekwazi ukuthi wena THIXO, nguwe wedwa onguNku-
lunkulu.”

Ukuwa KukaSenakheribi

21 U-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi, “Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngenxa yokuthi ukhulekile kimi
mayelana ngoSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya, 22 nanti ilizwi UTHIXO aselikhulume
ngaye wathi:

INdodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni
iyakweyisa njalo iyakuklolodela.
INdodakazi iJerusalema
inqekuza ikhanda layo lapho wena ubaleka.
23 Ngubani lowo omthukileyo wamhlazisa?
Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi lakho
wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqaja na?
NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!
24 Ngezithunywa zakho
umthukile uThixo.
Utshilo njalo ukuthi,
‘Ngezinqola zami ezinengi
ngikhwelile eziqongweni zezintaba
iziqongo eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLebhanoni.
Sengigamule ngawisa izihlahla ezinde zemisedari,
izihlahla ezikhethiweyo zamaphayini.
Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhatshana,
emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu.
25 Ngigebhile imithombo ezizweni
nganatha amanzi khona.
Ngezinyawo zami
ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.’

26 Kawuzwanga na?
Lokhu ngakumisa endulo.
Ngakuceba ensukwini zasendulo;
khathesi sengenze ukuba kufezeke,
ukuthi usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo
aba yizinqwaba zamatshe.
27 Abantu bakhona, abangaselamandla,
badangele njalo bayangekile.
Banjengezilimo ensimini,
njengamahlumela aluhlaza,
lanjengotshani obuhluma ephahleni lwendlu
bubuye butshe bungakakhuli.

28 Kodwa ngiyakwazi lapho okhona,
lalapho usiza uphinde uhambe;
kanye lokuthi ungithukuthelela kangakanani.

29 Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho
langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo bakho sebufikile ezindlebeni zami,
ngizafaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho
lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho,
njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele
ngendlela oze ngayo.
30 Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe, Hezekhiya:
Lonyaka lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa,
ngomnyaka wesibili lidle umkhukhuzela wakhona.
Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu hlanyelani livune,
hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo.
31 Futhi insali yendlu kaJuda
izagxilisa njalo impande phansi ithele izithelo ngaphezulu.
32 Ngoba eJerusalema kuzavela insali,
kuthi entabeni iZiyoni kuphume ixuku labasindayo.
Ukutshiseka KUKATHIXO uSomandla
kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezeke.
33 Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asiriya UTHIXO uthi:
Kasoze angene kulelidolobho
loba atshoke umtshoko lapha.
Kasoze eze kulo elehawu
kumbe akhe umduli wokulivimbezela.
34 Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo;
kasoze angene kulelidolobho,
kutsho UTHIXO.
35 Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngilihlenge,
ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavida inceku yami!
36 Lapho-ke ingilosi KATHIXO yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu lezinkulungwane ezihonqweni zama-Asiriya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke kwasekuyizidumbu kuphela!
37 Ngakho uSenakheribhi inkosi yama-Asiriya wasuka ezihonqweni wahamba. Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona.
38 Kwathi ngolunye usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisirokhi unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebalekela elizweni lase-Ararathi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.”

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Ukugula KukaHezekhiya

1 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Umphrofethi u-Isaya, indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Lungisa indlu yakho ngoba uzakufa, awuyikusila.”
2 UHezekhiya waphenduka wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka KUTHIXO esithi,
3 “Khumbula, THIXO, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yami yonke, njalo ngenze okuhle emehlweni akho.” UHezekhiya wakhala kabuhlungu.
4 Emva kwalokho kwafika ilizwi LIKATHIXO ku-Isaya lisithi: 5 “Yana kuHezekhiya uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida, uthi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, njalo ngizibonile lezinyembezi zakho. Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ekuphileni kwakho. 6 Njalo ngizakukhulula wena, kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli.

7 Lesi yisibonakaliso sIKaTHIXO kuwe sokuthi uTHIXO uzakwenza njengokuthembisa
kwakhe: 8 Ngizakwenza umthunzi obangelwe lilanga ubuyele emuva amanyathelo
alitshumi umthunzi owehle ngawo emakhwelelweni ka-Ahazi.' " Ngakho ukukhanya
kwelanga kwabuyela emuva ngamanyathela alitshumi elaselikhothame ngawo.

9 La ngamazwi alotshwa nguHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda emva kokuba esesilile
ekuguleni kwakhe:
10 Ngathi, "Ebuhleni bokuphila kwami
kumele ngedlule emasangweni okufa
ngamukwe iminyaka yami eseleyo na?"
11 Ngathi, "Angiyikumbona futhi uTHIXO ngokwakhe
elizweni labaphilayo;
angisayikubabona futhi abantu bakithi
loba ngibe lalabo abahlala kulumhlaba.
12 Njengethente lomelusi indlu yami
idiliziwe ngayithathelwa.
Njengomaluki impilo yami ngiyigoqile,
ungisusile osungulweni;
emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela.
13 Ngalinda ngokubekezela kwaze kwasa,
kodwa amathambo ami uwephule wonke njengesilwane;
emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela.
14 Ngakhala njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu,
ngabubula njengejuba elililayo.
Amehlo ami afiphele ngokukhangela phezulu.
Awu Thixo, ngikhathazekile, woza ungisize!"

15 Kodwa ngingathini na?
Ukhulumile kimi, wena ngokwakho ukwenzile lokhu.
Ngizahamba ngokuzithoba ekuphileni kwami konke
ngenxa yobuhlungu bomoya wami.
16 Thixo, abantu baphila ngezinto ezinje;
lomoya wami uthola ukuphila kuzo.
Wangibuyisela empilweni
wangenza ngaphila.
17 Ngeqiniso kwaba lusizo kimi
ukuzwa ubuhlungu obungaka.
Ngothando lwakho wangivikela
emgodini wokutshabalaliswa;
izono zami zonke
uzibeke ngemva kwakho.
18 Ngoba ingcwaba alingeke likubonge
lokufa akungeke kukudumise;
labo abangena emgodini
abangeke bathemba ubuqotho bakho.
19 Abaphilayo, ngempela abaphilayo, bayakudumisa
njengalokhu engikwenzayo lamuhla;
abazali batshela abantwababo
ngobuqotho bakho.

20 uTHIXO uzangisindisa;

njalo sizahlabelela ngamachacho
kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwethu
ethempelini LIKATHIXO.
21 U-Isaya wayethe, “Lungisani isigaqa semikhiwa usifake phezu kwethumba,
uzasila.”
22 UHezekhiya wayebuze wathi, “Kuyini okuzakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi ngiza-
khwela ngiye phezulu ethempelini LIKATHIXO na?”

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Izithunywa Ezivela EBhabhiloni

1 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani indodana kaBhaladani inkosi yaseBhab-
hiloni, wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ngokugula
kwakhe lokusila kwakhe. 2 UHezekhiya wazamukela izithunywa ngokuthaba,
wazitshengisa okwakusendlini yakhe yokugcinela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso,
amafutha acengekileyo, izikhali zakhe zonke, lakho konke okwakukhona enothweni
yakhe. Akulalutho esigodlweni sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke angazit-
shengisanga khona.
3 Ngakho u-Isaya umphrofethi waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambuza wathi, “Atheni
amadoda lawana, njalo avela ngaphi?”
UHezekhiya waphendula wathi, “Avela elizweni elikhatshana. Aze kimi evela
eBhabhiloni.”
4 Umphrofethi wabuza wathi, “Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?”
UHezekhiya wathi, “Abone konke okusesigodlweni sami. Akulalutho phakathi
kwempahla zami eziligugu engingawatshengisanga khona.”
5 Ngakho u-Isaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya, “Zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla
lithi: 6 Isikhathi sizafika sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni sakho lakho konke
oyihlo abakugcinayo kusiyafika lolosuku, kuzathwalelwa eBhabhiloni. Akuyikusala
lutho, kutsho UTHIXO. 7 Njalo abanye besizukulwane sakho, abenyama legazi
lakho, abazazalwa nguwe, bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi
yaseBhabhiloni.”
8 UHezekhiya waphendula wathi, “Ilizwi LIKATHIXO olikhulumileyo lilungile.”
Ngoba wayenakana esithi, “Kuzakuba lokuthula lokuvikeleka ekuphileni kwami.”

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Induduzo Ebantwini BakaNkulunkulu

1 Duduzani, libaduduze abantu bami,
kutsho uNkulunkulu wenu.
2 Khulumani ngomusa kulo iJerusalema,
limemezele kulo
ukuthi ukusebenza kwalo nzima sekuphelile,
ukuthi isono salo sihlawulwe,
ukuthi selamukele okuvela esandleni SIKATHIXO
kuphindwe kabili kuzozonke izono zalo.

3 Ilizwi lomemezayo lithi:
“Enkangala lungiselani
UTHIXO indlela,
lenzele uNkulunkulu wethu
umgwaqo oqondileyo enkangala.
4 Zonke izigodi zizaphakanyiswa,
izintaba zonke lamaqaqa kuzakwehliselwa phansi.

Umhlabathi ongamakhilikithi uzakwendlaleka,
izindawo ezimadundulu zizakuba yisigcawu.
5 Inkazimulo kaThixo izabonakaliswa,
abantu bonke bazambona kanyekanye,
ngoba umlomo kaThixo usukhulumile.”

6 Ilizwi lithi, “Memeza!”
Mina ngathi, “Ngimemeze ngisithini na?”

“Abantu bonke banjengotshani
njalo ubuhle babo bunjengamaluba eganga.
7 Utshani buyabuna amaluba ayakhithika,
ngoba umoya kaThixo uyakuphephetha.
Ngempela abantu babutshani.
8 Utshani buyabuna, amaluba ayakhithika,
kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu limi kuze kube nininini.”

9 Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle eZiyoni,
khwela entabeni ende.
Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle eJerusalema,
phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngokumemeza;
liphakamise, ungesabi,
tshono emadolobheni akoJuda uthi:
“Nangu uNkulunkulu wenu!”
10 Khangelani, uThixo Wobukhosi uza elamandla,
isandla sakhe sizabusa.
Khangelani, umvuzo wakhe ulawo,
lenhlawulo yakhe uhamba elayo.
11 Welusa umhlambi wakhe njengomelusi:
ubuthelela amawundlu ezingalweni zakhe
awathwale eseduzane lenhliziyo yakhe;
awakhokhele kuhle lawo alamazinyane.

12 Ngubani olinganise amanzi entendeni yesandla sakhe,
loba walinganisa amazulu ngobubanzi besandla sakhe na?
Ngubani owaphatha uthuli lomhlabathi ngesitsha
loba walinganisa izintaba ezilinganisweni
lamaqaqa esikalini na?
13 Ngubani osewazwisisa imicabango kaThixo,
kumbe wamfundisa njengomeluleki wakhe na?
14 Ngubani owake wacelwa nguThixo ukuba ameluleke,
njalo ngubani owamfundisa indlela elungileyo na?
Ngubani lowo owamfundisa ukwazi,
loba owamtshengisa indlela yokuqedisisa na?

15 Ngeqiniso izizwe zinjengethonsi emgqonyeni;
zibalwa njengothuli ezilinganisweni;
uThixo ulinganisa izihlenge
angathi ziluthuli olucolekileyo.
16 ILebhanoni kalaneli imililo ye-alithare,
lezinyamazana zalo kazaneli iminikelo yokutshiswa.

17 Phambi kwakhe zonke izizwe zinjengeze;
yena uzikhangela njengento engasi yalutho
njalo zingaphansi kweze.

18 Pho ngubani elingamfanisa loNkulunkulu na?
Yisifanekiso bani elingasilinganisa laye na?
19 Isithombe sibunjwa yingcwethi,
umkhandi wegolide asinameke ngegolide
asenzele imigaxo yesiliva.
20 Umuntu ongumyanga onganelisiyo ukunikela ngomnikelo onjalo
ukhetha isigodo esingaboliyo.
Udinga ingcitshi elolwazi
ukuba imise isithombe esingayikubhidlika.

21 Kalazi yini?
Kalizwanga na?
Kalikutshelwanga kwasekuqaleni na?
Kalizwisisanga na selokhu umhlaba wadalwayo?
22 UTHIXO uhlezi ebukhosini ngaphezu kwendingiliza yomhlaba,
njalo abantu bakhe banjengezintethe.
Welula amazulu njengekhetheni,
awendlale njengethente lokuhlala kulo.
23 Udiliza amakhosana,
enze ababusi bomhlaba lo babe yize.
24 Banele ukugxunyekwa nje,
banele ukuhlanyelwa nje,
banele ukugxila impande emhlabathini
abe ephephetha phezu kwabo, babune,
isavunguzane sibakhukhulele khatshana njengamakhoba.

25 “Ngubani elizangilinganisa laye na?
Loba ngubani olingana lami na?” kutsho yena oNgcwele.
26 Phakamisani amehlo enu likhangele phezulu:
Ngubani owadala konke lokhu na?
Yena okhupha amaxuku ezinkanyezi ngalinye ngalinye,
awabize ngalinye ngamabizo awo.
Ngenxa yamandla akhe amakhulu lokuqina okulamandla,
akukho lalinye elingekho.

27 Kungani usithi, we Jakhobe,
usole usithi, we Israyeli,
“Indlela yami ifihlakele THIXO;
ilungelo lami kalinanzwa nguNkulunkulu wami na?”
28 Kalazi yini?
Kalizwanga na?
UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu waphakade,
uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba.
Kayikudinwa kumbe akhathale,
ukuqedisisa kwakhe kakho ongakulinganisa.
29 Abakhatheleyo uyabanika amandla,

andise amandla ababuthakathaka.
30 Labatsha baphelelwa ngamandla bakhathale,
lamajaha ayakhubeka awe,
31 kodwa labo abathemba uTHIXO
bazavuselelwa amandla abo.
Bazaqonga ngempiko njengezinkozi,
bazagijima kodwa bangadinwa,
bazahamba kodwa bangapheli amandla.

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Umsizi Ka-Israyeli

1 "Thulani lithi zwi phambi kwami lina zihlenge!
Izizwe kazivuselele amandla azo!
Kazisondele phambili zikhulume;
kasihlanganeni sonke endaweni yokwahlulela.

2 Ngubani osevuse lowo ovela empumalanga,
embizela emsebenzini wakhe ngokulunga na?
Unikela izizwe kuye,
anqobe amakhosi phambi kwakhe.
Ngenkemba yakhe uwenza abe luthuli,
ngedandili lakhe awenze abe ngamakhoba aphetshulwa ngumoya.
3 Uyawaxotsha yena adlule engathintwanga lutho,
endleleni angakaze ahambe ngayo.
4 Ngubani owenze lokhu wakuphumelelisa,
ebiza izizukulwane kusukela ekuqaleni na?
Mina uTHIXO, kusukela kwesokuqala sazo
kanye lesokucina, nginguye."

5 Izihlenge zikubonile njalo ziyesaba;
imikhawulo yomhlaba iyathuthumela,
iyasondela ize ngaphambili;
6 yilowo lalowo usiza omunye
athi kumfowabo, "Woba lesibindi!"
7 Umbazi ukhuthaza umkhandi wegolide,
lalowo ololonga ngesando
utshotshozela otshaya ihandila.
Mayelana lokunusela uthi, "Kulungile."
Ubethelela isithombe phansi
ngezipikili ukuze singawi.

8 "Kodwa wena we Israyeli, nceku yami,
Jakhobe, wena engikukhethileyo,
wena nzalo ka-Abhrahama, umngane wami,
9 ngakuthatha emikhawulweni yomhlaba,
ngakubiza usemakhoneni akhatshana kakhulu.
Ngathi, 'Wena uyinceku yami';
ngikukhethile njalo angikulahlanga.
10 Ngakho ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe;
ungakhathazeki, ngoba nginguNkulunkulu wakho.
Ngizakuqinisa, ngikusize;

ngizakusekela ngesandla sami sokudla esiqotho.

11 Bonke abakuthukutheleleyo,
ngoqotho bazayangeka babe lenhloni;
labo abakuphikisayo
bazakuba njengeze, babhubhe.
12 Lanxa izitha zakho uzidinga,
awuyikuzithola.
Labo abalwa impi lawe
bazakuba yize.
13 Ngoba mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
okubamba ngesandla sakho sokudla
athi kuwe: Ungesabi;
ngizakusiza.
14 Ungesabi, wena mpethu enguJakhobe,
wena Israyeli omncinyazana, ungesabi,
ngoba mina ngokwami
ngizakusiza," kutsho UTHIXO,
uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
15 "Khangela, ngizakwenza
ube yisileyi sokubhula esitsha
njalo esibukhali esilenhlendla ezinengi.
Uzabhula izintaba uzibhidlize.
Wenze amaqaqa abe ngamakhoba.
16 Uzawahlungula, umoya uwathathe,
isavunguzane siwaphephulele khatshana.
Kodwa wena uzathokoza KUTHIXO
njalo uzibule koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

17 Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi,
kodwa kawakho;
inlimi zabo sezitshile ngokoma.
Kodwa mina THIXO ngizabaphendula;
mina, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, angiyikubalahla.
18 Ngizakwenza amanzi ageleze emiqolweni engelalutho
lemithombo phakathi kwezigodi.
Ngizaguqula inkangala ibe yiziziba zamanzi,
lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo yamanzi.
19 Enkangala ngizamilisa khona
imisedari lemi-akhakhiya,
amamithili kanye lama-oliva.
Ogwaduleni ngizamisa izihlahla zamaphayini,
ndawonye lemifiri kanye lemisiphresi,
20 ukuze abantu babone njalo bazi,
bacabange bazwisise
ukuthi isandla SIKATHIXO yiso esenza lokhu,
lokuthi oNgcwele ka-Israyeli ukudalile.

21 Bikani indaba yenu,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
"Bekani izizatho zenu,"

kutsho iNkosi kaJakhobe.
22 “Lethani izithombe zenu
zisitshele okuzakwenzakala.
Sitsheleni izinto zendulo ukuthi zaziyini
ukuze sizihlole,
sazi isiphetho sazo.
Loba sitsheleni izinto ezizayo,
23 lisazise okuqukethwe yizinsuku ezizayo,
ukuze sazi ukuthi lingonkulunkulu.
Yenzani okuthile, okuhle kumbe okubi,
ukuze sithuthumele, sibe lokwesaba.
24 Kodwa lina liyize,
lemisebenzi yenu kayisilutho,
okhetha lina uyisinengiso.

25 Sengithukuthelise omunye enyakatho, njalo uyeza
omunye ovela empumalanga obiza ibizo lami.
Lowo unyathela phezu kwababusi
kube sengathi baludaka,
kube angathi ngumbumbi evoxa ibumba.
26 Ngubani owabika lokhu kwasekuqaleni,
ukuze sazi,
kumbe ngaphambilini
ukuze sithi, ‘Wayeqinisile na’?
Kakho owabika ngalokhu,
kakho owakutsho ngaphambilini,
kakho owake wezwa amazwi aphuma kuwe.
27 Mina yimi engaba ngowokuqala
ukutshela iZiyoni ukuthi,
‘Khangela, nampa lapha!’
Nganika iJerusalema
isithunywa sezindaba ezinhle.
28 Ngiyakhangela kodwa akulamuntu,
kakho phakathi kwabo onganika iseluleko,
kakho ongaphendula lapho ngibabuza.
29 Khangela, bonke bayize!
Izenzo zabo kazisilutho;
izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo
zingumoya lensambatheka.”

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Inceku KaThixo

1 “Nansi inceku yami engiyisekelayo,
okhethiweyo wami, engithokoza ngaye.
Ngizabeka umoya wami phezu kwakhe,
uzaletha ukulunga ezizweni.
2 Kayikumemeza kumbe aklabalale,
loba aphakamise ilizwi lakhe emigwaqweni.
3 Umhlanga ohluzukileyo akayikuwuquma,
lentambo yesibane etsha kancane akayikuyicima.
Ngokwethembeka uzaletha ukulunga;

4 akayikudinwa kumbe ephulwe inhliziyo
aze alethe ukulunga emhlabeni.
Izihlenge zizakwethemba umthetho wakhe.”

5 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu UTHIXO,
yena owadala amazulu wawelula,
yena owendlala umhlaba lakho konke okuphuma kuwo,
yena onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula,
kuthi abahamba kuwo abanike ukuphila:
6 “Mina, UTHIXO ngikubizile ngokulunga;
ngizabamba isandla sakho.
Ngizakulondoloza
ngikwenze ube yisivumelwano sabantu
lokukhanya kwabeZizwe;
7 uvule amehlo eziphofu,
ukhuphe abathunjiweyo entolongweni,
ubakhulule emigodini yezibotshwa labo abahlala emnyameni.

8 Mina NGINGUTHIXO, lelo yilo ibizo lami!
Ubukhosi bami angiyikubunika omunye
loba nginike izithombe udumo lwami.
9 Khangela, izinto zakuqala sezenzakele,
njalo ngimemezela izinto ezintsha;
zingakaveli ukuba zibe khona
ngiyakutshela ngazo.”

Ingoma Yokudumisa UTHIXO

10 Hlabelelani UTHIXO ingoma entsha,
udumo lwakhe kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba,
lina eliya phansi olwandle, lakho konke okukulo,
lina zihlenge, labo bonke abahlala kini.
11 Inkangala lamadolobho ayo kakuphakamise amazwi akho;
imizi uKhedari ahlala kuyo kayijabule.
Abantu baseSela kabahlabele ngentokozo;
kabaklabalale besezinqongweni zezintaba.
12 Kabamdumise UTHIXO,
amemezele udumo lwakhe ezihlengeni.
13 UTHIXO uzaphuma njengendoda elamandla,
njengebutho uzavuthela ukutshiseka kwakhe;
ngokuklabalala uzakhuza isaga sempi
azinqobe izitha zakhe.

14 “Bengithule okwesikhathi eside kakhulu,
bengithule ngizithiba.
Kodwa khathesi, njengowesifazane ebeletha,
ngiyakhala, ngiyakhefuzela ngiphefuzela.
15 Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa;
ngilomise lonke uhlaza lwabo;
ngizaphendula imifula ibe yizihlenge
ngomise lamachibi.
16 Ngizakhokhela iziphofu ngezindlela ezingazaziyo,

ngizihole ngezindledlana ezingajwayelekanga.
Ngizaphendula umnyama ube yikukhanya phambi kwazo;
ngenze izindawo ezimakhilikithi zibe butshelezi.
Lezi yizo izinto engizazenza;
angiyikuziyekela.
17 Kodwa labo abathemba izithombe,
abathi kuzifanekiso, 'Lingonkulunkulu bethu,'
bazabuyiselwa emuva beyangeke impela."

U-Israyeli Uyisiphofu Njalo Uyisacuthe

18 "Zwanini, lina zacuthe;
khangelani, lina ziphofu, libone!
19 Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku yami,
loyisacuthe njengesithunywa engisithumayo na?
Ngubani oyisiphofu njengalowo ozinikele kimi,
oyisiphofu njengenceku KATHIXO na?
20 Selabona izinto ezinengi, kodwa kalinakanga;
indlebe zenu zivulekile, kodwa kalizwa lutho."
21 Kwamthokozisa UTHIXO
ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe
ukuba akhulise umthetho wakhe ube mkhulu njalo ulodumo.
22 Kodwa laba ngabantu abaphangiweyo bathunjwa;
bonke bavalelwe emiwolweni,
loba bafihlwa ezintolongweni.
Sebenziwe baba yimpahla yokuthunjwa,
kungela ozabasindisa;
sebephendulwe baba yinto yokuthunjwa
kungekho othi, "Babuyiseleni emuva."

23 Ngubani wenu olalela lokhu,
kumbe asinake isikhathi esizayo na?
24 Ngubani owanikela uJakhobe ukuba abe yinto yokuthunjwa
wanikela lo-Israyeli kubaphangi na?
Kwakungasuye UTHIXO,
esamonelayo thina na?
Njengoba babengeke balandele izindlela zakhe;
kabalalelanga umthetho wakhe.
25 Ngakho wathela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo phezu kwabo,
ukutshisa kwempi.
Wabamboza ngamalangabi, kodwa kabezwisisanga.
Wabaqothula, kodwa kabakhathalanga.

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UMsindisi Yedwa Ka-Israyeli

1 Kodwa khathesi, nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uthi,
yena owakudalayo, wena Jakhobe,
yena owakubumbayo, wena Israyeli:
"Ungesabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile;
ngikubize ngebizo lakho; ungowami.
2 Lapho udabula phakathi kwamanzi
ngizakuba lawe;

lalapho udabula emifuleni,
kayiyikukukhukhula.
Lapho uhamba phakathi komlilo, kawuyikutsha;
amalangabi kawayikukubhebhisa.
3 Ngoba mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uMsindisi wakho.
Ngizanikela iGibhithe njengenhlawulo yakho,
iKhushi leSebha ime esikhundleni sakho.
4 Njengoba wena uligugu njalo udumile ebusweni bami,
futhi ngenxa yokuthi ngiyakuthanda,
ngizanikela abantu esikhundleni sakho,
labantu esikhundleni sempilo yakho.
5 Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe;
ngizakulethela inzalo yakho ivela empumalanga
ngikubuthe kusukela entshonalanga.
6 Ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho ngithi, 'Bakhulule!'
Ngitsho kuyo iningizimu ngithi, 'Ungabagodli.'
Buyisani amadodana ami
akude lamadodakazi ami asemikhawulweni yomhlaba,
7 wonke umuntu obizwa ngebizo lami,
engamdalela udumo lwami,
engambumbayo, ngamenza."

8 Phumani lalabo abayiziphofu amehlo belawo,
abayizacuthe indlebe belazo.
9 Izizwe zonke kaziqoqane ndawonye
labantu babuthane.
Nguphi wabo owaphrofitha lokhu
wamemezela kithi ngezinto zendulo?
Kabalethe ofakazi babo babonakalise ukuthi baqinisile,
ukuze abanye bezwe, batsho bathi, "Kuqotho."
10 UTHIXO uthi, "Lina lingofakazi bami,
lenceku zami engizikhethileyo,
ukuze lazi, likholwe kimi,
njalo lizwisise ukuthi mina nginguye.
Ngaphambi kwami kakho unkulunkulu owake wabakhona,
njalo kakho ozakuba khona emva kwami.
11 Mina, mina uqobo, NGINGUTHIXO,
ngaphandle kwami kakho omunye umsindisi.
12 Ngivezile ngasindisa, ngamemezela, mina ngokwami,
hatshi unkulunkulu wezizweni ophakathi kwenu.
Lingofakazi bami, ngokuthi mina yimi uNkulunkulu"
kutsho UTHIXO.
13 "Ye, kusukela ensukwini zasendulo nginguye.
Kakho ongakhulula esandleni sami.
Lapho ngisenza, ngubani ongakuguqula na?"

Umusa KaNkulunkulu Lokungathembeki Kuka-Israyeli

14 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uthi,
"Ngenxa yenu ngizathumela impi eBhabhiloni

ilethe bonke abaseBhabhiloni,
njengeziphepheli ngemikhumbi ababezigqaja ngayo.
15 Mina NGINGUTHIXO, oNgcwele wenu,
uMdali ka-Israyeli, iNkosi yenu.”

16 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO,
yena owenza indlela olwandle
lomkhondo emanzini alamandla,
17 yena owakhupha izinqola zempi lamabhiza,
ibutho, lamanye awokuliqinisa endawonye;
njalo lalala lapho, kalaze lavuka futhi;
licitshe, liqunywe njengentambo yesibane:
18 “Khohlwani izinto zamandulo,
linganakani ngosekwedlulayo.
19 Khangelani, ngenza okutsha!
Khathesi kuyavela ngokuphangisa; kalikuboni na?
Ngenza indlela enkangala
lezifula ogwaduleni.
20 Izinyamazana zeganga ziyangidumisa;
amakhanka lezikhova,
ngoba ngenza kube lamanzi enkangala
lezifula ogwaduleni
ukuze nginathise abantu abakhethiweyo,
21 abantu engazenzela bona
ukuba bangidumise.

22 Kodwa kawukhalazanga kimi wena Jakhobe,
kodwa ukhathele ngami wena Israyeli.
23 Kawungilethelanga izimvu zomnikelo wokutshiswa,
kumbe wangidumisa ngemihlatshelo yakho.
Angikuhluphanga ngeminikelo yamabele
kumbe ngakudinisa ngokufuna impepha.
24 Kawungithengelanga amakha ekhane anuka mnandi,
kumbe wangisuthisa ngamahwahwa emihlatshelo yakho.
Kodwa ungikhathazile ngezono zakho
njalo wangidinisa ngezinengiso zakho.

25 Mina, mina uqobo, nginguye owesula
iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami,
ngingabe ngisazikhumbula futhi izono zakho.
26 Ngikhumbuza ngesikhathi esedlulayo,
sibonisane ngaleyondaba
ulandise ngoba msulwa kwakho.
27 Ukhokho wakho wokuqala wona;
labakhulumeli bakho bangihlamukela.
28 Ngakho izikhulu zethempelini lakho ngizaziyangisa;
nginikele uJakhobe ekubhujisweni
lo-Israyeli ekweyisweni.”

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U-Israyeli Okhethiweyo

1 “Kodwa khathesi lalela, wena Jakhobe,
nceku yami, Israyeli, engikukhethileyo.
2 Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO,
yena owakwenzayo, owakubumba esiswini,
njalo yena ozakusiza, uthi:
Ungesabi, wena Jakhobe, nceku yami,
Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo.
3 Ngoba ngizathela amanzi elizweni elomileyo,
lezifula emhlabathini owomileyo.
Ngizathela uMoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho
lezibusiso zami phezu kwezizukulwane zakho.
4 Zizahluma njengotshani emadlelweni,
lanjengeminyezane ezifuleni ezigelezayo.
5 Omunye uzakuthi, ‘Mina NGINGOKATHIXO’;
lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakhobe;
omunye laye uzaloba esandleni sakhe ukuthi, ‘OKATHIXO,’
azinike ibizo lika-Israyeli.”

UTHIXO Hatshi Izithombe

6 “Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO,
iNkosi loMhlengi ka-Israyeli, uTHIXO uSomandla:
Mina ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina;
ngaphandle kwami kakho uNkulunkulu.
7 Pho ngubani onjengami? Kakumemezele lokho.
Katsho, achaze phambi kwami
okwenzakalayo kusukela ekubekeni kwami abantu bami bendulo;
akutsho lokuzakwenzakala;
yebo, kakuqambe okuzayo.
8 Lingaqhaqhazeli, lingesabi.
Lokhu angikutshongo ngabika ngakho kudala na?
Lina lingofakazi bami. Kulomunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami na?
Hatshi, kalikho elinye iDwala; kalikho engilaziyo.”

9 Bonke abenza izithombe kabasilutho,
lezinto abaziqakathekisayo ziyize.
Labo abangabakhulumela bayiziphofu,
kabazi lutho, kulihlazo kubo.
10 Ngubani obaza unkulunkulu abumbe isithombe,
okungeke kumsize ngalutho?
11 Yena labanjengaye bazayangiswa;
izingcitshi kazisilutho, ngabantu nje.
Kaziqoqane zonke zime ndawonye;
bazakuba lokwesaba kanye lehlazo.

12 Umkhandi uthatha insimbi
ayifake emalahleni;
enze isithombe ngezando,
asikhande ngengalo yakhe elamandla.
Uyalamba aphelelwe ngamandla.

Anganathi manzi, amandla aphele.
13 Umbazi welula intambo yokulinganisa
asidwebe ngosungulo,
asibaze ngetshizela,
asidwebe ngensimbi ecijileyo,
abaze umfanekiso womuntu,
umuntu olobuhle bonke,
ukuba sihlale endlini yokukhonzela.
14 Ugamula isihlahla somsedari,
loba athathe umsayiphresi kumbe um'Okhi.
Uyasikhulisa phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu,
kumbe ahlanyele iphayini, izulu lisikhulise.
15 Lapho-ke siba zinkuni zomuntu zokubasa;
okunye kwaso uyathatha othe,
ubasa umlilo abhekhe izinkwa.
Kodwa, njalo, wenza unkulunkulu amkhonze;
abaze isithombe asikhothamele.
16 Ingxenye yezinkuni ubasa ngayo umlilo,
apheke ngawo ukudla kwakhe.
Ose inyama yakhe adle asuthe.
Njalo uyotha umlilo athi,
"Ha! Ngiyafudumala;
ngiyawubona umlilo."
17 Ngeziseleyo wenza unkulunkulu,
isithombe sakhe; uyasikhothamela, asikhonze.
Uyakhuleka kuso athi,
"Ngisindisa, ungunkulunkulu wami."
18 Kabazi lutho, kabaqedisisi lutho;
amehlo abo abhadiwe ukuze bangaboni
lezingqondo zabo zivalekile ukuze bangaqedisisi.
19 Kakho oke ame acabange,
kakho olokwazi loba ukuzwisisa ukuba athi,
"Ingxenye yazo ngabasa ngayo umlilo;
ngaze ngabhekha izinkwa emalahleni awo,
ngosa inyama ngayidla.
Ngokuseleyo ngizakwenza into enengisayo na?
Ngizasikhothamela na isigodo nje?"
20 Udla umlotha, inhliziyo ekhohlisekileyo iyamlahla,
angeke azihlenge, kumbe athi,
"Into le esesandleni sami sokudla kayisimanga na?"

21 "Khumbula lezizinto, wena Jakhobe,
ngoba uyinceku yami, wena Israyeli.
Ngakubumba, uyinceku yami;
wena Israyeli, angiyikukukhohlwa.
22 Ngesule iziphambeko zakho njengeyezi,
ngesula izono zakho njengenkungu yekuseni.
Buyela kimi,
ngoba ngikuhlengile."

23 Hlabelelani ngentokozo, lina mazulu,

ngoba UTHIXO usekwenzile lokhu;
hlaba umkhosi, wena mhlaba ngaphansi.
Tshayani ingoma lina zintaba,
lina mahlathi lazozonke izihlahla zenu,
ngoba UTHIXO usemhlengile uJakhobe,
ubonakalisa udumo lwakhe ko-Israyeli.

Kuzahlalwa EJerusalema

24 "Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO,
uMhlengi wakho, owakubumbayo esiswini:

Mina NGINGUTHIXO,
owenza izinto zonke,
owenza amazulu eyedwa,
owendlala umhlaba eyedwa,
25 ofubisa izibonakaliso zabaphrofethi bamanga,
enze izanuse zibe yizithutha,
ochitha ulwazi lwezihlakaniphi
alwenze lube yibuthutha,
26 ofeza amazwi ezinceku zakhe
aphelelise amacebo ezithunywa zakhe.

Athi kulo iJerusalema, 'Kuzahlalwa kulo,'
ngamadolobho akoJuda athi, 'Azakwakhiwa.'
Ngamanxiwa awo uthi, 'Ngizawavusa,'
27 athi enzikini yamanzi, 'Cima,
ngizakomisa izifula zakho,'
28 athi ngoKhurosi, 'Ungumelusi wami,
uzafeza konke engikufunayo;
uzakuthi ngeJerusalema, "Kalakhiwe futhi,"
ngethempeli athi, "Izisekelo zalo kazakhiwe." ' "

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1 "Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO kogcotshiweyo wakhe,
uKhurosi, engibamba isandla sakhe sokudla
ukuba nginqobe izizwe eziphambi kwakhe,
ngithathele amakhosi izihlangu zawo,
ngivule iminyango phambi kwakhe
ukuze amasango angavaleki:
2 Ngizahamba phambi kwakho
ngenze izintaba zendlaleke.
Ngizadiliza amasango ethusi,
ngifohle emigoqweni yensimbi.
3 Ngizakupha inotho yobumnyama,
lenotho egcinwe ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo
ukuze wazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okubiza ngebizo.
4 Ngenxa kaJakhobe inceku yami,
lo-Israyeli okhethiweyo wami,
ngikubiza ngebizo

ngikunike ibizo lokuhlonipha,
lanxa wena unganginakanga.
5 Mina NGINGUTHIXO, njalo kakho omunye;
ngaphandle kwami akulaNkulunkulu.
Ngizakuqinisa,
lanxa wena unganginakanga,
6 ukuze kuthi kusukela empumalanga
kusiya entshonalanga,
abantu bakwazi ukuthi kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO, njalo kakho omunye.
7 Ngenza ukukhanya njalo ngidale umnyama,
ngiletha ukuphumelela njalo ngidale incithakalo;
mina THIXO ngiyazenza zonke lezizinto.

8 Lina mazulu angaphezulu, nisani ukulunga;
amayezi kawakuthululele phansi.
Umhlaba kawuvuleke kabanzi
kuhlume ukusindiswa,
ukulunga akukhule lakho;
mina, UTHIXO, ngikudalile.

9 Maye kulowo ophikisa uMdali wakhe,
kulowo oludengezi nje
phakathi kwendengezi emhlabathini.
Ibumba liyatsho na kumbumbi lithi,
'Kuyini okubumbayo?'
Umsebenzi wakho uyatsho na uthi,
'Kalazandla?'
10 Maye kulowo othi kuyise,
'Kuyini owakuzalayo?'
loba athi kunina,
'Kuyini owakubelethayo?'

11 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, loMdali wakhe uthi:
Mayelana lezinto ezizayo,
uyangibuza ngabatwabami na,
loba uyangilawula emsebenzini engiwenzayo na?
12 Yimi engadala umhlaba,
ngenza labantu abahlala kuwo.
Ezami izandla yizo ezananabula amazulu;
ngahlela amaxuku ezinkanyezi zawo.
13 Ngizamvusa uKhurosi ngokulunga kwami,
ngenze izindlela zakhe zonke ziqonde.
Uzalakha futhi idolobho lami,
akhulule abami abaxotshwayo elizweni,
kodwa kungekho nhlawulo kumbe umvuzo,
kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla."
14 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO:
"Izithelo zaseGibhithe lempahla ethengiswayo yaseKhushi
lamaSebhina lawana amade,

bazakuza kuwe
babengabakho,
bazakhasabula ngemva kwakho,
beze kuwe bebotshwe ngamaketane.
Bazakukhothamela
bakuncenge besithi,
‘Ngempela uNkulunkulu ulawe, kakho omunye,
kakho omunye uNkulunkulu.’ ”

15 Ngeqiniso unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo,
Nkulunkulu loMsindisi ka-Israyeli.
16 Bonke ababaza izithombe bazayangiswa badumazeke;
bonke bazahamba beyangekile.
17 Kodwa u-Israyeli uzasindiswa NGUTHIXO
ngensindiso engapheliyo;
kaliyikuyangiswa kumbe libe lehlazo
kuze kube nininini.

18 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
yena owadala amazulu,
unguNkulunkulu,
yena owabumba umhlaba wawenza,
wawusekela;
kawudalanga ukuba ungabi lalutho,
kodwa wawenza ukuba kuhlalwe kuwo,
uthi:
“Mina NGINGUTHIXO,
kakho omunye.
19 Angikhulumanga ensitha
kwenye indawo elizweni lomnyama;
angizange ngithi kuzizukulwane zikaJakhobe,
‘Ngidingani lingangitholi.’
Mina THIXO ngikhuluma iqiniso;
ngitsho okuqotho.

20 Qoqanani ndawonye lize kimi;
buthanani lina elabaleka ezizweni.
Labo abahamba bethwele izithombe zezigodo kabazi lutho;
labo abakhuleka kubonkulunkulu abangeke babasize.”
21 Memezelani okufanele kube yikho, likubike,
kabemukele izeluleko ndawonye.
Ngubani owabika lokhu endulo,
ngubani owamemezela ngakho kudala le?
Kwakungayisimi mina THIXO na?
Njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami,
uNkulunkulu olungileyo onguMsindisi;
kakho omunye, yimi kuphela.

22 “Phendukelani kimi lisindiswe,
lonke lina mikhawulo yomhlaba;
ngoba mina nginguNkulunkulu,
njalo kakho omunye.

23 Ngifunge ngami,
ngobuqotho bonke
umlomo wami ukhulume ilizwi elingayikwesulwa.
Amadolo wonke azaguqa phambi kwami;
izindimi zonke zizafunga ngami.
24 Zizakutsho ngami zithi, ‘Ukulunga lamandla
kuTHIXO kuphela.’ ”
Bonke abamthukuthelelayo
bazakuza kuye bayangiswe.
25 Kodwa THIXO yonke inzalo
ka-Israyeli izafunyanwa ilungile,
ithokoze iziqhenya ngaye.

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Onkulunkulu BaseBhabhiloni

1 UBheli uyakhothama, uNebho uyaguqa;
izithombe zabo zithwelwe yizifuyo zokuthwala.
Izifanekiso ezithwelweyo ziyasinda,
umthwalo osindayo kodiniweyo.
2 Bayakhothama baguqe ndawonye;
benganelisi ukuhlenga umthwalo,
labo uqobo baya khona ekuthunjweni.

3 “Ngilalela wena ndlu kaJakhobe,
lonke lina eliseleyo abendlu ka-Israyeli,
lina engalisekelayo selokhu lemulwayo,
ngalithwala selokhu lazalwayo.
4 Lasebudaleni benu, inwele zenu sezimhlophe,
mina nginguye, nginguye ozaliqinisa.
Sengilenzile njalo ngizalithwala;
ngizaliqinisa ngilihlenge.

5 Ngubani elingangilinganisa laye kumbe limbale njengolingana lami na?
Ngubani elingangifananisa laye ukuba siqathaniswe na?
6 Abanye bathulula igolide emigodleni yabo
balinganise isiliva ezikalini;
baqhatshe abakhandi begolide ukuba benze unkulunkulu ngalo,
bakhothame, bamkhonze.
7 Bayamphakamisela emahlombe abo bamthwale;
bayambeka endaweni yakhe, ame khonapho.
Angeke asuke kuleyondawo.
Lanxa umuntu ememeza, kaphenduli;
angeke amsize ekuhluphekeni kwakhe.

8 Khumbulani lokhu, likufake ezingqondweni zenu,
kukhumbuleni lina bahlamuki.
9 Khumbulani izinto zakuqala ezendulo.
Mina nginguNkulunkulu,
kakho omunye; mina nginguNkulunkulu,
kakho onjengami.

10 Mina ngenza isiphetho sazakale
kusukela ekuqaleni lokuzakwenzakala,
kusukela ezikhathini zasendulo.
Ngithi: ‘Injongo yami izakuma kokuphela,
njalo ngizakwenza konke engikufunayo.’
11 Empumalanga ngibiza inyoni edla ezinye;
elizweni elikhatshana ngibiza umuntu
ukuba afeze injongo yami.
Lokho engikutshiloyo ngizakufeza;
lokho engikucebileyo ngizakwenza.
12 Ngilalelani lina elilezinhliziyo ezilukhuni,
lina elikhatshana lokulunga.
13 Ngiletha ukulunga kwami eduzane,
akukho khatshana;
lokusindisa kwami akuyikuphuziswa.
IZiyoni ngizayinika ukusindiswa,
u-Israyeli inkazimulo yami.”

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Ukuwa KweBhabhiloni

1 “Yehla uhlale othulini
Ndodakazi emsulwa yaseBhabhiloni,
hlala emhlabathini ungelasihlalo sobukhosi,
ndodakazi yamaBhabhiloni.
Akusayikuthiwa
ubuthakathaka loba kuthiwe uthambile.
2 Thatha amatshe okuchola uchole impuphu;
ukhuphe isimbombozo sakho.
Phakamisa izidwaba zakho, uveze imilenze yakho,
ugxabhaze udabule ezifuleni.
3 Ubunqunu bakho buzavezwa,
ihlazo lakho lambuleke.
Ngizaphindisela,
kakho engizamyekela.”

4 Umhlengi wethu UTHIXO uSomandla libizo lakhe
ungoNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

5 “Hlala ngokuthula, yana emnyameni,
ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya;
awuyikubizwa ngokuthi
ndlovukazi yemibuso futhi.
6 Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami,
ngangcolisa ilifa lami,
ngabanikela ezandleni zakho,
kawaze waba lesihawu kubo.
Lasebeluphele,
wabethesa ijogwe elinzima.
7 Wathi, ‘Ngizaqhubeka kokuphela
ngiyindlovukazi nini lanini.’
Kodwa kawuzinakanga lezizinto,

kumbe unakane ngokungenzakala.

8 Khathesi-ke lalela, wena sidalwa esingazibekanga,
wena ocambaleleyo uvikelekile
usithi ngenhliziyo yakho,
'Mina yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami,
angisoze ngaba ngumfelokazi
kumbe ngifelwe ngabantwana.'
9 Kodwa lokhu kokubili kuzakwehlela
ngokuphangisa, ngasuku lunye
ukufelwa ngabantwana lobufelokazi.
Lokhu kuzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngokugcweleyo,
bungakhathelekile ubuthakathi bakho
layo yonke imilingo yakho elamandla.
10 Wethembele ebubini bakho,
njalo watsho wathi, 'Kakho ongibonayo.'
Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi lwakho kuyakukhohlisa
lapho usithi kuwe,
'Mina yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami.'
11 Incithakalo izakwehlela phezu kwakho,
njalo awuyikwazi ukuyivikela ngemilingo.
Umonakalo uzakwehlela phezu kwakho,
ongeke uwuvimbe ngenhlawulo,
lengozi ongeke uyikhumbulele
izakujuma.

12 Qhubeka-ke ngemilingo yakho,
langobuthakathi bakho obunengi
okusebenza kusukela ebantwaneni bakho.
Mhlawumbe uzaphumelela,
kumbe njalo wenze kube lokwesaba.
13 Zonke izeluleko owazitholayo zikucobile.
Izazi zezinkanyezi kazisondele,
labahloli bezinkanyezi ababika ngokuzakwenzakala inyanga ngenyanga.
Kabakuhlenge kulokhu okuzakwehlela.
14 Impela banjengamahlanga;
umlilo uzabatshisa futhi
bangeke bazihlenga
emandleni amalangabi.
Lapha akulamalahle okothiwa ngumuntu;
lapha akulamlilo wokotha.
15 Lokho yikho abangakwenzela khona
labo owasebenza labo,
uthengiselana labo kusukela ebuntwaneni.
Omunye lomunye wabo uyaqhubeka ngesiphosiso sakhe;
kakho ongakusindisa."

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U-Israyeli Oyisiqholo

1 "Zwana lokhu, wena ndlu kaJakhobe,
lina elibizwa ngebizo lika-Israyeli

elingabosendo lukaJuda,
lina elifunga NGOTHIXO,
licele usizo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
kodwa kungasingeqiniso loba ngokulunga,
2 lina elibizwa ngokuthi lingabasedolobheni elingcwele,
lethembe uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
UTHIXO uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe:
3 Ngamemezela ngezinto zakuqala endulo,
ngazitsho ngomlomo wami, ngazenza zazakala.
Ngazenza ngokuphangisa, zahle zenzakala.
4 Ngoba ngangikwazi ukuthi ulenkani,
imisipha yentamo yakho zinsimbi,
ibunzi lakho lithusi.
5 Ngakho-ke ngakutsho kudala ngalezizinto,
ngakwazisa ngazo zingakenzakali
ukuze wena ungaze wathi,
'Izithombe zami yizo ezazenzayo;
izithixo zami zezigodo lonkulunkulu wensimbi yibo abakumisayo.'
6 Usuzizwile lezizinto; zikhangele zonke.
Awuyikuzivuma na?

Kusukela khathesi ngizakutshela ngezinto ezintsha,
izinto ezifihlakeleyo wena ongazaziyo.
7 Zidalwe khathesi nje, hatshi endulo;
awuzange uzwe ngazo mandulo.
Ngakho awungeke uthi,
'Yebo, kade ngizazi.'
8 Kawuzange uzwe kumbe uqedisise;
kusukela endulo indlebe yakho ibingavulekanga.
Ngikwazi kuhle ukuthi wena uyingozi;
kwathiwa ungumhlamuki kusukela ekuzalweni kwakho.
9 Ngenxa yebizo lami, ngiyaluphuzisa ulaka lwami;
ngenxa yodumo lwami ngiyalubamba ukuba lungehleli kuwe,
ukuze ngingakubhubhisi.
10 Khangela, ngikulungisile lanxa kunganjengesiliva;
ngikuhlole emlilweni wokuhlupheka.
11 Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami, ngenza lokhu.
Ngingavuma njani ukuba ibizo lami ligconwe na?
Angiyikunika omunye udumo lwami."

U-Israyeli Ukhululwe

12 "Ngilalela wena Jakhobe,
Israyeli, engikubizileyo:
Mina nginguye;
ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina.
13 Isandla sami sabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
isandla sami sokudla sendlala amazulu;
lapho ngikubiza,
kuyasukuma konke kanyekanye.

14 Buthanani ndawonye lonke lilalele:

Yisiphi sezithombe esamemezela ngalezizinto ngaphambilini na?
Umsekeli kaThixo okhethiweyo
uzafeza inhloso yakhe yokuhlasela amaKhaladiya;
ingalo yakhe izamelana lamaKhaladiya.
15 Mina, mina ngokwami, sengikhulumile;
yebo ngimbizile.
Ngizamletha,
njalo uzaphumelela kuyo inhloso yakhe.
16 Sondelani kimi lizwe lokhu:
Kusukela esimemezelweni sakuqala angikhulumelanga ensitha;
lapho kusenzakala, mina ngikhona.”

Khathesi uThixo Wobukhosi ungithumile
ngoMoya wakhe.

17 Nanku uThixo akutshoyo,
uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli:
“Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho,
okufundisa lokho okuhle kakhulu kuwe,
ekutshengisa indlela okumele uhambe ngayo.
18 Aluba wawulalele imilayo yami nje,
ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengomfula,
ukulunga kwakho kunjengamagagasi olwandle.
19 Inzalo yakho yayizakuba ngangetshebetshebe,
abantwabakho babe ngangezinhlamvu zalo ezingeke zibalwe;
ibizo labo belingayikwesulwa
kumbe lidilizwe phambi kwami.”

20 Sukani eBhabhiloni,
libalekele amaBhabhiloni!
Bikani lokhu lihlaba umkhosi ngentokozo
njalo likumemezele.
Kufikiseni emikhawulweni yomhlaba;
lithi, “UThixo uyihlengile inceku yakhe uJakhobe.”
21 Kabomanga ekubaholeni kwakhe bedabula ezinkangala;
wabenzela amanzi agelezayo ephuma edwaleni,
wadabula idwala
amanzi ampompoza.

22 UThixo uthi, “Akukho ukuthula kwababi.”

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Inceku kaThixo
1 Ngilalelani lina zihlenge;
zwanini lokhu lina zizwe ezikude:
uThixo wangibiza ngingakazalwa;
kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ubelitsho ibizo lami.
2 Wenza umlomo wami waba njengenkemba eloliweyo,
wangifihla emthunzini wesandla sakhe.
Wangenza ngaba ngumtshoko ololiweyo,
wangifihla emxhakeni wakhe wemitshoko.

3 Wathi kimi, “Wena Israyeli uyinceku yami,
engizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami ngayo.”
4 Kodwa mina ngathi, “Mina ngisebenzele ize;
amandla ami ngiwachithele ize lobala,
ikanti okufanele mina kusesandleni sikaThixo,
lomvuzo wami ukuNkulunkulu.”

5 Khathesi uThixo uthi,
yena owangibumbayo esiswini ukuba ngibe yinceku yakhe
ukuze ngibuyisele uJakhobe
kuye lokuqoqela u-Israyeli kuye,
ngoba ngiphakanyisiwe emehlweni kaThixo
njalo uNkulunkulu wami ubengamandla ami
6 uthi:
“Kuyinto encane kakhulu kuwe ukuba yinceku yami
ukuze uvuselele izizwe zikaJakhobe
ubuyise labako-Israyeli engibalondolozileyo.
Ngizakwenza ube yikukhanya kwabeZizwe,
ukuze ufikise usindiso lwami emikhawulweni yomhlaba.”

7 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo,
uMhlengi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
utsho kuye oweyiswa, wenyanywa yisizwe,
kuyo inceku yababusi:
“Amakhosi azakubona asukume,
amakhosana azakubona akhothame,
ngenxa kaThixo othembekileyo,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli okukhethileyo.”

Ukubuyiselwa Kuka-Israyeli

8 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
“Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kimi ngizakuphendula,
langosuku lwensindiso ngizakusiza.
Ngizakulondoloza ngikwenze
ube yisivumelwano sabantu,
ukubuyisela ilizwe
lokwaba kutsha amafa abo achithekayo,
9 uthi kwabathunjiweyo, ‘Phumani,’
kulabo abasemnyameni uthi, ‘Khululekani!’

Bazadlela emaceleni emigwaqo
bathole amadlelo kuwo wonke amaqaqa alugwadule.
10 Kabayikulamba kumbe bome,
lokutshisa kwasenkangala kumbe okwelanga kabayikukuzwa.
Lowo obazwela isihawu uzabakhokhela
abase emithonjeni yamanzi.
11 Izintaba zami zonke ngizazenza zibe yizindlela,
imigwaqo yami izaphakamela phezulu.
12 Khangelani, bazakuza bevela khatshana,
abanye bevela enyakatho, abanye bevela entshonalanga
labanye bevela emangweni wase-Asiwani.”

13 Hlabelelani ngentokozo lina mazulu;
jabula lawe mhlaba;
tshayani ingoma lina zintaba.
Ngoba UTHIXO uyabaduduza abantu bakhe
njalo uzakuba lesihawu kwabahluphekayo bakhe.

14 Kodwa iZiyoni yathi, “UTHIXO ungilahlile,
UTHIXO usengikhohliwe.”

15 “Owesifazane angamkhohlwa umntanakhe omunyayo na,
angabi lesihelo emntwaneni amzeleyo na?
Lanxa engamkhohlwa,
mina angiyikukukhohlwa!”
16 Khangela, sengikudwebe ezintendeni zezandla zami;
imiduli yakho ihlezi iphambi kwami.
17 Amadodana akho aphanga emuva,
lalabo abakuchithayo bayasuka kuwe.
18 Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele emaceleni wonke,
wonke amadodana akho ayaqoqana eze kuwe.
UTHIXO uthi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngiphila,
bonke uzabagqiza njengezigqizo,
ucece ngabo njengomlobokazi.

19 Lanxa nje wadilizwa waba lunxiwa
lelizwe lakho lachithwa,
khathesi uzakuba mncane kakhulu ebantwini bakho;
lalabo abakuchithayo bazakuba khatshana.
20 Abantwana abazalwa ngesikhathi sokufelwa kwakho
bazakutsho lawe usizwa bathi,
‘Indawo le incinyane kakhulu kithi;
siphe enye njalo indawo yokuhlala.’
21 Lapho-ke uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho,
‘Ngubani owangizalela laba na?
Ngafelwa njalo ngaba njengongazalanga;
ngaxotshwa elizweni, ngalahlwa.
Laba bondliwa ngubani?
Mina ngangisele ngedwa,
kodwa laba-ke, bavele ngaphi?’ ”
22 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
“Khangela, ngizaqhweba abeZizwe.
Ngizaphakamisela uphawu lwami ebantwini;
bazaletha amadodana akho bewagonile,
amadodakazi akho bewathwele ngamahlombe abo.
23 Amakhosi azakuba ngoyihlo bokukukhulisa,
amakhosikazi awo abe ngonyoko bokukondla.
Bazakhothama phambi kwakho ubuso babo buphansi, emhlabathini,
bazakhotha uthuli ezinyaweni zakho.
Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO;
labo abangithembayo abayikudaniswa.”

24 Amabutho angemukwa impango na,
kumbe abathunjiweyo bahlengwe kwabesabekayo na?
25 Kodwa nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Yebo, abathunjiweyo bazathathwa emabuthweni
lempango izahluthunwa futhi kwabesabekayo,
ngoba ngizamelana lalabo abamelana lawe,
abantwabakho ngizabahlenga.
26 Ngizakwenza abancindezeli bakho badle inyama yemizimba yabo;
bazadakwa ngelabo igazi njengewayini.
Lapho-ke izizwe zonke zizakwazi
ukuthi mina THIXO, nginguMsindisi wakho,
uMhlengi wakho, uMninimandla kaJakhobe.”

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Isono Sika-Israyeli Lokulalela Kwenceku

1 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ingaphi incwadi kanyoko yokuchitha umtshado
engamxotsha ngayo na?
Kumbe nguphi kwababelezikwelede zami
engamthengisayo na?
Lathengiswa ngenxa yezono zenu,
lonyoko waliwa ngenxa yokona kwenu.
2 Ekufikeni kwami, kungani kwakungelamuntu na?
Ekubizeni kwami, kungani kungekho muntu owasabelayo na?
Ingalo yami yayimfitshane kakhulu ukuba ilihlenge na?
Angilamandla okulikhulula na?
Ngokukhuza nje kuphela, ngiyalomisa ulwandle,
ngiphendule imifula ibe yinkangala;
inhlanzi zayo zibole ngenxa yokuswela amanzi,
zife ngenxa yokoma.
3 Ngembathisa umkhathi ngomnyama.
Ngenze amasaka abe yisembeso sawo.”

4 UTHIXO wobukhosi unginike ulimi olufundisiweyo
ukuba ngazi ilizwi lokuqinisa abadiniweyo.
Uyangivusa ekuseni kwansukuzonke,
avuse indlebe yami ukuba ilalele njengofundiswayo.
5 UTHIXO Wobukhosi uvule indlebe zami,
njalo angizange ngibe ngohlamukayo;
angibuyelanga emuva.
6 Nganikela umhlana wami kulabo ababengitshaya,
lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha indevu zami;
ubuso bami angibufihlanga
ekugconweni lekukhafulelweni.
7 Ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO Wobukhosi uyangisiza
angiyikuyangeka.
Ngakho-ke sengiqinise ubuso bami babanjengelitshe lomlilo;
njalo ngiyazi ukuthi angiyikuyangeka.
8 Lowo ongimelayo useduzane.
Ngubani-ke ongangethesa amacala?

Kasiqondane.
Ngubani ongimangalelayo na?
Kangiqonde!
9 NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ongisizayo.
Ngubani lowo ongathi ngilecala na?
Bonke bazaguga njengesigqoko,
inondo izabadla.

10 Ngubani phakathi kwenu omesabayo UTHIXO
elalela ilizwi lenceku yakhe na?
Lowo ohamba emnyameni,
ongelakho ukukhanya,
kathembe ebizweni LIKATHIXO
abambelele KUTHIXO wakhe.
11 Kodwa khathesi, lonke lina eliphemba imililo
lizenzele amalangabi okukhanyisa,
sukani, lihambe ekukhanyeni kwemililo yenu,
lokwezibane elizikhanyisileyo.
Elizakwamukela esandleni sami yilokhu:
Lizalala phansi lisebuhlungwini.

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Insindiso Engapheliyo YeZiyoni

1 "Lalelani kimi lina elilandela ukulunga
lidinga LOTHIXO:
Khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa kulo
lasegodini lamatshe elambiwa kulo;
2 khangelani ku-Abhrahama, uyihlo,
lakuSara owalizalayo.
Ekumbizeni kwami wayemunye,
ngambusisa ngamandisa.
3 Ngeqiniso UTHIXO uzaduduza iZiyoni
abe lesihawu kuwo wonke amanxiwa alo;
uzakwenza izinkangala zalo zibe njenge-Edeni,
amazwe alo alugwadule afane lesivande sikaThixo.
Ukuthaba lentokozo kuzafunyanwa kulo,
kanye lokubonga lelizwi lokuhlabela.

4 Lalelani kimi, bantu bami;
ungizwe lawe sizwe sami:
Kuzaphuma umthetho uvela kimi;
ukulunga kwami kuzakuba yikukhanya ezizweni.
5 Ukulunga kwami kusondela ngokuphangisa,
insindiso yami iyeza,
ingalo yami izaletha ukulunga ezizweni.
Izihlenge zizakhangela kimi,
zilinde zithembe amandla ami.
6 Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu emazulwini,
likhangele lasemhlabeni phansi;
amazulu azanyamalala njengentuthu;
umhlaba uzaguga njengesigqoko

abakhe kuwo bafe njengempukane.
Kodwa insindiso yami izakuba khona kuze kube nininini,
ukulunga kwami akuyikuphela.

7 Ngizwani lina elikwaziyo okulungileyo
lina bantu abagcina umthetho wami ezinhliziyweni zenu:
Lingakwesabi ukugconwa ngabantu,
kumbe lethuswe yizithuko zabo.
8 Ngoba inondo izabadla njengesigqoko;
impethu ibadle njengewulu.
Kodwa ukulunga kwami kuzakuba khona kuze kube nininini;
lensindiso yami ikhona kuzizukulwane zonke.”

9 Vuka, vuka, wena ngalo KATHIXO;
uzigqokise ngamandla akho!
Vuka njengasezinsukwini zendulo,
lanjengakuzizukulwane zakudala.
Kayisuwe yini owaquma uRahabi waba yiziqa,
wagwaza lesilo lesiyana na?
10 Kawusuwe yini owomisa ulwandle,
amanzi atshona kakhulu,
wenza umgwaqo ezinzikini zolwandle
ukuze abahlengiweyo bachaphe na?
11 Labahlengiweyo BAKATHIXO bazabuyela.
Bazangena eZiyoni behlabelela,
intokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngumqhele emakhanda abo.
Bazakuba lokuthula lenjabulo,
usizi lokububula kuzaphela.

12 “Mina, mina uqobo, nginguye olidudzayo.
Ungubani wena ukuba wesabe abantu abafayo,
amadodana abantu, abutshani nje,
13 uze ukhohlwe UTHIXO, uMenzi wakho,
owendlala amazulu
wabeka lezisekelo zomhlaba,
ukuthi uhlale ngokwesaba okungapheliyo nsuku zonke
ngenxa yolaka lomncindezeli,
ohlose ukuchitha na?
Ngoba lungaphi na ulaka lomncindezeli?
14 Izibotshwa ezitshotshobeleyo zizakhululwa masinyazana,
aziyikufela emajele azo,
kumbe ziswele ukudla.
15 Ngoba mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
ophehla ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome,
ibizo lakhe NGUTHIXO uSomandla.
16 Ngifake amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho
ngakwembesa ngomthunzi wesandla sami,
mina engabeka amazulu endaweni yawo,
ngabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
njalo othi kuZiyoni, ‘Lina lingabantu bami.’ ”

Inkezo Yolaka LUKATHIXO

17 Vuka, vuka!
Phakama wena Jerusalema,
wena onathe enkezweni esandleni sikaThixo
inkezo yolaka lwakhe,
wena oyikhoce wafika enzeceni zayo;
inkezo eyenza amadoda adiyazele.
18 Kuwo wonke amadodana eliwazeleyo,
kayikho eyayingalikhokhela;
kuwo wonke amadodana elawondlayo,
kayikho eyayingalibamba ngesandla.
19 Lezizingozi ezimbili zikwehlele;
ngubani ongakududuza na?
Incithakalo lokubhujiswa, indlala lenkemba,
ngubani ongakududuza na?
20 Amadodana akho asephele amandla,
aselala ezihlokweni zemigwaqo yonke
njengebhalabhala elibanjwe ngumambule.
Agcwele ulaka lukaThixo
lokukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho.

21 Ngakho-ke zwana lokhu wena ohluphekayo,
lodakisiweyo kodwa kungasingewayini.
22 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi bakho,
uNkulunkulu wakho ovikela abantu bakhe:
“Khangela, sengiyisusile esandleni sakho
inkezo ekwenza udiyazele;
leyonkezo engeyolaka lwami,
awuyikunatha ngayo futhi.
23 Ngizayibeka ezandleni zabakuhluphayo,
abathi kuwe,
‘Cambalala ukuze sihambe phezu kwakho.’
Wena-ke wenza umhlane wakho waba njengenhlabathi,
lanjengomgwaqo okungahanjwa kuwo.”

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1 Vuka, vuka, wena Ziyoni,
uzembese ngamandla!
Gqoka izigqoko zakho zenkazimulo,
wena Jerusalema, muzi ongcwele.
Ongasokanga longcolileyo
akayikungena kuwe futhi.
2 Thintitha uthuli lwakho;
sukuma, uhlale ebukhosini, wena Jerusalema.
Zikhulule izibopho ezisentanyeni yakho,
wena Ndodakazi ethunjiweyo yaseZiyoni.
3 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
“Lathengiswa ngeze,
njalo lizahlengwa kungekho mali.”
4 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi:

“Ekuqaleni abantu bami baya eGibhithe besiyahlala khona;
muva i-Asiriya yabancindezela.
5 Khathesi kuyini engilakho lapha?” kubuza uTHIXO.
“Ngoba abantu bami bathunjwa kungekho sizatho,
njalo labo abababusayo bayakloloda,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Ilanga lonke
ibizo lami lihlanjazwa kokuphela.
6 Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazalazi ibizo lami,
ngakho-ke ngalolosuku bazakwazi
ukuthi yimi engamemezela lokho ngaphambilini.
Yebo, yimi.”

7 Yeka ubuhle phezu kwezintaba,
bezinyawo zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle,
abamemezela ukuthula,
abaletha izindaba ezinhle,
abamemezela insindiso,
abathi kulo iZiyoni,
“UNkulunkulu wakho uyabusa!”
8 Lalela! Abalindi bakho baphakamisa amazwi abo,
bonke bahlaba umkhosi ngokuthokoza.
Lapho uTHIXO ebuyela eZiyoni
bazayibona iZiyoni ngamehlo abo.
9 Hlokomani ndawonye ngezingoma zokuthokoza,
lina manxiwa aseJerusalema,
ngoba uTHIXO usebaduduzile abantu bakhe,
uselihlengile iJerusalema.
10 UTHIXO uzaveza ingalo yakhe engcwele
phambi kwezizwe zonke,
njalo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba
izabona insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu.

11 Sukani, sukani, phumani lapho!
Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo!
Phumani kulo libe ngabahlambulukileyo,
lina eliphatha izitsha zIKATHIXO.
12 Kodwa kaliyikusuka ngokuphangisa,
kumbe libaleka;
ngoba uTHIXO uzahamba phambi kwenu,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uzakuba ngumvikeli wenu emva kwenu.

Ukuhlupheka Lodumo Lwenceku

13 Khangelani, inceku yami izakwenza ngokuhlakanipha,
izaphakanyiswa ikhwezwe, iphiwe lodumo olukhulu.
14 Njengoba babebanengi abanengwayo yiyo,
ubuso bayo babulimele okudlula okwabantu bonke,
lesimo sayo sonakele singase njengesomuntu,
15 ngakho-ke izachela izizwe ezinengi,
amakhosi azavala imilomo yawo ngenxa yayo.
Ngoba lokho abangakutshelwanga bazakubona,
labangakuzwanga, bazakuqedisisa.

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1 Ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu,
njalo amandla kaThixo abonakaliswe kubani na?
2 Wakhula phambi kwakhe njengehlumela,
lanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo.
Wayengelabuhle lobukhosi ukuba asikhange,
kungelalutho esimeni sakhe olungenza simfune.
3 Weyiswa njalo waliwa ngabantu,
umuntu wezinsizi, njalo ekujayele ukuhlupheka.
Lowo abantu abangafuniyo ukukhangelana laye
weyiswa, asimhloniphanga.

4 Ngempela wathatha inhlungu zethu
wathwala insizi zethu,
kodwa thina sathi utshaywe nguNkulunkulu,
ebethwe nguye, njalo uhlutshiwe.
5 Kodwa wagwazwa ngenxa yezono zethu,
wachobozwa ngenxa yokona kwethu,
ukuhlutshwa kwakhe kwasilethela ukuthula,
njalo sasiliswa ngamanxeba akhe.
6 Thina sonke silahlekile njengezimvu,
munye ngamunye wethu uphambukele endleleni yakhe;
njalo uThixo ubeke phezu kwakhe
ukona kwethu sonke.

7 Wancindezelwa wahlutshwa,
kodwa kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe;
wakhokhelwa ukuyabulawa njengewundlu,
njalo njengemvu ithule phambi komgundi wayo,
laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe.
8 Ngokuncindezelwa langokwahlulela wathathwa.
Ngubani ongakhuluma ngesizukulwane sakhe na?
Ngoba wasuswa elizweni labaphilayo;
watshaywa ngenxa yeziphambeko zabantu bami.
9 Wabelwa ingcwaba kanye lababi,
kanye labanothileyo ekufeni kwakhe,
lanxa kungeladlakela alwenzayo
njalo kungekho inkohliso emlonyeni wakhe.

10 Ikanti kwakuyintando kaThixo ukumchoboza lokumenza ahlupheke,
njalo lanxa uThixo esenza ukuphila kwakhe umnikelo wecala,
uzabona inzalo yakhe, andise insuku zokuphila kwakhe,
lentando kaThixo izaphumelela ngaye.
11 Emva kokuhlupheka komoya wakhe,
uzabona ukukhanya kokuphila asuthiseke;
ngokwazi kwayo inceku yami elungileyo izalungisa abanengi,
ithwale izono zabo.
12 Ngakho-ke ngizamnika isabelo phakathi kwabakhulu,
njalo uzakwabelana impango labalamandla
ngoba wanikela ukuphila kwakhe ekufeni,
wabalwa ndawonye lezoni;

ngoba wathwala izono zabanengi,
wancengela izoni.

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Inkazimulo Ezayo YaseZiyoni

1 “Hlabela wena mfazi oyinyumba,
wena ongazange uzale umntwana;
susa ingoma, umemeze ngentokozo,
wena ongakaze uhelelwe
ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo banengi
kulabalowo olendoda,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
2 Qhelisa indawo yethente lakho,
yelula amakhetheni ethente
lakho abe banzi,
ungathikazi, yelula izintambo zakho,
uqinise izikhonkwane zakho.
3 Ngoba uzaqhela usiya kwesokudla lesenxele;
inzalo yakho izazixotsha izizwe yakhe
emadolobheni azo adilikayo.

4 “Ungesabi, ngoba awuyikwehlelwa lihlazo.
Ungesabi ukuyangeka, ngoba awuyikudumazeka.
Uzalikhohlwa ihlazo lasebutsheni bakho,
ungakhumbuli lesithuko sobufelokazi bakho.
5 Ngoba uMenzi wakho engumyeni wakho,
UTHIXO uSomandla libizo lakhe
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli unguMhlengi wakho;
ubizwa ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke.
6 UTHIXO uzakubiza
njengowesifazane olahliweyo, odabukileyo emoyeni,
owesifazane owenda esesemncane,
waphanga waliwa,” kutsho uNkulunkulu wakho.
7 “Ngakutshiya okomzuzwana omncane,
kodwa ngesihawu esikhulu ngizakubuyisa.
8 Ngomfutho wokuthukuthela,
ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzwana,
kodwa ngothando olungapheliyo,
ngizakuba lesihawu kuwe,”
kutsho UTHIXO uMhlengi wakho.

9 “Kimi lokhu kunjengasezinsukwini zikaNowa,
lapho engafunga khona ngathi amanzi kaNowa
kawayikugcwala umhlaba futhi.
Ngakho khathesi sengifungile ngathi
angiyikukuthukuthelela futhi;
angiyikukusola njalo.
10 Lanxa izintaba zinganyikinyiswa,
lamaqaqa asuswe,
kodwa uthando lwami olungapheliyo kuwe kaluyikunyikinyiswa,
kumbe isivumelwano sami sokuthula sisuswe,”

kutsho uTHIXO olesihawu kuwe.

11 Wena dolobho elihluphekileyo,
elitshaywa yiziphepho alaze laduduzwa,
ngizakwakha ngamatshe amahle,
izisekelo zakho ngizakhe ngamasafire.
12 Izakhiwo zakho zokuvikela ngizazenza ngamarubhi,
amasango akho ngiwenze ngamatshe akhazimulayo, yonke
imithangala yakho ngiyenze ngamatshe aligugu.
13 Wonke amadodana akho azafundiswa nguTHIXO,
njalo kuzakuba kukhulu ukuthula kwabantwana bakho.
14 Uzaqiniswa ngokulunga:
uchuku luzakuba khatshana lawe,
awuyikwesaba lutho.
Ukwesaba kuzasuselwa khatshana,
akuyikusondela phansi kwakho.
15 Nxa ekhona ozakuhlasela, kobe kungayisimi;
loba ngubani okuhlaselayo uzazinikela kuwe.

16 “Khangela, yimi engadala umkhandi wensimbi
ovuthela amalahle abe lilangabi,
akhande isikhali esilungele umsebenzi waso.
Njalo yimi engadala umchithi ukuba enze umonakalo;
17 akulasikhali esikhandelwe wena esizaphumelela,
njalo bonke abakumangalelayo uzabehlula.
Leli yilifa lezinceku zikaThixo,
lokhu yikho ukwenaniswa kwazo yimi,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

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Ukunxusa Kwabomileyo

1 “Wozani, lonke lina abomileyo,
wozani emanzini,
lani lina elingelamali,
wozani, lithenge, lidle!
Wozani, thengani iwayini lochago
ingekho imali lendleko.
2 Lichithelani imali kokungasikho kudla,
lokusebenza kwenu kulokho okungasuthisiyo na?
Lalelani, lalelani kimi, lidle okuhle,
umoya wenu uzathokoziswa yizibiliboco.
3 Lalelani, lize kimi;
lingilalele ukuze umphefumulo wenu uphile.
Ngizakwenza isivumelwano esingapheliyo lani,
uthando lwami oluqotho olwathenjiswa uDavida.
4 Khangelani, ngimenze waba ngufakazi ebantwini,
umkhokheli lomlawuli wabantu.
5 Ngeqiniso lizabiza izizwe elingazaziyo,
lezizwe ezingalaziyo zizagijimela kini,
ngenxa kaTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,

ngoba uselinike inkazimulo.”

6 Mdingeni uTHIXO esatholakala,
mbizeni eseseduzane.
7 Omubi kayekele indlela yakhe
loxhwalileyo alahle imicabango yakhe.
Kaphendukele kuTHIXO, uzakuba lesihawu kuye,
lakuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba uzamthethelela ngesihle.

8 “Ngoba imicabango yami kayisiyo eyenu,
lezindlela zenu kayisizo ezami,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
9 “Njengomkhathi uphakeme kulomhlaba,
ngokunjalo izindlela zami ziphakeme kulezindlela zenu,
lemicabango yami iphakeme kulemicabango yenu.
10 Njengoba izulu longqwaqwane
kusehla kuvela phezulu,
kungaphindi kubuyele khonale
kungathambisanga umhlaba
kuwenze ununkule ube lamahlumela,
ukuze unike umhlanyeli inhlanyelo, lodlayo umnike ukudla,
11 linjalo lelizwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami:
kaliyikubuya kimi lize,
kodwa lizafeza engikufunayo
liphumelelise lokho engilithume khona.
12 Lina lizaphuma ngokuthokoza
likhokhelwe ngokuthula;
izintaba lamaqaqa
kuzasusa ingoma phambi kwenu,
njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga
zizaqakeza izandla zazo.
13 Endaweni yesihlahla sameva kuzamila iphayini,
lendaweni yokhula kuzamila isihlahla somithili.
Lokhu kuzakwenza uTHIXO adunyiswe,
kube yisibonakaliso esingapheliyo,
esingayikudilizwa.”

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Ukusindiswa Kwabanye

1 Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO:
“Londoloza ukulunga
wenze okuqondileyo,
ngoba ukusindisa kwami kuseduze
lokulunga kwami kuzabonakaliswa masinyane.
2 Ubusisiwe umuntu okwenzayo lokhu,
umuntu obambelela kukho,
ogcina iSabatha engalingcolisi,
athibe isandla sakhe ekwenzeni okubi.”

3 Akungabi lowezizweni oKUTHIXO othi,
“Ngeqiniso uTHIXO uzangehlukanisa labantu bakhe.”

Njalo lomthenwa kangavunyelwa ukusola athi,
“Mina ngiyisihlahla esomileyo.”
4 Ngoba UTHIXO uthi:
“Abathenwa abagcina amaSabatha ami
bakhethe okungithokozisayo,
babambelele kusivumelwano sami,
5 ngizabanika, phakathi kwethempeli lami lemiduli yalo,
isikhumbuzo lebizo
elingcono kulamadodana lamadodakazi.
Ngizabanika ibizo elingapheliyo.
Elingayikukhohlakala.
6 Labezizwe abazinikela KUTHIXO
ukuba bamkhonze,
bathande ibizo LIKATHIXO,
njalo bamkhonze,
bonke abagcina iSabatha bengalingcolisi,
babambelele kusivumelwano sami,
7 laba ngizabaletha entabeni yami engcwele,
ngibaphe intokozo endlini yami yokukhulekela.
Iminikelo yabo yokutshiswa, lemihlatshelo,
kuzakwamukelwa e-alithareni lami;
ngoba indlu yami izathiwa
yindlu yokukhuleka yezizwe zonke.”
8 UTHIXO Wobukhosi,
yena oqoqa abaxotshwayo elizweni abako-Israyeli uthi:
“Ngizaqoqela abanye kubo futhi
ngaphandle kwalabo abavele sebeqoqiwe.”

UTHIXO Usola Ababi

9 Wozani lonke lina zilo zeganga;
wozani lidle, lonke lina zilo zamagusu!
10 Abalindi bako-Israyeli bayiziphofu,
bonke kabazi lutho;
bonke bayimigaxa,
izinja ezingakhonkothiyo;
balala nje baphuphe;
bathanda ukulala.
11 Bayizinja ezihlala zilomdlozela wokufuna ukudla,
azisuthi.
Bangabelusi abangaqedisisiyo,
bonke bazazenzela abakufunayo,
lowo lalowo udinga inzuzo yakhe.
12 Lowo lalowo uthi, “Wozani, ngilethe iwayini.
Kasinatheni utshwala sibusuthe.
Kusasa kuzafana lanamuhla,
loba kube ngcono kakhulu.”

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1 Abalungileyo bayabhubha,
kodwa kakho ocabanga ngakho enhliziyweni yakhe.
Abantu abazinikele ekukhonzeni bayasuswa,

njalo kakho okuzwisisayo ukuthi
abalungileyo basuswa
ukuba baphetshiswe ebubini.
2 Labo abahamba ngokulunga
bayangena ekuthuleni;
bathola ukuphumula belele ekufeni.

3 “Kodwa lina wozani lapha lina,
madodana esanusekazi lina nzalo yezifebe leziphingi!
4 Ngubani elimklolodelayo na?
Ngubani elimnemelayo
limkhuphela inlimi zenu?
Kalisinzalo yabahlamuki,
labantwana babaqamba amanga na?
5 Liyatshiseka ngenkanuko ezihlahleni zom’Okhi,
langaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziyizithingithingi;
lenza umhlatshelo ngabantwabenu emakhelekehleni
langaphansi kwamawa.
6 Izithombe eziphakathi kwamatshe abutshelezi emakhelekehleni yiso isabelo senu,
yizo, yizo eziyisabelo senu.
Yebo, kuzo lithele iminikelo yokunathwayo
lanikela leminikelo yamabele.
Ngenxa yalezizinto ngingaba lozwelo na?
7 Wenze umbheda wakho phezu koqaqa oluphakemeyo,
wakhwela wayanikela imihlatshelo yakho khona.
8 Ngemva kwezivalo zakho langemva kwezinsika zomnyango wakho
ubeke izifanekiso zakho zobuhedeni.
Wathi ungilahla wembula umbheda wakho,
wakhwela kuwo wawuvula waba banzi,
wavumelana lalabo othanda imibheda yabo,
wakhangela ubunqunu babo.
9 Uye kuMoleki ulamafutha e-oliva,
wandisa lamakha akho.
Uthume izithunywa zakho khatshana
wangena ethuneni lona ngokwalo!
10 Wadiniswa yizindlela zakho zonke,
kodwa wawungeke uthi, ‘Akusizi ngalutho.’
Wathola ukuvuselelwa kwamandla akho.
Ngakho kawuphelanga amandla.

11 Ngubani omesabe kangaka
waze waba lamanga kimi,
njalo kawaze wangikhumbula
loba ukucabanga lokhu enhliziyweni yakho na?
Akusingenxa yokuthi sengathula okwesikhathi eside kakhulu
waze wangasangesabi na?
12 Ukulunga kwakho lemisebenzi yakho ngizakuveza obala,
njalo akuyikukusiza ngalutho.
13 Lapho usukhalela ukusizwa,
iqoqo lezithombe zakho kalikuhlenge.
Umoya uzazithatha zonke,

lokuphephetha nje kuziphephulele khatshana.
Kodwa umuntu owenza mina isiphephelo sakhe
ilizwe lizakuba yilifa lakhe
lentaba yami engcwele ibe ngeyakhe.”

Induduzo Kwabazisolayo

14 Njalo kuzathiwa:
“Candani, candani, lungisani indlela!
Susani izikhubekiso endleleni yabantu bami.”
15 Ngoba ophakemeyo ongaPhezulu,
yena ophila kokuphela, obizo lakhe lingcwele uthi:
“Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele,
kodwa laye ozisolayo lothobekileyo emoyeni,
ukuba kuvuselelwe umoya wabathobekileyo,
kuvuselelwe lezinhliziyo zabazisolayo.
16 Angiyikulisola kokuphela
kumbe ngihlale ngithukuthele,
ngoba umoya womuntu ungaphela phambi kwami,
umoya womuntu engawudalayo.
17 Ngathukutheliswa yibuhwaba bakhe obubi;
ngamjezisa, ngafihla ubuso bami ngithukuthele,
kodwa waqhubeka ngezindlela zakhe zenkani.
18 Izindlela zakhe sengizibonile, kodwa ngizamsilisa.
Ngizamkhokhela, ngimduduze futhi,
19 ngenze ukubonga ezindebeni zabalilayo ko-Israyeli.
Ukuthula, ukuthula kwabakhatshana labaseduze,”
kutsho uThixo.
“Ngizabasilisa.”
20 Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle olugubhazelayo,
olungeke luphumule,
amagagasi alo ephosa udaka lengcekeza phezulu.
21 “Akukho kuthula kwababi,” kutsho uNkulunkulu wami.

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Ukuzila Okuqotho

1 “Memeza kakhulu, ungathuli.
Phakamisa ilizwi lakho njengecilongo.
Tshela abantu bami ngokuhlamuka kwabo,
lendlu kaJakhobe uyitshele ngezono zabo.
2 Ngoba usuku ngosuku bayangidinga;
bafuna ukwazi izindlela zami,
sengathi bayisizwe esenza okulungileyo
esingalahlanga imilayo kaNkulunkulu waso.
Bacela izinqumo ezilungileyo kimi
bafune ukuthi uNkulunkulu asondele kubo.
3 Bathi, ‘Kungani sizilile,
kodwa wena wangakuboni na?
Kungani sizithobile
kodwa wangakunaki na?’

Ikanti ngosuku lokuzila kwenu lenza elikuthandayo,

lincindezele lezisebenzi zenu zonke.
4 Ukuzila kwenu kucina ngengxabano lokulwa,
langokutshayana kubi ngenqindi.
Alingeke lizile njengelikwenzayo
lamhla lithembe ukuthi ilizwi lenu lizazwakala phezulu.
5 Lokhu yikho ukuzila engikukhethileyo na,
ukuthi umuntu azithobe okosuku olulodwa nje?
Yikuthi umuntu akhothamise ikhanda lakhe njengomhlanga nje,
lokulala esakeni lemlotheni na?
Lokho yikho elithi yikuzila,
usuku olwamukelekayo KUTHIXO na?

6 Lokhu akusikho yini ukuzila engikukhethileyo:
ukukhululula izibopho zokungalungi
lokuthukulula imichilo yejogwe,
kukhululwe abancindezelweyo,
kwephulwe amajogwe wonke na?
7 Akusikwabela abalambayo ukudla kwakho
lokunika umnyanga ongumhambuma indawo yokuhlala,
lapho ubona abanqunu ubagqokise,
lokungafulatheli izihlobo zakho zegazi na?
8 Lapho-ke ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela njengokusa,
lokusila kwakho kuzabonakala masinyane,
kuthi ukulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi kwakho,
inkazimulo KATHIXO izakuba yisivikelo ngemva kwakho.
9 Lapho-ke uzabiza, UTHIXO asabele;
uzacela usizo, yena uzakuthi: Ngilapha.

Nxa ungalahla ijogwe lokuncindezela
lokukhomba ngomunwe kanye lezinkulumo ezimbi;
10 njalo nxa unika abalambayo ukudla kwakho,
wanelise lenswelo zabancindezelweyo,
ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela emnyameni,
ubusuku bakho buzakuba njengemini.
11 UTHIXO uzakukhokhela kokuphela;
uzakwanelisa inswelo zakho elizweni elitshiswa lilanga,
aqinise amathambo akho.
Uzakuba njengesivande esithelezelwa kuhle,
lanjengomthombo olamanzi angacitshiyo.
12 Abantu bakho bazawavusa amanxiwa amadala,
bavuse lezisekelo zakudala.
Uzabizwa ngokuthi uMakhi Wemiduli Eyadilikayo,
loMvuseleli wemiGwaqo leMizi.

13 Nxa ugcina inyawo zakho zingephuli iSabatha,
njalo ungenzi intando yakho ngosuku lwami olungcwele,
nxa iSabatha ulibiza ngokuthi yintokozo
njalo usuku LUKATHIXO olungcwele usithi lulodumo,
njalo nxa uluhlonipha ngokungahambi ngendlela yakho,
langokungenzi intando yakho loba ukukhuluma amazwi ayize,
14 lapho-ke uzathola intokozo KUTHIXO,

njalo ngizakukhweza emiqolweni yelizwe,
ngikwenze udle ilifa likayihlo uJakhobe.”
Umlomo KATHIXO usukhulumile.

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Isono, Ukuvuma Lokuhlengwa

1 Ngeqiniso ingalo KATHIXO kayimfitshane ukuba isindise,
lendlebe yakhe kayibuthundu ukuba izwe.
2 Kodwa ububi benu sebulahlukanise loNkulunkulu wenu;
lezono zenu sezisithe ubuso bakhe kini ukuze angezwa.
3 Ngoba izandla zenu zingcolisiwe ngegazi,
leminwe yenu ingcoliswe yibubi.
Izindebe zenu zikhulume amanga
lolimi lwenu luhlebeza izinto ezimbi.
4 Kakho odinga ukwahlulela okuhle,
kakho okhuluma ecaleni lakhe ngobuqotho.
Bathembe ukuphika ngeze bekhuluma amanga;
bemula uhlupho, bazale ububi.
5 Bachamisela amaqanda ezinhlangwana,
beluke ubulembu besayobe.
Langabe ngubani odla amaqanda azo uzakufa,
njalo nxa elinye lawo lichanyiselwe kuphuma ibululu.
6 Ubulembu babo kabusizi ekugqokeni;
abangeke bazimboze ngabakwenzayo.
Izenzo zabo yizenzo ezimbi,
izenzo zodlakela zisezandleni zabo.
7 Inyawo zabo zigijimela ukona;
bayaphangisa ukuchitha igazi elimsulwa.
Imicabango yabo yimicabango emibi;
ukuchitha lokubhubhisa kubonakalisa izindlela zabo.
8 Indlela yokuthula kabayazi;
akukho kulunga ezindleleni zabo.
Sebenze zaba yimigwaqo ezombelezayo,
kakho ohamba ngazo ozakwazi ukuthula.

9 Ngakho-ke ukwahlulela okuhle kukhatshana lathi,
lokulunga akufiki kithi.
Sidinga ukukhanya, kodwa kulobumnyama kuphela;
sidinga ukucazimula, kodwa sihamba emathunzini amnyama.
10 Njengeziphofu siphumputha silandela umduli,
siphumputhe indlela yethu njengabantu abangelamehlo.
Sikhubeka emini ingathi kukusihlwa;
kwabalamandla, sinjengabafileyo.
11 Sonke siyahwabha njengamabhele,
sibubule ngosizi njengamajuba.
Sidinga ukwahlulela okuhle, kodwa kasikutholi;
sidinga ukuhlengwa, kodwa kukhatshana.

12 Ngoba ukona kwethu kuwe kunengi,
lezono zethu zifakaza okubi ngathi.
Ukona kwethu kuhlezi kulathi;

siyabuvuma ububi bethu,
13 ukuhlamuka lokungathembeki kuThixo,
ukufulathela uNkulunkulu wethu,
ukukhuthaza uncindezelo lomvukela,
ukukhuluma amanga esiwacabange ngezinhliziyo zethu.
14 Ngakho ukwahlulela okuhle kufuqelwa emuva,
ukulunga kume khatshana;
iqiniso likhubekile ezindleleni,
ubuqotho bungeke bungene.
15 Iqiniso kalitholwa ndawo;
oxwaya ububi uyahlaselwa.

UThixo wakhangela wadaniswa
yikuswelakala kokwahlulela okuhle.
16 Wabona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu,
wanengwa yikuthi kakho owayengalamula;
ngakho waletha ukukhululwa ngamandla akhe,
ukulunga kwakhe kwamqinisa.
17 Wagqoka ukulunga njengesivikelo sakhe sasesifubeni,
lengowane yensindiso ekhanda lakhe;
wagqoka izembatho zokuphindisela
njalo wazigoqela ngokutshiseka njengokuzigoqela ngengubo.
18 Uzaphindisela ulaka ezitheni zakhe,
kusiya ngalokho abakwenzileyo;
lokujeziswa kwabamelana laye;
izihlenge uzaziphindisela ngemfanelo yazo.
19 Kusukela entshonalanga abantu bazalesaba ibizo likaThixo,
njalo kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga bazadumisa ubukhosi bakhe.
Ngoba uzafika njengesikhukhula esifutheleneyo
esifuqwa ngumoya kaThixo.

20 “Umhlengi uzafika eZiyoni,
kwabakaJakhobe abavuma izono zabo,”
kutsho uThixo.
21 “Mina lesi yiso isivumelwano sami labo,” kutsho uThixo. “Umoya wami okuwe, lamazwi ami engiwabeke emlonyeni wakho akuyikusuka emlonyeni wakho, kumbe emilonyeni yabantwabakho, loba emilonyeni yezizukulwane zabo kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nininini,” kutsho uThixo.

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Inkazimulo YaseZiyoni

1 “Vuka, khazimula, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho sekufikile,
lenkazimulo kaThixo iyavela phezu kwakho.
2 Khangela, umnyama wembese umhlaba,
umnyama omkhulu usibekele abantu.
Kodwa uThixo uyakhanya phezu kwakho
lenkazimulo yakhe iyabonakala phezu kwakho.
3 Izizwe zizakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho,
lamakhosi alande ukuqhama kokusa kwakho.

4 Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele amacele akho wonke:
bonke babuthana beze kuwe;
amadodana akho avela khatshana,
lamadodakazi akho athwelwe ngengalo.
5 Ngakho uzakhangela ubobotheke ngokujabula,
inhliziyo yakho izatshaya ikhukhumale ngenxa yentokozo;
inotho yasolwandle izalethwa kuwe,
lenotho yezizwe izakuza kuwe.
6 Imihlambi yamakamela izagcwala elizweni lakho,
amakamela asakhulayo aseMidiyani lase-Efa.
Wonke avela eShebha azakuza
ethwele igolide lempepha
ememezela udumo LUKATHIXO.
7 Yonke imihlambi yaseKhedari izabuthelwa kuwe;
inqama zaseNebhayothi zizakusiza;
zizakwamukeleka njengeminikelo e-alithareni lami,
njalo ngizahlobisa ithempeli lami elilodumo.

8 Ngobani laba abandiza njengamayezi
lanjengamajuba esiya ezidlekeni zawo na?
9 Ngeqiniso izihlenge zithembe mina;
ekhokheleyo yimikhumbi yaseThashishi,
iletha amadodana akho avela khatshana,
lesiliva sawo kanye legolide
ukuba kudunyiswe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
ngoba ukunike inkazimulo.

10 Abezizwe bazayakha futhi imiduli yakho,
lamakhosi abo azakukhonza.
Lanxa ekuthukutheleni kwami ngakutshaya,
kodwa ngomusa wami ngizakuba lesihawu kuwe.
11 Amasango akho azahlala evulekile;
kawayikuvalwa emini loba ebusuku
ukuze abantu bakulethele inotho yezizwe,
amakhosi azo ekhokhelwe ludwendwe lokunqoba.
12 Ngoba isizwe kumbe umbuso ongayikukukhonza uzatshabalala;
uzachitheka uphele nya.

13 Udumo lwaseLebhanoni luzakuza kuwe;
zonke izihlahla ezamaphayini, umfiri lomsiphresi,
ukuzehlobisa indlu yami engcwele;
lendawo yezinyawo zami ngizayenza ikhazimule.
14 Amadodana abancindezeli bakho
azakuza akhothame phambi kwakho;
bonke abakweyisayo
bazakhothamela phansi ezinyaweni zakho,
njalo bazakubiza ngokuthi iDolobho LIKATHIXO,
iZiyoni yakhe oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

15 Lanxa ubulahliwe, uzondakala,
kungekho ohamba edabula phakathi kwakho,
ngizakwenza ube ligugu elingapheliyo,
uthokozise izizukulwane zonke.
16 Uzanatha uchago lwezizwe,
umunyiswe emabeleni asesikhosini.
Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO, uMsilisi wakho,
uMhlengi wakho, uMninimandla kaJakhobe.
17 Esikhundleni sethusi ngizakulethela igolide,
lesiliva esikhundleni sensimbi.
Esikhundleni sezigodo ngizakulethela ithusi,
lensimbi esikhundleni samatshe.
Ngizakwenza ukuthula kube ngumbusi wakho,
lokulunga kube yinkosi yakho.
18 Akusayikuba lodlakela elizweni lakho,
akusayikuba khona ukuchitheka
loba ukutshabalala phakathi kwelizwe lakini,
kodwa uzakuthi imiduli yakho yiNsindiso,
lamasango akho uthi yiNdumiso.
19 Ilanga kalisayikuba yikukhanya kwakho emini
loba ukukhanya kwenyanga kukukhanyise,
ngoba UTHIXO uzakuba yikukhanya kwakho okungapheliyo,
loNkulunkulu wakho abe yinkazimulo yakho.
20 Ilanga lakho kaliyikutshona futhi,
lenyanga yakho ayisayikufiphala njalo.
UTHIXO uzakuba yikukhanya kwakho okungapheliyo,
lezinsuku zakho zezinsizi zizaphela.
21 Lapho-ke bonke abantu bakho bazakuba ngabalungileyo,
lelizwe lizakuba lilifa labo kokuphela.
Bangamahlumela engawahlanyelayo,
umsebenzi wezandla zami,
ukuba ngibonakalise inkazimulo yami.
22 Ingcosana yakho izakuba yinkulungwane,
abancinyane bazakuba yisizwe esilamandla.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO;
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo lokhu ngizakwenza ngokuphangisa.”

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Umnyaka Womusa KATHIXO

1 Umoya KATHIXO Wobukhosi uphezu kwami,
ngoba UTHIXO ungigcobile
ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu.
Ungithumile ukuba ngibophe inhliziyo ezidabukileyo,
ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo,
lokukhululwa kwezibotshwa emnyameni,
2 lokumemezela umnyaka womusa KATHIXO,
losuku lokuphindisela kukaNkulunkulu wethu;
ukududuza abalilayo,
3 lokunakekela labo abadabukileyo eZiyoni,
ukubapha umqhele wobuhle
esikhundleni somlotha,

amafutha okujabula
esikhundleni sokulila,
lengubo yokudumisa
esikhundleni somoya wokulahla ithemba.
Bazabizwa ngokuthi yim'okhi yokulunga,
ehlanyelwe NGUTHIXO
ukuba abonakalise inkazimulo yakhe.

4 Bazavuselela njalo amanxiwa asendulo
bavuse lezindawo ezadilizwa kudala.
Bazavuselela amadolobho adilikayo
aleminyaka eminengi adilika.
5 Abezizwe bazakwelusa imihlambi yenu;
abezizwe bazalima amasimu enu lezivini zenu.
6 Lizabizwa ngokuthi abaphristi BAKATHIXO,
kuzathiwa liyizikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu.
Lizakudla inotho yezizwe,
lizincome ngenotho yazo.

7 Esikhundleni sehlazo labo
abantu bami bazaphiwa isabelo esiphindwe kabili,
njalo esikhundleni sokuyangeka
bazathokoza ngelifa labo;
ngakho isabelo selifa labo elizweni sizaphindwa kabili,
lentokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngeyabo.

8 "Ngoba mina, UTHIXO, ngithanda ukulunga,
ngizonda ubugebenga lobubi.
Ngobuqotho bami ngizabanika umvuzo
ngenze isivumelwano esingapheliyo labo.
9 Izizukulwane zabo zizakwaziwa phakathi kwezizwe,
lenzalo yabo yaziwe phakathi kwabantu.
Bonke ababababonayo bazavuma
ukuthi bangabantu ababusiswe NGUTHIXO."

10 Ngiyathokoza kakhulu KUTHIXO;
umphefumulo wami uyajabula ngoNkulunkulu wami.
Ngoba ungigqokise izigqoko zokusindiswa,
wangicecisa ngezembatho zokulunga,
njengomyeni ececisa ikhanda lakhe njengomphristi,
lanjengomlobokazi ezicecise ngamatshe akhe aligugu.
11 Ngoba njengomhlabathi owenza ihlumela limile,
lesivande esenza inhlanyelo ikhule,
ngokunjalo UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzakwenza ukulunga
lodumo kuvele phambi kwezizwe zonke.

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Ibizo Elitsha LeZiyoni

1 Ngenxa yeZiyoni angiyikuthula;
ngenxa yeJerusalema angiyikuhlala ngithule,
ukulunga kwayo kuze kukhanye njengokusa,

ukusindiswa kwayo kuze kukhanye njengezibane ezivuthayo.
2 Izizwe zizakubona ukulunga kwakho,
lamakhosi wonke ayibone inkazimulo yakho.
Uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha
umlomo kaThixo ozakunika lona.
3 Uzakuba ngumqhele wenkazimulo esandleni sikaThixo,
umqhele wobukhosi esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho.
4 Kabasayikukubiza ngokuthi oTshiyiweyo
kumbe babize ilizwe lakho ngokuthi Chithakele.
Kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthi Hefiziba
ilizwe lakho kuthiwe yiBhiyula,
ngoba uThixo uzathokoza ngawe,
lelizwe lakho lizakwenda.
5 Njengejaha lithatha intombi,
ngokunjalo amadodana akho azakuthatha;
lanjengomyeni ethokozela umakoti wakhe,
ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uzathokoza ngawe.

6 Ngibeke abalindi phezu kwemiduli yakho wena Jerusalema;
kabayikuthula lanini emini loba ebusuku.
Lina elimbizayo uThixo,
musani ukuphumula,
7 laye lingamphumuzi aze akhe iJerusalema
alenze libe lodumo emhlabeni.

8 UThixo ufungile ngesandla sakhe sokudla
langengalo yakhe elamandla wathi;
“Angiyikuphinda lanini
ukunika izitha zenu amabele enu njengokudla kwazo,
njalo lanini abezizwe kabayikuphinda banathe iwayini elitsha
elilisebenzele nzima.
9 Kodwa labo abawavunayo bazawadla
badumise uThixo,
lalabo ababutha amavini bazalinatha
emagumeni endlu yami engcwele.”

10 Dlulani, dlulani emasangweni!
Lungiselani abantu indlela.
Candani, candani umgwaqo!
Susani amatshe.
Phakamiselani izizwe uphawu.

11 UThixo usenze isimemezelo
emhlabeni wonke wathi;
“Wothini kuyo iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni,
‘Khangela uMsindisi wakho uyeza!
Khangela umvuzo wakhe ulawo,
lenhlawulo yakhe ulayo.’ ”
12 Bazabizwa ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele,
abaHlengiweyo baKaThixo;
wena uzathiwa Ofunwayo,
iDolobho Elingasatshiywanga.

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Usuku LukaNkulunkulu Lokuphindisela Lokuhlenga

1 Ngubani lo ovela e-Edomi,
ovela eBhozira egqoke izembatho ezibomvu na?
Ngubani lo ogqoke ubucwazicwazi,
ohamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe na?

“Yimi okhuluma ngokulunga,
olamandla okusindisa.”

2 Kungani izigqoko zakho zibomvu
njengezomuntu onyathela isikhamelo sewayini na?

3 “Nginyathele isikhamelo sewayini ngedwa;
kakho owezizwe owayelami.
Ngabagxoba ngithukuthele,
ngabanyathela ngilolaka;
igazi labo lachaphakela ezambathweni zami,
langcolisa zonke izigqoko zami.
4 Ngoba usuku lokuphindisela lwalusenhliziyweni yami,
lomnyaka wokuhlenga kwami usufikile.
5 Ngakhangela, kodwa kakho owayengasiza.
Nganengwa yikungabi khona kosekelayo,
ngakho ingalo yami yangilethela insindiso
lolaka lwami lwangiqinisa.
6 Ngagxoba izizwe ngokuthukuthela kwami,
ngazidakisa ngolaka lwami,
ngathela igazi lazo phansi.”

Ukudumisa Lokukhuleka

7 Ngizalandisa ngomusa kaThixo,
izenzo okumele adunyiswe ngenxa yazo,
ngakho konke uThixo asenzele khona,
yebo, izinto ezinengi ezinhle
azenzele indlu ka-Israyeli,
ngesihawu sakhe langomusa wakhe omkhulu.
8 Wathi, “Ngeqiniso bangabantu bami;
amadodana angayikuba lamanga kimi”;
ngakho waba nguMsindisi wabo.
9 Kukho konke ukuhlupheka kwabo laye waba losizi;
ukuba khona kwengilosi yakhe kwabasindisa.
Ngothando lwakhe langesihawu sakhe wabahlenga;
wabaphakamisela phezulu,
wabathwala insuku zonke zakudala.
10 Kodwa bamvukela
badanisa uMoya wakhe oNgcwele.
Ngakho waphenduka waba yisitha sabo
walwa labo yena ngokwakhe.

11 Lapho-ke abantu bakhe bakhumbula insuku zakudala,
insuku zikaMosi labantu bakhe,

ungaphi lowo owabachaphisa ulwandle,
lomelusi wemihlambi yakhe na?
Ungaphi lowo owathela
uMoya wakhe oNgcwele phakathi kwabo,
12 owathumela ingalo yakhe yamandla elodumo
ukuba ibe sesandleni sokudla sikaMosi,
owehlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo
ukuba azizuzele udumo olungapheliyo,
13 owabadabulisa ezinzikini na?
Njengebhiza emagcekeni,
kabakhubekanga;
14 njengezinkomo zisehla esigodini,
baphunyuzwa nguMoya kaTHIXO.
Wena wabakhokhela kanjalo abantu bakho
ukuze uzenzele ibizo elilodumo.

15 Khangela phansi usezulwini ubone,
usesihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esiphakemeyo,
esingcwele, esicwebezelayo.
Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho lamandla akho na?
Isisa sakho lesihawu sakho kugodliwe kithi.
16 Kodwa wena unguBaba wethu,
lanxa u-Abhrahama engasazi thina
lo-Israyeli engasivumi;
wena, Oh THIXO, unguBaba wethu,
uMhlengi wethu libizo lakho kusukela endulo.
17 Kungani, THIXO, usenza siphambuke ezindleleni zakho,
usenza lezinhliziyo zethu zibe lukhuni ukuba singakwesabi na?
Phenduka ubuye ngenxa yezinceku zakho,
izizwana eziyilifa lakho.
18 Indawo yakho engcwele
yayingeyabantu bakho okwesikhathi esifitshane,
kodwa khathesi izitha zethu seziyicakazele phansi
indlu yakho engcwele.
19 Thina singabakho kusukela endulo;
kodwa awukaze ubabuse,
kabazange babizwe ngebizo lakho.

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1 Awu, sengathi ungaqhekeza amazulu wehlele phansi
ukuba izintaba zinyikinyeke phambi kwakho!
2 Njengalapho umlilo utshisa incwathi
wenze amanzi abile,
yehlela phansi ukuba wenze ibizo lakho lazakale ezitheni zakho,
wenze lezizwe zithuthumele phambi kwakho.
3 Ngoba wathi usenza izinto ezesabekayo esasingazilindelanga,
wehlela phansi, izintaba zathuthumela phambi kwakho.
4 Kusukela endulo kakho owezwayo,
akulandlebe eyabambisisayo,

akulalihlo elabona omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho,
osebenzela labo abathembe kuye.
5 Uyeza ukuba usize labo abenza ukulunga ngokuthaba,
abazikhumbulayo izindlela zakho.
Kodwa lapho saqhubeka sisona kubo
wathukuthela.
Pho singasindiswa kanjani na?
6 Sonke sesaba njengomuntu ongcolileyo,
lemisebenzi yethu yokulunga yonke injengenjobo ezingcolileyo,
sonke siyabuna njengehlamvu,
lanjengomoya izono zethu zisiphephulela khatshana.
7 Kakho okhuleka ebizweni lakho
lozamayo ukubambelela kuwe,
ngoba ubuso bakho ubufihlile kithi
wasenza sacikizeka ngenxa yezono zethu.

8 Ikanti wena THIXO unguBaba wethu.
Thina silibumba, wena ungumbumbi;
sonke singumsebenzi wezandla zakho.
9 Ungathukutheli wedlulise, awu THIXO;
izono zethu ungazikhumbuli kokuphela.
Awu, ake usikhangele, siyakhuleka,
ngoba sonke singabantu bakho.
10 Amadolobho akho angcwele aseyinkangala;
leZiyoni isiyinkangala, iJerusalema isiyincithakalo.
11 Ithempeli lethu elingcwele njalo elikhazimulayo lapho okhokho ababekudumisela
khona,
litshiswe ngomlilo,
njalo konke okwakuligugu kithi sekungamanxiwa.
12 Emva kwakho konke lokhu THIXO, uzazithinta na?
Uzazithulela, usijezise ngokudlulisileyo na?

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Ukwahlulela LeNsindiso

1 “Ngaziveza kulabo abangangicelanga;
ngafunyanwa yilabo abangangidinganga.
Isizwe esingakhulekanga kimi
ngathi kuso, ‘Ngilapha, ngilapha.’
2 Ilanga lonke ngelula izandla zami
ebantwini abayiziqholo,
abahamba ngezindlela ezingalunganga
belandela iminakano yabo,
3 abantu abahlezi bengicunula
bengikhangele,
benikela imihlatshelo emasimini,
betshisa impepha phezu kwezitina;
4 abahlala emangcwabeni
balale besenza imilindelo eyimfihlo ebusuku;
abadla inyama yengulube,
abambiza zabo zigcina umhluzi wenyama engcolileyo;
5 abathi, ‘Hlala khatshana, ungasondeli phansi kwami,

ngoba ngingcwele kulawe!’
Abantu abanjalo banjengentuthu emakhaleni ami,
umlilo ovuthayo ilanga lonke.

6 Khangela, kulotshiwe phambi kwami ukuthi:
Angiyikuthula, kodwa ngizaphindisela ngokugcweleyo;
ngizaphindisela ngokupheleleyo,
7 kokubili izono zenu lezono zabokhokho benu,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Ngoba batshisa imihlatshelo phezu kwezintaba
bangihlambaza phezu kwamaqaqa.
Ngizaphindisela kubo ngokugcweleyo
ngenxa yezenzo zabo abazenza ngaphambili.”
8 Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO:
“Njengalapho umhluzi usatholakala ehlukuzweni lamavini
labantu besithi, ungalibhidlizi,
kusekhona okuhle kulo,
ngizazenzela okunjalo izinceku zami;
angiyikuzibhubhisa zonke.
9 Ngizaletha isizukulwane esivela kuJakhobe,
lakoJuda kuvele abazakuba ngabanikazi bezintaba zami;
zizakuba yilifa labakhethiweyo bami,
izinceku zami zizahlala khona.
10 ISharoni izakuba ngamadlelo emihlambi
lesiGodi sase-Akhori sibe yindawo yokuphumulela imihlambi,
yabantu bami abangidingayo.

11 Kodwa lina elilahla uTHIXO
likhohlwe intaba yami engcwele;
liphakele unkulunkulu uNhlanhla ukudla
libuye ligcwalisele unkulunkulu uSimiselo iwayini elixutshiweyo,
12 ngizalimisela inkemba,
njalo lonke lizakhothamela ukubulawa,
ngoba ngamemeza kodwa kalisabelanga,
ngakhuluma kodwa lina kalilalelanga.
Lenza okubi phambi kwami
lakhetha okungicunulayo.”
13 Ngakho-ke uTHIXO Wobukhosi uthi:
“Izinceku zami zizakudla,
kodwa lina lizalamba;
izinceku zami zizanatha,
kodwa lina lizakoma;
izinceku zami zizathokoza,
kodwa lina lizayangiswa.
14 Izinceku zami zizahlabelela
ngentokozo yezinhliziyo zazo,
kodwa lina lizakhala
ngobuhlungu bezinhliziyo
njalo lilile ngokudabuka komoya.
15 Lizatshiya ibizo lenu
njengesithuko kwabakhethiweyo bami;
uTHIXO Wobukhosi uzalibulala,

kodwa izinceku zakhe uzazinika elinye ibizo.
16 Lowo okhulekela isibusiso elizweni
uzakwenza lokho ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso;
lalowo owenza isifungo elizweni,
uzafunga ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso.
Ngoba inhlupheko ezedlulayo
zizakhohlakala zifihlakale emehlweni ami.”

Izulu Elitsha Lomhlaba Omutsha

17 “Khangelani, ngizadala
izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha.
Izinto zakuqala aziyikukhunjulwa,
kumbe zifike engqondweni.
18 Kodwa thabani lijabule kokuphela
ngalokho engizakudala,
ngoba ngizadala iJerusalema libe yintokozo
labantu balo babe yinjabulo.
19 Ngizathokoza ngeJerusalema
njalo ngijabule ngabantu bami;
ukulila lokukhala
akusayikuzwakala kulo futhi.

20 Kulo akusayikuba khona futhi
usane oluphila insuku ezilutshwane
kumbe umuntu omdala ongaphelelisi iminyaka yakhe;
lowo ofa elekhulu leminyaka
uzakhangelwa njengomntwana nje;
lowo ongafikiyo ekhulwini
uzakhangelwa njengoqalekisiweyo.
21 Bazakwakha izindlu bahlale kuzo;
bazahlanyela izivini badle izithelo zazo.
22 Kabasayikwakha izindlu zihlalwe ngabanye
kumbe bahlanyele, kudle abanye.
Ngoba njengezinsuku zesihlahla,
zizakuba njalo insuku zabantu bami;
abakhethiweyo bami bazakholisa
umsebenzi wezandla zabo okwesikhathi eside.
23 Kabayikusebenzela ize,
kumbe abantwababo bazalelwe ukuhlupheka,
ngoba bazakuba ngabantu ababusisiweyo nguThixo,
bona kanye lezizukulwane zabo.
24 Ngizabaphendula bengakakhuleki;
ngibezwe besakhuluma.
25 Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye,
lesilwane sizakudla utshani njengenkomo,
kodwa inyoka izakudla uthuli.
Kaziyikulimaza kumbe zibhubhise
kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele,”
kutsho uThixo.

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Ukwahlulela Lethemba

1 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi,
lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami.
Ingaphi indlu elizangakhela yona na?
Indawo yami yokuphumula izakuba ngaphi na?
2 Isandla sami kasizenzanga zonke lezizinto
ukuze zibe khona na?”
kutsho UTHIXO.

“Engimbukayo ngulo:
lowo othobekileyo ozisolayo emoyeni,
olesabayo ilizwi lami.
3 Kodwa lowo onikela ngenkunzi
ufana lomuntu obulala omunye umuntu,
lalowo onikela ngewundlu,
ufana lowephula intamo yenja;
lowo onikela ngamabele
ufana lonikela ngegazi lengulube,
lalowo otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo
ufana lokhonza isithombe.
Sebekhethe izindlela zabo,
lemiphefumulo yabo ithokoziswa yizinengiso zabo;
4 ngakho-ke lami ngizakhetha ukubaphatha kalukhuni,
ngibehlisele lokho abakwesabayo.
Ngoba kwathi lapho ngibiza, kakho owasabelayo,
lapho ngikhuluma, kakho owalalelayo.
Benza okubi phambi kwami,
bakhetha okungicunulayo.”

5 Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO
lina elilesabayo ilizwi lakhe. Uthi,
“Abafowenu abalizondayo,
labalixwayayo ngenxa yebizo lami, sebethe,
kadunyiswe UTHIXO
ukuze sibone intokozo yenu!
Kodwa bazayangiswa.”
6 Zwanini ukuxokozela okusedolobheni,
zwanini umsindo osethempelini!
Ngumsindo KATHIXO
ephindisela ezitheni zakhe ngakho konke okuzifaneleyo.

7 “Uthi engakahelelwa,
abelethe;
ubuhlungu bungakamfikeli,
azale indodana.
8 Ngubani owake wezwa into enje na?
Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje na?
Ilizwe lingazalwa ngelanga elilodwa
loba isizwe sizalwe ngesikhatshana na?
Ikanti iZiyoni ithi ngokuhelelwa nje
ihle ibazale abantwana bayo.
9 Kambe ngifikisa esikhathini sokukhululeka

ngingabe ngisabelethisa na?”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Ngiyasivala na isibeletho
ngesikhathi sengibelethisa na?”
kutsho uTHIXO
10 “Thokozani leJerusalema lilithabele,
lonke lina elilithandayo;
thokozani kakhulu lalo lonke
lina elilililelayo.
11 Ngoba lizamunya lisuthe
emabeleni alo aduduzayo;
lizanatha kakhulu,
lithokoze ngenala yalo enengi.”
12 Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguTHIXO:
“Ngizaletha ukuthula kini okugeleza njengesifula esigcweleyo
lomnotho wezizwe njengesifula esithelayo,
limunye liphethwe ngengalo yazo
njalo lidlaliswe emathangazini azo.
13 Njengomama eduduza umntanakhe,
kanjalo lami ngizaliduduza,
njalo lizaduduzeka eJerusalema.”

14 Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo zenu zizathokoza,
lani likhule njengotshani;
isandla sikaTHIXO sizakwazakala ezincekwini zakhe
kodwa ulaka lwakhe luzabonakaliswa ezitheni zakhe.
15 Khangelani, uTHIXO uza ngomlilo,
izinqola zakhe zempi zinjengesivunguzane;
ulaka lwakhe uzalwehlisela phansi ngokufuthelana,
lokukhuza kwakhe kwehle ngamalangabi omlilo.
16 Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yakhe
uTHIXO uzakwahlulela abantu bonke,
njalo abanengi bazakuba yilabo ababulewe nguTHIXO.
17 “Labo abazahlukanisayo, bazihlambulule ukungena emasimini belandela lowo ophakathi kwalabo abadla inyama yengulube lamagundwane kanye lezinye izinto ezinengisayo, isiphetho sabo sizafika sikhathi sinye,” kutsho uTHIXO.
18 Ngenxa yezenzo zabo lemicabango yabo, sekuseduze ukuthi ngizebutha izizwe zonke lezindimi zonke; njalo bazakuza babone inkazimulo yami.
19 “Ngizabeka isibonakaliso phakathi kwabo, ngithumele abanye balabo abasalayo ezizweni zeThashishi, kumaLibhiya, lamaLudi (alodumo ekusebenziseni imitshoko), eThubhali leGrisi lasezihlengeni ezikhatshana ezingakaluzwa udumo lwami kumbe zibone inkazimulo yami. Bazamemezela udumo lwami phakathi kwezizwe. 20 Njalo bazababuyisa bonke abafowenu entabeni yami engcwele eJerusalema njengomnikelo kuTHIXO bevela ezizweni zonke, bephezu kwamabhiza, izinqola zempi, imbongolo lamakamela,” kutsho uTHIXO. “Bazababuyisa njengabako-Israyeli beletha iminikelo yabo yamabele ethempelini likaThixo ngezitsha ezihlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba. 21 Ngizakhetha abanye babo ukuba labo babe ngabaphristi labaLevi,” kutsho uTHIXO.
22 “Njengamazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha engikwenzayo kuzakuma kokuphela phambi kwami,” kutsho uTHIXO, “ngokunjalo ibizo lakho lenzalo yakho iza-kuma kokuphela. 23 Kusukela ekuThwaseni kwenye iNyanga kusiya ekuthwaseni kwenye, njalo kusukela kwelinye iSabatha kusiya kwelinye abantu bonke bazakuza

bakhothame phambi kwami,” kutsho uTHIXO. 24 “Bazaphuma babone izidumbu za-
bantu abangihlamukelayo; impethu yazo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wazo kawuyikucitshwa,
njalo zizakwenyanyeka ebantwini bonke.”

UJeremiya

1 La ngamazwi kaJeremiya indodana kaHilikhiya, omunye wabaphristi base-
Anathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini. 2 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuye ngomnyaka
wetshumi lantathu ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda, 3 njalo
ekubuseni kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba
yinyanga yesihlanu emnyakeni wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya
inkosi yakoJuda, ngesikhathi sokuthunjwa kwabantu baseJerusalema.

Ubizo LukaJeremiya

4 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi,
5 "Ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi,
ungakazalwa ngakukhetha
ngakubeka ukuba ngumphrofethi ezizweni."
6 Mina ngathi, "Awu THIXO Somandla; ukukhuluma angikwazi, ngoba ngingumnt-
wana nje."
7 Kodwa UTHIXO wathi kimi, "Ungaze wathi, 'Ngingumntwana nje.' Kumele
uye kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo njalo utsho loba kuyini engikulaya khona.
8 Ungabesabi, ngoba mina ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga," kutsho UTHIXO.
9 UTHIXO waseselula isandla sakhe wathinta umlomo wami wathi kimi, "Khathesi,
sengifake amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho. 10 Khangela, lamhla ngikubeka phezu
kwezizwe lemibuso ukuba usiphune udilize, ubhubhise njalo uchithe; ukuba wakhe
njalo uhlanyele."
11 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lathi, "Kuyini okubonayo, Jeremiya?"
Ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona ugatsha lwesihlahla se-alimondi."
12 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, "Ubone kuhle, ngoba ngilindele ukubona ukuthi ilizwi
lami ligcwalisekile."
13 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi futhi: "Kuyini okubonayo?"
Mina ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona imbiza ebilayo, ithambeke ifulathele in-
yakatho."
14 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, "Incithakalo evela enyakatho izakwehliselwa phezu
kwabo bonke abahlala elizweni. 15 Sekuseduze ukuba ngibize bonke abantu
bemibuso yasenyakatho," kutsho UTHIXO.
"Amakhosi abo azakuza amise izihlalo zawo zobukhosi
emasangweni aseJerusalema;
bazakumelana lemiduli yalo yonke eligombolozeleyo
kanye lamadolobho wonke akoJuda.
16 Ngizamemezela ukwahlulela kwami ebantwini bami
ngenxa yobubi babo bokungidela,
betshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha,
langokukhonza lokho okwenziwa ngezandla zabo.
17 Wena zilungiselele! Sukuma ubatshele lokho engizakulaya khona. Un-
gathuthumeliswa yibo hlezi ngikwenze uthuthumele phambi kwabo. 18 Lamhla
sengikwenze waba lidolobho elivikelweyo, insika yensimbi lomduli wethusi ukuba
umelane lelizwe lonke, umelane lamakhosi akoJuda, izikhulu zakhona, abaphristi
bakhona kanye labantu bakhona. 19 Bazakulwa lawe, kodwa kabayikukwehlula,
ngoba ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga," kutsho UTHIXO.

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U-Israyeli Udela UNkulunkulu

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi, 2 “Hamba umemezele iJerusalema lisizwa uthi:

Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
‘Ngiyakukhumbula ukuzinikela kwasebutsheni bakho,
ukungithanda kwakho njengomlobokazi
ungilandela enkangala,
phakathi kwelizwe elingahlanyelwanga.
3 U-Israyeli wayengcwele KUTHIXO,
eyizithelo zakuqala zesivuno sakhe,
bonke abamtshwabadelayo baba lecala,
behlelwa yincithakalo,’ ”
kutsho UTHIXO.

4 Zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO, we ndlu kaJakhobe,
lani lonke sendo lwendlu ka-Israyeli.
5 UTHIXO uthi:
“Yibubi bani okhokho benu ababubona kimi,
baze bedukele khatshana kangaka lami?
Balandela izithombe eziyize,
labo ngokwabo baba yize.
6 Kababuzanga ukuthi, ‘Ungaphi UTHIXO,
owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe
wasikhokhela emagangeni alugwadule
phakathi kwelizwe lezinkangala lezindonga,
ilizwe lokoma lobumnyama,
ilizwe elingahanjwa muntu lelingelamuntu ohlala kulo?’
7 Ngaliletha elizweni elivundileyo
ukuba lidle izithelo zalo lezilimo ezinhle.
Kodwa lina lafika langcolisa ilizwe lami,
lenza ilifa lami langakhwabitheki.
8 Abaphristi kababuzanga ukuthi,
‘Ungaphi UTHIXO?’
Labo abaphatha umthetho abangazanga;
abakhokheli bangihlamukela.
Abaphrofethi baphrofetha ngoBhali
balandela izithombe eziyize.

9 Ngakho-ke ngilethesa amacala futhi,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Labantwana babantwana benu ngizabethesa amacala.
10 Welani liye ngasemakhunjini aseKhithimi likhangele,
thumelani eKhedari lihlolisise kuhle,
libone langabe sekwake kwaba lento enjengale:
11 Isizwe sake santshintsha onkulunkulu baso na?
(Belo bavele kabasibo onkulunkulu.)
Kodwa abantu bami bantshintshe inkazimulo yabo
ngenxa yezithombe eziyize.
12 Mangalani lokhu, lina mazulu,
lithuthumele ngokwesaba okukhulu,”

kutsho UTHIXO.
13 “Abantu bami benze izono ezimbili:
Bangidelile,
mina mthombo wamanzi okuphila,
bagebha eyabo imithombo,
imithombo evuzayo engagcini manzi.
14 Kambe u-Israyeli yisisebenzi, isigqili ngokuzalwa na?
Pho kungani eseyimpango na?
15 Izilwane zibhongile;
sezihwabhile kuye.
Zilichithile ilizwe lakhe;
amadolobho akhe atshisiwe, atshiywa engaselamuntu.
16 Njalo, labantu baseMemfisi leThahiphanesi
baphuce ikhanda lakho.
17 Lokhu kawukwehliselanga phezu kwakho
ngokudela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho
lapho ekukhokhela endleleni na?
18 Khathesi kungani usiya eGibhithe
ukuba unathe amanzi eShihori na?
Njalo kungani usiya e-Asiriya
ukuba unathe amanzi eYufrathe na?
19 Ububi bakho buzakujezisa;
ukutshedela kwakho emuva kuzakukhuza.
Ngakho cabanga ubone ukuthi kubi
njalo kubuhlungu kanjani
lapho udela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho
njalo ungelavalo ngami,”
kutsho iNkosi UTHIXO uSomandla.

20 “Endulo wephula ijogwe lakho,
waquma izibopho zakho;
wathi, ‘Kangiyikukukhonza!’
Lakanye, phezu kwamaqaqa wonke
langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziluhlaza
walala phansi njengesifebe.
21 Ngikuhlanyele njengevini elikhethiweyo
elohlobo oluqinileyo loluthembekileyo.
Pho kwenzakala njani ukuba ungiphendukele
ube livini elibolileyo, leganga?
22 Lanxa ugeza ngesepa
usebenzisa lesepa enengi,
ichatha lobubi bakho
lilokhu likhona phambi kwami,”
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
23 “Ungatsho kanjani na uthi, ‘Kangingcolanga,
kangibalandelanga oBhali’?
Khangela ukuthi waziphatha njani esigodini,
khumbula osukwenzile.
Ulikamela elisikazi elilesiqubu
eligijima lapha lalaphaya,
24 ubabhemi weganga ojwayele inkangala,
ophembela umoya enkanukweni yakhe,

ngubani ongamenqabela
ekukhanukeni kwakhe?
Abaduna abamxotshayo bangazidinisi ukuxotshana labo;
bazamthola ngesikhathi sezinsikazikhwela.
25 Ungagijimi inyawo zakho zize zihlubuke
lomphimbo wakho uze wome.
Kodwa wena wathi,
'Akusizi lutho!
Ngiyabathanda onkulunkulu bezizweni,
kumele ngibalandele.'

26 Njengokuyangeka kwesela nxa selibanjiwe,
ngokunjalo abantu bako-Israyeli bayangekile,
bona kanye lamakhosi abo lezikhulu zabo,
abaphristi babo labaphrofethi babo.
27 Bathi esigodweni, 'Wena ungubaba wami,'
elitsheni bathi, 'Nguwe owangizalayo.'
Bangifulathele,
hatshi ngobuso babo nje;
kodwa nxa sebehlupheka bathi,
'Woza usihlenge.'
28 Pho bangaphi onkulunkulu elazenzela bona?
Kabeze nxa bengakuhlenga
lapho usuphakathi kokuhlupheka!
Ngoba wena Juda ulabonkulunkulu abanengi
njengobunengi bamadolobho akho.

29 Kungani lingethesa umlandu?
Lonke lingihlamukele,"
kutsho uTHIXO.
30 "Ukubajezisa kwami abantu bakho kwaba yize;
kabakuvumanga ukuqondiswa.
Inkemba yakho isibatshwabadele abaphrofethi bakho
njengesilwane esiphangayo.
31 Wena owalesisizukulwane, khumbula ilizwi LIKATHIXO:
Ngibe ngiyinkangala ku-Israyeli
kumbe ilizwe lomnyama omkhulu na?
Kungani abantu bami besithi,
'Sikhululekile ukuba sizulazule;
kasiyikuza kuwe futhi'?
32 Intombi ingazikhohlwa iziceciso zayo na,
lomlobokazi akhohlwe izembatho zakhe na?
Kodwa abantu bami bangikhohliwe,
okwensuku ezingeke zibalwe.
33 Yeka ukuhlakanipha kwakho ekufuneni uthando!
Labesifazane ababi kakhulu
bangafunda ezindleleni zakho.
34 Ezigqokweni zakho
abantu bathola igazi lokuphila elabayanga
abangelacala lanxa ungababambanga befohlela phakathi.
Kodwa kukho konke lokhu
35 uthi, 'Kangilacala;

kangithukuthelelanga.’
Kodwa mina ngizakwahlulela,
ngoba uthi, ‘Angonanga.’
36 Kungani uqhubeka kangaka,
untshintsha izindlela zakho?
IGibhithe izakuyangisa njengalokhu
owakwenziwa yi-Asiriya.
37 Uzasuka kuleyondawo
izandla zakho zisekhanda lakho,
ngoba uTHIXO ubalahlile labo obathembayo;
kabayikukusiza.”

3

1 “Indoda ingehlukana lomkayo
ayitshiye endele kwenye indoda,
kufanele imbuyise futhi na?
Kambe ilizwe lingeke langcoliswa kakhulukazi na?
Kodwa wena usuphile njengesifebe esilezithandwa ezinengi,
kambe khathesi ungabuyela kimi na?”
kutsho uTHIXO.
2 “Khangela emiqolweni elugwadule ubone.
Kungaphi lapho ongazange udlwangululwe khona?
Emigwaqweni wahlala ulindele izithandwa,
wahlala njengomhambuma enkangala.
Ulingcolisile ilizwe ngobufebe bakho
langobubi bakho.
3 Ngalokho imikhizo imisiwe,
lezulu lentwasa kalinanga.
Ikanti wena uziphethe okwesifebe,
awulanhloni.
4 Kawungibizanga khathesi nje wathi,
‘Baba, mngane wami kusukela ebutsheni bami,
5 uzahlala uzondile kokuphela na?
Ulaka lwakho luzaqhubeka kokuphela na?’
Le yindlela okhuluma ngayo,
kodwa wenza konke okubi ongakwenza.”

U-Israyeli Ongathembekanga

6 Ekubuseni kwenkosi uJosiya, uTHIXO wathi kimi, “Ukubonile yini okwenziwe ngu-Israyeli ongathembekanga? Usekhwele phezu kwamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo langaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza wafebela khona. 7 Ngacabanga ukuthi emva kokuba esenze konke lokhu uzaphinda eze kimi, kodwa kabuyanga, lodadewabo ongathembekanga uJuda wakubona lokho. 8 U-Israyeli ongathembekanga ngamnika incwadi yakhe yesehlukaniso ngamxotsha ngenxa yobufebe bakhe bonke. Kodwa ngabona ukuthi udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda, kesabanga, laye wasuka wayafeba. 9 Ngenxa yokuthi ububi buka-Israyeli babungatsho lutho kuye, wangcolisa ilizwe wakhonza amatshe lezihlahla. 10 Kukho konke lokhu, udadewabo ongathembekanga uJuda kabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, kodwa ngokuzenzisa nje kuphela,” kutsho uTHIXO.

11 UTHIXO wathi kimi, “U-Israyeli ongathembekanga ungcono kuloJuda ongelaqin-
iso. 12 Hamba, uyememezela ilizwi leli ngasenyakatho:
‘Phenduka Israyeli ongathembekanga,’ kutsho UTHIXO,
‘Kangisayikukuhwaqela futhi,
ngoba ngilesihawu,’ kutsho UTHIXO.
‘Kangiyikuthukuthela kokuphela.
13 Vuma icala lakho nje kuphela,
wahlamukela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
uzihlakazelele kubonkulunkulu bezizweni
ngaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza,
njalo kawaze wangilalela,’ ”
kutsho UTHIXO.
14 “Phendukani, bantu abangathembekanga,” kutsho UTHIXO, “ngoba ngingumyeni
wenu. Ngizalikhetha, oyedwa edolobheni lababili emulini ngililethe eZiyoni.
15 Lapho-ke ngizalinika abelusi abathandwa yimi, abazalikhokhela ngokwazi lan-
gokuqedisisa. 16 Ngalezonsuku, ubunengi benu sebande kakhulu elizweni,” kutsho
UTHIXO, “abantu kabasayikuthi, ‘Ibhokisi lesivumelwano SIKATHIXO.’ Kaliyiku-
fika emicabangweni yabo kumbe likhunjulwe; kaliyikudingakala, njalo akuyik-
wenziwa elinye futhi. 17 Ngalesosikhathi iJerusalema bazalibiza ngokuthi yisiH-
lalo Sobukhosi SIKATHIXO, njalo izizwe zonke zizabuthana eJerusalema ukuba
zihloniphe ibizo LIKATHIXO. Kabasayikulandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi.
18 Ngalezonsuku indlu kaJuda izahlangana leka-Israyeli, njalo ndawonye, zivela
elizweni elisenyakatho, zizakuza elizweni engalinika okhokho benu ukuba libe yilifa
labo.
19 Mina ngokwami ngathi,
‘Kade ngingathaba kakhulu
ukuliphatha njengamadodana,
ngilinike ilizwe elifunekayo,
ilifa elihle kakhulu ezizweni zonke.’
Bengicabanga ukuthi lizangibiza ngokuthi ‘Baba’
njalo lingaphambuki ekungilandeleni.
20 Kodwa njengowesifazane ongathembekanga kumkakhe,
ubungathembekanga kimi wena ndlu ka-Israyeli,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

21 Ilizwi liyezwakala emiqolweni elugwadule,
ukukhala lokuncenga kwabantu bako-Israyeli,
ngoba izindlela zabo bazonile
bakhohlwa LOTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo.

22 “Phendukani, bantu abangathembekanga,
ngizalelapha ukungathembeki kwenu.”

“Yebo, sizakuza kuwe,
ngoba UNGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.
23 Impela umsindo wokukhonza izithombe emaqaqeni
lasezintabeni uyinkohliso,
ngempela KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu
kulensindiso ka-Israyeli.
24 Kusukela ebutsheni bethu onkulunkulu abalihlazo
badlile izithelo zamandla abobaba,
imihlambi yezimvu zabo leyezinkomo zabo,

amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo.
25 Kasilaleni phansi silenhloni,
siphathwe lihlazo lethu.
Ngoba sonile kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,
thina sonke kanye labokhokho bethu;
kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube lamhla,
kasimlalelanga uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.”

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1 “Nxa uphenduka, wena Israyeli, buyela kimi,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Ungasusa phambi kwami izithombe zakho ezenyanyekayo
ungabe usaphambuka futhi,
2 njalo nxa uzafunga ngobuqotho,
ngokulunga langokuqonda, uthi,
‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uTHIXO ekhona,’
ngakho izizwe uzazibusisa
ziziqhenye ngaye.”
3 Ebantwini bakoJuda labeJerusalema uTHIXO uthi:
“Qhathani ingqatho yenu,
lingahlanyeli phakathi kwameva.
4 Zisokeleni kuTHIXO,
lisoke inhliziyo zenu,
lina bantu bakoJuda lani bantu baseJerusalema,
hlezi ulaka lwami luvuke luvuthe njengomlilo
ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo,
lutshise kungekho muntu ongalucitsha.”

Umonakalo Ovela Enyakatho

5 “Bikani koJuda limemezele laseJerusalema lithi:
‘Tshayani icilongo elizweni lonke!’
Klabalalani lithi,
‘Buthanani ndawonye!
Kasibalekeleni emadolobheni avikelweyo!’
6 Phakamisani uphawu lokuya eZiyoni!
Balekelani ekusileni ngokuphangisa!
Ngoba ngiletha umonakalo ovela enyakatho,
lencithakalo embi kakhulu.”

7 Isilwane sesiphumile esikhundleni saso,
umchithi wezizwe usephumile.
Usesukile endaweni yakhe
ukuba achithe ilizwe lenu.
Amadolobho enu azakuba ngamanxiwa
engelamuntu ohlala kuwo.
8 Ngakho gqokani amasaka,
khalani lilile,
ngoba ulaka lukaTHIXO olwesabekayo
kalususwanga kithi.

9 UTHIXO uthi,

“Ngalolosuku inkosi lezikhulu bazaphelelwa lithemba,
abaphristi bazathuthumela,
abaphrofethi bazakwesaba.”
10 Lapho-ke mina ngathi, “Awu, THIXO Wobukhosi, ubakhohlisile sibili abantu laba
kanye leJerusalema ngokuthi, ‘Lizakuba lokuthula,’ inkemba yona isemiphinjeni
yethu!”
11 Ngalesosikhathi abantu laba leJerusalema kuzathiwa kubo, “Umoya otshisayo
ovela enkangala emiqolweni elugwadule uvunguza usiya ebantwini bami, kodwa
kungayisikwela kumbe ukuhlungula, 12 umoya olamandla kakhulu uvela kimi.
Khathesi-ke sengimemezela ukwahlulela kwami kubo.”
13 Khangela! Uyeza njengamayezi,
izinqola zakhe zempi zibuya njengesivunguzane,
amabhiza akhe alesiqubu esedlula esengqungqulu.
Maye! Sesiphelile!
14 We Jerusalema, geza ububi obusenhliziyweni yakho usindiswe.
Koze kube nini ugcine imicabango emibi na?
15 Ilizwi elivela koDani liyamemeza,
libika umonakalo ovela emaqaqeni ako-Efrayimi
16 Izizwe zitshele lokhu,
ukubike laseJerusalema,
“Ibutho elivimbezelayo liyeza livela elizweni elikhatshana,
limemezela umkhosi wempi emadolobheni akoJuda.
17 Balihanqile njengabantu abalinda insimu,
ngoba langihlamukela,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
18 “Ukuziphatha kwakho lezenzo zakho
kwehlisele lokhu phezu kwakho.
Lesi yisijeziso sakho.
Sibuhlungu kakhulu!
Sihlaba enhliziyweni!”

19 Maye, ngobuhlungu, ubuhlungu engibuzwayo.
Ngiyazitshila ngenxa yobuhlungu.
Maye, ngokufuthelwa kwenhliziyo yami!
Inhliziyo yami iyatshaya ngaphakathi kwami,
angingeke ngithule,
ngoba ukukhala kwecilongo sengikuzwile,
umkhosi wempi sengiwuzwile.
20 Incithakalo ilandela incithakalo,
ilizwe lonke selingamanxiwa.
Ngesikhatshana nje amathente ami adiliziwe,
lamakhetheni ami ngomzuzwana nje.
21 Koze kube nini ngibona uphawu lwempi
ngisizwa lokukhala kwecilongo na?

22 “Abantu bami bayiziwula,
kabangazi.
Bangabantwana abangelangqondo,
kabalakho ukuqedisisa.
Bahlakaniphele ukwenza okubi,
kabakwazi ukwenza okulungileyo.”

23 Ngakhangela umhlaba,
wawungelasimo njalo ungelalutho;
lasemazulwini,
ukukhanya kwawo kwakungasekho.
24 Ngakhangela ezintabeni,
zazinyikinyeka,
lamaqaqa wonke ayezunguzeka.
25 Ngakhangela, kwakungelabantu,
izinyoni zonke zasezisukile emkhathini.
26 Ngakhangela, ilizwe elithelayo laseliyinkangala,
amadolobho alo wonke ayesengamanxiwa phambi kukaThixo,
phambi kolaka lwakhe olwesabekayo.
27 UThixo uthi:
“Ilizwe lonke lizachitheka
lanxa ngingayikulitshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo.
28 Ngakho umhlaba uzalila
iphezulu libe mnyama,
ngoba sengikhulumile njalo angiyikuyekethisa,
sengenze isinqumo angiyikubuyela emuva.”

29 Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wabagadi bamabhiza labemitshoko
amadolobho wonke ayabaleka.
Abanye bangena ezixukwini,
abanye bakhwele emadwaleni.
Amadolobho wonke atshiyiwe,
akulamuntu ohlala kuwo.

30 Wenzani na, wena ohlutshwe kakhulu?
Kungani ugqoka okubomvu gebhu
ufaka lezigqoko zegolide na?
Kungani ucomba amehlo akho ngomphendulo na?
Uzicecisela ize.
Izithandwa zakho ziyakweyisa,
zifuna ukukubulala.

31 Ngizwa ukukhala okunjengokowesifazane ohelelwayo,
ukububula okufana lozuza umntwana wakhe wakuqala,
ukukhala kweNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ikhefuzela,
yelule izandla zayo isithi,
“Maye mina! Amandla ami asephela,
ukuphila kwami sekunikelwe kubabulali.”

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Kakho Loyedwa Olungileyo

1 “Yehla ukhwele ngemigwaqo yaseJerusalema,
ukhangele emaceleni wonke, ucabange,
uhlolisise wonke amagceke ayo.
Nxa ungathola umuntu oyedwa nje
oqhuba ngobuqotho efuna iqiniso,
ngizalithethelela idolobho leli.
2 Lanxa nje besithi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona,’

bajinge befunga amanga.”

3 Awu THIXO, amehlo akho kawadingi qiniso na?
Wabatshaya, kodwa kabezwanga buhlungu,
wabahlifiza, kodwa bala ukuqondiswa.
Benza ubuso babo baba lukhuni kulamatshe,
bala ukuphenduka.
4 Ngacabanga ngathi, “Laba ngabayanga nje,
bayizithutha,
ngoba indlela kaTHIXO kabayazi,
lemilayo kaNkulunkulu wabo.
5 Ngakho-ke ngizakuya kubakhokheli
ngikhulume labo,
ngeqiniso indlela kaTHIXO bayayazi,
lemilayo kaNkulunkulu wabo.”
Kodwa nganhliziyonye labo balephula ijogwe
baqamula lezibopho.
6 Ngakho isilwane esivela ehlathini sizabahlasela,
lempisi evela enkangala ibadlwengule,
ingwe izabacathamela eduze lamadolobho abo
ukudabudabula loba ngubani ophumayo,
ngoba iziphambeko zabo zinkulu,
lokuhlehlela kwabo emuva kunengi.

7 “Ngingalithethelela ngenxa yani na?
Abantwana benu bangidelile,
bafunga ngabonkulunkulu abangasibonkulunkulu,
ngabanika konke abakuswelayo,
kodwa bona bafeba
baminyana ezindlini zezifebe.
8 Bangamabhiza amaduna asuthayo, agcwele inkanuko,
omunye lomunye ekhalela umfazi wenye indoda.
9 Ngingabajezisi kulokhu na?”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Ngingaphindiseli esizweni
esinjengalesi na?

10 Ngenani lidabule phakathi kwezivini zaso lizidlwengule,
kodwa lingazitshabalalisi ngokupheleleyo.
Phundlani ingatsha zalo,
ngoba abantu laba kabasibo BAKATHIXO.
11 Indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda
kazithembekanga impela kimi,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

12 Baqambe amanga NGOTHIXO
bathi, “Kasoze enze lutho!
Akulabubi obuzasehlela,
kasiyikubona impi loba indlala.
13 Abaphrofethi bangumoya nje,
lelizwi kalikho kubo,

ngakho abakutshoyo kakwenziwe kubo.”
14 Ngakho-ke uTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi:
“Njengoba abantu sebekhulume amazwi la,
ngizakwenza amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho abe ngumlilo
labantu laba babe zinkuni oziqothulayo.”
15 UTHIXO uthi, “Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli,
ngizaletha isizwe esivela khatshana ukuba sikuhlasele,
isizwe esidala esiqinileyo,
isizwe ulimi lwaso ongalwaziyo,
lenkulumo yaso ongayizwayo.
16 Imixhaka yaso ifana lengcwaba elivulekileyo,
bonke bangamabutho alamandla.
17 Bazatshwabadela amabele enu lokudla kwenu,
batshwabadele amadodana enu kanye lamadodakazi enu,
bazatshwabadela izimvu zenu kanye lenkomo zenu,
bazatshwabadela amavini enu kanye lemikhiwa yenu.
Amadolobho avikelweyo eliwathembileyo
bazawachitha ngenkemba.
18 Ikanti langalezozinsuku,” kutsho uTHIXO, “angiyikuliqeda du. 19 Lapho abantu bebuza besithi, ‘Kungani uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu enze konke lokhu kithi?’ Batshele uthi, ‘Njengoba lingilahlile lakhonza onkulunkulu bezizweni elizweni lenu, ngokunjalo khathesi lizasebenzela abezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lenu.’
20 Memezela lokhu endlini kaJakhobe
njalo ukubike lakoJuda uthi:
21 Zwanini lokhu, lina zithutha zabantu abangelangqondo,
abalamehlo kodwa kababoni,
abalezindlebe kodwa kabezwa:
22 Akumelanga lingesabe na?”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Kaliyikuthuthumela phambi kwami na?
Ngenza itshebetshebe laba ngumngcele wolwandle
umkhawulo wanini lanini olungeke luweqe.
Amagagasi angavinqoza, kodwa awangeke edlule,
angahlokoma, kodwa awangeke aweqe.
23 Kodwa abantu laba balezinhliziyo ezilukhuni ezihlamukayo,
baphambukile, balahleka.
24 Kabatsho ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi,
‘Kasimesabeni uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,
onisa izulu ngesikhathi salo ekwindla lentwasa,
osithembisa amaviki amiselwe ukuvuna.’
25 Ukona kwenu kukuvimbele lokhu,
izono zenu zilemuka okuhle.

26 Phakathi kwabantu bami kulabantu ababi
abacathama njengabantu abathiya izinyoni,
lanjengalabo abathiya imijibila yokubamba abantu.
27 Njengezitsha ezigcwele izinyoni,
izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso;
sebenothile njalo sebelamandla
28 sebezimukile njalo babancwaba.
Izenzo zabo ezimbi kazilamkhawulo,

kabakudingi ukulunga.
Izintandane kabazikhulumeli ukuba zinqobe,
amalungelo abayanga kabawavikeli.
29 Akumelanga ngibajezisele lokhu na?”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Akumelanga ngiphindisele esizweni
esinjengalesi na?

30 Into eyesabekayo leyethusayo
isiyenzakele kulelilizwe:
31 Abaphrofethi baphrofitha amanga,
abaphristi babusa ngamandla abo,
labantu bami bakuthanda kunjalo.
Kodwa lizakwenzani ekucineni?”

6

IJerusalema Livinjezelwe

1 “Balekani ukuze liphephe, bantu bakoBhenjamini!
Balekani eJerusalema!
Tshayani icilongo eThekhowa!
Phakamisani uphawu phezu kweBhethi-Hakheremi.
Ngoba umonakalo uyabonakala ngasenyakatho,
kanye lencithakalo eyesabekayo.
2 Indodakazi yaseZiyoni
enhle kangaka lebucayi ngizayibhubhisa.
3 Abelusi lemihlambi yabo bazakuza bamelane layo;
bazamisa amathente abo eyihanqile,
lowo lalowo elinde indawo yakhe.”

4 “Lungelani ukulwa layo!
Vukani, kasihlaseleni emini!
Kodwa, habe, ukukhanya sekufiphala,
lamathunzi okuhlwa asesiba made.
5 Ngakho vukani, kasihlaseleni ebusuku
sidilize izinqaba zayo!”
6 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Gamulani izihlahla liziwise
lakhe imiduli yokuvimbezela iJerusalema.
Idolobho leli kumele lijeziswe,
ligcwele ukuncindezela.
7 Njengomthombo ugobhoza amanzi awo,
ngokunjalo lalo ligobhoza ububi balo.
Udlakela lokubhubhisa kuyezwakala phakathi kwalo,
umkhuhlane walo lamanxeba ngihlezi ngikukhangele.
8 Xwayiseka, we Jerusalema,
hlezi ngikutshiye,
lelizwe lakho ngilichithe,
kungabi lomuntu ohlala kulo.”
9 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Kababuthe izinsalela zako-Israyeli
ngokupheleleyo njengevini,

dlulisa futhi isandla sakho phezu kwezingatsha,
njengomuntu ovuna amavini.”

10 Ngubani engingakhuluma laye ngimxwayise na?
Ngubani ozangilalela na?
Indlebe zabo zivalekile*
ngakho abangeke bezwe.
Ilizwi LIKATHIXO liyisinengiso kubo.
Kabafumani ntokozo kulo.
11 Kodwa mina ngiyafuthelana ngolaka LUKATHIXO,
ngingeke ngibe ngisalugodla ngaphakathi.

“Lwehlisele phezu kwabantwana emgwaqweni
laphezu kwamajaha abuthene ndawonye,
bobabili indoda lomkayo luzabehlela,
kanye labadala, labo abakhulelwa yiminyaka.
12 Izindlu zabo zizanikwa abanye,
konke lamasimu abo kanye labafazi babo,
lapho ngiselula isandla sami
ngimelana lalabo abahlala elizweni,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
13 “Kusukela kwabancane kusiya kwabakhulu,
bonke bayizihwaba ezifuna inzuzo,
banjalo abaphrofethi kanye labaphristi,
bonke benza inkohliso.
14 Babopha inxeba labantu bami
kungathi kalilibi kakhulu.
Bathi, ‘Ukuthula, ukuthula,’
khona ukuthula kungekho.
15 Bayayangeka na ngokuziphatha kwabo okwenyanyekayo?
Hatshi, bavele kabalazo inhloni
lokuyangeka kabakwazi.
Ngakho bazawela phakathi kwabawileyo,
bazakwehliselwa phansi lapho sengibajezisa,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
16 UTHIXO, uthi:
“Manini emahlanganweni emigwaqo likhangele,
libuze izindledlana ezindala,
libuze lapho okulendlela enhle khona, lihambe ngayo,
lizathola ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu.
Kodwa lina lithe, ‘Kasiyikuhamba ngayo.’
17 Ngalibekela abantu bokulilinda ngathi,
‘Lalelani ukukhala kwecilongo!’
Kodwa lina lathi, ‘Kasiyikulalela.’
18 Ngakho zwanini, lina zizwe,
khangelani, lina elingofakazi,
libone okuzakwenzakala kubo.
19 Zwana, wena mhlaba,
ngiletha umonakalo phezu kwabantu laba,
izithelo zamaqhinga abo,

* **6:10** 6.10 NgesiHebheru kutsho ukuthi abasokwanga

ngoba kabawalalelanga amazwi ami
njalo bawalile lomthetho wami.
20 Ngilani lempepha yaseShebha
loba imfe evela elizweni elikude na?
Iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kayamukeleki,
imihlatshelo yenu kayingithokozisi.”
21 Ngakho UTHIXO uthi:
“Ngizabeka imigoqo phambi kwalababantu.
Abazali labantwana bazakhubeka kuyo,
omakhelwane labangane bazabhubha.”
22 UTHIXO uthi:
“Khangelani, ibutho liyeza
livela elizweni lasenyakatho,
isizwe esikhulu siyadungwa
kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
23 Bahlome ngamadandili langemikhonto,
balesihluku kabalasihawu.
Bezwakala njengolwandle oluhlokomayo
lapho begade amabhiza abo,
beza njengabantu abalungele impi ukuba bakuhlasele,
wena Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni.”

24 Sesizwe imibiko ngabo,
njalo izandla zethu zilenga zingelamandla.
Usizi lusibambile,
ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo.
25 Lingayi phandle egangeni,
loba lihambe emigwaqweni,
ngoba isitha silenkemba,
njalo silencithakalo emaceleni wonke.
26 Awu bantu bami, gqokani amasaka,
lizibhuqe emlotheni,
khalani lilile kabuhlungu
njengokwendodana eyiyo yodwa,
ngoba masinyane nje umchithi
uzafika kithi.

27 “Ngikwenze umhloli wezinsimbi
labantu bami babayilitshe elixubene lensimbi
ukuba ukhangele ubone
ube usuhlola izindlela zabo.
28 Bonke bangabahlamuki abalukhuni,
abahamba behleba.
Balithusi lensimbi,
bonke benza ukuxhwala.
29 Imvutho ivutha okwesabekayo
incibilikisa umnusu ngokutshisa komlilo
kodwa ukucenga kuqhubeka kuyize,
ababi kabakhutshwanga.
30 Kuthiwa bayisiliva esilahliweyo,
ngoba UTHIXO usebalahlile.”

7

Ukholo Lwamanga Luyize

1 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuTHIXO lisithi: 2 “Mana esangweni lendlu
kaTHIXO umemezele ilizwi leli ukhonapho uthi:

‘Zwanini ilizwi likaTHIXO, lonke lina bantu bakoJuda abangena ngala amasango
ukuzakhonza uTHIXO. 3 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Lungisani
izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu, ukuze ngilivumele ukuba lihlale kule indawo.
4 Lingathembi amazwi akhohlisayo lithi, “Leli lithempeli likaTHIXO, ithempeli
likaTHIXO, ithempeli likaTHIXO!” 5 Lingalungisa izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu
sibili liphathane ngokulunga, 6 nxa lingancindezeli owezizweni, izintandane loba
umfelokazi njalo lingachithi gazi elingelacala kule indawo, njalo nxa lingalandeli
abanye onkulunkulu okuzalilimaza, 7 ngizalivumela ukuba lihlale kule indawo,
elizweni engalinika okhokho benu ukuba libe ngelabo kuze kube nini lanini. 8 Kodwa
khangelani, lina lithemba amazwi akhohlisayo angasizi lutho.

9 Kambe lizantshontsha njalo libulale, lifebe, lifunge amanga, litshisele uBhali
impepha njalo lilandele abanye onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi, 10 beselisizakuma
phambi kwami kuyonale indlu, eleBizo lami, lithi, “Sivikelekile,” livikeleka ukuba
lenze zonke lezizinto ezenyanyekayo na? 11 Indlu le, eleBizo lami, seyaba lubhalu
lwabaphangi na? Kodwa kade ngikhangele! kutsho uTHIXO.

12 Hambani khathesi endaweni yami eShilo lapho engenza khona kuqala indawo
yokuhlala iBizo lami, libone engakwenza kuyo ngenxa yobubi babantu bami bako-
Israyeli. 13 UTHIXO uthi, kwathi lapho lisenza lezizinto, mina ngakhuluma lani
futhifuthi, kodwa kalingilalelanga, ngalibiza, kalaze lasabela. 14 Ngakho-ke, lokho en-
gakwenza eShilo khathesi ngizakwenza kule indlu eleBizo lami, ithempeli elilithem-
bileyo, indawo engalinika yona lina kanye labokhokho benu. 15 Ngizalixotsha phambi
kwami, njengalokho engakwenza abafowenu bonke, abantu bako-Efrayimi.’

16 Ngakho abantu laba ungabakhulekeli loba ubakhulumele kumbe ubenzele
isicelo; ungangincengi ngoba angiyikukulalela. 17 Abakwenzayo emadolobheni
akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema kawukuboni na? 18 Abantwana batheza
inkuni, oyise babasa imililo, labesifazane baxova inhlama benzele iNdlovukazi
yaseZulwini isinkwa. Bathelela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo ukuba
bangithukuthelise. 19 Kodwa yimi abangithukuthelisayo na? kutsho uTHIXO.
Kabazilimazi bona ngokwabo na, okulihlazo kubo?

20 ‘Ngakho uTHIXO Wobukhosi uthi: Ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami kuzak-
wehliselwa kule indawo, phezu kwabantu lasezinyamazaneni, phezu kwezihlahla
zeganga laphezu kwezithelo zomhlabathi; njalo kuzakutsha kungacitsheki.

21 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Qhubekani, fakani iminikelo
yenu yokutshiswa kweminye imihlatshelo yenu lidle inyama lina ngokwenu!
22 Ngoba ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe ngikhuluma labo, angizange
ngibanike imilayo nje kuphela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, 23 kodwa
ngabanika umlayo lo othi: Ngilalelani, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu lina
libe ngabantu bami. Hambani ngezindlela zonke engililaye zona, ukuze kulilungele.
24 Kodwa kabazange balalele kumbe banake; esikhundleni salokho, bona balandela
inkani yentando yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi. Baya emuva hatshi phambili. 25 Kusukela
ngesikhathi okhokho benu besuka eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi, usuku ngosuku,
njalonjalo ngalithumela izinceku zami abaphrofethi. 26 Kodwa kabangilalelanga
kumbe banake. Babelentamo ezilukhuni njalo benza ububi obudlula obabokhokho
babo.’

27 Lapho ubatshela konke lokhu, kabayikukulalela; lalapho ubabiza, kabayikusabela. 28 Ngakho batshele uthi, ‘Lesi yisizwe esingalalelanga UTHIXO uNkulunkulu waso kumbe sivume ukuqondiswa. Iqiniso selifile; kalisekho ezindebeni zabo.
29 Gelani inwele zenu lizilahlele khatshana; lenze isililo emiqolweni elugwadule,
ngoba UTHIXO usesalile wasidela isizukulwane lesi esingaphanasi kolaka lwakhe.’ ”

ISigodi Sokubulala

30 “ ‘Abantu bakoJuda benze ububi phambi kwami, kutsho UTHIXO. Bamise izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo endlini eleBizo lami balingcolisa. 31 Sebakhe izindawo eziphakemeyo zaseThofethi esigodini saseBheni-Hinomu ukuba batshisele khona amadodana lamadodakazi abo ngomlilo, into engingabalayanga yona, engazange ifike engqondweni yami. 32 Ngakho qaphelani, insuku ziyeza, kutsho UTHIXO, lapho abantu bengayikuyithi yiThofethi kumbe iSigodi saseBheni-Hinomu, kodwa iSigodi sokuBulala, ngoba abafileyo bazabangcwaba eThofethi kuze kusweleke indawo. 33 Lapho-ke izidumbu zabantu laba zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zomhlaba, njalo akuyikuba lomuntu ozazethusa. 34 Ngizaqeda imisindo yokuthokoza leyenjabulo emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema, lokuthaba lelizwi lomlobokazi lelomyeni, ngoba ilizwe lizachitheka.’ ”

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Ukona Lobuqili BukaJuda

1 “ ‘Ngalesosikhathi, kutsho UTHIXO, amathambo amakhosi akoJuda lawezikhulu zakhona, amathambo abaphristi lawabaphrofethi, kanye lamathambo abantu baseJerusalema azakhutshwa emangcwabeni awo. 2 Azachaywa elangeni lasenyangeni lakuzo zonke izinkanyezi zasemazulwini, abakuthandayo bakukhonza njalo abakulandelayo bakubuza bakudumisa. Kawayikubuthwa loba angcwatshwe, kodwa azakuba njengezibi phezu komhlabathi. 3 Loba kungaphi engibaxotshela khona, bonke abasilayo balesisizwe esibi bazakhetha ukufa kulokuphila, kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.’ ”

Isono Lesijeziso

4 “Wothi kubo, ‘UTHIXO uthi:
Abantu bangawa, kabavuki na?
Omunye angaphambuka, kaphenduki na?
5 Pho kungani abantu laba bedukile?
Kungani iJerusalema lihlala liseduka?
Bayanamathela enkohlisweni,
bayala ukuphenduka.
6 Ngilalele ngesineke,
kodwa kabatsho okulungileyo.
Kakho ophenduka ebubini bakhe,
esithi, “Kuyini engikwenzileyo na?”
Yilowo lalowo ulandela indlela yakhe
njengebhiza lizithela empini.
7 Lengabuzane emoyeni
liyazazi izikhathi zalo zomnyaka,
lejuba, lenkonjane lohemu
kuyasigcina isikhathi sakho sokuthutha.
Kodwa abantu bami kabakwazi
okufunwa NGUTHIXO.

8 Lingatsho kanjani ukuthi, “Sihlakaniphile,
ngoba silomthetho kaThixo,”
lona iqiniso kuyikuthi amanga alotshwe ngosiba lwababhali
asenze umthetho wangabi liqiniso?
9 Abahlakaniphileyo bazayangiswa,
bazakwesaba bathiyeke.
Njengoba belalile ilizwi likaThixo,
balenhlakanipho bani na?
10 Ngakho abafazi babo ngizabapha amanye amadoda
lamasimu abo abe ngawabanye abatsha.
Kusukela kwabancane kusiya kwabakhulu,
bonke bayizihwaba ezifuna inzuzo,
banjalo abaphrofethi kanye labaphristi,
bonke benza inkohliso.
11 Babopha inxeba labantu bami
kungathi kalilibi kakhulu.
Bathi, “Ukuthula, ukuthula,”
khona ukuthula kungekho.
12 Kambe bayayangeka na ngokuziphatha kwabo okunengisayo?
Hatshi, bavele kabalazo inhloni,
lokuyangeka kabakwazi.
Ngakho bazawela phakathi kwabawileyo,
bazakwehliselwa phansi lapho sebejeziswa,
kutsho uThixo.

13 Ngizabemuka isivuno sabo,
kutsho uThixo.
Akuyikuba lezithelo ezivinini zabo.
Akuyikuba lezithelo zomkhiwa esihlahleni,
lamahlamvu aso azabuna.
Engibanike khona
kuzathathwa kubo.’ ”

14 Pho sihlaleleni lapha?
Buthanini!
Kasibalekeleni emadolobheni avikelweyo
siyebhubhela khona!
Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu usesilahlele ekubhubheni
wasinika amanzi aletshefu ukuba sinathe,
ngoba sonile kuye.
15 Sathemba ukuba lokuthula
kodwa akubanga lobuhle obukhona,
ekubeni kube yisikhathi sokwelatshwa
kwaba lokwesaba.
16 Ukuthimula kwamabhiza esitha
kuyezwakala kuvelela koDani,
ekukhaleni kwamabhiza amaduna
ilizwe lonke liyaqhaqhazela.
Zilande ukuzatshwabadela
ilizwe lakho konke okukulo,
idolobho labo bonke abahlala kulo.

17 “Khangelani, ngizathumela phakathi kwenu

izinyoka ezilobuhlungu,
izinhlangwana ezingeke zithakathwe, njalo zizaliluma,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

18 Awu Mduduzi wami osizini,
inhliziyo yami isiqaleka phakathi kwami.
19 Lalela ukukhala kwabantu bami
okuvela elizweni elikhatshana besithi:
“UTHIXO kakho eZiyoni na?
INkosi yalo kayisekho lapho na?”

“Kungani bevuse ulaka lwami ngezifanekiso zabo,
langezithombe zezizweni eziyize na?”

20 “Ukuvuna sekwedlule,
ihlobo seliphelile,
kodwa kasihlengwanga.”

21 Njengoba abantu bami benqotshiwe lami nginqotshiwe,
ngiyalila njalo ukwesaba kungiphethe.
22 Akulamuthi yini eGiliyadi?
Kakho yini lomelaphi khona?
Pho kungani kungekho kwelatshwa
kwenxeba labantu bami na?

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1 Awu, sengathi ngabe ikhanda lami lingumthombo wamanzi,
lamehlo ami angumthombo wezinyembezi!
Kade ngizakhala emini lebusuku
ngikhalela abantu bami ababuleweyo.
2 Awu, sengathi ngabe enkangala
ngilendawo engahlala izihambi,
ukuba ngisuke ebantwini bami
ngisuke kubo,
ngoba bonke bayizifebe,
ixuku labantu abangathembekanga.

3 “Benza izindimi zabo zilunge
njengesavutha ukuba batshoke amanga,
ukuthi bayanqoba elizweni
akusikho ngeqiniso.
Basuka kokunye ukona baye kokunye;
kabangamukeli,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
4 “Qaphela abangane bakho,
ungabathembi abafowenu.
Ngoba wonke umfowenu ungumkhohlisi,
njalo wonke umngane ungumhlebi.
5 Umngane ukhohlisa umngane,
njalo kakho okhuluma iqiniso.
Sebafundisa izindimi zabo ukuqamba amanga,
bayazidinisa ngokona.

6 Lihlala phakathi kwenkohliso,
ngenkohliso yabo bayala ukungamukela,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
7 Ngakho uTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Khangelani, ngizabacolisa ngibahlole,
ngoba kuyini okunye engingakwenza
ngenxa yesono sabantu bami?
8 Ulimi lwabo lungumtshoko olobuthi,
lukhuluma inkohliso.
Lowo lalowo ukhuluma kuhle kubomakhelwane bakhe,
kodwa enhliziyweni zabo bebathiya ngemijibila.
9 Kakufanele ngibajezisele lokhu na?”
kubuza uTHIXO.
“Kakufanele ngiphindisele
esizweni esinjengalesi na?”

10 Ngizakhala ngililele izintaba
ngibuye ngililele lamadlelo asenkangala.
Atshabalele njalo kakho ohambela kuwo,
lokubhonsa kwezinkomo akuzwakali.
Izinyoni zasemoyeni sezibalekile,
lezinyamazana kazisekho.

11 “IJerusalema ngizalenza libe yinqumbi yonxiwa,
isikhundla samakhanka,
njalo ngizawadiliza amadolobho akoJuda
ukuze kungabikhona ohlala kuwo.”
12 Nguphi umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ukuba akuzwisise lokhu? Ngubani ofundiswe
nguTHIXO ongakuchaza? Kungani ilizwe litshabalalisiwe lachithwa njengenkangala
ukuze kungadluli muntu kulo?
13 UTHIXO wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi sebelahle umthetho wami engababekela wona;
kabangilalelanga, lomthetho wami kabawulandelanga. 14 Esikhundleni salokho,
bona balandele ubulukhuni bezinhliziyo zabo; balandele oBhali, njengokufundiswa
kwabo ngoyise.” 15 Ngakho-ke, uTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi:
“Khangelani, abantu laba ngizabadlisa ukudla okubabayo ngibanathise lamanzi
alobuthi. 16 Ngizabahlakazela ezizweni bona kanye laboyise abangazange bazazi,
njalo ngizabalandela ngenkemba ngize ngibaqede du.”
17 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Cabangani khathesi! Bizani abesifazane abalilayo beze,
libize labo abalobuciko obumangalisayo.
18 Kabeze ngokuphangisa,
bazesililela amehlo ethu aze ehlise inyembezi
lempophoma zamanzi zigeleze,
ziphuma enkopheni zethu.”
19 Ilizwi lokukhala liyezwakala livela eZiyoni:
“Yeka kunganani ukuchithakala kwethu!
Yeka ubukhulu behlazo lethu!
Kumele sisuke elizweni lethu
ngoba izindlu zethu zidiliziwe.”

20 Khathesi, lina abesifazane, zwanini ilizwi likaTHIXO,
vulani indlebe zenu lizwe amazwi omlomo wakhe.

Fundisani amadodakazi enu ukulila,
lifundisane amazwi okukhala.
21 Ukufa kukhwele kwangena ngamafastela ethu,
njalo kungenile lasezinqabeni zethu,
sekususe abantwana emigwaqweni
kanye lamajaha ezindaweni zikazulu.
22 Tshono uthi, UTHIXO uthi,
“ ‘izidumbu zabafileyo zizalala
njengezibi egangeni,
njengamabele aqunywe ngemva kovunayo,
okungekho ozawabutha.’ ”
23 UTHIXO uthi:
“Ohlakaniphileyo kangazincomi ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe,
loba indoda elamandla izincome ngamandla ayo,
loba indoda enothileyo izincome ngenotho yayo,
24 kodwa lowo ozincomayo,
kazincome ngokuthi uyaqedisisa njalo uyangazi,
ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO, osebenzisa umusa,
imfanelo lokulunga emhlabeni,
ngoba lezizinto ziyangithokozisa,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
25 UTHIXO uthi, “Insuku ziyeza, lapho engizabajezisa khona bonke abasoke enyameni kuphela, 26 iGibhithe, loJuda, lo-Edomi, lo-Amoni loMowabi labo bonke abahlala enkangala ezindaweni ezikhatshana. Ngoba izizwe zonke lezi kazisokanga, njalo lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli kayisokanga enhliziyweni.”

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UNkulunkulu Lezithombe

1 Zwana okutshiwo NGUTHIXO kuwe, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli. 2 UTHIXO uthi:
“Lingazifundi izindlela zezizwe
kumbe ukwethuswa yizibonakaliso zasemkhathini,
lanxa nje izizwe zisethuswa yizo.
3 Ngoba imikhuba yabantu iyize,
bagamula isihlahla ehlathini,
ingcwethi isibaze ngetshizela yayo.
4 Bayasicecisa ngesiliva langegolide,
basibethele ngesando langezipikili
ukuze singanyikinyeki.
5 Njengezinto zokwethusa endimeni yamajodo,
izithombe zabo azikhulumi,
kumele zithwalwe
ngoba azingeke zihambe.
Lingazesabi,
azingeke zenze okubi,
lokuhle azingeke zikwenze.”

6 Kakho ofana lawe, wena THIXO,
wena umkhulu,
lebizo lakho lilamandla amakhulu.
7 Ngubani ongeke akwesabe,
wena Nkosi yezizwe?

Lokhu kukufanele.
Phakathi kwabantu bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe
lakuyo yonke imibuso yabo,
kakho onjengawe.

8 Bonke kabalangqondo njalo bayizithutha,
bafundiswa yizithombe zezigodo eziyize.
9 Isiliva esikhandiweyo siyalethwa sivela eThashishi
legolide livela e-Ufazi.
Okwenziwe yingcwethi lomkhandi wegolide
kugqokiswa okuluhlaza lokuyibubende,
njalo konke kwenziwe zingcitshi.
10 Kodwa uTHIXO unguNkulunkulu oqotho,
unguNkulunkulu ophilayo, iNkosi yanininini.
Lapho ethukuthele, umhlaba uyagedezela,
izizwe azingeke zimelane lolaka lwakhe.
11 “Batshele lokhu uthi, onkulunkulu laba, abangawenzanga amazulu lomhlaba,
bazabhubha emhlabeni langaphansi kwamazulu.”
12 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe,
wamisa umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe,
njalo wendlala lamazulu ngokuqedisisa kwakhe.
13 Lapho evungama, amanzi asemazulwini ayahlokoma,
wenza amayezi aphakame evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
Uthumela umbane ulezulu
njalo akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe.

14 Abantu bonke kabalangqondo njalo kabalalwazi,
wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yizithombe zakhe.
Izithombe zakhe azenzayo ziyinkohliso,
kazilamphefumulo phakathi kwazo.
15 Ziyize, izinto zenhlekisa nje,
lapho ukwahlulelwa kwazo sekufikile,
zizabhubha.
16 Lowo oyiNgxenye kaJakhobe kafani lalaba,
ngoba unguMenzi wezinto zonke,
kubalwa lo-Israyeli,
isizwe selifa lakhe,
ibizo lakhe NGUTHIXO uSomandla.

Ukubhujiswa Okuzayo

17 Qoqani impahla yenu ukuba lisuke elizweni,
lina elihlezi livinjezelwe.
18 Ngoba uTHIXO uthi,
“Ngalesisikhathi ngizabaphosela phandle labo abahlala kulelilizwe,
ngizabehlisela usizi
ukuze bathunjwe.”

19 Maye mina ngenxa yokulimala kwami!
Inxeba lami kalelapheki!
Ikanti ngazitshela ngathi,
“Lo ngumkhuhlane wami, njalo kumele ngiwubekezelele.”
20 Ithente lami lidiliziwe,

izintambo zalo zonke ziqumekile.
Amadodana ami asukile kimi njalo kawasekho,
kakho oseleyo ukuba angimisele ithente lami,
loba ongangilungisela amakhetheni ami.
21 Abelusi kabalangqondo
njalo kabambuzi uTHIXO,
ngakho kabaphumeleli,
njalo lemihlambi yabo yonke ihlakazekile.
22 Lalelani! Umbiko uyeza,
ukuxokozela okukhulu okuvela elizweni lenyakatho!
Kuzakwenza amadolobho akoJuda achitheke,
abe yizikhundla zamakhanka.

Umkhuleko KaJeremiya

23 Ngiyazi, Oh THIXO, ukuthi ukuphila komuntu akusikho kwakhe,
umuntu akusikho kwakhe ukuthi aqondise izinyathelo zakhe.
24 Ngiqondise THIXO, kodwa kube ngokulunga,
kungabi ngolaka lwakho,
hlezi ungenze ngibe yize.
25 Yehlisela ulaka lwakho phezu kwezizwe
ezingakwamukeliyo,
phezu kwabantu abangakhuleki ebizweni lakho.
Ngoba bamdlile uJakhobe,
bamdlile waphela bachitha lelizwe lakhe.

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Isivumelwano Siyephulwa

1 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuTHIXO lisithi: 2 "Zwana izimiso zesivumelwano lesi uzitshele abantu bakoJuda lalabo abahlala eJerusalema. 3 Batshele uthi uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Uqalekisiwe umuntu ongalandeli izimiso zesivumelwano lesi, 4 izimiso engalaya ngazo okhokho benu ekubakhupheni kwami eGibhithe, esasiyisithando sokuncibilikisa insimbi.' Ngathi, 'Lalelani ilizwi lami lenze konke engililaya khona, lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. 5 Lapho-ke ngizagcwalisa isifungo sami engasifunga kubokhokho benu, ukubanika ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju,' ilizwe elihlezi kulo khathesi."

Ngaphendula ngathi, "Akube njalo THIXO."

6 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, "Memezela wonke amazwi la emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema uthi: 'Zwanini izimiso zesivumelwano lesi lizilandele. 7 Kusukela ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe kuze kube lamhla, ngabalaya njalonjalo ngisithi, "Lalelani ilizwi lami." 8 Kodwa kabazange balalele kumbe banake; esikhundleni salokho, bona balandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi. Ngakho ngabehlisela zonke izithuko zesivumelwano engangibalaye ukuba basilandele kodwa kabaze basigcina.' "

9 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, "Kulokuhlamuka okukhona ebantwini bakoJuda lakulabo abahlala eJerusalema. 10 Sebebuyele ezonweni zabokhokho babo, abalayo ukulalela amazwi ami. Balandele abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babakhonze. Indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda, zombili zisephule isivumelwano engasenza labokhokho bazo. 11 Ngakho nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO: 'Ngizabehlisela umonakalo abangeke baphephe kuwo. Lanxa sebekhala kimi kangiyikubalalela. 12 Amadolobho akoJuda labantu baseJerusalema bazakuyakhala kubonkulunkulu ababatshisela impepha,

kodwa kabasoze babasize ngalutho lapho uhlupho selubehlela. 13 Wena Juda
ubunengi babonkulunkulu bakho bunjengobamadolobho akho, njalo lama-alithare
owakhele ukutshisela impepha kulowonkulunkulu olihlazo, uBhali, ubunengi bawo
bunjengobemigwaqo yaseJerusalema.'
14 Abantu laba ungabakhulekeli kumbe ubakhulumele loba ubacelele, ngoba
angiyikulalela lapho bekhala kimi esikhathini sokuhlupheka kwabo.
15 Othandekayo wami wenzani ethempelini
lami eceba amaqhinga amabi labanengi?
Kambe inyama ebusisiweyo ingaphuthisa
ukujeziswa kwakho na?
Lapho uphatheka ngobubi bakho,
uyajabula."

16 UTHIXO wakubiza ngokuthi uyisihlahla se-oliva
esihlumileyo esilezithelo ezinhle.
Kodwa ngokuhlokoma kwesiphepho esikhulu
uzasithungela ngomlilo,
ingatsha zaso zephuke.
17 UTHIXO uSomandla, owakuhlanyelayo, usememezele umonakalo kuwe, ngoba
indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda zenze okubi zangithukuthelisa ngokutshisela uBhali
impepha.

Icebo Lokubulala UJeremiya

18 Ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO waveza icebo labo kimi, ngalazi, ngoba ngalesosikhathi
wangitshengisa ababekwenza. 19 Ngangifana lewundlu elithambileyo lisiwa ekuh-
latshweni; ngangingazi ukuthi basebebumbe icebo ngami, besithi,
"Kasiqumeni isihlahla kanye lezithelo zaso;
kasimsuseni elizweni labaphilayo,
ukuze ibizo lakhe lingakhunjulwa futhi."
20 Kodwa, wena, THIXO Somandla,
wena owahlulela ngokulunga njalo
uhlola inhliziyo lengqondo,
yenza ngibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo,
ngoba isisusa sami ngisinikela kuwe.
21 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo mayelana labantu base-Anathothi aba-
funa ukukubulala besithi, "Ungaphrofethi ngebizo LIKATHIXO funa sikubulale"
22 ngakho UTHIXO uSomandla uthi: "Ngizabajezisa. Amajaha akibo azabulawa
yinkemba, amadodana lamadodakazi abo abulawe yindlala. 23 Akuyikuba khona
osalayo kubo, ngoba ngizaletha incithakalo ebantwini base-Anathothi ngomnyaka
wokujeziswa kwabo."

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Insolo KaJeremiya

1 Wena ulungile izikhathi zonke,
Oh THIXO, lapho ngiletha indaba kuwe.
Ikanti ngingakhuluma lawe ngokulunga kwakho:
Kungani indlela yababi iphumelela na?
Kungani abangathembekanga behlezi kuhle na?
2 Ubahlanyele, njalo sebemilile;
bayakhula bathele izithelo.

Bahlezi bekhuluma ngawe,
kodwa ezinhliziyweni zabo ukhatshana.
3 Kodwa mina, Oh THIXO, uyangazi;
uyangibona uhlole imicabango yami ngawe.
Bahudule njengezimvu eziyahlatshwa!
Bamisele usuku lokubulawa!
4 Koze kube nini ilizwe lomile
lotshani iganga lonke bubunile?
Ngenxa yokuthi labo abahlala kulo babi,
izinyamazana lezinyoni sezibhubhile.
Kanti futhi abantu bathi,
“Kasoze akubone okwenzakala kithi.”

Impendulo KaNkulunkulu

5 “Nxa ugijime labantu ngezinyawo
bakudinisa,
ungancintisana njani lamabhiza na?
Nxa ukhubeka elizweni elingelangozi,
pho uzakwanelisa njani ezixukwini zaseJodani na?
6 Abafowenu, abendlu yakwenu
labo futhi bakunikele;
baklabalale batsho okubi ngawe.
Ungabathembi,
lanxa bekhuluma kuhle ngawe.

7 Indlu yami ngizayitshiya,
ngilidele ilifa lami;
lowo engimthandayo
ngizamnikela ezandleni zezitha zakhe.
8 Ilifa lami kimi selibe
njengesilwane ehlathini.
Liyangihwabhela;
ngakho ngiyalizonda.
9 Ilifa lami kimi kaselibe
njengenyoni emabalabala edla inyama ehanqwa
ngezinye izinyoni ezidla inyama, ziyihlasela na?
Hamba uyebutha zonke izinyamazana zeganga;
uzilethe ukuba zidle.
10 Abelusi abanengi bazasichitha isivini sami
bagandele insimu yami;
bazaguqula insimu yami enhle
ibe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo.
11 Izakwenziwa ugwadule,
yome iphundlekile phambi kwami;
ilizwe lonke lizachitheka
ngoba kakho olinakayo.
12 Emiqolweni yonke engelalutho enkangala
abachithi bazaphithizela,
ngoba inkemba kaTHIXO
izakudla kusukela komunye umkhawulo welizwe kusiya komunye;
kakho ozavikeleka.
13 Bazahlanyela ingqoloyi kodwa bavune ameva;

bazazidinisa kodwa bangazuzi lutho.
Ngakho wobani lenhloni ngesivuno senu
ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo LUKATHIXO.”
14 UTHIXO uthi: “Bonke omakhelwane bami ababi abathumba ilifa engalinika
abantu bami bako-Israyeli, ngizabasusa emazweni abo ngisuse lendlu kaJuda
phakathi kwabo. 15 Kodwa emva kokubasusa kwami, ngizaphinda ngibe lesi-
hawu ngibuyisele omunye lomunye wabo endaweni eyilifa lakhe elizweni lakhe.
16 Bangazifunda kuhle izindlela zabantu bami njalo bafunge ngebizo lami besithi,
‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ephila’ lanxa nje bake bafundisa abantu bami
ukufunga ngoBhali, bazahlaliswa phakathi kwabantu bami. 17 Kodwa nxa isizwe
singalaleli, ngizasisusa ngokupheleleyo ngisibhubhise,” kutsho UTHIXO.

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Ibhanti LeLineni

1 UTHIXO wathi kimi: “Hamba uyethenga ibhanti lelineni ubophe ukhalo lwakho
ngalo, kodwa lingathinti amanzi.” 2 Ngakho ngathenga ibhanti, njengokulaya
KUKATHIXO, ngabopha ukhalo lwami ngalo.
3 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO labuya lafika kimi ngokwesibili lathi: 4 “Thatha ibhanti
olithengileyo obophe ngalo ukhalo lwakho, uye eYufrathe, khathesi nje ulifihle khona
eminkenkeni yamatshe.” 5 Ngakho ngahamba ngayalifihla eYufrathe, njengokutsho
KUKATHIXO kimi.
6 Sekudlule insuku ezinengi UTHIXO wathi kimi, “Hamba khathesi eYufrathe
uyethatha ibhanti engathi lifihle khona.” 7 Ngakho ngaya eYufrathe ngagebha lapho
engangifihle khona ibhanti, kodwa laselonakele impela lingaselasizo.
8 Lapho-ke kwafika ilizwi LIKATHIXO kimi lisithi: 9 “UTHIXO uthi: ‘Ngendlela
efanayo ngizakuchitha ukuzigqaja kukaJuda lokuzigqaja okukhulu kweJerusalema.
10 Lababantu abangalunganga, abalayo ukulalela amazwi ami, abalandela ubu-
lukhuni bezinhliziyo zabo badinge abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babasebenzele
njalo babakhonze, bazakuba njengebhanti leli, bengelasizo loluncane! 11 Ngoba
njengebhanti libopha ukhalo lomuntu, ngayibophela kanjalo kimi yonke indlu ka-
Israyeli layo yonke indlu kaJuda, kutsho UTHIXO, ukuba babengabantu bami ngenxa
yodumo lwami, ukubongwa lokudunyiswa. Kodwa kabalalelanga.’ ”

Izikhumba Zewayini

12 “Batshele uthi, ‘UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, zonke izikhumba zewayini
kumele zigcwaliswe ngewayini.’ Bona bangathi kuwe, ‘Kanti thina kasikwazi yini
ukuthi izikhumba zonke kumele zigcwaliswe ngewayini?’ 13 wena uthi kubo,
‘UTHIXO uthi: Ngizabenza badakwe bonke abahlala kulelilizwe, kanye lamakhosi
ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida, abaphristi, abaphrofethi labo bonke
abahlala eJerusalema. 14 Ngizabamahlaza omunye komunye, oyise lamadodana
ngokufananayo, kutsho UTHIXO. Angiyikuvumela isihawu loba umusa kumbe uzwelo
ukuba kungivimbele ukubabhubhisa.’ ”

Isisongo Sokuthunjwa

15 Zwanini lilalele,
lingazigqaji,
ngoba UTHIXO usekhulumile.
16 Dumisani UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
engakalethi ubumnyama,
inyawo zenu zingakakhubeki
emaqaqeni asesembeswa yibumnyama.

Lilindele ukukhanya,
kodwa yena uzakwenza kube yibumnyama,
akuphendule kube yibumnyama obesabekayo.
17 Kodwa nxa lingalaleli,
ngizakhalela ensitha
ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwenu;
amehlo ami azalila kabuhlungu,
ageleze inyembezi,
ngoba umhlambi kaThixo uzathunjwa.

18 Tshono enkosini lasendlovukazini uthi,
“Yehlani ezihlalweni zenu zobukhosi lize phansi,
ngoba imiqhele yenu emihle kakhulu
izakuwa emakhanda enu.”
19 Amadolobho aseNegebi azavalwa,
njalo akuyikuba khona ozawavula.
UJuda wonke uzathathwa asiwe ekuthunjweni,
uzasiwa ekuthunjweni ngokupheleleyo.

20 Phakamisani amehlo enu libone
labo abavela enyakatho.
Ungaphi umhlambi ababewugcinisiwe,
izimvu elalizazisa ngazo na?
21 Lizakuthini lapho uThixo esebabeka phezu kwenu
labo elabenza babangabangane benu abaqakathekileyo na?
Kaliyikubanjwa yibuhlungu
obufana lobowesifazane ehelelwa na?
22 Njalo nxa uzibuza usithi,
“Kungani lokhu kwenzakele kimi na?”
Kungenxa yezono zakho ezinengi
ukuthi izidwaba zakho zidatshulwe
lomzimba wakho waphathwa kubi.
23 UmTopiya angaliguqula yini ijwabu lakhe
loba ingwe iguqule amabala ayo na?
Lani lingeke lenze okuhle
lina selajwayela ukwenza okubi.

24 “Ngizalihlakaza njengamakhoba
ephetshulwa ngumoya wasenkangala.
25 Lokhu yikho okungokwenu,
isabelo engilimisele sona,” kutsho uThixo,
“ngoba lingikhohliwe
lathemba onkulunkulu bamanga.
26 Ngizaphekulela izidwaba zakho ebusweni bakho
ukuba kubonakale ihlazo lakho,
27 ubufebe bakho lokububuliswa yisigwebo,
ukufeba kwakho ungelanhloni!
Ngizibonile izenzo zakho ezenyanyekayo
phezu kwamaqaqa lasegangeni.
Maye kuwe, wena Jerusalema!
Koze kube nini ungahlambulukanga na?”

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Ukoma, Indlala, Inkemba

1 Leli yilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuJeremiya mayelana lokoma elizweni lisithi:
2 “UJuda uyalila,
amadolobho akhe ayahlupheka;
alilela ilizwe,
njalo isililo siyaqonga sivela eJerusalema.
3 Izikhulu zithuma izinceku zazo ukuyafuna amanzi;
ziya emithonjeni
kodwa zifice amanzi engekho.
Ziyabuyela lemigqomo yazo ingelalutho;
zithithibele njalo zidanile,
zemboze amakhanda azo.
4 Umhlabathi uqhekezekile
ngoba akulazulu elizweni;
abalimi bathithibele
njalo bemboze amakhanda abo.
5 Lenyamazana ensikazi egangeni
iyabalekela inkonyane layo elizelweyo
ngoba akulatshani.
6 Obabhemi beganga bema emiqolweni elugwadule
bakhefuzele njengamakhanka;
amehlo abo asefiphele
ngenxa yokuswela amadlelo.”

7 Lanxa izono zethu zifakaza kubi ngathi,
Oh THIXO, ake wenze okunye ngenxa yebizo lakho.
Ngoba ukuhlehlela kwethu emuva kunengi;
sonile kuwe.
8 Oh Themba lika-Israyeli,
uMhlengi wakhe ezikhathini zokuhlupheka,
kungani usiba njengowezizweni elizweni,
njengesihambi esihlala ubusuku obubodwa kuphela?
9 Kungani usiba njengomuntu ojunyiweyo,
lanjengebutho elingelamandla okusiza na?
Ukhona phakathi kwethu, wena THIXO,
njalo sibizwa ngebizo lakho;
ungasilahli!
10 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO ngalababantu:
“Bayakuthanda kakhulu ukuntula;
kabazibambi inyawo zabo.
Ngakho UTHIXO kayikubamukela;
khathesi uzakhumbula ububi babo
abajezisele izono zabo.”
11 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Ungakhulekeli inhlalakahle yabantu laba. 12 Lanxa bezila ukudla, ukukhala kwabo angiyikukulalela; loba benikela iminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yamabele, angiyikuyamukela. Esikhundleni salokho, ngizabaqeda du ngenkemba, ngendlala langezifo.”
13 Kodwa mina ngathi, “Awu THIXO Wobukhosi, abaphrofethi bahlezi bebatshela besithi, ‘Kaliyikubona inkemba loba libulawe yindlala. Impela, ngizalipha ukuthula okungapheliyo kule indawo.’ ”

14 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Abaphrofethi baphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Angibathumanga njalo angibakhethanga kumbe ngikhulume labo. Baphrofetha imibono yamanga kini, ukuhlahlula, ukukhonza izithombe lenkohliso yezingqondo zabo.
15 Ngakho-ke, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO ngabaphrofethi abaphrofetha ngebizo lami ukuthi: Kangizange ngibathume, kodwa bona bathi, ‘Akulankemba kumbe indlala ezathinta ilizwe leli.’ Bona labo abaphrofethi bazabhujiswa ngenkemba langendlala.
16 Abantu abaphrofetha kubo bazaphoselwa phandle emigwaqweni yaseJerusalema ngenxa yendlala lenkemba. Akulamuntu ozabangcwaba kumbe omkabo, amadodana abo loba amadodakazi abo. Ngizabehlisela ingozi ebafaneleyo.
17 Khuluma ilizwi leli kubo uthi:
‘Amehlo ami kawehlise inyembezi
ebusuku lemini zingomi;
ngoba indodakazi yami egcweleyo, labantu bami
balimele kakhulu,
balinyazwe yikutshaywa okwesabekayo.
18 Nxa ngingena elizweni,
ngibona labo ababulawa ngenkemba;
nxa ngingena edolobheni
ngibona umonakalo owenziwa yindlala.
Bobabili umphrofethi lomphristi
sebeye elizweni abangalaziyo.’ ”

19 UJuda usumlahle kokuphela na?
IZiyoni uyaleyisa na?
Usitshayeleni kangaka
size singelapheki na?
Sasilindele ukuthula
kodwa akulabuhle obaba khona,
isikhathi sokwelatshwa
kodwa kulokwesaba kuphela.
20 Awu THIXO, siyakuvuma ukona kwethu
kanye lokona kwabokhokho bethu;
impela sonile kuwe.
21 Ngenxa yebizo lakho ungasenyanyi;
ungasigconi isihlalo sakho sobukhosi esihle kakhulu.
Khumbula isivumelwano sakho lathi
ungasephuli.
22 Zikhona yini izithombe eziyize zezizwe ezinganisa izulu na?
Imikhathi yona ngokwayo iyalinisa izulu na?
Hatshi, nguwe, THIXO Nkulunkulu wethu.
Ngakho ithemba lethu likuwe,
ngoba nguwe owenza konke lokhu.

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1 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Lanxa uMosi loSamuyeli bengema phambi kwami, inhliziyo yami ingeke iphendukele kulababantu. Basuse phambi kwami! Kabahambe! 2 Bangakubuza bathi, ‘Sizakuya ngaphi na?’ uthi kubo, UTHIXO uthi:
‘Abamiselwe ukufa, baya ekufeni;
abenkemba, enkembeni;
abendlala, endlaleni;
abokuthunjwa, ekuthunjweni.’

3 Ngizabathumela imihlobo emine yabachithi,” kutsho uTHIXO, “inkemba yokubulala lezinja zokuhudulela khatshana njalo lezinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba zidle zibhuqe. 4 Ngizabenza banengeke emibusweni
yonke yasemhlabeni ngenxa yalokho okwenziwa eJerusalema nguManase indodana
kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda.
5 Ngubani ozakuba lesihawu kuwe wena Jerusalema?
Ngubani ozakukhalela na?
Ngubani ozakuma abuze ukuthi unjani na?
6 Ungalile,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Uqhubeka uhlehlela emuva.
Ngakho ngizabeka izandla phezu kwakho ngikuchithe;
ngingeke ngibe lesihawu futhi.
7 Ngizabahlungula ngefologwe
yokwela emasangweni amadolobho elizwe.
Ngizaletha ukufelwa lokuchitheka ebantwini bami,
ngoba kabaguqulanga izindlela zabo.
8 Ngizakwenza abafelokazi babo bande kakhulu
kuletshebetshebe lasolwandle.
Emini ngizakwehlisela umbulali
phezu kwabonina bamajaha akibo;
khonokho ngizabehlisela
usizi lokwesaba.
9 Unina wabayisikhombisa uzaqaleka
aphefumule okokucina.
Ilanga lakhe lizatshona kusesemini;
uzayangiswa njalo eyiswe.
Izinsalela ngizaziqeda ngenkemba
phambi kwezitha zazo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

10 Maye, wena mama, ngokuthi wangizala,
mina muntu ilizwe lonke elibangisana laye njalo liphikisana laye!
Kangikaze ngebolekise loba ngeboleke,
kodwa bonke bayangithuka.
11 UTHIXO wathi,
“Ngeqiniso ngizakukhulula ngenjongo enhle;
ngeqiniso ngizakwenza izitha zakho zikuncenge
ezikhathini zomonakalo lezokuhlupheka.

12 Umuntu angayiqamula insimbi,
insimbi evela enyakatho kumbe ithusi na?

13 Inotho yakho lamatshe akho aligugu
ngizakwenza kube yimpango, yamahala,
ngenxa yezono zakho
kulolonke ilizwe lakini.
14 Ngizakwenza ube yisigqili sezitha zakho
elizweni ongalaziyo,
ngoba ulaka lwami luzabhebha
umlilo ozakutshisa.”

15 Uyazwisisa wena THIXO;
ngikhumbula ungikhathalele.
Ungiphindiselele kwabangihluphayo.
Uyabekezela, ungangigudluli;
khumbula ukuthi ngithukwa njani ngenxa yakho.
16 Ekufikeni kwamazwi akho, ngawadla;
ayeyintokozo yami lenjabulo yenhliziyo yami,
ngoba mina ngibizwa ngebizo lakho,
wena THIXO Nkulunkulu Somandla.
17 Kangizange ngihlale enhlanganisweni yabazithokozisayo,
kumbe ngijabule labo;
ngahlala ngedwa ngoba isandla sakho sasiphezu kwami njalo
wawungenze ngagcwala intukuthelo.
18 Kungani ubuhlungu engibuzwayo bungapheli
lenxeba lami lilibi kakhulu njalo lingelapheki na?
Kimi uzakuba njengesifula esikhohlisayo,
lanjengomthombo ongelamanzi na?
19 Ngakho UTHIXO uthi:
"Ungaphenduka, ngizakubuyisela
ukuze ungikhonze;
nxa ukhuluma amazwi afaneleyo, hatshi angasizi lutho,
uzakuba yisikhulumeli sami.
Abantu laba kabaphendukele kuwe,
kodwa wena akumelanga uphendukele kubo.
20 Ngizakwenza ube ngumduli kulababantu,
umduli ovikelweyo wethusi;
bazakulwa lawe
kodwa kabayikukwehlula,
ngoba mina ngilawe
ukuba ngikuhlenge ngikusize,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
21 "Ngizakuhlenga ezandleni zababi
ngikukhulule ezandleni zabalesihluku."

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Usuku Lwencithakalo

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 2 "Ungathathi mfazi ube lamadodana loba amadodakazi kule indawo." 3 Ngoba mayelana lamadodana lamadodakazi azalelwe kulelilizwe kanye labesifazane abangonina lamadoda angoyise UTHIXO uthi: 4 "Bazakufa bebulawa yimikhuhlane eyesabekayo. Kabayikukhalelwa loba bangcwatshwe, kodwa bazakuba njengezibi emhlabathini. Bazabhubha ngenkemba langendlala, njalo izidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga."

5 Ngoba nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO: "Ungangeni endlini elokudla kwesililo; ungayilila kumbe utshengisele uzwelo, ngoba isibusiso sami, lothando lwami kanye lesihawu sami, sengikususile kulababantu," kutsho UTHIXO. 6 "Bonke abaphakemeyo labantukazana bazakufa kulelilizwe. Kabayikungcwatshwa kumbe bakhalelwe, njalo kakho ozazisika kumbe aphuce ikhanda lakhe ngenxa yabo. 7 Kakho ozabanika ukudla ukuba abaduduze labo abalilela ofileyo, loba kunguyise kumbe unina, kakho lozabanika amanzi ukuba abaduduze.

8 Njalo ungangeni endlini eledili ukuba uhlale phansi udle unathe. 9 Ngoba UTHIXO
uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Phambi kobuso bakho njalo ensukwini
zakho ngizawuqeda umsindo wentokozo lokuthaba kanye lamazwi abalobokazi
labayeni kule indawo.
10 Lapho abantu laba ubatshela konke lokhu besebekubuza besithi, 'Kungani
UTHIXO esemise ukusehlisela inkemenkeme engaka na? Senze bubi bani na? Sono
bani esisenze KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu?' 11 wena wothi kubo, 'Kungenxa yokuthi
okhokho benu bangifulathela,' kutsho UTHIXO, 'njalo balandela abanye onkulunkulu
babasebenzela, babakhonza. Bangifulathela njalo kabayigcinanga imithetho yami.
12 Kodwa lina selenze okubi kakhulu kulabokhokho benu. Khangelani ukuthi lowo
lalowo wenu uyilandela njani inkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi esikhundleni sokuthi
angilalele. 13 Ngakho ngizalilahlela ngaphandle kwalelilizwe elizweni lina loba oyihlo
abangazange balazi, lapho elizakhonza khona abanye onkulunkulu emini lebusuku,
ngoba angiyikuba lomusa kini.' "
14 UTHIXO uthi, "Kodwa insuku ziyeza lapho abantu bengayikuthi, 'Ngeqiniso
elinjengokuthi UTHIXO ukhona, yena owakhupha abako-Israyeli eGibhithe,' 15 kodwa
bazakuthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengokuthi UTHIXO ukhona, yena owakhupha abako-
Israyeli elizweni lasenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe ayebaxotshele kuwo.' Ngoba
ngizababuyisela elizweni engalinika okhokho babo."
16 UTHIXO uthi, "Kodwa khathesi ngizathumela abagoli benhlanzi abanengi,
bazababamba. Emva kwalokho ngizathumela abazingeli abanengi, bazabazingela ez-
intabeni zonke lasemaqaqeni wonke njalo lasezingoxweni zamadwala. 17 Amehlo ami
akuzo zonke izindlela zabo; kabafihlakalanga kimi, lesono sabo kasiwacatshelanga
amehlo ami. 18 Ngizaphindisela ngokuphindiweyo ububi babo lesono sabo, ngoba
bangcolise ilizwe lami ngezinto ezingaphiliyo zezifanekiso zabo ezingamanyala,
bagcwalisa lelifa lami ngezithombe zabo ezinengekayo."
19 Awu THIXO, mandla ami lenqaba yami,
siphephelo sami ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka,
izizwe zizakuza kuwe
zivela emikhawulweni yomhlaba zithi,
"Okhokho babengelalutho kodwa onkulunkulu bamanga,
izithombe eziyize ezingabasizanga ngalutho.
20 Kambe abantu bayazenzela onkulunkulu babo na?
Ye, kodwa kayisibo onkulunkulu!"

21 "Ngakho ngizabafundisa,
khathesi ngizabafundisa
amandla ami lobukhulu bami.
Lapho-ke bazakwazi
ukuthi ibizo lami NGUTHIXO."

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Inhliziyo Iyakhohlisa

1 "Isono sikaJuda sidwetshwe ngensimbi,
sabhalwa ngomcijo wedayimani
ezicecedwini zenhliziyo zabo
lasempondweni zama-alithare abo.
2 Labantwababo bayawakhumbula
ama-alithare abo lezinsika zika-Ashera
phansi kwezihlahla eziluhlaza

laphezu kwamaqaqa aphakemeyo.
3 Intaba yami eselizweni
lenotho yenu kanye lemfuyo yenu yonke
ngizakunikela kube yimpango,
ndawonye lezindawo zenu eziphakemeyo,
ngenxa yokona kulolonke ilizwe lenu.
4 Ngenxa yezici zenu lizalahlekelwa
yilifa engalinika lona.
Ngizalenza libe yizigqili zezitha zenu
elizweni elingalaziyo,
ngoba livuse ulaka lwami,
njalo luzavutha kuze kube nininini.”
5 UTHIXO uthi:
“Uqalekisiwe lowo othemba umuntu,
othembe ukuthi amandla akhe asenyameni,
onhliziyo yakhe ihlamukela UTHIXO.
6 Uzakuba njengesihlahlanyana enkangala;
ukuphumelela kayikukubona ekufikeni kwakho.
Uzahlala ezindaweni ezomileyo enkangala,
elizweni letswayi elingahlali muntu.

7 Kodwa ubusisiwe umuntu othemba UTHIXO,
othemba lakhe likuye.
8 Uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe eduze lamanzi
esinabisela impande zaso esifuleni.
Kasesabi lapho ukutshisa kufika;
amahlamvu aso ahlala eluhlaza.
Kasikhathazeki ngomnyaka wokoma;
kasiphuthi ukuthela izithelo.”

9 Inhliziyo iyakhohlisa okudlula izinto zonke
njalo imbi kakhulu.
Ngubani ongayizwisisa na?

10 “Mina THIXO ngiyayihlola inhliziyo
ngihlole lengqondo,
ukuba umuntu ngimnike okufanele ukwenza kwakhe mayelana
lalokho okufanele izenzo zakhe.”

11 Umuntu ozuza inotho ngezindlela ezimbi
unjengesikhwehle esichamisela amaqanda esingawaqandelanga.
Lapho ingxenye yokuphila kwakhe isidlule, izaphela,
kuthi ekucineni abonakale eyisithutha.

12 Isihlalo sobukhosi, esikhazimulayo esaphakanyiswayo kusukela ekuqaleni,
siyindawo yethu yokuphephela.
13 Awu THIXO, themba lika-Israyeli,
bonke abakudelayo bazayangiswa.
Labo abakuhlamukelayo bazabhalwa othulini
ngoba bedele UTHIXO,
umthombo wamanzi okuphila.

14 Ngisilisa, THIXO, njalo ngizasiliswa;
ungikhulule, ngizakhululeka,
ngoba nguwe engimdumisayo.
15 Bahlala besithi kimi,
“Lingaphi ilizwi LIKATHIXO na?
Kaligcwaliseke khathesi!”
16 Angibalekanga ekubeni ngumelusi wenu;
liyakwazi ukuthi
angilufisanga usuku lokuphela ithemba.
Okudlula endebeni zami kusobala kini.
17 Ungabi ngowesabekayo kimi;
uyisiphephelo sami ngosuku lokuhlupheka.
18 Abangihluphayo kabayangiswe,
kodwa mina ungivikele ehlazweni;
kababe lokwesaba,
kodwa mina ungivikele ekwesabeni.
Balethele usuku lobubi.
Ubabhubhise ngokuqothula okuphindiweyo.

Ukugcina ISabatha Lingcwele

19 UTHIXO wathi kimi: “Hamba uyekuma esangweni labantu, amakhosi akoJuda
angena ngalo njalo aphume ngalo; ume futhi lakuwo wonke amanye amasango
aseJerusalema. 20 Uthi kubo, ‘Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO, lina makhosi akoJuda
labo bonke abantu abahlala koJuda kanye labantu bonke abahlala eJerusalema
abangena ngala amasango. 21 UTHIXO uthi: Qaphelani lingathwali mthwalo ngosuku
lweSabatha loba liwungenise ngamasango aseJerusalema. 22 Lingaphumisi mthwalo
ezindlini zenu kumbe lenze loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngosuku lweSabatha, kodwa
ligcine iSabatha lingcwele, njengokulaya kwami okhokho benu. 23 Kodwa kabalale-
langa loba banake; izintamo zabo zazilukhuni njalo kabalalelanga kumbe bamukele
ukulaywa. 24 UTHIXO uthi: Kodwa nxa liqaphele ukungilalela, lingangenisi mthwalo
ngamasango edolobho leli ngeSabatha, kodwa ligcina usuku lweSabatha lungcwele
ngokungenzi msebenzi ngalo, 25 lapho-ke amakhosi ahlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaDavida azangena lezikhulu zawo ngamasango edolobho leli. Wona lezikhulu
zawo bazafika begade izinqola zempi lamabhiza, belabantu bakoJuda lalabo abahlala
eJerusalema; bahlale kulo idolobho kuze kube nininini. 26 Abantu bazakuza bevela
emadolobheni akoJuda lasemizini egqagqele iJerusalema, bevela elizweni lakoBhen-
jamini lasezintatshaneni zangasentshonalanga, bevela elizweni lamaqaqa laseNegebi,
beletha iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, iminikelo yamabele, impepha kanye
leminikelo yokubonga endlini KATHIXO. 27 Kodwa nxa lingangilaleli ekuthini ligcine
usuku lweSabatha lungcwele ngokungathwali mthwalo lapho lingena ngamasango
aseJerusalema ngosuku lweSabatha, lapho-ke ngizaphemba umlilo ongacitshekiyo
emasangweni eJerusalema ozaqothula izinqaba zalo.’ ”

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Endlini Yombumbi

1 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela KUTHIXO lisithi: 2 “Suka wehlele endlini
yombumbi, lapho engizakutshelela khona ilizwi lami.” 3 Ngakho ngehlela endlini
yombumbi, ngambona esebenza ngevili. 4 Kodwa imbiza ayeyibumba ngebumba
yonakala ezandleni zakhe; ngakho umbumbi wayenza yaba ngenye imbiza, ngendlela
ayibona ingcono kuye.

5 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kimi lisithi; 6 “Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ngingeze
ngenza kuwe njengokwenziwa ngumbumbi lo na?” kutsho UTHIXO. “Njengebumba
esandleni sombumbi lawe unjalo esandleni sami, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli. 7 Nxa
ngimemezela langasiphi isikhathi ukuthi isizwe loba umbuso uzasuswa udilizwe,
uchithwe, 8 kuthi isizwe leso engisixwayisileyo siphenduke ebubini baso, ngizaxola
ngingabe ngisasehlisela ebesengimise ukusehlisela khona. 9 Njalo nxa ngesinye
isikhathi ngimemezela ukuthi isizwe kumbe umbuso ngizawakha ngiwumise, 10 ube
ususenza ububi emehlweni ami njalo ungangilaleli, ngizacabanga kutsha ngokuhle
ebesengicebe ukukwenzela khona.
11 Ngakho khathesi tshela abantu bakoJuda lalabo abahlala eJerusalema uthi,
‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Khangelani! Ngilungisela ukulehlisela umonakalo
njalo ngibumba lecebo ngani. Ngakho phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi, omunye
lomunye wenu, lilungise izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu.’ 12 Kodwa bazaphendula
bathi, ‘Akusizi lutho. Sizaqhubeka ngamacebo ethu; lowo lalowo wethu uzalandela
ubulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe embi.’ ”
13 Ngakho UTHIXO uthi:
“Buzani phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi:
Ngubani owake wezwa okunjengalokhu na?
Kwenziwe into eyesabekayo kakhulu,
yenziwe yintombi egcweleyo u-Israyeli.
14 Ungqwaqwane waseLebhanoni
uyake unyamalale emithezukweni yayo elamatshe na?
Amanzi akhona aqandayo avela kude
ayake eme ukugeleza na?
15 Kodwa abantu bami sebengikhohliwe;
batshisela izithombe eziyize impepha,
ezabenza bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo
lasemikhondweni yasendulo.
Zabenza bahamba ngezindledlana zeganga
lasemigwaqweni engalungiswanga.
16 Ilizwe labo lizatshabalaliswa,
into yokuhlekwa usulu;
bonke abadlula khona bazakwethuka
banyikinye amakhanda abo.
17 Njengomoya ovela empumalanga,
ngizabahlakaza phambi kwezitha zabo;
ngizabafulathela ngibancitshe ubuso bami
ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo.”
18 Bona bathi, “Wozani sicebe amacebo amabi ngoJeremiya; ngoba ukufundisa
kwabaphristi umthetho akusoze kuphuthe, kumbe ukweluleka kwezihlakaniphi, loba
ilizwi elivela kubaphrofethi. Ngakho wozani, simhlasele ngemilomo yethu singananzi
lutho alutshoyo.”
19 Ake ungizwe, awu THIXO;
ulalele okutshiwo yizitha zami!
20 Okuhle kuphindiselwa ngokubi na?
Ikanti sebengimbele igodi.
Khumbula ukuba ngema phambi kwakho
ngabakhulumela
ukuba ususe ulaka lwakho kubo.
21 Ngakho-ke abantwababo banikele endlaleni;
ubaqhubele emandleni enkemba.

Abafazi babo kabangabi labantwana njalo babe ngabafelokazi;
amadoda abo kawabulawe,
amajaha akhona abulawe ngenkemba empini.
22 Kakuzwakale ukukhala ezindlini zabo,
lapho usulethe abahlaseli ukuba babajume,
ngoba sebegebhe igodi ukuba bangithumbe
njalo bathiya inyawo zami ngemijibila.
23 Kodwa uyawazi, wena THIXO,
wonke amaqhinga abo okungibulala.
Ungabathetheleli amacala abo
loba ucitshe izono zabo phambi kobuso bakho.
Kabachithwe phambi kwakho;
bahlasele ngesikhathi sokuthukuthela kwakho.

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1 Lokhu yikho akutshoyo UTHIXO: "Hamba uyethenga udiwo kumbumbi wezimbiza. Thatha abanye abadala babantu labanye babaphristi 2 uhambe labo esigodini seBheni-Hinomu, eduze lentuba yeSango loDengezi. Umemezele amazwi engikutshela wona, 3 uthi, 'Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO, lina makhosi akoJuda lani bantu abahlala eJerusalema. UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Lalelani! Ngizaletha umonakalo kule indawo ozabanda indlebe zomuntu wonke owuzwayo. 4 Ngoba bangidelile kwathi indawo le bayenza eyabonkulunkulu bezizweni; kuyo batshisele imihlatshelo onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, bona labokhokho babo kanye lamakhosi akoJuda, njalo indawo le sebayigcwalisa igazi labantu abangelacala. 5 Sebakhele uBhali izindawo eziphakemeyo ukuba batshise amadodana abo emlilweni njengeminikelo yokutshiswa kuBhali, into engingazange ngibalaye kumbe ngitsho ukuthi bayenze, kumbe ukuthi ike ifike engqondweni yami. 6 Ngakho qaphelani, insuku ziyeza, kutsho UTHIXO, lapho abantu bengayikubiza indawo le ngokuthi Thofethi loba iSigodi seBheni-Hinomu kodwa iSigodi sokuBulala.

7 Kuyonale indawo ngizawachitha amacebo kaJuda laweJerusalema. Ngizabenza bafe ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zabo, lasezandleni zalabo abafuna ukubabulala, njalo ngizanikela izidumbu zabo ukuba zibe yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga. 8 Idolobho leli ngizalichitha ngilenze libe yinto yokwesatshwa lenhlekisa; bonke abadlula khona bazathuthumela njalo baklolode ngenxa yamanxeba alo wonke. 9 Ngizabenza badle inyama yamadodana abo leyamadodakazi abo, njalo labo bazadlana inyama ngesikhathi esinzima sokuvinjezelwa kwabo yizitha ezifuna ukubabulala.'

10 Emva kwalokho bulala udiwo labo abahamba lawe bekhangele, 11 ubususithi kubo, 'UTHIXO uSomandla uthi: Ngizasiphahlaza isizwe lesi kanye ledolobho leli njengokuphahlazwa kodiwo lombumbi lolu olungeke lulungiswe futhi. Abafileyo bazabangcwaba eThofethi kuze kusweleke indawo. 12 Lokhu yikho engizakwenza kule indawo lakulabo abahlala lapha, kutsho UTHIXO. Idolobho leli ngizalenza lifanane leThofethi. 13 Izindlu zaseJerusalema kanye lezamakhosi akoJuda zizangcoliswa njengale indawo, iThofethi, zonke izindlu lapho abazatshisela khona impepha phezu kwezimpahla kuwo wonke amaxuku ezinkanyezi, bathelela abanye onkulunkulu umnikelo wokunathwayo.' "

14 UJeremiya wabuya evela eThofethi, lapho UTHIXO ayemthume ukuyaphrofetha khona, wasesima egumeni lethempeli LIKATHIXO wathi ebantwini bonke, 15 "UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Lalelani! Ngizakwehlisela kulelidolobho

lasemizini elizungezileyo wonke umonakalo engawutshoyo, ngoba izintamo zabo
zilukhuni njalo bayala ukulalela amazwi ami.’ ”

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UJeremiya LoPhashuri

1 Kwathi uPhashuri umphristi indodana ka-Imeri, induna enkulu ethempelini
LIKATHIXO, ezwe uJeremiya ephrofitha lezizinto, 2 wenza ukuthi uJeremiya umphro-
fethi atshaywe njalo wamvalela esitokisini eSangweni laPhezulu koBhenjamini
ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 3 Ngosuku olwalandelayo, uPhashuri esemkhupha esitokisini,
uJeremiya wathi kuye, “Ibizo lakho oliphiwe NGUTHIXO akusiPhashuri, kodwa
uMagori-Misabibi, 4 ngoba UTHIXO uthi: ‘Ngizakwenza ubelucuku ngokwakho lakubo
bonke abangane bakho; uzababona ngamehlo akho besiwa ngenkemba yezitha zabo.
UJuda wonke ngizamnikela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, ezabathumba ibase eBhabhiloni
loba ibabulale ngenkemba. 5 Yonke inotho yedolobho leli ngizayipha izitha zabo
lazozonke izithelo zalo, zonke izinto zalo eziligugu kanye lemfuyo yonke yamakhosi
akoJuda zizayithumba njengempango ziyithwalele eBhabhiloni. 6 Wena Phashuri,
labo bonke abahlala endlini yakho lizathunjwa liye eBhabhiloni. Uzafela khonale,
ungcwatshwe khonale, wena kanye labangane bakho bonke ophrofetha amanga
kubo.’ ”

Insolo KaJeremiya

7 Awu THIXO, wangiyenga, ngayengeka;
wangehlula wanqoba.
Ngiyahlekwa insuku zonke;
bonke bayangiklolodela.
8 Zonke izikhathi lapho ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala
ngimemezela ukuba kube lodlakela lokuchitheka.
Ngakho ilizwi LIKATHIXO selingilethele
isithuko lensolo ilanga lonke.
9 Kodwa nxa ngisithi, “Kangiyikumqamba
loba ngikhulume ngebizo lakhe futhi,”
ilizwi lakhe lisenhliziyweni yami njengomlilo,
umlilo ovalelwe emathanjeni ami.
Sengidiniwe ngokuligodla ngaphakathi;
impela, ngingeke nganelise.
10 Ngizwa abanengi benyenyeza besithi,
“Kulokuthuthumela indawo yonke!
Mmangaleleni! Kasimangalele!”
Abangane bami bonke
balindele ukuwa kwami, besithi,
“Mhlawumbe uzakhohliseka;
besesimehlula
siphindisele kuye.”

11 Kodwa UTHIXO ulami njengebutho elilamandla;
ngakho abangihluphayo bazakuwa banganqobi.
Bazakwehluleka njalo bayangeke kakhulu;
ihlazo labo kaliyikukhohlakala lanini.
12 Awu THIXO Somandla, wena ohlola abalungileyo,
uhlole inhliziyo lengqondo,
kangibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo,

ngoba indaba yami ngiyinikele kuwe.

13 Hlabelani uTHIXO!
Limdumise uTHIXO!
Uhlenga impilo yabaswelayo
ezandleni zababi.

14 Kaluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa ngalo!
Usuku umama angizala ngalo kalungabusiswa!
15 Kaqalekiswe umuntu owayabikela ubaba izindaba,
owamemeza wathaba, esithi,
"Uzalelwe indodana!"
16 Lowomuntu kabe njengamadolobho
uTHIXO awachitha kungekho sihawu.
Kezwe ukulila ekuseni,
lomkhosi wempi emini.
17 Ngoba kangibulalelanga esiswini,
umama enjengengcwaba lami,
isisu sakhe sikhukhumele kokuphela.
18 Ngaphumelani esiswini
ukuba ngibone uhlupho losizi
njalo akuthi ngiphethe insuku zami ngiphakathi kwehlazo?

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UNkulunkulu Uyasala Isicelo SikaZedekhiya

1 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela kuTHIXO lapho uZedekhiya inkosi wayethume kuye
uPhashuri indodana kaMalikhija lomphristi uZefaniya indodana kaMaseya. Bathi:
2 "Ake usibuzele kuTHIXO khathesi nje, ngoba uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni uyasihlasela. Mhlawumbe uTHIXO angasenzela izimanga njengasezikhathini
ezedlulayo ukuze asuke kithi."
3 Kodwa uJeremiya wathi kubo, "Tshelani uZedekhiya lithi: 4 'UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngiziphendulele kuwe izikhali zempi
ezisezandleni zakho, ozisebenzisayo ekulweni lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya angaphandle komduli ekuvimbezele. Njalo ngizawaqoqa phakathi kwalelidolobho.
5 Mina uqobo ngizakulwa lawe ngesandla eseluliweyo langengalo elamandla ngentukuthelo langokufuthelana kanye lolaka olukhulu. 6 Ngizabatshaya abahlala
kulelidolobho, abantu lezifuyo njalo bazabulawa yisifo esesabekayo. 7 Emva
kwalokho, kutsho uTHIXO, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezikhulu zakhe kanye
labantu bakulelidolobho abaphepha emkhuhlaneni, enkembeni lasendlaleni, ngizabanikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lasezitheni zabo ezifuna ukubabulala. Uzababulala ngenkemba; kayikuba lomusa kumbe uzwelo loba isihawu.'
8 Phezu kwalokho, abantu batshele uthi, 'UTHIXO uthi: Khangelani, ngiyalimisela
phambi kwenu indlela yokuphila lendlela yokufa. 9 Loba ngubani osala kulelidolobho
uzabulawa ngenkemba, yindlala loba ngumkhuhlane. Kodwa loba ngubani ophumayo kulo ayezinikela kumaKhaladiya alivimbezeleyo uzasila, aphunyuke lokuphila
kwakhe. 10 Sengiqonde ukwenza okubi kulelidolobho hatshi okuhle, kutsho uTHIXO.
Lizanikelwa ezandleni zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ezalitshabalalisa ngomlilo.'
11 Phezu kwalokho, wothi endlini yenkosi yakoJuda, 'Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO;
12 lina abendlu kaDavida, uTHIXO uthi:
Yenzani ukulunga insuku zonke ekuseni;
mhlengeni esandleni somncindezeli wakhe

lowo ophangiweyo,
hlezi ulaka lwami luqubuke, lutshise njengomlilo
ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo,
lutshise engekho ongalucitsha.
13 Ngimelane lawe, Jerusalema,
wena ohlala ngaphezu kwalesisigodi,
emagcekeni alamadwala, kutsho UTHIXO,
lina elithi, “Ngubani ongazasihlasela na?
Ngubani ongangena esiphephelweni sethu na?”
14 Ngizalijezisa njengokufanele izono zenu,
kutsho UTHIXO.
Ngizaphemba umlilo emahlathini enu
ozalobisa konke okuseduze lani.’ ”

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Ukwahlulelwa Kwamakhosi Angalunganga

1 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO: “Hamba wehlele endlini yenkosi yakoJuda umemezele
khona ilizwi leli uthi, 2 ‘Zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO, we nkosi yakoJuda, wena ohlala
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida, wena lezikhulu zakho kanye labantu bakho
abangena ngamasango la. 3 UTHIXO uthi: Yenzani okulungileyo lokuqondileyo.
Mhlenge esandleni somncindezeli wakhe lowo ophangiweyo. Lingenzi okubi loba
udlakela kowezizweni, intandane loba umfelokazi, njalo lingachithi igazi elingelacala
kule indawo. 4 Ngoba nxa linanzelela ukulandela imilayo le, amakhosi ahlala
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida azangena ngamasango ale indawo, egade izinqola
zempi lamabhiza, elezikhulu zawo kanye labantu bawo. 5 Kodwa nxa imilayo le
lingayilaleli, kutsho UTHIXO, ngifunga ngami ukuthi indawo le izakuba lunxiwa.’ ”
6 Ngoba mayelana lendawo yenkosi yakoJuda UTHIXO uthi:
“Lanxa unjengeGiliyadi kimi,
lanjengengqongo yeLebhanoni,
ngeqiniso ngizakwenza ufane lenkangala,
lanjengamadolobho angahlali muntu.
7 Ngizakuthumela abachithi,
indoda nganye ilezikhali zayo,
njalo bazaquma imijabo yenu emihle yemisedari
bayiphosele emlilweni.
8 Abantu abavela ezizweni ezinengi bazadlula kulelidolobho babuzane besithi,
‘Kungani UTHIXO enze into enje kulelidolobho elikhulu na?’ 9 Impendulo izakuthi:
‘Ngoba basidelile isivumelwano SIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo bakhonza abanye
onkulunkulu njalo babasebenzela.’ ”
10 Lingayikhaleli inkosi efileyo loba lililele ukulilahlekela kwayo;
kodwa, khalelani kakhulu othunjiweyo,
ngoba kasayikubuya
njalo loba abone ilizwe lakibo futhi.
11 Ngoba mayelana loShalumi indodana kaJosiya, owangena esikhundleni sikayise
esiba yinkosi yakoJuda kodwa osesukile kule indawo: UTHIXO uthi, “Kasoze abuye
futhi. 12 Uzafela kuleyondawo asiwa kuyo ethunjiwe; ilizwe leli kasoze alibone futhi.”
13 “Maye kuye owakha indlu yakhe yobukhosi ngokungalungi,
lezindlu zakhe zangaphezulu ngokungafanelanga,
esenza abantu bakibo basebenzele ize,
engabaholisi lutho ngokusebenza kwabo.

14 Uthi, ‘Ngizazakhela indlu enkulu yobukhosi
elezitezi ezibanzi.’
Ngakho uyenza ibe lamawindi amakhulu,
ayinameke ngemisidari,
ayicombe ngokubomvu.

15 Ukuba lemisedari eminenginengi
kukwenza ube yinkosi na?
Uyihlo kazange abe lokudla lokunathwayo na?
Wenza okuqondileyo lokulungileyo,
ngakho konke kwamlungela.
16 Wavikela amalungelo abayanga labaswelayo,
ngakho konke kwamlungela.
Lokho akusikho okutsho ukungazi na?”
kutsho uTHIXO.
17 “Kodwa amehlo akho lenhliziyo yakho
kukhangele inzuzo yenkohliso,
lokuchitha igazi elingelacala,
ukuncindezela kanye lodlakela.”
18 Ngakho mayelana loJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, uTHIXO uthi:
“Kabayikumkhalela besithi:
‘Maye ngomfowethu!
Maye ngodadewethu!’
Kabayikumkhalela besithi:
‘Maye ngenkosi yami!
Maye ngobuhle bayo obukhulu!’
19 Uzangcwatshwa njengobabhemi,
ahudulwe aphoselwe
ngaphandle kwamasango aseJerusalema.”

20 “Qansa uye eLebhanoni umemeze,
wenze ilizwi lakho lizwakale eBhashani;
memeza use-Abharimi,
ngoba bonke abamanyane lawe banqotshiwe.
21 Ngakuxwayisa uzibona uvikelekile,
kodwa wena wathi, ‘Angiyikulalela!’
Le ibe iyindlela yakho kusukela ebutsheni bakho;
kawungilalelanga.
22 Umoya uzabaxotshela khatshana bonke abelusi bakho,
labamanyene lawe bazathunjwa.
Lapho-ke uzayangeka ube lenhloni
ngenxa yobubi bakho bonke.
23 Lina abahlala ‘eLebhanoni,’
eligcineke kuhle ezindlini zemisedari,
lizababula kakhulu lapho inhlungu zilehlela,
ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ehelelwa!”
24 UTHIXO uthi, “Ngeqiniso njengoba ngikhona, lanxa ngabe wena, Jehoyakhini ndodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, wawuyindandatho ebukekayo esandleni sami sokunene, ngangizakukhupha. 25 Ngizakunikela kulabo abafuna ukukubulala, labo obesabayo, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lakumaKhaladiya. 26 Wena kanye lonyoko owakuzalayo ngizaliphosela kwelinye ilizwe, lapho elingazalelwanga

khona, lapho elizafela khona lobabili. 27 Kaliyikuphinda libuye elizweni elifisa ukuza kulo.”
28 Umuntu lo, uJehoyakhini, uyimbiza efileyo,
edelelwayo, into engafunwa muntu na?
Kungani yena labantwabakhe bezaphoselwa ngaphandle,
balahlelwe elizweni abangalaziyo na?
29 Wena lizwe, lizwe, lizwe,
zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO!
30 UTHIXO uthi:
“Bhalani umuntu lo njengongelabantwana,
umuntu ongayikuphumelela empilweni yakhe,
ngoba kakho owenzalo yakhe ozaphumelela,
kakho ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida
loba abuse futhi koJuda.”

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Ugatsha Olulungileyo

1 “Maye kubelusi abachitha izimvu zedlelo lami njalo bezihlakaza!” kutsho UTHIXO.
2 Ngakho UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi kubelusi abelusa abantu bami:
“Ngenxa yokuthi lina lihlakaze umhlambi wami lawuxotshela khatshana kalaze lawunaka, ngizakwehlisela isijeziso phezu kwenu ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo,”
kutsho UTHIXO. 3 “Mina ngokwami ngizabutha insalela zezimvu zami emazweni wonke engangizixotshele kuwo ngizibuyisele edlelweni lazo, lapho ezizazalana khona zande. 4 Ngizazilethela abelusi abazazelusa, njalo kazisayikwesaba loba zithuthumele, loba enye yazo ilahleke,” kutsho UTHIXO.
5 UTHIXO uthi, “Ziyeza insuku,
lapho uDavida ngizamvusela uGatsha olulungileyo,
iNkosi ezabusa ngokuhlakanipha,
yenze okulungileyo, lokufaneleyo elizweni.
6 Ensukwini zayo uJuda uzasindiswa,
lo-Israyeli ahlale evikelekile.
Ibizo azabizwa ngalo yileli elithi:
UTHIXO Oyikulunga Kwethu.”

7 UTHIXO uthi, “Ngakho-ke, insuku ziyeza, lapho abantu bengasayikuthi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ekhona, yena owakhupha u-Israyeli eGibhithe,’ 8 kodwa bazakuthi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ekhona, yena owakhipha izizukulwane zika-Israyeli elizweni elisenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe abaxotshela kuwo.’ Lapho-ke bazahlala elizweni labo.”

Abaphrofethi Abaqamba Amanga

9 Mayelana labaphrofethi:
Inhliziyo yami idabukile ngaphakathi kwami;
wonke amathambo ami ayaqhaqhazela.
Ngifana lomuntu odakiweyo,
lanjengomuntu owehlulwa liwayini,
ngenxa KATHIXO
lamazwi akhe angcwele.
10 Ilizwe leli ligcwele izifebe;
ngenxa yesiqalekiso ilizwe lomile
lamadlelo enkangala abunile.

Abaphrofethi balandela indlela embi,
basebenzisa amandla abo ngokungalungi.

11 “Umphrofethi lomphristi kabakholwa kunkulunkulu;
lasethempelini lami ngiyabufumana ububi babo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
12 “Ngakho indlela yabo izatshelela;
bazaxotshelwa emnyameni
njalo lapho bazakuwa.
Ngizabehlisela umonakalo ngomnyaka wokujeziswa kwabo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

13 “Phakathi kwabaphrofethi baseSamariya
ngabona into eyenyanyekayo:
Baphrofetha ngoBhali
njalo baholela abantu bami ekulahlekeni.
14 Lakubaphrofethi baseJerusalema
sengibone into eyesabekayo:
Bayafeba baphile ngamanga.
Baqinisa izandla zabenza okubi,
ukuba kungabikhona oguquka ebubini bakhe.
Kimi bonke banjengeSodoma;
abantu baseJerusalema banjengeGomora.”
15 Ngakho, mayelana labaphrofethi uTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Ngizabenza badle ukudla okubabayo,
banathe lamanzi aletshefu,
ngoba kusukela kubaphrofethi baseJerusalema
ukungakholwa kuNkulunkulu sekugcwele ilizwe lonke.”
16 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Lingalaleli okuphrofethwa ngabaphrofethi kini;
balenza lithembe amanga.
Bakhuluma imibono evela ezingqondweni zabo,
engaveli emlonyeni kaTHIXO.
17 Bahlala besithi kulabo abangidelelayo,
‘UTHIXO uthi: Lizakuba lokuthula.’
Lakubo bonke abalandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo
bathi, ‘Akulabubi obuzalehlela.’
18 Kodwa nguphi wabo owake wema emhlanganweni kaTHIXO
ukuba abone kumbe ezwe ilizwi lakhe na?
Ngubani olilaleleyo walizwa ilizwi lakhe?
19 Khangelani, isiphepho sikaTHIXO
sizaphutsha silulaka,
isavunguzane esibhoda ngolaka
phezu kwamakhanda ababi.
20 Ulaka lukaTHIXO kaluyikuphela
aze azifeze ngokupheleleyo
injongo zenhliziyo yakhe.
Ensukwini ezizayo
lizakuzwisisa kuhle lokhu.
21 Abaphrofethi laba angibathumanga;
kodwa bagijima lemibiko yabo;

kangizange ngikhulume labo,
kodwa sebephrofethile.
22 Kodwa aluba babekhona emhlanganweni wami,
ngabe bamemezela amazwi ami ebantwini bami
njalo ngabe babaphendula ezindleleni zabo ezimbi
lasezenzweni zabo ezimbi.”

23 UTHIXO uthi,
“NginguNkulunkulu oseduze kuphela,
uNkulunkulu ongekho khatshana na?
24 Umuntu angacatsha endaweni efihlakeleyo
ukuba ngingamboni na?”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Angithi ngigcwele ezulwini lasemhlabeni na?”
kutsho UTHIXO.
25 “Ngikuzwile okutshiwo ngabaphrofethi abaphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Bathi, ‘Ngiphuphile! Ngiphuphile!’ 26 Koze kube nini lokhu kuqhubeka ez-inhliziyweni zalaba abaphrofethi abalamanga na? 27 Bacabanga ukuthi amaphupho abawatshelanayo azakwenza abantu bami bakhohlwe ibizo lami, njengabokhokho babo abakhohlwa ibizo lami ngenxa yokukhonza uBhali. 28 Akuthi umphrofethi ophupha iphupho kalitsho, kodwa lowo olelizwi lami kalikhulume ngobuqotho, ngoba amakhoba angenzani lamabele na?” kutsho UTHIXO. 29 “Ilizwi lami kalinjengomlilo,” kutsho UTHIXO, “lanjengesando esidabula idwala libe yizicucu na?”
30 UTHIXO uthi, “Ngakho, ngimelana labaphrofethi abantshontsha kwabanye amazwi okuthiwa avela kimi. 31 Yebo, ngimelana labaphrofethi abasebenzisa indimi zabo kodwa bathi, ‘UTHIXO uthi,’ 32 Ngeqiniso, ngimelana lalabo abaphrofetha amaphupho amanga,” kutsho UTHIXO. “Bayawatsho baholele abantu bami ekulahlekeni ngamanga abo lamawala, ikanti angizange ngibathume kumbe ngibakhethe. Kababasizi ngalutho abantu laba,” kutsho UTHIXO.

Isiphrofethi Samanga

33 “Nxa abantu laba, loba umphrofethi kumbe umphristi, bebuza besithi, ‘Izilo LIKATHIXO kuyini?’ wothi kubo, ‘Izilo liphi? Ngizakulahla, kutsho UTHIXO.’ 34 Nxa umphrofethi loba umphristi kumbe omunye umuntu esithi, ‘Leli lizilo LIKATHIXO,’ lowomuntu ngizamjezisa kanye labendlu yakhe. 35 Lokhu yikho omunye wenu ohlala ekutsho kumngane wakhe loba isihlobo sakhe ukuthi: ‘Impendulo KATHIXO ithini na?’ loba ‘UTHIXO utheni?’ 36 Kodwa akumelanga lithi ‘izilo LIKATHIXO’ futhi, ngoba umuntu wonke ilizwi lakhe liba lizilo lakhe ngoba liyawahlanekela amazwi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu wethu. 37 Lokhu yikho elihlala likutsho kumphrofethi ukuthi, ‘Impendulo KATHIXO kuwe ithini?’ loba ‘UThixo utheni?’ 38 Lanxa lina lisithi, ‘Leli lizilo LIKATHIXO,’ UTHIXO uthi: Lasebenzisa amazwi athi, ‘Leli lizilo LIKATHIXO.’ Lanxa mina ngalitshela ukuthi lingabokuthi, ‘Leli lizilo LIKATHIXO.’ 39 Ngakho, ngeqiniso ngizalikhohlwa ngiliphosele khatshana lami kanye ledolobho engalinika lona lina labokhokho benu. 40 Ngizalehlisela ihlazo elingapheliyo lokuyangeka okungayikukhohlakala.”

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Izitsha Ezimbili Zomkhiwa

1 Emva kokuba uJekhoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda lezikhulu, izingcitshi kanye lezisebenzi zakoJuda sebethunjwe eJerusalema basiwa eBhabhiloni nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, UTHIXO wangitshengisa izitsha ezimbili

zomkhiwa zibekwe phambi kwethempeli LIKATHIXO. 2 Esinye isitsha sasilomkhiwa omuhle kakhulu, njengovuthwa kuqala; esinye isitsha sasilomkhiwa omubi, ubolile ungeke wadleka.

3 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Kuyini okubonayo, Jeremiya?”

Ngathi, “Ngumkhiwa. Omuhle muhle kakhulu, kodwa omubi ubole kakhulu ungeke udliwe.”

4 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kimi lisithi: 5 “UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Njengalo umkhiwa omuhle, ngibathatha njengabalungileyo abathunjwa bakoJuda, engabasusa kule indawo ngabasa elizweni laseBhabhiloni. 6 Amehlo ami azabakhangela kokuphela, njalo ngizababuyisa kulelilizwe. Ngizabakha ngingabadilizi; ngizabahlanyela ngingabasiphuni. 7 Ngizabapha inhliziyo yokungazi, ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba bazabuyela kimi ngenhliziyo yabo yonke.

8 Kodwa njengomkhiwa omubi, obolileyo ongeke udliwe,’ kutsho UTHIXO, ‘ngizamphatha kanjalo uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezikhulu zakhe kanye labasindayo eJerusalema, langabe basele kulelilizwe loba baseGibhithe. 9 Ngizabenza bazondakale njalo babe yisinengiso kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni, insolo lesiga, into yokuhlekwa lokuthukwa, loba kungaphi engibaxotshela khona. 10 Ngizathumela inkemba, indlala lomkhuhlane baze babhujiswe baphele elizweni engabanika lona kanye labokhokho babo.’ ”

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Iminyaka Yokuthunjwa Engamatshumi Ayisikhombisa

1 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya mayelana labantu bonke bakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, okwakungumnyaka wokuqala kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. 2 Ngakho uJeremiya umphrofethi wathi kubo bonke abantu bakoJuda lakubo bonke abahlala eJerusalema: 3 Okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu, kusukela ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu kaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda kuze kube yilolusuku, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi njalo ngalikhuluma kini njalonjalo, kodwa kalilalelanga.

4 Lanxa UTHIXO wathumela zonke izinceku zakhe abaphrofethi kini njalonjalo, kalilalelanga njalo kalinakanga. 5 Bathi, “Phendukani khathesi, omunye lomunye wenu, ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lasezenzweni zenu ezimbi, lihlale elizweni UTHIXO alinika lona kanye labokhokho benu kuze kube nininini. 6 Lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba libasebenzele njalo libakhonze; lingangithukuthelisi ngalokho okwenziwa yizandla zenu. Lapho-ke angiyikulehlisela okubi.”

7 “Kodwa kalingilalelanga,” kutsho UTHIXO, “njalo lingithukuthelisile ngokwenziwa ngezandla zenu, lazehlisela okubi.”

8 Ngakho UTHIXO uSomandla uthi: “Ngenxa yokuthi kalilalelanga amazwi ami, 9 ngizabiza bonke abantu basenyakatho lenceku yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,” kutsho UTHIXO, “njalo ngizabaletha ukuba bamelane lelizwe leli labahlala kulo kanye lezizwe zonke eziseduze lalo. Ngizababhubhisa ngokupheleleyo ngibenze babe yinto eyesabekayo leyokuklolodelwa, lencithakalo yanini lanini. 10 Ngizasusa phakathi kwabo imisindo yokuthokoza lokuthaba, lelizwi lomlobokazi lelomyeni, lomsindo wamatshe okuchola kanye lokukhanya kwesibane. 11 Ilizwe leli lonke lizakuba yinkangala ephundlekileyo, lezizwe lezi zizasebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa.

12 Kodwa lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile, ngizayijezisa inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lesizwe sayo, ilizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngenxa yobubi babo,” kutsho UTHIXO, “njalo ngizalenza lichitheke kokuphela. 13 Ngizakwehlisela phezu

kwelizwe lelo zonke izinto engazitshoyo ngalo, konke okulotshwe encwadini le
okwaphrofethwa nguJeremiya ezizweni zonke. 14 Lazo uqobo zizathunjwa yiz-
izwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu; ngizaphindisela kubo mayelana lezenzo zabo
langemisebenzi yezandla zabo.”

Inkezo Yolaka LukaNkulunkulu

15 UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi kimi, “Yamukela esandleni sami
inkezo le egcwele iwayini lolaka lwami unathise zonke izizwe engikuthuma kuzo.
16 Zingalinatha, zizadiyazela zihlanye ngenxa yenkemba engizayithumela phakathi
kwazo.” 17 Ngakho ngayithatha inkezo esandleni sikaTHIXO ngazinathisa zonke izizwe
ayengithume kuzo:

18 IJerusalema lamadolobho akoJuda, amakhosi akhona kanye lezikhulu, ukubenza
babe yincithakalo lento eyesabekayo yokuklolodelwa lokuqalekiswa, njengoba
benjalo lamhla;
19 uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, lezinceku zakhe, lezikhulu zakhe kanye labantu bakhe
bonke, 20 labantu bonke bezizweni abakhonale;
wonke amakhosi ase-Uzi;
wonke amakhosi amaFilistiya (awe-Ashikheloni, eGaza, e-Ekroni, labantu abasala
e-Ashidodi);
21 e-Edomi, leMowabi kanye le-Amoni;
22 wonke amakhosi aseThire, leSidoni;
amakhosi amazwe angasolwandle ngaphetsheya kwalo,
23 eDedani, leThema leBhuzi labo bonke abasezindaweni ezikhatshana;
24 wonke amakhosi ase-Arabhiya lawo wonke amakhosi abantu bezizweni abahlala
enkangala;
25 amakhosi wonke aseZimri, le-Elamu leMediya;
26 lawo amakhosi asenyakatho, eduze lakhatshana, elandelana, yonke imibuso
esemhlabeni.
Emva kwabo bonke, inkosi yaseSheshaki layo izalinatha.

27 “Lapho-ke batshele uthi, ‘UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi:
Nathani, lidakwe lihlanze, njalo liwe lingavuki futhi ngenxa yenkemba engiza-
yithumela phakathi kwenu.’ 28 Kodwa bangala ukwamukela inkezo esandleni
sakho ukuba banathe, batshele uthi, ‘UTHIXO uSomandla uthi: Kumele liyinathe!
29 Khangelani, sengiqalisile ukuletha umonakalo edolobheni elileBizo lami, njalo lina
lizaphutha impela ukujeziswa na? Kaliyikuphutha ukujeziswa ngoba ngizakwehlisela
inkemba phezu kwabo bonke abahlala emhlabeni, kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.’
30 Khathesi-ke phrofetha wonke amazwi la ngabo uthi kubo:
‘UTHIXO uzahlokoma ephezulu;
uzaduma esendaweni yakhe engcwele,
njalo ahlokome kakhulu emelana lelizwe lakhe.
Uzamemeza njengabahluza amavini,
akhwaze ngamandla ekhwazela bonke abahlala emhlabeni.
31 Ukuxokozela kuzazwakala emikhawulweni yomhlaba,
ngoba UTHIXO uzazethesa amacala izizwe;
uzakwahlulela abantu bonke
ababi ababhubhise ngenkemba,’ ”
kutsho UTHIXO.
32 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla:
“Khangelani! Umonakalo uyanda
usuka kwesinye isizwe usiya kwesinye;

isiphepho esikhulu siyavunguza
sivela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.”
33 Ngalesosikhathi labo ababulewe NGUTHIXO bazakuba sezindaweni zonke kusukela
komunye kusiya komunye umkhawulo womhlaba. Kabayikukhalelwa loba babuthwe
kumbe bangcwatshwe, kodwa bazakuba njengezibi emhlabathini.
34 Khalani lilile lina belusi;
giqikani ethulini lina bakhokheli bomhlambi.
Ngoba isikhathi sokubulawa kwenu sesifikile;
lizakuwa liphohlozeke njengokubunjiweyo.
35 Abelusi laba kabayikuba lalapho abangabalekela khona,
abakhokheli bomhlambi bengelandawo yokubalekela kuyo.
36 Zwanini ukukhala kwabelusi,
ukulila kwabakhokheli bomhlambi,
ngoba UTHIXO uyalichitha idlelo labo.
37 Lamadlelo alokuthula azatshabalaliswa
ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo LUKATHIXO.
38 Njengesilwane uzaphuma esikhundleni sakhe,
njalo ilizwe labo lizakuba yinkangala
ngenxa yenkemba yomncindezeli
langenxa yolaka LUKATHIXO olwesabekayo.

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UJeremiya Usongelwa Ukubulawa

1 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda,
kwafika ilizwi leli livela KUTHIXO lisithi, 2 “UTHIXO uthi: Mana egumeni lendlu
KATHIXO ukhulume kubo bonke abantu basemadolobheni akoJuda abeza endlini
KATHIXO ukuba bakhonze. Batshele konke engakulaya khona, kungabi lelizwi olit-
shiyayo. 3 Mhlawumbe bazalalela omunye lomunye wabo aphenduke endleleni yakhe
embi. Lapho-ke ngizadeda ngingabehliseli umonakalo ebengizawenza kubo ngenxa
yobubi ababenzileyo. 4 Tshono kubo uthi, ‘UTHIXO uthi: Nxa lingangilaleli lilandele
umthetho wami engalibekela wona, 5 njalo nxa lingalaleli amazwi ezinceku zami
abaphrofethi, engabathuma kini njalonjalo (lanxa lingalalelanga), 6 ngizakwenza
indlu le ibe njengeShilo ledolobho leli libe yinto yokuqalekiswa phakathi kwezizwe
zonke zomhlaba.’ ”
7 Abaphristi, labaphrofethi kanye labantu bonke bamuzwa uJeremiya ekhuluma
amazwi la endlini KATHIXO. 8 Kodwa kwathi uJeremiya eqeda nje ukubatshela
bonke abantu konke UTHIXO ayemlaye ukuba akutsho, abaphristi, labaphrofethi
kanye labantu bonke bamphuthuma bathi kuye, “Kumele ufe! 9 Kungani uphrofetha
ngebizo LIKATHIXO usithi indlu le izakuba njengeShilo ledolobho leli lizachitheka
abantu basuke kulo?” Abantu bonke bambuthanela uJeremiya endlini KATHIXO.
10 Kwathi izikhulu zakoJuda sezizwe ngalezizinto, zaya endlini KATHIXO zisuka
esigodlweni senkosi zahlala ezindaweni zazo entubeni yeSango elitsha lendlu
KATHIXO. 11 Abaphristi, labaphrofethi basebesithi ezikhulwini lasebantwini bonke,
“Umuntu lo kumele agwetshelwe ukufa ngoba uphrofetha kubi ngedolobho leli.
Likuzwile ngezindlebe zenu!”
12 UJeremiya wasesithi ezikhulwini zonke lasebantwini bonke: “UTHIXO ungithu-
mile ukuba ngiphrofethe kubi ngendlu le langedolobho leli zonke izinto elizizwileyo.
13 Ngakho lungisani izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu lilalele UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu. Ngalokho UTHIXO uzadeda angabe esalehlisela umonakalo abememezele
ukuwehlisela kini. 14 Kodwa mina, ngisezandleni zenu; yenzani kimi loba kuyini

lokho elikubona kukuhle, kufanele. 15 Kodwa likwazi, impela ukuthi lingangibulala,
lizakwehlisela phezu kwenu icala legazi elimsulwa laphezu kwedolobho leli kanye
laphezu kwabantu abahlala kulo, ngoba ngeqiniso UTHIXO ungithumile kini ukuba
ngikhulume wonke amazwi la lani lisizwa."
16 Izikhulu labantu bonke basebesithi kubaphristi lakubaphrofethi, "Umuntu lo
akumelanga abulawe! Ukhulume kithi ngebizo LIKATHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu."
17 Abanye babadala baselizweni basondela phambili bakhuluma kulolonke ibandla
labantu bathi, 18 *"UMikha waseMoreshethi waphrofitha ensukwini zikaHezekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda. Wabatshela bonke abantu bakoJuda wathi, 'UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
IZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu,
iJerusalema izakuba yinqwaba yemfucuza,
intaba yethempeli ibe yindunduma eyande izixukwana.'
19 Kanje uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda loba omunye umuntu nje wakoJuda wambulala
na? UHezekhiya kamesabanga yini UTHIXO wacela umusa kuye? UTHIXO kadedanga
wayekela ukubehlisela umonakalo ayewumemezele kubo na? Sekuseduze ukuthi
sizehlisele umonakalo owesabekayo phezu kwethu!"
20 (U-Uriya indodana kaShemaya owaseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi ungomunye umuntu
owaphrofetha ngebizo LIKATHIXO: waphrofitha izinto ezinjalo ngedolobho leli
langelizwe leli njengoJeremiya. 21 Kwathi inkosi uJehoyakhimi lezinduna zakhe
kanye lezikhulu zakhe besizwa amazwi akhe, bafuna ukumbulala. Kodwa u-Uriya
wakuzwa lokho wasebalekela eGibhithe esesaba. 22 UJehoyakhimi inkosi, wathuma
u-Elinathani indodana ka-Akhibhori lamanye amadoda eGibhithe. 23 Bamthatha
u-Uriya eGibhithe bamusa kuJehoyakhimi inkosi wambulala ngenkemba isidumbu
sakhe saphoselwa endaweni yokungcwabela abantukazana.)
24 Phezu kwalokho, u-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani wasekela uJeremiya, ngakho
kanikezwanga ebantwini ukuba bambulale.

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UJuda Uzasebenzela UNebhukhadineza

1 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, ilizwi
leli lafika kuJeremiya livela KUTHIXO lisithi: 2 UTHIXO wathi kimi, "Yenza ijogwe
ngemichilo langemigoqo uligaxe entanyeni yakho. 3 Ubusuthumela ilizwi enkosini
yase-Edomi, leyaseMowabi, leyase-Amoni, eyeThire kanye leyaseSidoni ngezithun-
ywa ezize eJerusalema kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. 4 Zinike ilizwi eliya emakhosini
azo uthi, 'UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Tshelani amakhosi enu
lokhu ukuthi: 5 Ngamandla ami amakhulu langengalo yami eyeluliweyo ngenza
umhlaba labantu bawo kanye lezinyamazana ezikuwo, njalo ngiwunika loba ngubani
ngokuthanda kwami. 6 Khathesi wonke amazwe enu ngizawanikela encekwini yami
uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ngizakwenza lezinyamazana zeganga zibe
ngaphansi kwakhe. 7 Izizwe zonke zizamsebenzela yena lamadodana akhe kanye
labazukulu bakhe kuze kufike isikhathi selizwe lakhe lapho azanqotshwa khona
yizizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu.
8 Kodwa, loba yisiphi isizwe loba umbuso ongasebenzeli uNebhukhadineza
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni loba ukhothamisele intamo yawo ejogeni lakhe, ngizasijezisa
lesosizwe ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo, ngize ngiwuchithe ngesandla sakhe,
kutsho UTHIXO. 9 Ngakho lingabalaleli abaphrofethi benu, izanuse zenu, abachazi
bamaphupho, izangoma zenu loba izinyanga zenu ezithi kini, kaliyikuyisebenzela
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.' 10 Baphrofetha amanga kini azasebenza ukulisusa nje

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kuphela emazweni enu; ngizalixotsha njalo lizabhubha. 11 Kodwa isizwe esizabeka intamo yaso ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni siyisebenzele, lesosizwe ngizasiyekela siselizweni laso ukuba sililime njalo sihlale kulo, kutsho uTHIXO.”

12 UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ngamnika ilizwi elinjalo; Ngathi, “Beka intamo yakho ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni; isebenzele yona kanye labantu bayo, uzaphila. 13 Kungani wena labantu bakho lizabulawa ngenkemba, indlala lesifo uTHIXO ayesongele ngakho isizwe esingayikusebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni na? 14 Lingawalaleli amazwi abaphrofethi abathi kini, ‘Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,’ ngoba baphrofetha amanga kini. 15 ‘Angibathumanga,’ kutsho uTHIXO. ‘Baphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Ngakho ngizalixotsha, libhubhe lina kanye labaphrofethi abaphrofetha kini.’ ”

16 Ngasengisithi kubaphristi lakubo bonke abantu laba, “UTHIXO uthi: Lingabalaleli abaphrofethi abathi, ‘Masinyane nje izitsha zasendlini kaTHIXO zizabuyiswa zivela eBhabhiloni.’ Baphrofetha amanga kini. 17 Lingabalaleli. Isebenzeleni inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, lizaphila. Kungani idolobho leli kumele libe lunxiwa na? 18 Nxa bengabaphrofethi njalo belelizwi likaTHIXO, kabamncenge uTHIXO uSomandla ukuba izitsha eziseleyo endlini kaTHIXO lasesigodlweni senkosi yakoJuda kanye laseJerusalema zingasiwa eBhabhiloni. 19 Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguTHIXO uSomandla mayelana lensika, loLwandle, lokokumisa okuphakamisekayo kanye lezinye izitsha eziseleyo kulelidolobho, 20 uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni engahambanga layo ekuthatheni kwakhe uJehoyakhini indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda emsusa eJerusalema emusa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni, kanye lezikhulu zonke zakoJuda lezeJerusalema, 21 yebo, lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, mayelana lezinto eziseleyo endlini kaTHIXO lasesigodlweni senkosi yakoJuda kanye laseJerusalema ukuthi: 22 ‘Zizasiwa eBhabhiloni lapho ezizakuba khona kuze kufike usuku engizazilanda ngalo,’ kutsho uTHIXO. ‘Lapho-ke ngizazibuyisela emuva kule indawo.’ ”

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UHananiya Umphrofethi Wamanga

1 Ngenyanga yesihlanu yawonalowo umnyaka, umnyaka wesine, ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, umphrofethi uHananiya indodana ka-Azuri, owayevela eGibhiyoni, wathi kimi endlini kaTHIXO phambi kwabaphristi labantu bonke: 2 “UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: ‘Ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni. 3 Phakathi kweminyaka emibili ngizazibuyisela kule indawo zonke izitsha zendlu kaTHIXO ezathathwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wazisa eBhabhiloni. 4 Ngizambuyisela kule indawo futhi uJekhoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda kanye labanye bonke abathunjwa koJuda baya eBhabhiloni,’ kutsho uTHIXO, ‘ngoba ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni.’ ”

5 Umphrofethi uJeremiya waphendula umphrofethi uHananiya phambi kwabaphristi labantu bonke ababemi endlini kaTHIXO. 6 Wathi, “Ameni! Sengathi uTHIXO angamenzenjalo! Sengathi uTHIXO angagcwalisa amazwi owaphrofethayo ngokubuyisela kule indawo izitsha zendlu kaTHIXO labo bonke abathunjelwa eBhabhiloni. 7 Lanxa kunjalo, lalela kulokhu engikutsho lawe usizwa kanye labantu bonke besizwa ukuthi: 8 Kusukela ezikhathini zakuqala abaphrofethi abandulela wena lami baphrofetha ngempi, ngomonakalo langesifo emazweni amanengi lasemibusweni emikhulu. 9 Kodwa umphrofethi ophrofetha ngokuthula uzakwaziwa njengothunywe nguTHIXO sibili lapho ilizwi lakhe seligcwalisekile.”

10 Lapho-ke uHananiya umphrofethi wasusa ijogwe entanyeni kaJeremiya umphrofethi walephula, 11 wasesithi phambi kwabantu bonke, “UTHIXO uthi: ‘Ngizalephula kanjalo ijogwe likaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni entanyeni zezizwe zonke phakathi kweminyaka emibili.’ ” Ngemva kwalokho umphrofethi uJeremiya wasuka wazihambela.

12 Masinyane nje emuva kokuba umphrofethi uHananiya ephule ijogwe entanyeni kaJeremiya umphrofethi, kwafika ilizwi LIKATHIXO kuJeremiya lisithi: 13 “Hamba uyetshela uHananiya uthi, ‘UTHIXO uthi: Wephule ijogwe lesigodo, kodwa esikhundleni salo uzakuba lejogwe lensimbi. 14 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizabeka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni zezizwe zonke lezi ukuba zisebenzele uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, zizamsebenzela. Ngizamnika amandla laphezu kwezinyamazana zeganga.’ ”

15 Umphrofethi uJeremiya wasesithi kuHananiya umphrofethi, “Lalela, Hananiya! UTHIXO kakuthumanga, kodwa usuwenze isizwe lesi sathemba amanga. 16 Ngakho, UTHIXO uthi, ‘Sekuseduze ukuthi ngikususe ebusweni bomhlaba. Ngawonalo umnyaka uzakufa, ngoba uphrofithe ukuhlamukela UTHIXO.’ ”

17 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa yalowomnyaka, uHananiya umphrofethi wafa.

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Incwadi Kwabasekuthunjweni

1 La ngamazwi encwadi umphrofethi uJeremiya ayithumela eseJerusalema ebadaleni abasindayo phakathi kwabathunjwayo lakubaphristi, abaphrofethi, lakubo bonke abantu uNebhukhadineza abathatha eJerusalema wabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. 2 (Lokhu kwakungemva kokuba inkosi uJekhoniya lendlovukazi engunina, izikhulu zasemthethwandaba kanye labadala bakoJuda labaseJerusalema, izingcitshi lezingcwethi basebeye ekuthunjweni besuka eJerusalema.) 3 Incwadi leyo wayiphathisa u-Eleyasa indodana kaShafani loGemariya indodana kaHilikhiya, abathunywa nguZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kuNebhukhadineza eBhabhiloni. Yathi:

4 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi kubo bonke labo engabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni besuka eJerusalema: 5 “Yakhani izindlu lihlale phansi; limani izivande lidle izithelo zazo. 6 Thathani abafazi lizale amadodana lamadodakazi; dingelani amadodana enu abafazi lendise lamadodakazi enu, ukuze lawo abe lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi; inani lenu lande ngapho; lingehli. 7 Funani ukuthula lokuphumelela kwedolobho engilise ekuthunjweni kulo. Likhulekeleni KUTHIXO, ngoba nxa liphumelela lani lizaphumelela.” 8 Ye, UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, “Lingavumeli ukuthi abaphrofethi labahlahluli abaphakathi kwenu balikhohlise. Lingawalaleli amaphupho elibakhuthaza ukuthi bawaphuphe. 9 Baphrofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami. Kangibathumanga,” kutsho UTHIXO.

10 UTHIXO uthi: “Lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile eBhabhiloni, ngizakuza kini ngigcwalise isithembiso sami somusa sokulibuyisela kule indawo. 11 Ngoba ngiyawazi amacebo engilawo ngani,” kutsho UTHIXO, “amacebo okuliphumelelisa hatshi ukulilimaza, amacebo okulinika ithemba kanye lesikhathi esizayo. 12 Ngalesosikhathi lizangibiza lizekhuleka kimi, njalo ngizalizwa. 13 Lizangidinga lingifumane nxa lingidinga ngenhliziyo yenu yonke. 14 Lizangifumana,” kutsho UTHIXO, “njalo ngizalibuyisa livela ekuthunjweni. Ngizaliqoqa ezizweni zonke lasezindaweni zonke engalixotshela kuzo,” kutsho UTHIXO, “njalo ngilibuyise endaweni engalithatha kuyo ngilisa ekuthunjweni.”

15 Lingatsho lithi, “UTHIXO usesiphe abaphrofethi eBhabhiloni,” 16 kodwa UTHIXO uthi mayelana lenkosi ehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida labantu

bonke abasala kulelidolobho, abantu bakini abangahambanga lani ekuthunjweni,
17 yebo, UTHIXO uSomandla uthi, “Ngizabathumela inkemba, lendlala lesifo njalo
ngizabenza babe njengomkhiwa obolileyo ongeke udliwe. 18 Ngizaxotshana labo
ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo njalo ngizabenza benyanyeke kuyo yonke imibuso
yasemhlabeni njalo babe yinto yokuqalekiswa lokwesatshwa, ukuklolodelwa
lokuthukwa, phakathi kwezizwe zonke engibaxotshela kuzo. 19 Ngoba kabawalale-
langa amazwi ami,” kutsho UTHIXO, “amazwi engawathumela kubo njalonjalo
ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi. Lani abasekuthunjweni kalilalelanga,” kutsho
UTHIXO.
20 Ngakho, zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO, lonke lina elisekuthunjweni engalisusa
eJerusalema ngalisa eBhabhiloni. 21 Mayelana lo-Ahabi indodana kaKholaya
loZedekhiya indodana kaMaseya, abaphrofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami, UTHIXO
uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: “Ngizabanikela kuNebhukhadineza
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ozababulala phambi kobuso benu. 22 Ngenxa yabo, bonke
abathunjiweyo abavela koJuda abaseBhabhiloni bazasebenzisa isiqalekiso lesi
sokuthi: ‘UTHIXO makenze kini njengalokhu akwenze kuZedekhiya lo-Ahabi,
abatshiswa yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngomlilo.’ 23 Ngoba benze izinto ezimbi
kakhulu ko-Israyeli; bafeba labafazi babomakhelwane babo, baqamba amanga
ngebizo lami, engingazange ngithi bakwenze. Ngiyakwazi njalo ngingufakazi
kukho,” kutsho UTHIXO.

Ilizwi KuShemaya

24 Tshela uShemaya umNehelami uthi, 25 “UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli uthi: ‘Wathumela izincwadi ngebizo lakho kubo bonke abantu base-
Jerusalema, lakuZefaniya indodana kaMaseya umphristi, lakwabanye abaphristi
bonke.’ KuZefaniya wathi, 26 ‘UTHIXO usekubeke ukuba ngumphristi esikhundleni
sikaJehoyada ukuba ube ngumphathi wendlu KATHIXO; umuntu ohlanyayo ozenza
umphrofethi ubomfaka esitokisini umfake lezankosi zentanyeni. 27 Pho kungani
ungamkhuzanga uJeremiya wase-Anathothi, ozenza umphrofethi phakathi kwenu?
28 Uthumele ilizwi leli kithi eBhabhiloni elithi: Kuzakuba yisikhathi eside. Ngakho
yakhani izindlu lihlale phansi; limani izivande lidle izithelo zazo.’ ”
29 Kodwa, uZefaniya umphristi incwadi le wayibalela uJeremiya umphrofethi.
30 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi, 31 “Thumela ilizwi leli kubo bonke
abathunjiweyo uthi, Mayelana loShemaya umNehelami UTHIXO uthi: ‘Njengoba
uShemaya esephrofitha kini, lanxa mina ngingamthumanga, walenza lakholwa
amanga, 32 ngeqiniso ngizamjezisa uShemaya umNehelami kanye lenzalo yakhe.
Kakuyikuba lowakibo ozasala ekhona phakathi kwalababantu, njalo lezinto ezinhle
engizazenzela abantu bami kasoze azibone, kutsho UTHIXO, ngoba uphrofetha
ukungihlamukela.’ ”

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Ukubuyiswa Kuka-Israyeli

1 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela KUTHIXO lisithi: 2 “UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Loba encwadini wonke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe. 3 Insuku
ziyeza,’ kutsho UTHIXO, ‘lapho engizabuyisa abantu bami u-Israyeli loJuda bevela
ekuthunjweni ngibabuyisele elizweni engalinika okhokho babo ukuba libe ngelabo,’
kutsho UTHIXO.”
4 Amazwi akhulunywa NGUTHIXO ngo-Israyeli loJuda: 5 “Wathi:
‘Ukukhala kokwesaba kuzwakele,
ukwesaba okukhulu, hatshi ukuthula.
6 Buzani libone:

Indoda ingazala abantwana na?
Pho kungani ngibona wonke amadoda aqinileyo
ebambe izisu zawo ngezandla njengowesifazane ohelelwayo,
ubuso bonke sebube mhlotshana okokufa?
7 Yeka ukwesabeka okuzakuba yilolosuku!
Kalukho oluzakuba njengalo.
Kuzakuba yisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukaJakhobe,
kodwa uzahlengwa kukho.

8 Ngalolosuku,' kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla,
'ngizalephula ijogwe entanyeni zabo
ngiqamule lezibopho zabo;
abezizweni kabasayikubagqilaza futhi.
9 Esikhundleni salokho, bazasebenzela UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo,
loDavida inkosi yabo,
engizabavusela yona.

10 Ngakho ungesabi, wena Jakhobe nceku yami;
ungadangali, wena Israyeli,'
kutsho UTHIXO.
'Ngeqiniso ngizakuhlenga ezindaweni ezikude,
lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo.
UJakhobe uzakuba lokuthula futhi kanye lokuvikeleka,
njalo kakho ozamenza esabe.
11 Ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga,'
kutsho UTHIXO.
'Lanxa ngizichitha ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe
engikuhlakazela kuzo,
wena angiyikukuchitha ngokupheleleyo.
Ngizakuqondisa kodwa ngokufaneleyo kuphela;
kangiyikukuyekela ungajeziswanga.'
12 UTHIXO uthi:
'Isilonda sakho kaselapheki,
ukulimala kwakho akupholi.
13 Kakho okhulumela inhloso yakho,
akulamuthi wesilonda sakho,
akukho kuphola kuwe.
14 Bonke abangane bakho sebekukhohliwe;
kabalandaba lawe.
Ngikutshaye njengokungenziwa yisitha
ngakujezisa njengokungenziwa ngolesihluku,
ngoba icala lakho likhulu kakhulu
lezono zakho zinengi kakhulu.
15 Kungani ukhaliswa linxeba lakho,
ubuhlungu bakho obungelaphekiyo na?
Ngenxa yecala lakho elikhulu lezono ezinengi
ngenze lezizinto kuwe.

16 Kodwa bonke abakudlayo bazadliwa;
zonke izitha zakho zizathunjwa.
Labo abakuphangayo bazaphangwa;

bonke abakwemukayo ngizabemuka.
17 Kodwa ngizakusilisa ngipholise lamanxeba akho,’
kutsho uTHIXO,
‘ngoba kuthiwa ungolahliweyo,
iZiyoni okungekho olendaba lalo.’
18 UTHIXO uthi:
‘Ngizavuselela inotho yasemathenteni kaJakhobe
ngibe lesihawu emakhaya akhe;
idolobho lizakwakhiwa kutsha emanxiweni alo,
lendlu yobukhosi izakuma endaweni yayo uqobo.
19 Kubo kuzavela izingoma zokubonga
kanye lomsindo wokuthokoza.
Ngizakwandisa amanani abo,
njalo kabayikuphungulwa;
ngizabenza bahlonitshwe,
njalo kabayikweyiswa.
20 Abantwana babo bazakuba njengezinsukwini zakudala,
lebandla labo lizamiselwa phambi kwami;
ngizabajezisa bonke ababancindezelayo.
21 Umkhokheli wabo uzakuba ngomunye wabakibo;
umbusi wabo uzavela phakathi kwabo.
Ngizamsondeza eduze, uzakuza phansi kwami,
ngoba ngubani lowo ongazinikela
ukuba seduze kwami na?’
kutsho uTHIXO.
22 ‘Ngakho lina lizakuba ngabantu bami,
mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.’ ”

23 Khangelani, isiphepho sikaTHIXO
sizakhupha ulaka,
umoya osasivunguzane usehlela
phezu kwamakhanda ababi.
24 Ulaka olwesabekayo lukaTHIXO kaluyikudeda
aze ayifeze ngokupheleleyo
injongo yenhliziyo yakhe.
Ensukwini ezizayo
lizakuzwisisa lokhu.

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1 “Ngalesosikhathi ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli, bona bazakuba ngabantu bami,” kutsho uTHIXO.
2 UTHIXO uthi:
“Abantu abasilayo enkembeni
bazathola umusa enkangala;
ngizakuzanika u-Israyeli ukuphumula.”
3 UTHIXO wabonakala kithi kudala esithi:
“Ngikuthandile ngothando olungapheliyo;
ngikuhole ngesisa esikhulu.
4 Ngizakwakha njalo uzakwakhiwa kutsha futhi,
wena Israyeli Ntombi emsulwa.
Uzathatha amagedla akho futhi uphume
uyegida labathokozayo.

5 Uzalima izivini zakho futhi
emaqaqeni aseSamariya;
abalimi bazazilima badle izithelo zazo.
6 Kuzakuba losuku lapho abalindi bezamemeza
phezu kwamaqaqa ako-Efrayimi bathi,
‘Wozani, kasiyeni eZiyoni,
kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.’ ”
7 UTHIXO uthi:
“Mhlabeleleni uJakhobe ngokuthokoza;
nqongolozelani izizwe ezidumileyo.
Yenzani ukudumisa kwenu kuzwakale, lisithi,
‘Awu THIXO, bahlenge abantu bakho,
insalela ka-Israyeli.’
8 Khangelani, ngizababuyisa bevela elizweni lasenyakatho,
ngibaqoqe emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
Phakathi kwabo kuzakuba leziphofu labaqhulayo;
abesifazane abazithweleyo labahelelwayo;
ixuku elikhulu lizabuya.
9 Bazabuya bekhala;
bazakhuleka lapho ngibabuyisa.
Ngizabaholela ezihotsheni zamanzi
endleleni eyendlalekileyo lapho abangayikukhubeka khona,
ngoba nginguyise ka-Israyeli,
njalo u-Efrayimi yindodana yami elizibulo.

10 Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO, lina zizwe;
limemezeleni emazweni angaselwandle khatshana lithi:
‘Yena owahlakaza u-Israyeli uzamqoqa
njalo uzakwelusa umhlambi wakhe njengomelusi.’
11 Ngoba UTHIXO uzamhlenga uJakhobe,
abakhulule ezandleni zalabo abalamandla kulabo.
12 Bazakuza banqongoloze ngentokozo ezingqongeni zeZiyoni;
bazathokoza ngokuphana KUKATHIXO,
ngamabele, langewayini elitsha kanye lamafutha e-oliva,
ngamazinyane ezimvu langamathole enkomo.
Bazakuba njengesivande esithelelwa kuhle,
njalo kabasayikuba losizi futhi.
13 Izintombi zizagida njalo futhi zithabe,
enzenjalo amajaha labadala.
Ngizaguqula ukukhala kwabo kube yikuthaba;
ngizabapha induduzo lentokozo esikhundleni sosizi.
14 Ngizasuthisa abaphristi ngokunengi,
labantu bami bazasutha ngokuphana kwami,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
15 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ilizwi lizwakala eRama,
lesililo lokukhala okukhulu,
uRasheli ukhalela abantwabakhe
njalo esala ukududuzwa,
ngoba kabasekho.”
16 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO:
“Bamba ilizwi lakho ungakhali,

lamehlo akho angehlisi inyembezi
ngoba umsebenzi wakho uzathola umvuzo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Bazabuya bevela elizweni lesitha.
17 Ngakho kulethemba ensukwini zakho ezizayo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Abantwabakho bazabuyela elizweni labo.

18 Ngikuzwile impela ukukhala kuka-Efrayimi esithi:
‘Wangitshaya njengethole elingathambanga,
njalo sengajeziseka.
Ngibuyisa, njalo ngizabuya,
ngoba UNGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami.
19 Emva kokweduka kwami,
ngaphenduka;
emva kokuba sengizwisisile,
ngazitshaya isifuba.
Ngaba lenhloni ngadumazeka
ngoba ngangilehlazo lasebutsheni bami.’
20 U-Efrayimi kasindodana yami ethandekayo,
umntanami engithokoza ngaye na?
Lanxa ngihlala ngikhuluma kubi ngaye
ngisamkhumbula.
Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyamlangatha;
ngiyamzwela kakhulu,
kutsho UTHIXO.

21 Beka izitshengiso zomgwaqo;
umise lezinsika zeziqondiso.
Nanzelela umgwaqo,
indlela ozahamba ngayo.
Phenduka, wena Ntombi egcweleyo Israyeli,
buyela emadolobheni akho.
22 Koze kube nini ulokhu uzulazula,
wena ndodakazi engathembekanga na?
UTHIXO uzadala into entsha emhlabeni,
owesifazane uzavikela indoda.”
23 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, “Lapho ngibabuyisa bevela ekuthunjweni, abantu abaselizweni lakoJuda lasemadolobheni alo bazawasebenzisa futhi amazwi la athi, ‘UTHIXO akubusise wena ndawo yokuhlala elungileyo, wena ntaba engcwele.’ 24 Abantu bazahlala ndawonye koJuda lasemadolobheni akhona wonke, abalimi kanye lalabo abazulazulayo lemihlambi yabo. 25 Ngizaqinisa abadiniweyo ngisuthise abangelamandla.”
26 Lapho-ke ngaphaphama ngakhangela indawana yonke. Ubuthongo bami babubemnandi kimi.
27 “Insuku ziyeza, lapho engizahlanyela khona indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda lenzalo yabantu lezinyamazana. 28 Njengoba ngabalinda ukusiphuna lokudiliza, uku-chitha lokubhubhisa kanye lokuletha umonakalo, ngokunjalo ngizabalinda ukwakha lokuhlanyela,” kutsho UTHIXO. 29 “Ngalezonsuku abantu kabasayikutsho ukuthi,
‘Abazali badle amavini amunyu,
ngakho amazinyo abantwana asetshelela.’

30 Esikhundleni salokho, umuntu wonke uzafela izono zakhe; loba ngubani odla
amavini amunyu amazinyo akhe azatshelela.
31 Isikhathi siyeza,
lapho engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha
lendlu ka-Israyeli kanye lekaJuda,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
32 “Kasiyikufana lesivumelwano
engasenza labokhokho babo
lapho engababamba khona ngesandla
ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe,
ngoba bephula isivumelwano sami,
lanxa ngangingumyeni wabo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
33 “Lesi yiso isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli
ngemva kwalesosikhathi,” kutsho uTHIXO.
“Ngizafaka umthetho wami ezingqondweni zabo,
ngiwulobe lasezinhliziyweni zabo.
Ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo,
bona bazakuba ngabantu bami.
34 Umuntu kasayikufundisa umakhelwane wakhe,
kumbe umfowabo esithi, ‘Mazi uTHIXO,’
ngoba bonke bazangazi,
kusukela komncinyane wabo kusiya komkhulu,
kutsho uTHIXO.
Ngoba ngizabathethelela ububi babo,
njalo angiyikukhumbula izono zabo futhi.”
35 Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO,
yena obeka ilanga ukuba likhanyise emini,
omisa inyanga lezinkanyezi ukuba kukhanye ebusuku,
onyakazisa ulwandle
ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome,
uTHIXO uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe, uthi:
36 “Nxa izimiso lezi zinganyamalala ebusweni bami,”
kutsho uTHIXO,
“kulapho lenzalo ka-Israyeli ezacina khona
ukuba yisizwe phambi kwami.”
37 UTHIXO uthi:
“Nxa amazulu phezulu engalinganiswa
lezisekelo zomhlaba ngaphansi zihlolwe,
kulapho engingayilahla khona yonke inzalo ka-Israyeli
ngenxa yakho konke abakwenzileyo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
38 “Insuku ziyeza,” kutsho uTHIXO, “lapho idolobho leli ngizalakhelwa kutsha
kusukela eMphotshongweni waseHananeli kusiya eSangweni leNgosi. 39 Intambo
yokulinganisa izasukela lapho iqonde eqaqeni lweGarebi ibe isijikela eGowa.
40 Isigodi sonke lapho okulahlelwa khona izidumbu zabafileyo lomlotha, lawo wonke
amasimu kusiyafika esigodini seKhidironi ngasempumalanga kusiyafika ejikweni
leSango leBhiza, kuzakuba ngcwele kuTHIXO. Idolobho kaliyikusitshunwa futhi loba
lidilizwe.”

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UJeremiya Uthenga Insimu

1 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuTHIXO ngomnyaka wetshumi wokubusa
kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, owawungumnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili
wokubusa kukaNebhukhadineza. 2 Ngalesosikhathi ibutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni
lalivimbezele iJerusalema, uJeremiya umphrofethi evalelwe egumeni labalindi
phakathi kwesigodlo senkosi yakoJuda.
3 UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wayemvalele lapho esithi, "Kungani uphrofetha
njengalokhu okwenzayo? Uthi: 'UTHIXO uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli
ngilinikele enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo izalithumba. 4 UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
akayikuphunyuka ezandleni zamaKhaladiya, kodwa uzanikelwa impela enkosini
yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzakhuluma layo ubuso ngobuso ayibone ngamehlo akhe.
5 Izathatha uZedekhiya imuse eBhabhiloni, lapho azahlala khona ngize ngibone
engingakwenza kuye, kutsho uTHIXO. Nxa usilwa lamaKhaladiya, kawuyiku-
phumelela.' "
6 UJeremiya wathi, "Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 7 UHanameli indodana
kaShalumi umalumakho uzakuza kuwe athi, 'Thenga insimu yami e-Anathothi, ngoba
njengesinini sami kulilungelo lakho lomlandu wakho ukuba uyithenge.'
8 Ngakho, njengokutsho KUKATHIXO, umzawami uHanameli weza kimi egumeni la-
balindi wathi, 'Thenga insimu yami e-Anathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini. Njengoba
kulilungelo lakho ukuba uyihlenge ibe ngeyakho, zithengele yona.'
Ngakwazi ukuthi leli laliyilizwi LIKATHIXO; 9 ngakho ngayithenga insimu ye-
Anathothi kumzawami uHanameli, ngamlinganisela amashekeli alitshumi lesikhom-
bisa esiliva. 10 Ngasayina incwadi yesivumelwano sokuthenga ngayinamathisela,
yafakazelwa, ngalinganisa isiliva esikalini. 11 Ngathatha incwadi yokuthenga
enanyekiweyo eyayilemithetho lezimiso, kanye leyayingananyekwangwa, 12 incwadi
yokuthenga le ngayinika uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseyiya;
umzawami uHanameli ekhona kanye labafakazi ababesayine incwadi yokuthenga
lamaJuda wonke ehlezi egumeni labalindi.
13 Nganika uBharukhi imilayo le labo bekhona ngathi: 14 'UTHIXO uSomandla
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Thatha izincwadi lezi zesivumelwano sokuthenga
enanyekiweyo lengananyekwanga uzifake embizeni yomdaka ukuze zihlale khona
isikhathi eside. 15 UTHIXO uSomandla uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Izindlu lamasimu
lezivini kuzathengwa futhi kulelilizwe.'
16 Emva kokuba uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya sengimphile incwadi yokuthenga,
ngakhuleka kuTHIXO ngathi:

17 THIXO Wobukhosi, wadala amazulu lomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu
langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo. Akukho lutho olunzima kuwe. 18 Ubonakalisa
uthando kuzinkulungwane kodwa ulethe isijeziso sezono zaboyise ebantwaneni
babo ngemva kwabo. Wena Nkulunkulu omkhulu olamandla, obizo lakho
NGUTHIXO uSomandla, 19 zinkulu injongo zakho njalo zilamandla izenzo zakho.
Amehlo akho ayazibona zonke izindlela zabantu; unika umuntu wonke umvuzo
kusiya ngokuziphatha kwakhe langokufanele izenzo zakhe. 20 Wenza izibonakaliso
lezimangaliso eGibhithe, waqhubeka uzenza kwaze kwaba yilolusuku, khona
ko-Israyeli laphakathi koluntu lonke, wathola udumo olukhulu lungolwakho
lalamhlanje. 21 Wakhupha abantu bakho u-Israyeli eGibhithe ngezibonakaliso
langezimangaliso; ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo kanye lokwesaba
okukhulu. 22 Wabanika ilizwe leli owawufunge ukulipha okhokho babo, ilizwe
eligeleza uchago loluju. 23 Beza bafika balithatha, kodwa kabakulalelanga kumbe

balandele imithetho yakho; kabakwenzanga owawubalaye ukuthi bakwenze. Ngakho wabehlisela wonke umonakalo lo.

24 Khangela ukuthi akhiwe njani amadundulu okuvimbezela ukuba idolobho lihlaselwe. Ngenxa yenkemba, lendlala lesifo idolobho lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya alihlaselayo. Owakutshoyo sekusenzakala njengoba ubona khathesi. 25 Kodwa lanxa idolobho lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya, wena THIXO Wobukhosi uthe kimi, 'Thenga insimu ngesiliva kube labafakaza lokho.' "

26 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: 27 "Mina NGINGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu woluntu lonke. Kambe kulento engehlulayo na? 28 Ngakho, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli ngilinikele kumaKhaladiya lakuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ozalithumba. 29 AmaKhaladiya ahlasela idolobho leli azangena alithungele ngomlilo; alitshise, kanye lezindlu lapho abantu abangithukuthelisela khona ngokutshisela uBhali impepha phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu langokuthululela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo enathwayo.

30 Abantu bakoJuda labako-Israyeli benza ububi bodwa emehlweni ami kusukela ebutsheni babo; impela, abantu bako-Israyeli bangithukuthelisa ngalokhu abakwenza ngezandla zabo, kutsho UTHIXO. 31 Kusukela ngosuku elakhiwa ngalo kuze kube khathesi, idolobho leli livusa ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami okwenza kufanele ukuba ngilisuse ebusweni bami. 32 Abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda bangithukuthelisile ngobubi bonke ababenzileyo, bona, amakhosi abo lezikhulu zabo, abaphristi labaphrofethi babo, abantu bakoJuda labantu baseJerusalema. 33 Bangifulathela kabaze bangipha ubuso babo; lanxa ngabafundisa kanenginengi kabalalelanga njalo kabakunakanga ukukhuzwa. 34 Bamisa izithombe zabo ezinengekayo endlini eleBizo lami bayingcolisa. 35 Bakhela uBhali izindawo eziphakemeyo eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu ukuba banikele amadodana lamadodakazi abo kuMoleki, lanxa ngingazange ngibalaye, kumbe kufike engqondweni yami, ukuthi babokwenza into eyenyanyeka kangaka ngalokho benze uJuda one.

36 Liyatsho ngedolobho leli lithi, 'Ngenkemba, langendlala kanye langesifo lizanikelwa eNkosini yaseBhabhiloni'; kodwa UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 37 Ngizababuyisa kule indawo ngibenze bahlale ngokuvikelwa. 38 Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. 39 Ngizabenza babemunye enhliziyweni lasezenzweni, ukuze bahlale bengesaba, ukuba kube kuhle kubo lasebantwaneni babo emva kwabo. 40 Ngizakwenza labo isivumelwano esingapheliyo: Angiyikuyekela ukwenza okuhle kubo, ngizabafunzelela ukuba bangesabe, ukuze bangangideli. 41 Ngizathokoza ekubenzeleni okuhle njalo ngibagxumeke ngobuqotho kulelilizwe ngenhliziyo yami yonke langomoya wami wonke.

42 UTHIXO uthi: Njengoba ngehlisele inkemenkeme le enkulu kangaka phezu kwalababantu, ngokunjalo ngizabapha konke ukuphumelela engabathembisa khona. 43 Amasimu azathengwa futhi kulelilizwe lina elithi ngalo, 'Lilugwadule oluphundlekileyo, olungelabantu lezinyamazana, ngoba lanikelwa kumaKhaladiya.' 44 Amasimu azathengwa ngesiliva, lezincwadi zokuthenga zisayinwe, zinanyekwe njalo zifakazelwe elizweni likaBhenjamini, lemizini eseduze leJerusalema, lasemadolobheni akoJuda kanye lasemadolobheni elizwe lamaqaqa, asemawatheni asentshonalanga kanye lawaseNegebi, ngoba ngizabuyisela inotho yabo, kutsho UTHIXO."

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Isithembiso Sokubuyiswa

1 UJeremiya elokhu esavalelwe egumeni labalindi, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuye ngokwesibili lisithi: 2 "UTHIXO, yena owadala umhlaba, UTHIXO owawenzayo wawumisa, UTHIXO yilo ibizo lakhe, uthi, 3 'Ngibiza ngizakusabela, ngikutshele izinto

ezinkulu ezifihlakeleyo ongazaziyo.’ 4 Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli mayelana lezindlu ezikulelidolobho langezindlu zobukhosi
koJuda ezadilizwayo ukuba zisetshenziswe ekumelaneni lamadundulu okuvimbezela
kanye lenkemba 5 ekulweni lamaKhaladiya: ‘Zizagcwala izidumbu zabantu abafileyo
engizababulala ekuthukutheleni kwami langolaka lwami. Idolobho leli ngizalifihlela
ubuso bami ngenxa yobubi balo bonke.
6 Kodwa, ngizaletha ukuphila lokusiliswa kulo. Abantu bami ngizabasilisa
ngibenze bajabulele ukuthula okukhulu kanye lokuvikeleka. 7 Ngizabuyisa uJuda
lo-Israyeli besuka ekuthunjweni njalo ngizabakha futhi njengalokhu ababeyikho
kuqala. 8 Ngizabahlambulula kuzozonke izono abazenza kimi njalo ngizabathethelela
zonke izono zabo zokungihlamukela. 9 Ngakho idolobho leli lizangilethela indumela,
ukuthokoza, lokubongwa kanye lodumo phambi kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni ezizwa
ngezinto zonke ezinhle engizenzela lona; njalo zizakwesaba ziqhaqhazele ngenxa
yokuphumelela okukhulu lokuthula engizakuletha kulo.’
10 UTHIXO uthi: ‘Liyatsho ngendawo le lithi, “Ilugwadule oluphundlekileyo, olun-
gelabantu kumbe izinyamazana.” Kodwa emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni
yaseJerusalema okwatshiywayo, okungekho muntu kumbe inyamazana ehlala khona,
kuzazwakala khona futhi 11 imisindo yokuthokoza lokuthaba, amazwi omlobokazi
lomyeni, lamazwi alabo abaletha iminikelo yokubonga endlini kaTHIXO besithi,
“Bongani uTHIXO uSomandla,
ngoba uTHIXO ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nini lanini.”
Ngoba inotho yelizwe ngizayibuyisela njengoba yayinjalo kuqala,’ kutsho uTHIXO.
12 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi, ‘Kuyo yonale indawo ephundlekileyo, engelabantu
kumbe izinyamazana, kuwo wonke amadolobho ayo kuzakuba lamadlelo futhi ukuba
abelusi baphumuze imihlambi yabo. 13 Emadolobheni elizwe lamaqaqa, lawemawa-
theni entshonalanga kanye lawaseNegebi, elizweni lakoBhenjamini, emizini eseduze
leJerusalema lasemadolobheni akoJuda, imihlambi izadlula ngaphansi kwesandla
salowo oyibalayo,’ kutsho uTHIXO.
14 ‘Insuku ziyeza,’ kutsho uTHIXO, ‘lapho engizagcwalisa isithembiso somusa
engasenza endlini ka-Israyeli lasendlini kaJuda.
15 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi
ngizahlumisa uGatsha olulungileyo osendweni lukaDavida;
uzakwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo elizweni.
16 Ngalezonsuku uJuda uzasindiswa
leJerusalema ihlale ngokuvikeleka.
Ibizo ezabizwa ngalo yileli elithi;
uTHIXO oyikuLunga Kwethu.’
17 Ngoba uTHIXO uthi, ‘UDavida kayikuswela umuntu ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
bendlu ka-Israyeli, 18 labaphristi, abangabaLevi, kabayikuswela umuntu oma phambi
kwami kokuphela ukuba anikele iminikelo yokutshiswa, atshise iminikelo yamabele
lokwethula imihlatshelo.’ ”
19 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJeremiya lisithi: 20 “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, ‘Nxa
lingephula isivumelwano sami lemini lesivumelwano sami lobusuku, ukuze imini
lobusuku kungabe kusaqalisa ngezikhathi zakho ezamiswayo, 21 lapho-ke isivumel-
wano sami loDavida inceku yami lesivumelwano sami labaLevi abangababaphristi
abakhonzayo phambi kwami singephulwa njalo uDavida angeke abe lenzalo ezabusa
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 22 Ngizakwenza inzalo kaDavida inceku yami labaLevi
abakhonzayo phambi kwami ingabi lakubalwa njengezinkanyezi zasemazulwini
njalo ingalinganiseki njengetshebetshebe lasekhunjini lolwandle.’ ”

23 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJeremiya lisithi: 24 "Kawukananzeleli na ukuthi
abantu laba bathi, 'UTHIXO useyilahlile imibuso emibili ayeyikhethile'? Ngakho
bayabeyisa abantu bami njalo kabasabanaki njengesizwe. 25 UTHIXO uthi, 'Nxa
ngingamisanga isivumelwano sami lelanga lobusuku kanye lemithetho eqinileyo
yasezulwini lasemhlabeni, 26 lapho-ke ngizayilahla inzalo kaJakhobe lekaDavida
inceku yami njalo ngingakhethi enye yamadodana akhe ukuba ibuse inzalo ka-
Abhrahama, leka-Isaka lekaJakhobe. Ngoba ngizabuyisela inhlanhla yabo ngibe
lesihawu kubo.' "

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Isixwayiso KuZedekhiya

1 Kwathi uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lebutho lakhe lonke kanye
lemibuso yonke, labantu basemazweni ayewabusa besilwa leJerusalema lawo wonke
amadolobho alo ayeseduzane, ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya livela KUTHIXO lisithi;
2 "UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Yana kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda uthi
kuye, 'UTHIXO uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli ngilinikele enkosini yaseB-
habhiloni, njalo izalitshisa ngomlilo. 3 Kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo kodwa
uzathunjwa impela unikelwe kuyo. Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni uzayibona ngamehlo akho,
njalo izakhuluma lawe ubuso ngobuso. Njalo uzahamba eBhabhiloni.
4 Kodwa-ke zwana isithembiso SIKATHIXO, wena Zedekhiya nkosi yakoJuda. Ngawe
UTHIXO uthi: Awuyikufa ngenkemba; 5 uzakufa ngokuthula. Njengoba abantu babasa
umlilo wesililo bekhumbula oyihlo, amakhosi akuqala akwandulelayo, ngokunjalo
bazabasa umlilo wokukukhumbula, balile bathi, Maye, Oh Nkosi! Mina ngokwami
ngenza isithembiso lesi, kutsho UTHIXO.' "
6 Ngakho uJeremiya umphrofethi wamtshela konke lokhu uZedekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda, eJerusalema, 7 lapho ibutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lalisilwa leJerusalema
lamanye amadolobho akoJuda ayelokhu esaqinisele, iLakhishi le-Azekha. La yiwo
kuphela amadolobho ayevikelwe ngezinqaba ayesasele koJuda.

Ukukhululwa Kwezigqili

8 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela KUTHIXO emva kokuba inkosi uZedekhiya
esenze isivumelwano labantu bonke baseJerusalema sokumemezela ukukhululwa
kwezigqili. 9 Wonke umuntu kwakumele akhulule izigqili zakhe ezingamaHebheru,
ezesilisa lezesifazane; kakho owayezagcina umJuda wakibo ebugqilini. 10 Ngakho
zonke izikhulu labantu bonke abenza isivumelwano lesi bavuma ukuthi babeza-
khulula izigqili zabo zesilisa lezesifazane bangazigcini ebugqilini futhi. Bavuma,
bazikhulula. 11 Kodwa muva bantshintsha ingqondo zabo bazithumba njalo izigqili
zabo ababezikhulule bazenza izigqili futhi.
12 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi, 13 "UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli uthi: Ngenza isivumelwano labokhokho benu ekubakhupheni kwami
eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili. Ngathi, 14 *'Ngeminyaka yonke yesikhombisa omunye
lomunye wenu kumele akhulule umHebheru wakibo ozithengise kuwe. Emva
kokuba esekusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, kumele umkhulule ahambe.' Kodwa
okhokho benu, kabangilalelanga njalo kabanginakanga. 15 Ngesikhathi esisanda
kudlula laphenduka lenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami: Omunye lomunye wenu
wamemezela ukukhululwa kwabantu belizwe lakibo. Laze lenza lesivumelwano
phambi kwami endlini eleBizo lami. 16 Kodwa khathesi seliguquke langcolisa
ibizo lami; omunye lomunye wenu usezithumbile futhi izigqili zesilisa lezesifazane
elalizikhulule ukuba zizihambele lapho ezifuna khona. Selizibambe ngamandla
ukuba zibe yizigqili zenu futhi.

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17 Ngakho, lokhu yikho UTHIXO akutshoyo: Kalingilalelanga; kalimemezelanga
ukukhululwa kwabantu belizwe lakini. Ngakho khathesi ngimemezela 'inkululeko'
yenu, kutsho UTHIXO, 'inkululeko' yokubulawa ngenkemba, yisifo lendlala. Ngiza-
lenza linengeke kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. 18 Abantu abephula isivumelwano
sami kabaze bagcwalisa izimiso zesivumelwano abasenza phambi kwami, ngiz-
abaphatha njengethole abalidabula phakathi basebehamba phakathi kweziqa zalo.
19 Abakhokheli bakoJuda labeJerusalema, izikhulu zasemthethwandaba, abaphristi
labantu bonke abahamba phakathi kweziqa zethole, 20 ngizabanikela ezitheni zabo
ezifuna ukubabulala. Izidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni
lezinyamazana zeganga.
21 UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kanye lezikhulu zakhe ngizabanikela ezitheni
zabo ezifuna ukubabulala, lakubutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni eselisukile kini.
22 Ngizakhupha ilizwi, kutsho UTHIXO njalo ngizababuyisa futhi kulelidolobho. Baza-
kulwa lalo, balithumbe, balitshise ngomlilo. Amadolobho akoJuda ngizawabhidliza
ukuze kungabi lamuntu ohlala kuwo."

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AmaRekhabi

1 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela KUTHIXO ekubuseni kukaJehoyakhimi
indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, elathi, 2 "Yana endlini yamaRekhabi uwabize
ukuba eze kwelinye lamakamelo endlu KATHIXO uwanike iwayini anathe."
3 Ngakho ngayathatha uJazaniya indodana kaJeremiya, indodana kaHabhaziniya,
labafowabo kanye lamadodana akhe wonke lomuzi wonke wamaRekhabi. 4 Ngabasa
endlini KATHIXO, ekamelweni lamadodana kaHanani indoda ka-Igidaliya umuntu
kaNkulunkulu. Laliseduze lekamelo lezikhulu elalingaphezu kwelikaMaseya indo-
dana kaShalumi umlindi wesango. 5 Emva kwalokho ngabeka imiganu eyayigcwele
iwayini lezinkezo phambi kwabantu bomndeni wamaRekhabi, ngathi kubo, "Nathani
iwayini."
6 Kodwa bona baphendula bathi, "Iwayini kasilinathi ngoba ukhokho wethu
uJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi wasinika umlayo lo othi: 'Lina loba inzalo yenu
akumelanga linathe iwayini. 7 Njalo lingakhi zindlu, lingahlanyeli kumbe lilime
izivini; lingabi lokunye kwalezizinto, kodwa kumele lihlale emathenteni kokuphela.
Ngalokho lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni elizinzulane kulo.' 8 Sakulalela konke
ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi asilaya khona. Thina labomkethu
lamadodana ethu kanye lamadodakazi ethu asikaze silinathe iwayini, 9 kumbe sakhe
izindlu zokuhlala kuzo loba sibe lezivini, amasimu kumbe amabele. 10 Sihlala
emathenteni njalo siyakulalela konke ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi asilaya khona.
11 Kodwa ekuhlaseleni kukaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ilizwe leli, sathi,
'Wozani siye eJerusalema sibalekele amabutho amaKhaladiya kanye lawama-Aramu.'
Sahlala kanjalo eJerusalema."
12 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: 13 "UTHIXO uSomandla, uNku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Hamba uyetshela abantu bakoJuda labahlala eJerusalema
ukuthi, 'Kalifundi sifundo lilalele amazwi ami na?' kutsho UTHIXO. 14 'UJehonadabi
indodana kaRekhabi walaya amadodana akhe ukuba anganathi iwayini, njalo
umlayo lo wagcinwa. Kuze kube lamhla iwayini kabalinathi ngoba balalela umlayo
kakhokho wabo. Kodwa mina sengakhuluma lani njalonjalo, kodwa kalingilalelanga.
15 Ngathuma izinceku zami abaphrofethi kini kanenginengi. Bathi, "Ngamunye
wenu kumele liphenduke ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lilungise lezenzo zenu; lingalandeli
abanye onkulunkulu ukuba libakhonze. Ngalokho lizahlala elizweni engalipha
lona lina labokhokho benu." Kodwa kalinakanga, njalo kalingilalelanga. 16 Inzalo

kaJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi iwulandele umlayo eyawuphiwa ngukhokho wayo, kodwa abantu laba mina kabangilalelanga.'

17 Ngakho UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi; 'Lalelani, ngizakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda laphezu komuntu wonke ohlala eJerusalema wonke umonakalo engabathembisa wona. Ngabatshela, kodwa kabalalelanga; ngababiza, kodwa kabasabelanga.' "

18 UJeremiya wasesithi kwabomndeni wamaRekhabi, "UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Liwulalele umlayo kakhokho wenu uJehonadabi layilandela yonke imfundiso yakhe njalo lenza konke alilaya khona.' 19 Ngakho UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'UJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi kayikuswela umuntu wokungikhonza.' "

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UJehoyakhimi Utshisa Umqulu KaJeremiya

1 Ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya livela kUTHIXO, lisithi: 2 "Thatha umqulu ulobe kuwo wonke amazwi engawatsho kuwe ngo-Israyeli, uJuda lezinye zonke izizwe kusukela ngiqalisa ukukhuluma kuwe ekubuseni kukaJosiya kuze kube khathesi. 3 Mhlawumbe lapho abantu bakoJuda besizwa ngawo wonke umonakalo engiceba ukuwehlisela phezu kwabo, omunye lomunye wabo uzaphenduka ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi; kulapho-ke ngizabathethelela ububi babo lezono zabo."

4 Ngakho uJeremiya wabiza uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya. Kwathi uJeremiya ewatsho wonke amazwi ayekhulunywe NGUTHIXO, uBharukhi ewaloba emqulwini. 5 UJeremiya wasesithi kuBharukhi, "Mina ngivalelwe; ngingeke ngiye ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 6 Ngakho yana endlini KATHIXO ngosuku lokuzila ukudla ubalele abantu amazwi KATHIXO asemqulwini owawaloba ngikutshela. Abalele bonke abantu bakoJuda abangena bevela emadolobheni akibo. 7 Engxenye bazaletha isicelo sabo phambi KUKATHIXO, omunye lomunye aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi, ngoba intukuthelo lolaka okumenyezelwe kulababantu NGUTHIXO kukhulu."

8 UBharukhi indodana kaNeriya wenza konke ayekutshelwe nguJeremiya umphrofethi ukuba akwenze; ethempelini LIKATHIXO wabala amazwi KATHIXO emqulwini. 9 Ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye yomnyaka wesihlanu kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, kwamenyezelwa isikhathi sokuzila ukudla phambi KUKATHIXO ebantwini bonke baseJerusalema lakulaba ababeze bevela emadolobheni akoJuda. 10 Esendlini kaGemariya indodana kaShafani umabhalani, eyayisegumeni langaphezulu ekungeneni kweSango eLitsha lethempeli, uBharukhi wawabalela abantu bonke ethempelini LIKATHIXO amazwi kaJeremiya asemqulwini.

11 Kwathi uMikhaya indodana kaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, esezwe wonke amazwi KATHIXO ayesemqulwini, 12 waya phansi endlini kamabhalani esigodlweni, lapho izikhulu zonke ezazihlezi khona: u-Elishama umabhalani, uDelaya indodana kaShemaya, u-Elinathani indodana ka-Akhibhori, uGemariya indodana kaShafani, uZedekhiya indodana kaHananiya kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu. 13 Emva kokuba uMikhaya esebatshele konke ayezwe uBharukhi ekubalela abantu emqulwini, 14 izikhulu zonke zathuma uJehudi indodana kaNethaniya, indodana kaShelemiya, indodana kaKhushi, ukuba ayekuthi kuBharukhi, "Woza lomqulu owubalele abantu." Ngakho uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya waya kubo lomqulu ewuphethe ngesandla. 15 Bathi kuye, "Ake uhlale phansi usibalele wona."

Ngakho uBharukhi wababalela. 16 Sebezwe wonke amazwi la bakhangelana ngokwesaba, basebesithi kuBharukhi, "Amazwi la kumele siwabike wonke enkosini."

17 Babuya bambuza uBharukhi bathi, “Sitshele, kwenzakale njani ukuthi ubhale
konke lokhu? Kukhulunywe nguJeremiya na?”
18 UBharukhi waphendula wathi, “Ye, amazwi wonke la uwakhulume kimi, mina
ngawaloba nge-inki emqulwini.”
19 Izikhulu zasezisithi kuBharukhi, “Wena loJeremiya hambani liyecatsha. Lingat-
sheli muntu ukuthi lingaphi.”
20 Sebefake umqulu endlini ka-Elishama umabhalani, baya enkosini egumeni
bayibikela konke, 21 inkosi yathuma uJehudi ukuba ayethatha umqulu lowo, uJehudi
weza lawo ewuthethe endlini ka-Elishama umabhalani wawubalela inkosi lezikhulu
zonke ezazimi phansi kwayo. 22 Kwakuyinyanga yesificamunwemunye, njalo
inkosi yayihlezi ekamelweni lebusika, kulomlilo ovuthayo eziko phambi kwayo.
23 Kwakusithi uJehudi angabala izigaba ezintathu loba ezine zomqulu, inkosi iziqume
ngengqamu iziphosele eziko umqulu waze watsha wonke emlilweni. 24 Inkosi
lezinceku zayo zonke ezawezwayo amazwi la kabesabanga loba badabule izigqoko
zabo. 25 Lanxa u-Elinathani loDelaya kanye loGemariya bayincenga inkosi ukuba
ingatshisi umqulu, kayibalalelanga. 26 Esikhundleni salokho inkosi yalaya uJerameli,
indodana yenkosi, loSeraya indodana ka-Aziriyeli kanye loShelemiya indodana ka-
Abhideli ukuba babophe uBharukhi umbhali kanye loJeremiya umphrofethi. Kodwa
UTHIXO wayesebafihlile.
27 Inkosi isitshise umqulu owawulamazwi ayebhalwe nguBharukhi ewatshelwa
nguJeremiya, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJeremiya lisithi, 28 “Thatha omunye umqulu
ulobe kuwo wonke amazwi abesemqulwini wakuqala, otshiswe nguJehoyakhimi
inkosi yakoJuda. 29 Umtshele uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda uthi, ‘UTHIXO uthi:
Utshise umqulu lowana wathi, “Kungani ulobe kuwo ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni
izakuza ngempela ichithe ilizwe leli, iqothule abantu lezinyamazana kulo na?”
30 Ngakho mayelana loJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, UTHIXO uthi: Akayikuba lomuntu
ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida; isidumbu sakhe sizaphoselwa phandle
sichayeke ekutshiseni kwelanga lakungqwaqwane webusuku. 31 Ngizamjezisa
labantwana bakhe kanye lezinceku zakhe ngenxa yobubi babo. Ngizakwehlisela
phezu kwabo laphezu kwalabo abahlala eJerusalema kanye labantu bakoJuda, wonke
umonakalo engawumemezela kubo, ngoba kabalalelanga.’ ”
32 Ngakho uJeremiya wathatha omunye umqulu wawunika umbhali uBharukhi
indodana kaNeriya, njalo kwathi uJeremiya emtshela uBharukhi waloba kuwo
wonke amazwi omqulu owawutshiswe emlilweni nguJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda.
Kwengezelelwa ngamanye amazwi amanengi ayefana lalawo.

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UJeremiya Esentolongweni

1 UZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya wabekwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhab-
hiloni ukuba abe yinkosi yakoJuda; wabusa esikhundleni sikaJehoyakhini indodana
kaJehoyakhimi. 2 Yena lezinceku zakhe kanye labantu baselizweni kabawanakanga
amazwi KATHIXO ayewakhulume ngoJeremiya umphrofethi.
3 Kodwa uZedekhiya inkosi, wathuma uJehukhali indodana kaShelemiya lomphristi
uZefaniya indodana kaMaseya kuJeremiya umphrofethi belaleli ilizwi, elithi, “Ake
usikhulekele KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.”
4 Ngalesisikhathi uJeremiya wayesekhululekile ukuza lokuhamba phakathi kwa-
bantu, ngoba wayengakafakwa entolongweni. 5 Ibutho likaFaro laseliphumile
eGibhithe, kwasekusithi amaKhaladiya ayevimbezele iJerusalema esezwe umbiko
ngalo, asuka eJerusalema.

6 Kwasekufika ilizwi LIKATHIXO kuJeremiya umphrofethi lisithi: 7 "UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, tshelani inkosi yakoJuda elithume ukuba lizengibuza lithi, 'Ibutho likaFaro eseliphume ukuba lizelisekela, lizabuyela elizweni lalo eGibhithe. 8 Emva kwalokho amaKhaladiya azaphenduka ahlasele idolobho leli; azalithumba alitshise ngomlilo.'

9 UTHIXO uthi: Lingazikhohlisi licabange lithi, 'AmaKhaladiya azasuka kithi impela.' Kawayikusuka! 10 Lanxa linganqoba lonke ibutho lamaKhaladiya alihlaselayo, kusale abantu abalimeleyo kuphela emathenteni abo, bazaphuma balitshise idolobho leli ngomlilo."

11 Kwathi ibutho lamaKhaladiya selisukile eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho lika-Faro, 12 uJeremiya wasuka edolobheni ukuba aye elizweni lakoBhenjamini ukuba ayethatha isabelo sakhe selifa phakathi kwabantu khonale. 13 Kodwa kwathi esefikile eSangweni lakoBhenjamini, induna yabalindi ebizo layo lalingu-Irija indodana kaShelemiya, indodana kaHananiya, wambopha wasesithi kuye, "Ubalekela kumaKhaladiya wena!"

14 UJeremiya wathi, "Akusiqiniso lokho! Kangibalekeli kumaKhaladiya." Kodwa u-Irija kamlalelanga; esikhundleni salokho, wabopha uJeremiya wamusa ezikhulwini. 15 Izikhulu zamthukuthelela uJeremiya zalaya ukuba atshaywe aphinde avalelwe endlini kaJonathani umabhalani, ezaseziyenze yaba yintolongo.

16 UJeremiya wafakwa esitokisini esiyingubhe emgodini oyintolongo lapho ahlala khona okwesikhathi eside. 17 Inkosi uZedekhiya wathi kayethathwa alethwe esigodlweni lapho ambuzela khona ensitha esithi, "Kulelizwi elivela KUTHIXO na?"

UJeremiya waphendula wathi, "Yebo, wena uzanikelwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni."

18 UJeremiya wabuye wathi kuZedekhiya inkosi, "Ngoneni kuwe loba ezikhulwini zakho kumbe kulababantu, uze ungifake entolongweni nje? 19 Bangaphi abaphrofethi bakho abaphrofetha kuwe besithi, 'Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni kayiyikukuhlasela wena kanye lelizwe leli'? 20 Kodwa khathesi, nkosi yami, ake ulalele. Ngivumela ngethule isicelo sami kuwe: Ungangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani umabhalani, hlezi ngifele khona."

21 UZedekhiya inkosi waselaya ukuba uJeremiya afakwe egumeni labalindi aphiwe isinkwa esivela emgwaqweni wabapheki bezinkwa usuku ngalunye izinkwa zonke zize ziphele edolobheni. Ngakho uJeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi.

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UJeremiya Uphoselwa Emgodini

1 UShefathiya indodana kaMathani, loGedaliya indodana kaPhashuri, uJewukhali indodana kaShelemiya, loPhashuri indodana kaMalikhija bakuzwa uJeremiya ayekutshela abantu bonke esithi, 2 "UTHIXO uthi: 'Lowo ozasala kulelidolobho uzabulawa yinkemba, yindlala kumbe yisifo; kodwa lowo ozakuya kumaKhaladiya uzasila. Uzaphunyuka lokuphila kwakhe; uzaphila.' 3 Njalo UTHIXO uthi: 'Idolobho leli lizanikelwa impela ebuthweni lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni ezalithumba.' "

4 Izikhulu zasezisithi enkosini, "Umuntu lo kumele abulawe. Wenza amabutho asala kulelidolobho aphelelwe lithemba, kanye labantu bonke, ngenxa yezinto azitshoyo kubo. Umuntu lo kadingi okuhle kwabantu laba, kodwa ukubhujiswa kwabo."

5 UZedekhiya inkosi waphendula wathi, "Usezandleni zenu. Inkosi ingeke yenze lutho ukuba iliphikise."

6 Ngakho bamthatha uJeremiya bamfaka emgodini kaMalikhija, indodana yenkosi, owawusegumeni labalindi. UJeremiya bamehlisela phansi phakathi komgodi

ngemichilo; wawungelamanzi, kuludaka kuphela, ngakho uJeremiya watshona edakeni.
7 Kodwa u-Ebhedi-Meleki, umKhushi, isikhulu endlini yobukhosi, wezwa ukuthi basebefake uJeremiya emgodini. Kwathi-ke inkosi ihlezi eSangweni lakoBhenjamini, 8 u-Ebhedi-Meleki waphuma esigodlweni wathi kuyo, 9 "Nkosi yami lombusi wami, abantu laba benze ububi kukho konke abakwenze kuJeremiya umphrofethi. Sebemphosele emgodini lapho azalamba khona aze afe kungaselakudla edolobheni."
10 Ngakho inkosi yalaya u-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi yathi, "Thatha amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lapha likhuphe uJeremiya umphrofethi emgodini engakafi."
11 Ngakho u-Ebhedi-Meleki wathatha amadoda lawo waya lawo endlini engaphansi kwendlu yengcebo esigodlweni. Wathatha amanikiniki amadala lezigqoko ezigugileyo khonapho wakwehlisela phansi kuJeremiya emgodini ngemichilo. 12 U-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi wathi kuJeremiya, "Faka amanikiniki la amadala lezigqoko lezi ezigugileyo emakhwapheni akho ukuze imichilo ingakulimazi." UJeremiya wenza njalo, 13 basebemdonsela phezulu ngemichilo, bamkhupha emgodini. UJeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi.

UZedekhiya Ubuza UJeremiya Futhi

14 Inkosi uZedekhiya wabiza uJeremiya umphrofethi wasiwa entubeni yesithathu yethempeli LIKATHIXO. Inkosi yasisithi kuJeremiya, "Ngizakubuza okuthize. Ungangifihleli lutho."
15 UJeremiya wathi kuZedekhiya, "Ngingakuphendula kawuyikungibulala na? Loba ngingakweluleka, kawuyikungilalela."
16 Kodwa inkosi uZedekhiya wafunga isifungo lesi ngasese kuJeremiya, wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba UTHIXO ekhona, yena owasinika ukuphefumula, angiyikukubulala loba ngikunikele kulabo abafuna ukukubulala."
17 Lapho-ke uJeremiya wathi kuZedekhiya, "UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Ungazinikela ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, impilo yakho izaphepha njalo ledolobho leli kaliyikutshiswa ngomlilo; wena labendlu yakho lizasila. 18 Kodwa nxa ungazinikeli ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, idolobho leli lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya azalitshisa ngomlilo; njalo wena uqobo kawuyikuphunyuka ezandleni zawo.' "
19 INkosi uZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya, "Ngiyabesaba abakoJuda asebe kumaKhaladiya, ngoba amaKhaladiya anganginikela kubo bangiphathe kubi."
20 UJeremiya wathi, "Kabayikukunikela. Lalela UTHIXO ngokwenza lokhu engikutshela khona. Lapho-ke kuzakulungela, njalo lempilo yakho izaphepha. 21 Kodwa ungala ukuzinikela, nanku okuvezwe NGUTHIXO kimi: 22 Bonke abesifazane abasele endlini yobukhosi yenkosi yakoJuda bazakhutshelwa phandle ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni bathi kuwe:

'Bakukhohlisile bakwehlula
abangane bakho abathenjiweyo.
Inyawo zakho zitshonile edakeni;
abangane bakho bakudelile.'

23 Abafazi bakho kanye labantwana bazakhutshelwa phandle kumaKhaladiya. Lawe uqobo kawuyikuphunyuka ezandleni zawo, kodwa uzathunjwa yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni; njalo idolobho leli lizatshiswa ngomlilo."
24 UZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya, "Akungabi lomuntu omazisa inkulumo le, hlezi ufe. 25 Izikhulu zingezwa ukuthi ngike ngakhuluma lawe, besezisiza kuwe zithi, 'Sitshele lokho okutshiloyo enkosini kanye lokutshiwo yinkosi kuwe; ungasifihleli funa sikubulale,' 26 wena zitshele uthi, 'Kade ngincenga inkosi ukuthi ingangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani ukuyafela khona.' "

27 Lakanye izikhulu zonke zaya kuJeremiya zambuza, yena wazitshela konke inkosi
eyayimlaye ukuthi akutsho. Ngakho kazisatshongo lutho kuye futhi, ngoba kakho
owayeyizwile inkulumo yakhe lenkosi.
28 UJeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuthunjwa kwe-
Jerusalema.

Ukuwa KweJerusalema

IJerusalema lathunjwa kanje:

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1 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga
yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waya eJerusalema lebutho
lakhe lonke wayivimbezela. 2 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga ye-
sine, yomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya umduli wedolobho wadilizwa.
3 Emva kwalokho zonke izikhulu zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni zafika zahlala eSangweni
laPhakathi: kwakunguNerigali-Shareza oweSamugari, loNebho-Sarisekhimi induna
yezikhulu, loNerigali-Shareza, indunankulu kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu zenkosi
yaseBhabhiloni. 4 Kwathi lapho uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lamabutho wonke
bebabona babaleka. Basuka edolobheni ebusuku ngendlela yasesivandeni senkosi,
baphuma ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli, baqonda e-Arabha.
5 Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana labo, lafica uZedekhiya emagcekeni
aseJerikho. Lamthumba, laselimusa kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni
eRibhila, elizweni laseHamathi, lapho amgweba khona. 6 Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni
yawabulalela khona eRibhila amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe, yabulala
lezikhulu zasesikhosini zonke zakoJuda. 7 Emva kwalokho uZedekhiya yamkhupha
amehlo yasimbopha ngamaketane ethusi ukuba imuse eBhabhiloni.
8 AmaKhaladiya atshisa isigodlo ngomlilo lezindlu zabantu, badiliza lemiduli
yeJerusalema. 9 UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, wathatha abantu
ababesele edolobheni ndawonye lalabo ababebalekele kuye kanye labanye abantu
wabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. 10 Kodwa uNebhuzaradani watshiya elizweni
lakoJuda abanye babantu abangabayanga ababengelalutho olungolwabo; njalo
ngalesosikhathi wabapha izivini lamasimu.
11 UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wayelaye uNebhuzaradani umlawuli
wabalindi besikhosini ngoJeremiya wathi, 12 "Umthathe, umgcine kuhle; ungam-
limazi kodwa umenzele konke akucelayo." 13 Ngakho uNebhuzaradani umlawuli
wabalindi, loNebhushazibhani induna yezikhulu, loNerigali-Shareza indunankulu
kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni 14 bathumela ukuba uJeremiya
asuswe egumeni labalindi. Bamnikela kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana
kaShafani, ukuba ambuyisele kibo. Ngakho wahlala labantu bakibo.
15 UJeremiya esavalelwe egumeni labalindi, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuye lathi,
16 "Hamba ku-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi uthi kuye, 'UTHIXO uSomandla, uNku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngigcwalise amazwi ami ngedolobho
leli ngokulehlisela umonakalo, hatshi ukuphumelela. Ngalesosikhathi aza-
gcwaliseka phambi kwamehlo enu. 17 Kodwa ngizakuhlenga ngalolosuku, kutsho
UTHIXO; kawuyikunikelwa kulabo obesabayo. 18 Ngizakusindisa, kawuyikubulawa
ngenkemba kodwa uzaphunyuka lokuphila kwakho, ngoba ungithembile, kutsho
UTHIXO.' "

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Ukukhululwa KukaJeremiya

1 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela kuTHIXO emva kokuba uNebhuzaradani umlawuli
wabalindi besikhosini, esemkhulule eRama. Wayefice uJeremiya ebotshwe nga-
maketane phakathi kwabo bonke ababethunjwe eJerusalema lakoJuda ababesiwa
ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. 2 Umlawuli wabalindi esethole uJeremiya wathi kuye,
"UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho wamisela indawo le umonakalo lo. 3 Khathesi
uThixo usewulethile; usenze ayethe uzakwenza. Konke lokhu kwenzakala ngoba
lina bantu lona kuTHIXO njalo kalimlalelanga. 4 Kodwa lamhla ngiyakukhulula
amaketane ezihlakaleni zakho. Hamba lami eBhabhiloni, nxa uthanda, ngizakugcina;
kodwa nxa ungafuni, ungahambi. Khangela, ilizwe lonke liphambi kwakho; yana
loba kungaphi lapho ofuna khona." 5 Kodwa-ke kwathi uJeremiya engakasuki
ukuba ahambe, uNebhuzaradani wengeza wathi, "Buyela kuGedaliya indodana
ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, osebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abuse
amadolobho akoJuda, uhlale laye phakathi kwabantu, kumbe uye loba kungaphi
lapho ofuna khona."

Emva kwalokho umlawuli wamnika umphako lesipho wasesithi kahambe.
6 Ngakho uJeremiya waya kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami eMizipha wahlala
phakathi kwabantu ababetshiywe elizweni.

Ukubulawa KukaGedaliya

7 Kwathi zonke izikhulu zabalawuli bamabutho lamabutho azo ayesegangeni
sebezwe ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisibeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami
ukuba abe ngumbusi welizwe njalo imenze waba ngumphathi wamadoda labesi-
fazane kanye labantwana ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni njalo ababengasi-
wanga ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni, 8 baya kuGedaliya eMizipha kungu-Ishumayeli
indodana kaNethaniya, uJohanani loJonathani amadodana kaKhareya, loSeraya
indodana kaThanihumethi, lamadodana ka-Efayi umNethofa, loJezaniya indodana
yomMahakhathi kanye labantu babo. 9 UGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indo-
dana kaShafani, wafunga isifungo ebathembisa labantu babo, wathi, "Lingesabi
ukusebenzela amaKhaladiya. Hlalani elizweni lisebenzele inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,
konke kuzalilungela. 10 Mina ngokwami ngizahlala eMizipha ukuba ngilimele
kumaKhaladiya eza kithi, kodwa lina vunani iwayini lezithelo zasehlobo kanye
lamafutha, likufake ezimbizeni zokugcinela, lihlale emadolobheni eseliwaphethe."

11 Kwathi bonke amaJuda baseMowabi, e-Amoni le-Edomi lawo wonke amanye
amazwe sebezwe ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayitshiye insalela koJuda njalo
ibeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani, ukuba ngumbusi wabo,
12 bonke babuyela elizweni lakoJuda, kuGedaliya eMizipha, bevela kuwo wonke
amazwe ababehlakazekele kuwo. Bavuna iwayini elinengi lezithelo zasehlobo.

13 UJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilokhu zisegangeni,
baya kuGedaliya eMizipha 14 bathi kuye, "Kawazi na ukuthi uBhahalisi inkosi yama-
Amoni usethume u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukuba akubulale?" Kodwa
uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami kakukholwanga lokho.

15 UJohanani indodana kaKhareya wasekhuluma ngasese loGedaliya eMizipha
esithi, "Yekela ngihambe ngiyebulala u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, kakho oza-
kwazi lokho. Kungani kumele akubulale enze ukuba abakoJuda bonke ababuthene
kuwe bahlakazeke, lensalela yakoJuda ibhubhe na?"

16 Kodwa uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami wathi kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya,
"Ungenzi into enjalo. Lokhu okutshoyo ngo-Ishumayeli akusiqiniso."

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1 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, indodana ka-
Elishama, owayeyinzalo yesikhosini, njalo owayengomunye wezikhulu zenkosi, waya

kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami eMizipha 2 lamadodana kaNethaniya lamadoda alitshumi ayelaye basukuma bamgwaza ngenkemba uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, bambulala lowo owayebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ngumbusi welizwe. 3 U-Ishumayeli wabulala lamaJuda wonke ayeloGedaliya eMizipha kanye lamabutho amaKhaladiya ayelapho.

4 Ngosuku olwalandela ukubulawa kukaGedaliya, kungakabi lamuntu owayesesazi ngakho, 5 kwafika amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili evela eShekhemu, leShilo leSamariya ayephuce indevu zawo izigqoko zawo zidabukile njalo ezisike imizimba, elethe iminikelo yamabele lempepha endlini kaThixo. 6 U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasuka eMizipha ukuyawahlangabeza; wahamba ekhala. Ekuhlanganeni kwakhe labo wathi, "Wozani kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami." 7 Kwathi sebengene phakathi kwedolobho u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya kanye lamadoda ayelaye, bawabulala bawaphosela emgodini. 8 Kodwa alitshumi awo athi ku-Ishumayeli, "Ungasibulali! Silengqoloyi lebhali, lamafutha loluju, esikufihle egangeni." Ngakho wawayekela kaze awabulala lamanye. 9 Umgodi ayephosele kuwo zonke izidumbu zamadoda ayewabulele kanye loGedaliya ngowawenziwe yinkosi u-Asa kuyingxenye yokuzivikela kwakhe kuBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli. U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwalisa ngezidumbu.

10 U-Ishumayeli wabenza baba yizigqili bonke abantu ababeseMizipha kubalisa amadodakazi enkosi kanye labanye bonke ababetshiywe khona nguNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayebeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami ukuba ngumbusi wabo. U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wabathumba, wasuka ukuba achaphele kuma-Amoni.

11 Kwathi uJohanani indodana kaKhareya kanye lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye sebezwe konke okubi okwakwenziwe ngu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, 12 bathatha bonke abantu babo bayakulwa lo-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya. Bamfica phansi kwechibi elikhulu eGibhiyoni. 13 Kwathi abantu bonke ababelo-Ishumayeli bebona uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zebutho ezazilaye, bathaba. 14 Bonke abantu u-Ishumayeli ayebathumbe eMizipha baphenduka baya kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya. 15 Kodwa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya labantu bakhe abayisificaminwembili baphunyuka kuJohanani babalekela kuma-Amoni.

Ukubalekela EGibhithe

16 Emva kwalokho uJohanani indodana kaKhareya, lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye, wathatha bonke abasilayo ababevele eMizipha ayebahlenge ku-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya emva kokubulala kwakhe uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami. Kwakungamabutho, labesifazane, labantwana kanye lezikhulu zasemthethwandaba ayezithethe eGibhiyoni. 17 Baqhubeka bahamba, bayakuma eGeruthi Khimihami eduze leBhethilehema, besiya eGibhithe 18 ukuba babalekele amaKhaladiya. Babewesaba ngoba u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wayebulele uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami owayebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abe ngumbusi welizwe.

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1 Zonke izikhulu zebutho, kanye loJohanani indodana kaKhareya loJezaniya indodana kaHoshayiya, labantu bonke kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu baya 2 kuJeremiya umphrofethi bathi kuye, "Ake uzwe isicelo sethu ubakhulekele bonke laba abaseleyo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba njengoba lawe uzibonela khathesi, lanxa sake saba banengi khathesi kusele abalutshwana kuphela. 3 Khuleka ukuba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho asitshele lapho okumele siye khona lalokho okumele sikwenze."

4 UJeremiya umphrofethi waphendula wathi, “Ngizwile. Ngizakhuleka impela
kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu njengoba licelile; ngizalitshela konke uThixo akutshoyo
ngingalifihleli lutho.”
5 Basebesithi kuJeremiya, “UTHIXO kabe ngufakazi wethu oqotho lothembekileyo
nxa singenzi okuvumelana lakho konke uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho akuthuma
ukuba usitshele khona. 6 Lanxa kukuhle kumbe kukubi sizamlalela uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu esikuthuma kuye, ukuze kusilungele, ngoba sizamlalela uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu.”
7 Emva kwensuku ezilitshumi ilizwi likaTHIXO lafika kuJeremiya. 8 Ngakho wabiza
uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye kanye labantu
bonke kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu. 9 Wathi kubo, “UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, elingithume ukuba ngiyekwethula isicelo senu kuye, uthi: 10 ‘Lingahlala
kulelilizwe ngizalakha, ngingalibhidlizi, ngizalihlanyela ngingalisiphuni, ngoba ngilu-
sizi ngomonakalo engawenza kini. 11 Lingayesabi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, eliyesabayo
khathesi. Lingayesabi, kutsho uTHIXO, ngoba ngilani njalo ngizalihlenga ngilikhulule
ezandleni zayo. 12 Ngizakuba lesihawu kini ukuze layo ibe lesihawu kini ilibuyisele
elizweni lakini.’
13 Kodwa lina lingathi, ‘Kasiyikuhlala kulelizwe,’ ngalokho lingalaleli uTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wenu, 14 njalo nxa lisithi, ‘Hatshi, thina sizakuyahlala eGibhithe lapho
esingayikubona khona impi loba sizwe icilongo kumbe silambele ukudla, 15 zwanini-
ke ilizwi likaTHIXO, lina abasele koJuda.’ UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli uthi: ‘Nxa liphitshekela ukuya eGibhithe njalo lihambe ukuyahlala khona,
16 lapho-ke inkemba eliyesabayo izalifica khona, lendlala eliyesabayo izalilandela
eGibhithe, njalo lizafela khonale. 17 Ngempela bonke abaphitshekela ukuya eGibhithe
ukuba bahlale khona bazakufa ngenkemba, indlala lesifo; kakho lamunye wabo
ozasinda loba aphephe kumonakalo engizabehlisela wona.’ 18 UTHIXO uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi, ‘Njengalokhu ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami
kwehliselwa phezu kwabantu abahlala eJerusalema, ngokunjalo ulaka lwami luza-
kwehliselwa phezu kwenu lapho lisiya eGibhithe. Lizakuba yinto yokuthukwa
lokwesatshwa, ukulahlwa lokuhlekwa; indawo le kaliyikuyibona futhi.’
19 Lina abasele koJuda, uTHIXO ulitshelile wathi, ‘Lingayi eGibhithe.’ Wobani
leqiniso lalokhu ukuthi: Ngiyalixwayisa lamuhla 20 ukuthi lenza iphutha elikhulu
kakhulu ngokungithuma kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu lisithi, ‘Sikhulekele kuTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu; usitshele konke akutshoyo sizakwenza.’ 21 Sengilitshelile
lamuhla, kodwa lilokhu lingalaleli lokho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu angithume
ukuthi ngilitshele khona. 22 Ngakho khathesi wobani leqiniso ukuthi lizakufa
ngenkemba, indlala lesifo endaweni elifuna ukuyahlala kuyo.”

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1 Kwathi uJeremiya eseqedile ukutshela abantu wonke amazwi kaTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wabo, konke uTHIXO ayemthume ukuthi abatshele khona, 2 u-Azariya indo-
dana kaHoshayiya, loJohanani indodana kaKhareya labo bonke abantu abazigqajayo
bathi kuJeremiya, “Uqamba amanga! UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu kakuthumanga
ukuba uthi, ‘Akumelanga liye eGibhithe ukuyahlala khona.’ 3 Kodwa uBharukhi in-
dodana kaNeriya uyakutshotshozela ukuba usinikele kumaKhaladiya ukuba asibulale
kumbe asise ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni.”
4 Ngakho uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lazozonke izikhulu zebutho kanye
labantu bonke kabalilalelanga ilizwi likaTHIXO lokuthi bahlale elizweni lakoJuda.
5 Esikhundleni salokho, uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho
bathatha bonke ababesele koJuda ababebuyele koJuda ukuyahlala khona bevela
ezizweni zonke ababekade behlakazelwe kuzo. 6 Bathatha lamadoda wonke,

labesifazane bonke kanye labantwana bonke, lamadodakazi enkosi lawo uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi ayewatshiye loGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, loJeremiya umphrofethi kanye loBharukhi indodana kaNeriya.
7 Ngakho bangena eGibhithe bedelela UTHIXO, bahamba baze bayafika eThahiphanesi.
8 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJeremiya eThahiphanesi lisithi, 9 "Thatha amatshe amakhulu uwagqibele enhlabathini endaweni egandelwe ngezitina, amaJuda bekhangele, esangweni lesigodlo sikaFaro eThahiphanesi, 10 uthi kubo, 'UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizabiza inceku yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo ngizabeka isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwamatshe la engiwambele lapha; uzakwendlala ithente lakhe lobukhosi phezu kwawo. 11 Uzakuza ahlasele iGibhithe, alethe ukufa kulabo abamiselwe ukufa, lokuthunjwa kulabo abamiselwe ukuthunjwa, lenkemba kulabo abamiselwe inkemba. 12 Uzawathungela ngomlilo amathempeli abonkulunkulu bamaGibhithe; uzawatshisa amathempeli abo athumbe labonkulunkulu bawo. Njengomelusi ezithandela ngesembatho sakhe, ngokunjalo laye uzazithandela ngeGibhithe asuke khona engalimalanga. 13 Khonale eGibhithe, ethempelini lelanga, uzadiliza izinsika ezikhonzwayo njalo uzatshisa amathempeli abonkulunkulu beGibhithe.' "

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Umonakalo Ngenxa Yokukhonza Izithombe

1 Ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya limayelana lamaJuda ayehlala eGibhithe, eMigidoli, leThahiphanesi leMemfisi, lasePhathrosi lisithi, 2 "UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Liwubonile umonakalo omkhulu engawehlisela phezu kweJerusalema laphezu kwamadolobho wonke akoJuda. Lamhlanje kawahlali muntu njalo angamanxiwa 3 ngenxa yobubi ababenzayo. Bangithukuthelisa ngokukhonza langokutshisela impepha abanye onkulunkulu abangabaziyo bona, lani kanye labokhokho benu. 4 Ngathuma izinceku zami, abaphrofethi, njalonjalo ezathi, 'Lingayenzi into le enengisayo engiyizondayo!' 5 Kodwa kabalalelanga njalo kabanakanga; kabaphendukanga ebubini babo kumbe bayekele ukutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha. 6 Ngakho ulaka lwami olwesabekayo lwaphuphuma; lwavutha emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema, lwakwenza kwaba ngamanxiwa achithekileyo ayikho lamhlanje.
7 Khathesi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Kungani lizilethela umonakalo omkhulu kangaka ngokususa koJuda amadoda labafazi, abantwana lensane, ngalokho lingazitshiyeli lensalela na? 8 Kungani lingithukuthelisa ngokwenziwa yizandla zenu, litshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha eGibhithe, lapho eselayahlala khona? Lizazibhubhisa lina ngokwenu lizenze into yokuthukwa lokuhlekwa phakathi kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni. 9 Selibukhohliwe yini ububi obenziwa ngokhokho benu lobubi obenziwa ngamakhosi lamakhosikazi akoJuda, lobubi obenziwa yini labomkenu elizweni lakoJuda, lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema?
10 Kuze kube lamhla kabazithobanga kumbe batshengise ukuhlonipha, kumbe balandele imithetho yami lezimiso engalibekela zona lina labokhokho benu.
11 Ngakho UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizimisele ukulehlisela umonakalo ngibhubhise loJuda wonke. 12 Ngizathatha abaseleyo koJuda ababezimisele ukuya eGibhithe; ukuba bahlale khona. Bonke bazabhubha eGibhithe; bazabulawa ngenkemba loba babulawe yindlala. Bazabulawa yinkemba loba indlala kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu. Bazakuba yinto yokuqalekiswa lokwesaba, eyokulahlwa lokuthukwa. 13 Abahlala eGibhithe ngizabajezisa ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo, njengokujezisa engakwenza iJerusalema. 14 Kakho owensalela yakoJuda owayahlala eGibhithe ozaphunyuka kumbe aphephe ukuba

abuyele elizweni lakoJuda asebefisa ukubuyela bayehlala kulo, kakho ozabuyela ngaphandle kweziphepheli ezilutshwane.”

15 Lapho-ke wonke amadoda ayekwazi ukuthi omkawo babetshisela abanye
onkulunkulu impepha, kanye labesifazane bonke ababekhona, ixuku elikhulu,
labantu bonke ababehlala ePhathrosi elizweni laseGibhithe, bathi kuJeremiya:
16 “Thina kasiyikulilalela ilizwi olikhulume kithi ngebizo LIKATHIXO! 17 Impela siza-
kwenza konke esathi sizakwenza: Impepha sizayitshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini
siyithululele leminikelo yokunathwayo njengalokhu esakwenzayo thina labobaba,
amakhosi ethu kanye lezikhulu zakithi emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni
yaseJerusalema. Ngalesosikhathi sasilokudla okunengi, sinothile kungekho okubi.
18 Kodwa selokhu sayekela ukutshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha lokuyithul-
ulela iminikelo yokunathwayo, kasisabanga lalutho njalo sesilokhu sisifa ngenkemba
langendlala.”

19 Abesifazane bengeza bathi, “Ngesikhathi sitshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini
impepha, siyithululela leminikelo yokunathwa, omkethu babengakwazi na ukuthi
sasisenza amakhekhe anjengesithombe sayo, siyithululela leminikelo yokunath-
wayo?”

20 UJeremiya wasesithi ebantwini bonke, abesilisa labesifazane, ababemphendula,
21 “UTHIXO kakhumbulanga wanakana ngempepha elayitshisela emadolobheni ako-
Juda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema lina laboyihlo, lamakhosi enu, lezikhulu zakini
kanye labantu belizweni na? 22 Kwathi UTHIXO engaselakho ukubekezelela izenzo
zenu ezimbi lezinto ezinengisayo elazenzayo, ilizwe lenu laba yinto yokuqalek-
iswa logwadule oluphundlekileyo olungahlali muntu njengoba kunjalo lanamhla.
23 Umonakalo lo wehlele kini njengoba liwubona khathesi ngoba litshise impepha
lenza okubi KUTHIXO njalo kalaze lamlalela loba lilandele umthetho wakhe kumbe
imithetho yakhe loba izimiso zakhe.”

24 UJeremiya wasesithi ebantwini bonke, kubalwa labesifazane, “Zwanini ilizwi
LIKATHIXO lonke lina bantu bakoJuda abaseGibhithe. 25 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNku-
lunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Lina labomkenu selitshengisile ngezenzo zenu elathembisa
ukukwenza lapho lathi, ‘Impela sizagcwalisa izifungo zethu esazenzayo zokutshisela
iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha kanye lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo.’

Ngakho qhubekani, yenzani elakuthembisayo. Gcwalisani izifungo zenu. 26 Kodwa
zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO lonke lina baJuda abahlala eGibhithe elithi: ‘Ngifunga
ngebizo lami elidumileyo,’ kutsho UTHIXO, ‘ukuthi kakho ovela koJuda ohlala loba
kungaphi eGibhithe ozabiza ibizo lami kumbe afunge esithi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
UTHIXO Wobukhosi ekhona.” 27 Ngoba ngilindele ukubenza okubi, hatshi okuhle.
AmaJuda aseGibhithe azabhujiswa yinkemba lendlala aze aphele wonke. 28 Labo
abazaphepha enkembeni babuyele elizweni lakoJuda bevela eGibhithe bazakuba ba-
lutshwana. Lapho-ke bonke abayinsalela yakoJuda abayahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi
ukuthi ilizwi elizakuma ngelikabani, elami kumbe elabo.

29 Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini sokuthi ngizalijezisa kuyonale indawo,’
kutsho UTHIXO, ‘ukuze lazi ukuthi okubi engalisongela ngakho kuzakwenzakala.’
30 UTHIXO uthi: ‘Ngizanikela uFaro Hofira inkosi yaseGibhithe ezitheni zakhe ezifuna
ukumbulala, njengalokhu nganikela uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kuNebhukhadineza
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, isitha sakhe esasifuna ukumbulala.’ ”

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Ilizwi KuBharukhi

1 Lokhu yikho uJeremiya umphrofethi akutshela uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya
ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, emva kokuba

uBharukhi elobe emqulwini amazwi ayekhulunywe nguJeremiya esithi, 2 "UTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi kuwe, Bharukhi: 3 Wena wathi, 'Maye mina!
UTHIXO usengezelele usizi ebuhlungwini bami; sengikhathele ngokububula njalo
kangikutholi ukuphumula.' 4 UTHIXO wathi, Khuluma lokhu kuye uthi: 'UTHIXO uthi:
Ngizadiliza esengikwakhile ngiphinde ngisiphune esengikuhlanyele elizweni lonke.
5 Lapho-ke uzazifunela izinto ezinkulu na? Ungazidingi, ngoba ngizaletha umonakalo
ebantwini bonke, kutsho UTHIXO, kodwa wena loba kungaphi oya khona ngizakwenza
uphephe lokuphila kwakho.' "

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Ilizwi NgeGibhithe

1 Leli yilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana lezizwe:

2 Mayelana leGibhithe:

Leli yilizwi elimayelana lebutho likaFaro Nekho inkosi yaseGibhithe, elanqotshwayo eKharikhemishi emfuleni iYufrathe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda:

3 "Lungisani amahawu enu, amakhulu lamancane,
liphume liye empini.
4 Bophani amabhiza,
liwagade!
Manini ezindaweni zenu
lilezingowane zenu!
Lolani imikhonto yenu,
ligqoke impahla zempi!
5 Kuyini engikubonayo?
Bayesaba,
bahlehlela emuva,
amabutho abo ehlulwe.
Abaleka ngesiqubu
anganyemukuli,
njalo kulokwesaba izindawo zonke," kutsho UTHIXO.
6 "Olejubane kasoze abaleke
kumbe olamandla aphephe.
Ngasenyakatho, emfuleni iYufrathe
bayakhubeka bawe.

7 Ngubani lo ophakama njengeNayili,
njengemifula elamanzi agubhazelayo na?
8 IGibhithe liphakama njengeNayili,
njengemifula elamanzi agubhazelayo.
Lithi: 'Ngizaphakama ngembese umhlaba;
ngizachitha amadolobho labantu bawo.'
9 Hlaselani, lina mabhiza!
Qhubekani ngentukuthelo, lina zinqola zempi!
Yanini phambili, lina mabutho,
madoda aseKhushi lawePhuthi, aphatha amahawu,
madoda aseLudi agoba idandili.
10 Kodwa usuku lolo ngolweNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla,

usuku lokuphindisela, olokuphindisela ezitheni zakhe.
Inkemba izakudla ize isuthe,
ize icitshe ukoma kwayo ngegazi.
Ngoba iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla uzanikela umhlatshelo
elizweni lasenyakatho ngasemfuleni iYufrathe.

11 Yana eGiliyadi uyethatha umuthi wokwelapha,
wena Ndodakazi egcweleyo yaseGibhithe.
Kodwa imithi uyandisela ize;
akukho kusila kuwe.
12 Izizwe zizakuzwa ngehlazo lakho;
ukukhala kwakho kuzagcwala umhlaba.
Elinye ibutho lizakhubeka kwelinye;
womabili azawela phansi ndawonye.”

13 Leli yilizwi uTHIXO alikhuluma kuJeremiya umphrofethi ngokuza kukaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ahlasele iGibhithe:
14 “Memezelani lokhu eGibhithe, likubike laseMigidoli;
kumemezeleni njalo laseMemfisi laseThahiphanesi lithi:
‘Manini ezindaweni zenu lilunge,
ngoba inkemba idla abakhelene lani.’
15 Amabutho enu azabulawelwani na?
Angeke ame,
ngoba uTHIXO uzawalahlela phansi.
16 Azakhubeka kokuphela;
azakuwa elekane.
Azakuthi, ‘Vukani, kasibuyeleni emuva
ebantwini bakithi lasemazweni akithi,
kude kwenkemba yomncindezeli.’
17 Khonale bazamemeza bathi,
‘UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe
ingumsindo omkhulu nje kuphela;
uselahlekelwe lithuba lakhe.’

18 Ngeqiniso elinjengokuthi ngikhona,” kutsho iNkosi,
obizo layo ngoTHIXO uSomandla,
“kuzafika omunye onjengoThabhori phakathi kwezintaba,
njengoKhameli ngasolwandle.
19 Lungisani impahla zekuthunjweni,
lina abahlala eGibhithe,
ngoba iMemfisi izadilizwa
ibe lunxiwa olungahlali muntu.

20 IGibhithe ilithokazi elihle,
kodwa isibawu siyeza
silisongela sivela enyakatho.
21 Amabutho okuqatshwa aphakathi kwalo
anjengamathole anonisiweyo.
Lawo azaphenduka abaleke endawonye,
kawayikuma,
ngoba usuku lomonakalo luyeza phezu kwabo,
isikhathi sabo sokujeziswa.

22 IGibhithe izakhwaza njengenyoka ebalekayo
lapho isitha sisondela ngobunengi baso;
sizayihlasela ngamahloka
okwabantu abagamula izihlahla.
23 Sizagamula amahlathi ayo," kutsho UTHIXO,
"lanxa eminyene kanjani.
Banengi kulentethe,
ngeke babalwe.
24 Indodakazi yaseGibhithe izayangiswa,
inikelwe ebantwini basenyakatho."
25 UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: "Sekuseduze ukuba ngijezise u-Amoni unkulunkulu waseThebesi, loFaro, leGibhithe kanye labonkulunkulu balo lamakhosi alo, lalabo abathembe uFaro. 26 Ngizabanikela kulabo abafuna ukubabulala, kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lezikhulu zakhe. Kodwa muva, iGibhithe lizahlalwa ngabantu futhi njengasezinsukwini zakudala," kutsho UTHIXO.
27 "Ungesabi, wena Jakhobe nceku yami;
ungathuthumeli, wena Israyeli.
Impela ngizakukhulula endaweni ekude,
lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo.
UJakhobe uzakuba lokuthula
futhi kanye lokuvikeleka,
njalo kakho ozamthuthumelisa.
28 Ungesabi wena Jakhobe nceku yami
ngoba ngilawe,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
"Lanxa ngizachitha ngokupheleleyo izizwe zonke
engakuhlakazela kuzo,
wena angiyikukuchitha ngokupheleleyo.
Ngizakujezisa kodwa ngokufaneleyo kuphela;
angiyikukuyekela nje ungajeziswanga."

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Ilizwi Ngamafilistiya

1 Leli yilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana lamaFilistiya ngesikhathi uFaro engakahlaseli iGaza:

2 UTHIXO uthi:
"Khangela ukuphakama kwamanzi enyakatho;
azakuba ngumfula okhukhulayo.
Azakhukhula ilizwe lakho konke okukulo,
amadolobho lalabo abahlala kuwo.
Abantu bazakhala,
bonke abahlala elizweni bazalila
3 ekuzweni umsindo wamasondo amabhiza agijimayo,
lekuzweni umsindo wezinqola zesitha
lomdumo wamasondo azo.
Oyise kabayikuphenduka ukuba basize abantwababo;
izandla zabo zizalenga zingelamandla.
4 Ngoba usuku selufikile
ukuba abhujiswe wonke amaFilistiya,
lokuqeda bonke abasilayo

abangasiza iThire leSidoni.
Sekuseduze ukuba UTHIXO abhubhise amaFilistiya,
insalela emakhunjini eKhafithori.
5 IGaza izaphuca ikhanda layo ilila;
i-Ashikheloni izathuliswa.
Lina nsalela esemagcekeni,
lizazisika kuze kube nini na?

6 Likhala lisithi, ‘Maye, nkemba KATHIXO,
koba nini ukuze uphumule?
Buyela emgodleni wakho;
khawuka ungathi nyiki.’
7 Kodwa ingaphumula njani
yona ilaywe NGUTHIXO,
ithunywe nguye
ukuba ihlasele i-Ashikheloni lamakhumbi olwandle na?”

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Ilizwi NgeMowabi

1 Mayelana leMowabi:

UTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi:
“Maye kuyo iNebho ngoba izachithwa.
IKhiriyathayimi izayangeka njalo ithunjwe;
inqaba izayangeka ibhidlizwe.
2 IMowabi kayiyikudunyiswa futhi;
eHeshibhoni abantu bazaceba ukumbhidliza:
besithi, ‘Wozani sitshabalalise isizwe lesiyana.’
Lawe, wena Madimeni uzathuliswa;
inkemba izaxotshana lawe.
3 Zwanini ukukhala okuvela eHoronayimi;
ukukhala komonakalo omkhulu lencithakalo.
4 IMowabi izachitheka;
abancinyane bayo bazakhala.
5 Baqansa ngendlela eya eLuhithi,
bahamba belila kabuhlungu,
emgwaqweni owehlela eHoronayimi,
kuzwakala ukukhala okulosizi ngenxa yokuchitheka.
6 Balekani! Gijimani lizivikele ekufeni;
wobani njengesihlahla enkangala.
7 Njengoba lithembe izenzo zenu lenotho yenu,
lani futhi lizathunjwa,
loKhemoshi uzakuya ekuthunjweni,
kanye labaphristi bakhe lezikhulu zakhe.
8 Umchithi uzafika emadolobheni wonke,
njalo akukho dolobho elizaphepha.
Isigodi sizatshabalaliswa,
lamagceke azaqothulwa
ngoba UTHIXO usekhulumile.
9 Fakani itswayi kuyo iMowabi
ngoba izachitheka;

amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa
angayikuba lamuntu ozahlala kuwo.

10 Yeka isithuko kulowo oyekethisayo ekwenzeni umsebenzi kaThixo!
Yeka isithuko kulowo ogodla inkemba yakhe ekuchitheni igazi!

11 IMowabi ibiphumule kusukela ebutsheni bayo
njengewayini elisele phezu kwezinsipho zalo,
elingathelwanga kwenye imbiza lisuswa kwenye
kayithunjwanga.
Ngakho inambitheka njengakuqala,
iphunga layo kaliguqukanga.
12 Kodwa insuku ziyeza,
lapho ngizathuma abantu abathulula okusembizeni,
njalo bazayithululela phandle;
bazachitha okusezimbizeni zayo
bazimahlaze imbiza zayo.
13 Lapho-ke iMowabi izayangeka ngoKhemoshi
njengokuyangeka kwendlu ka-Israyeli
lapho babethembe iBhetheli.

14 Lingatsho kanjani na ukuthi, ‘Singamabutho,
amadoda alesibindi empini na’?
15 IMowabi izachithwa, amadolobho ayo ahlaselwe;
amajaha ayo aqinileyo azacakazelwa phansi abulawe,”
kutsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguThixo uSomandla.
16 “Ukuwa kweMowabi sekuseduze;
umonakalo wayo uzafika ngokuphangisa.
17 Ikhaleleni lonke lina elakhelene layo,
bonke abalwaziyo udumo lwayo,
lithi, ‘Yeka ukwephuka kwentonga yobukhosi elamandla,
yeka ukwephuka kodondolo oluhle kakhulu!’

18 Yehlani ebukhosini benu
lihlale emhlabathini owomileyo,
lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseDibhoni.
Ngoba lowo ochitha iMowabi
uzakuzalihlasela
adilize amadolobho enu avikelweyo.
19 Manini emgwaqweni lilinde,
lina elihlala e-Aroweri.
Buzani indoda ebalekayo lowesifazane obalekayo;
babuzeni lithi, ‘Kwenzakaleni na?’
20 IMowabi iyangekile, ngoba ichithekile.
Lilani likhale!
Bikani ngase-Arinoni
ukuthi iMowabi itshabalalisiwe.
21 Ukwehlulela sekufikile emagcekeni
eHoloni, leJahazi laseMefahathi,
22 eDibhoni, leNebho laseBhethi-Dibhilathayimi,
23 eKhiriyathayimi, leBhethi-Gamuli laseBhethi Meyoni,

24 eKheriyothi kanye laseBhozira
kuwo wonke amadolobho aseMowabi, aseduze lakhatshana.
25 Uphondo lweMowabi luqunyiwe,
ingalo yalo yephuliwe,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

26 “Idakiseni
ngoba idelele uTHIXO.
IMowabi kayizibhixe ngamahlanzo ayo;
kayibe yinto yokuhlekwa.
27 U-Israyeli wayengasinto yokuhlekisa kuwe na?
Watholakala ephakathi kwamasela na,
ukuba unikine ikhanda lakho ngokweyisa
ngasosonke isikhathi lapho ukhuluma ngaye?
28 Tshiyani amadolobho enu lihlale emadwaleni,
lina elihlala eMowabi.
Wobani njengejuba elakhela isidleke salo
emlonyeni wobhalu.

29 Sizwile ngokuzigqaja kweMowabi,
ukuziqakisa kwayo lokuzazisa kwayo!
Ukuzigqaja lokuzikhukhumeza kwayo,
kanye lokuziphakamisa kwenhliziyo yayo.
30 Ngiyakwazi ukudelela kwayo, kodwa kuyize,
lokuzincoma kwayo akusizi lutho,” kutsho uTHIXO
31 “Ngakho-ke ngiyalila ngeMowabi,
ngikhalela iMowabi yonke,
ngililela abantu baseKhiri-Haresethi.
32 Ngiyalikhalela njengokulila kweJazeri,
lina zivini zaseSibhima.
Ingatsha zenu zinaba zifike olwandle,
zafika olwandle lwaseJazeri.
Umchithi usehlele
phezu kwezithelo zakho ezivuthiweyo laphezu kwamavini.
33 Ukuthokoza lokuthaba akusekho
ezivinini lasemasimini eMowabi.
Ukugeleza kwewayini ezikhamelweni sengikumisile;
kakho ozalikhama eklabalala ngentokozo.
Lanxa kulokuklabalala
akusikuklabalala kwentokozo.

34 Umsindo wokukhala kwabo uyaphakama
uvelela eHeshibhoni usiya e-Eliyale laseJahazi,
uvela eZowari usiyafika eHoronayimi le-Egilathi Shelishiya,
ngoba lamanzi aseNimirimi asecitshile.
35 EMowabi ngizabaqeda
labo abanikela iminikelo ezindaweni eziphakemeyo
batshisele labonkulunkulu babo impepha,” kutsho uTHIXO.
36 “Ngakho inhliziyo yami ikhalela iMowabi njengemfegwana;
iyakhala njengemfegwana ikhalela abantu beKhiri-Haresethi.
Inotho ababeyizuzile kayisekho.
37 Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe

lezindevu zonke zigeliwe;
izandla zonke zisikiwe
lezinkalo zonke zigqokiswe amasaka.
38 Phezu kwezimpahla zonke zezindlu zaseMowabi
lasemagcekeni kazulu,
akulalutho ngaphandle kokukhala,
ngoba iMowabi ngiyibulele
njengembiza engafunwa muntu," kutsho UTHIXO.
39 "Yeka ukuphahlazwa kwayo! Yeka ukulila kwabo!
Yeka ukufulathela kweMowabi ilehlazo!
IMowabi isibe yinto yokuhlekwa;
into yokwesatshwa yibo bonke abakhelane layo."
40 UTHIXO uthi:
"Khangela! Ukhozi lwehlela phansi ngesiqubu,
lwelulele impiko zalo phezu kweMowabi.
41 IKheriyothi izathunjwa,
lezinqaba zithunjwe.
Ngalolosuku inhliziyo zamabutho aseMowabi
zizakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazane ohelelwayo.
42 IMowabi izachithwa ingabe isaba yisizwe
ngoba yadelela UTHIXO.
43 Ukwesaba lomgodi kanye lomjibila kulilindele
lina bantu baseMowabi,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
44 "Loba ngubani obalekela ukwesaba
uzawela emgodini,
loba ngubani ophuma emgodini
uzabanjwa ngumjibila;
ngoba ngizakwehlisela phezu kweMowabi
umnyaka wokujeziswa kwayo,"
kutsho UTHIXO.

45 "Emthunzini waseHeshibhoni
ababalekayo bayema kungelasizo,
ngoba umlilo usuphumile eHeshibhoni,
ilangabi elivela phakathi kwakoSihoni;
litshisa amabunzi eMowabi
inkakhayi zamaqhalaqhala alomsindo.
46 Maye kuwe! wena Mowabi!
Abantu baseKhemoshi babhujisiwe;
amadodana athunjiwe
lamadodakazi akho athunjiwe.

47 Kodwa inhlanhla ye-Mowabi ngizayibuyisela
ensukwini ezizayo,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
Ukwahlulelwa kweMowabi kuphelela lapha.

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Ilizwi Ngama-Amoni

1 Mayelana lama-Amoni:

Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO:
“U-Israyeli kalamadodana na?
Kalandlalifa na?
Pho kungani uMoleki esethumbe iGadi na?
Kungani abantu bakhe behlala emadolobheni alo na?
2 Kodwa insuku ziyeza,
lapho engizahlaba khona umkhosi wempi
wokumelana leRabha yama-Amoni,
izakuba yindunduma yonxiwa;
lemizi eseduze layo izathungelwa ngomlilo.
Ngakho u-Israyeli uzabaxotsha
labo ababemxotshele phandle,” kutsho uTHIXO.
3 “Lila weHeshibhoni, ngoba i-Ayi ichithekile!
Khalani lina elihlala eRabha!
Gqokani amasaka lilile;
gijimelani lapha lalaphaya phakathi kwemiduli,
ngoba uMoleki uzathunjwa,
ndawonye labaphristi bakhe kanye lezikhulu zakhe.
4 Lizincomelani ngezigodi zenu,
lizincomelani ngezigodi ezithela kangaka?
Wena ndodakazi engathembekanga,
uthemba inotho yakho uthi,
‘Ngubani ozangihlasela na?’
5 Ngizalilethela ukwesaba
okuvela kubo bonke abaseduze lani,”
kutsho iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla.
“Lonke lizaxotshelwa khatshana,
njalo kakho ozaqoqa ababalekayo.

6 Kodwa emva kwalokho
ngizabuyisela inhlanhla yama-Amoni,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

Ilizwi Nge-Edomi

7 Mayelana le-Edomi:

Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO uSomandla:
“Kakuselakuhlakanipha eThemani na?
Izeluleko sezaphela na kwabahlakaniphileyo?
Ukuhlakanipha kwabo sekwabola na?
8 Phendukani libaleke, licatshe ezimbalwini ezitshonayo,
lina elihlala eDedani,
ngoba ngizaletha umonakalo phezu kuka-Esawu
ngesikhathi engizamjezisa ngaso.
9 Nxa abavuni bamavini befike kuwe,
kabangeke batshiye amalutshwana na?
Nxa amasela efika ebusuku
kabayikuntshontsha lokho okwanele abakufunayo kuphela na?
10 Kodwa u-Esawu ngizamhlubula asale eze;
ngizakwembula izindawo zakhe zokucatsha,

ukuze angacatshi.
Amabutho akhe ahlomileyo azabhubha
kanye labomakhelwane bakhe labahlanganyela laye,
angabikhona khona ozakuthi,
11 'Tshiya izintandane zakho; ngizavikela impilo yazo
labafelokazi bakho bangathemba kimi.' "
12 UTHIXO uthi: "Nxa labo abangafanelanga ukunatha inkezo kumele bayinathe, kungani wena ungeze wajeziswa na? Kawuyikuphutha ukujeziswa, kumele uyinathe. 13 Ngifunga ngami, ukuthi iBhozira izakuba lunxiwa lento yokwesatshwa, eyokuthukwa lokuqalekiswa, njalo wonke amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa nini lanini," kutsho UTHIXO.
14 Sengizwe ilizwi elivela kUTHIXO:
Kuthunywe isithunywa ezizweni ukuba sithi,
"Buthanani ukuba liyihlasele!
Vukani lilwe impi!"

15 "Khathesi ngizakwenza ube mncane phakathi kwezizwe,
udeleleke ebantwini.
16 Ukuthuthumela okungabangwa nguwe,
lokuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho kukukhohlisile,
wena ohlala eminkenkeni yamadwala,
wena ohlala ezingqongeni zoqaqa.
Lanxa usakhela isidleke sakho phezulu njengengqungqulu,
ukhonapho ngizakwehlisela phansi,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
17 "I-Edomi izakuba yinto yokwesatshwa,
bonke abadlula khona bazathuthumela baklolode
ngenxa yamanxeba ayo wonke.
18 Njengokuchitheka kweSodoma leGomora,
kanye lamadolobho awo ayeseduze,
ngakho kakho ozahlala kuyo,
kakho ozabuye ahlale khona" kutsho UTHIXO.

19 "Njengesilwane siphuma emahlathini aseJodani
sisiya emadlelweni amahle,
i-Edomi ngizayixotsha elizweni layo ngesikhatshana.
Ngubani okhethiweyo engizamkhethela lokhu na?
Ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongamelana lami na?
Njalo nguphi umelusi ongajamelana lami na?"

20 Ngakho, zwanini lokho UTHIXO asecebe ukukwenza nge-Edomi,
asemise ukukwenza kulabo abahlala eThemani:
Amazinyane omhlambi azadonselwa le;
amadlelo awo uzawatshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yabo.
21 Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlaba uzagedezela,
ukukhala kwabo kuzazwakala eLwandle oluBomvu.
22 Khangelani! Ingqungqulu izaqonga iphinde yehlele phansi,
yelulele impiko zayo phezu kweBhozira.
Ngalolosuku inhliziyo zamabutho ase-Edomi
zizakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazane ohelelwayo.

Ilizwi NgeDamaseko

23 Mayelana leDamaseko:
“IHamathi le-Ariphadi athithibele,
ngoba azwe izindaba ezimbi.
Adanile,
akhathazeke njengolwandle olungela kuphumula.
24 IDamaseko isibe buthakathaka,
isiphendukile ukuba ibaleke,
isiphethwe layikuphaphazela;
ibanjwe lusizi lobuhlungu,
ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo.
25 Kungani idolobho lodumo lingadelwanga,
idolobho engithokoza ngalo na?
26 Ngeqiniso izinsizwa zayo zizakuwa emgwaqweni;
amabutho ayo wonke azathuliswa ngalolosuku,”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
27 “Imiduli yaseDamaseko ngizayithungela ngomlilo;
uzaqothula izinqaba zaseBheni-Hadadi.”

Ilizwi NgeKhedari LeHazori

28 Mayelana leKhedari lemibuso yaseHazori, eyahlaselwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni:

UTHIXO uthi:
“Vuka uhlasele iKhedari
ubhubhise labantu baseMpumalanga.
29 Amathente abo lemihlambi yabo kuzathunjwa;
amakhetheni abo azathathwa
layo yonke impahla yabo kanye lamakamela abo.
Abantu bazaklabalala besithi kubo,
‘Ukwesaba enhlangothini zonke!’

30 Balekani ngokuphangisa!
Hlalani ezimbalwini ezitshonayo, lina elihlala eHazori,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni usecebe icebo ngani,
usebumbe icebo ngani.

31 Vukani lihlasele isizwe esizinzileyo,
esihlezi ngethemba,”
kutsho uTHIXO,
“isizwe esingelawo amasango kumbe imigoqo;
abantu baso bahlala bodwa.
32 Amakamela aso azakuba yimpango,
lemihlambi yabo emikhulu izakuba yimpango.
Ngizabahlakazela emoyeni labo abasezindaweni ezikude
njalo ngizaletha umonakalo kubo uvelela enhlangothini zonke,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
33 “IHazori izakuba yisikhundla samakhanka,
indawo echithekileyo nini lanini.
Kakho ozahlala khona,
akulamuntu ozahlala kuyo.”

Ilizwi Nge-Elamu

34 Leli yilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana le-Elamu,
ekuqaleni kombuso kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, elathi:

35 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Khangela, idandili le-Elamu ngizalephula,
insika yamandla abo.
36 Ngizalethela i-Elamu imimoya emine
ezavela emagumbini amane amazulu,
ngizabahlakazela emimoyeni emine,
njalo akuyikuba lesizwe
abathunjwe e-Elamu abangayikuya kuso.
37 I-Elamu ngizayibhidliza phambi kwezitha zayo,
phambi kwalabo abafuna ukubabulala.
Ngizakwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwabo
kanye lolaka lwami oluvuthayo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Ngizabaxhuma ngenkemba
ngize ngibaqede bonke.
38 Ngizabeka isihlalo sami sobukhosi e-Elamu
ngichithe inkosi yayo lezikhulu zayo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

39 “Kodwa inhlanhla ye-Elamu ngizayibuyisa
ensukwini ezizayo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

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Ilizwi NgeBhabhiloni

1 Leli yilizwi UTHIXO alikhuluma ngoJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana leBhabhiloni
lelizwe lamaKhaladiya:
2 “Memezelani libike phakathi kwezizwe,
phakamisani uphawu lilubike;
lingafihli lutho, kodwa lithi,
‘IBhabhiloni izathunjwa,
iBheli izayangiswa,
iMariduki ibe lokwesaba.
Izifanekiso zayo zizayangiswa,
izithombe zayo zibe lokwesaba.’
3 Isizwe esivela enyakatho sizayihlasela
sitshabalalise ilizwe layo.
Kakho ozahlala kuyo;
abantu lezinyamazana kuzasuka kubaleke.

4 Ngalezonsuku, ngalesosikhathi,
abantu bako-Israyeli ndawonye labantu bakoJuda
bazahamba bekhala bedinga UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo.
5 Bazabuza indlela eya eZiyoni
bakhangelise ubuso babo kuyo.
Bazakuza bazibophele KUTHIXO
ngesivumelwano esingapheliyo
esingayikukhohlakala.

6 Abantu bami bebeyizimvu ezilahlekileyo,
abelusi babo babebadukisile
babenza bazulazula phezu kwezintaba.
Bantula phezu kwezintaba laphezu kwamaqaqa
bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokuphumula.
7 Loba ngubani owabatholayo wabadla;
izitha zabo zathi, ‘Kasilacala,
ngoba benza okubi KUTHIXO, idlelo labo eliqotho,
UTHIXO, ithemba laboyise.’

8 Balekelani ngaphandle kweBhabhiloni;
sukani elizweni lamaKhaladiya,
libe njengembuzi ezikhokhela umhlambi.
9 Ngoba iBhabhiloni ngizayivusela
umanyano lwezizwe ezinkulu ezivela elizweni lasenyakatho.
Bazaviva ezindaweni zabo bamelane layo.
Njalo izathunjwa kuvelelwa enyakatho.
Imitshoko yabo izakuba njengamabutho alolwazi
angaphenduki engelalutho.
10 Ngakho iBhabhiloni izaphangwa,
bonke abayiphangayo bazasuthiseka,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

11 “Njengoba lithokoza njalo lithabile,
lizaphanga ilifa lami ngoba
liyaqolotsha njengethokazi etshanini,
njalo likhale njengamabhiza amaduna,
12 unyoko uzayangeka kakhulu,
yena owalizalayo uzakuba lenhloni.
Uzakuba ngowokucina phakathi kwezizwe,
inkangala, ilizwe elomileyo, ugwadule.
13 Ngenxa yolaka LUKATHIXO kayiyikuhlalwa muntu kodwa
izachithwa ngokupheleleyo.
Bonke abadlula eBhabhiloni bazakwesaba
baklolode ngenxa yamanxeba ayo wonke.

14 Vivani inhlangothi zonke zeBhabhiloni
lonke lina eliphethe amadandili.
Itshokeni! Lingatshiyi mitshoko
ngoba yonile KUTHIXO.
15 Klabalalani kuyo ezinhlangothini zonke!
Iyazinikela, imiphotshongo yayo iyawa,
imiduli yayo idilikela phansi.
Njengoba lokhu kuyikuphindisela KUKATHIXO,
phindiselani kuyo iBhabhiloni;
yenzani kuyo njengalokhu eyakwenza kwabanye.
16 Msuseni eBhabhiloni umhlanyeli,
lomvuni lesikela yakhe ekuvuneni.
Ngenxa yenkemba yomncindezeli,
umuntu wonke kabuyele ebantwini bakibo;
umuntu wonke kabalekele elizweni lakibo.

17 U-Israyeli ungumhlambi ohlakazekileyo
oxotshwe yizilwane.
Owaqalayo ukumudla
yinkosi yase-Asiriya;
owacinayo ukuqhoba amathambo akhe
nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.”
18 Ngakho uTHIXO uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi:
“Ngizayijezisa inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lelizwe layo
njengoba ngajezisa inkosi yase-Asiriya.
19 Kodwa u-Israyeli ngizambuyisela edlelweni lakhe,
uzakudla eKhameli kanye laseBhashani;
inkanuko yakhe izasuthiswa
emaqaqeni ako-Efrayimi kanye leGiliyadi.
20 Ngalezonsuku, ngalesosikhathi,” kutsho uTHIXO,
“ukona kuka-Israyeli kuzadingwa,
kodwa akuyikuba khona;
kudingwe lezono zikaJuda
kodwa kasikho esizafunyanwa,
ngoba insalela engiyitshiyayo ngizayithethelela.

21 Hlaselani ilizwe laseMerathayimi
lalabo abahlala ePhekhodi.
Xotshanani labo libabulale libaqede du,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“Yenzani konke engililaye khona.
22 Umsindo wempi uselizweni,
umsindo wencithakalo enkulu!
23 Yeka ukwephuka lokucezuka
kwesando somhlaba wonke!
Yeka ukuchitheka kweBhabhiloni
phakathi kwezizwe!
24 Ngakuthiya ngomjibila, wena Bhabhiloni,
wabanjwa ungakakwazi lokho;
waficwa wathunjwa,
ngoba wamelana loTHIXO.
25 UTHIXO usevule indlu yakhe yezikhali
wakhupha izikhali zolaka lwakhe,
ngoba uTHIXO Wobukhosi, uSomandla
ulomsebenzi okumele awenze
elizweni lamaKhaladiya.
26 Wozani kuyo limelane layo livela kude.
Fohlelani eziphaleni zayo;
liyibuthelele njengezinqumbi zamabele.
Ichitheni okupheleleyo
lingayitshiyeli nsalela.
27 Bulalani zonke inkunzi zayo ezisesengamaguqa;
ziwiseleni phansi ekuhlatshweni!
Maye kubo!
Ngoba usuku lwabo selufikile, isikhathi sabo sokujeziswa.
28 Lalelani ababalekayo labaphephileyo abavela eBhabhiloni
bememezela eZiyoni

ngokuphindisela uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu asekwenzile,
ukuphindisela ngenxa yethempeli lakhe.

29 Bizani abemitshoko bahlasele iBhabhiloni,
bonke labo abaphatha amadandili.
Ihanqeni inxa zonke;
kungabikhona ophunyukayo.
Iphindiseleni izenzo zayo;
yenzani kuyo njengekwenzileyo.
Ngoba idelele uTHIXO,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
30 Ngakho izinsizwa zayo zizakuwa emigwaqweni; ngalolosuku
wonke amabutho ayo azabulawa,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
31 “Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena oyisiqholo,”
kutsho uThixo, uTHIXO uSomandla,
“ngoba usuku lwakho selufikile,
isikhathi sokujeziswa kwakho.
32 Oyisiqholo uzakhubeka awe,
njalo kakho ozamsiza amvuse.
Ngizabasa umlilo emadolobheni akhe
ozaqothula bonke abakhelene laye.”
33 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Abantu bako-Israyeli bancindezelwe,
kanye labantu bakoJuda futhi.
Bonke abathumbi babo babagagadlele,
besala ukubadedela bahambe.
34 Kodwa uMhlengi wabo ulamandla;
uTHIXO uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe.
Uzavikela imfanelo zabo ngamandla
ukuze alethe ukuthula elizweni labo,
kodwa ukuxokozela kulabo abahlala eBhabhiloni.

35 Inkemba imelana lamaKhaladiya,”
kutsho uTHIXO,
“imelane lalabo abahlala eBhabhiloni
kanye lezikhulu zayo lezihlakaniphi zayo!
36 Inkemba izamelana labaphrofethi balo bamanga!
Bazakuba yizithutha.
Inkemba izamelana lamabutho ayo!
Azakuba lokwesaba okukhulu.
37 Inkemba izamelana lamabhiza ayo lezinqola zempi
labo bonke abezizweni abakuyo!
Bazakuba ngabafazi.
Inkemba izamelana lenotho yayo!
Izaphangwa.
38 Kuzakuba lokoma kwamanzi ayo!
Azacitsha.
Ngoba yilizwe lezithombe,
izithombe ezizahlanya ngenxa yokwesaba.

39 Ngakho izidalwa zasenkangala lezimpisi zizahlala khona,

lesikhova sizahlala khona.
Akusayikwakhiwa kuyo lanini
kumbe kuhlalwe kuyo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kusizukulwane.
40 Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma leGomora
ndawonye lamadolobho ayeseduzane lawo,”
kutsho uTHIXO,
“ngokunjalo kakho ozahlala khona;
akulamuntu ozahlala phakathi kwayo.

41 Khangelani! Ibutho liyeza livela enyakatho;
isizwe esikhulu lamakhosi amanengi
bayadungwa kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
42 Bahlome ngamadandili langemikhonto;
balesihluku, kabalasihawu.
Bezwakala njengolwandle oluhlokomayo
lapho begade amabhiza abo;
beza njengabantu abalungele impi ukuba
bakuhlasele, wena Ndodakazi yaseBhabhiloni.
43 INkosi yaseBhabhiloni isiyizwile imibiko ngabo,
njalo izandla zayo zilenga zingelamandla.
Usizi seluyibambile,
ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo.
44 Njengesilwane siphuma emahlathini aseJodani sisiya
emadlelweni amahle,
iBhabhiloni ngizayixotsha elizweni layo ngesikhatshana.
Ngubani okhethiweyo engizamkhethela lokhu na?
Ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongamelana lami?
Njalo nguphi umelusi ongajamelana lami na?”

45 Ngakho, zwanini lokho uTHIXO asecebe ukukwenza ngeBhabhiloni,
asemise ukukwenza ngelizwe lamaKhaladiya:
Amazinyane omhlambi azadonselwa le,
amadlelo awo uzawatshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yabo.
46 Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wokuthunjwa kweBhabhiloni umhlaba uzagedezela;
ukukhala kwayo kuzazwakala phakathi kwezizwe.

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1 UTHIXO uthi:
“Khangelani, ngizavusa umoya ochithayo
umelane leBhabhiloni labantu beLebhi Khamayi.
2 Ngizathumela abezizweni eBhabhiloni
ukuba bayihlungule njalo batshabalalise lelizwe layo;
bazamelana layo enhlangothini zonke
ngosuku lwencithakalo yayo.
3 Lingavumeli mtshoki ebopha idandili lakhe
loba limyekele egqoka isigqoko sakhe sensimbi.
Lingazitshiyi izinsizwa zayo,
liliqede du ibutho layo.
4 Bazawela phansi bebulewe eBhabhiloni
belinyazwe okokufa emigwaqweni yayo.
5 Ngoba u-Israyeli loJuda kabalahlwanga

nguNkulunkulu wabo, uTHIXO uSomandla,
lanxa nje ilizwe labo ligcwele ukona
phambi koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

6 Balekani eBhabhiloni!
Sindisani impilo yenu!
Lingabhujiswa ngenxa yezono zayo.
Yisikhathi sokuphindisela kukaTHIXO;
uzaphindisela kuyo ngokufaneleyo.
7 IBhabhiloni yayiyinkezo yegolide esandleni sikaTHIXO;
yenza umhlaba wonke wadakwa.
Izizwe zanatha iwayini layo;
ngakho khathesi sezihlanya.
8 IBhabhiloni izakuwa masinyane idilike.
Ilileleni!
Idingeleni umuthi wokupholisa ubuhlungu bayo;
mhlawumbe ingasila.

9 ‘IBhabhiloni kade singayelapha
kodwa kayelapheki;
kasiyitshiyeni kuthi lowo lalowo aye elizweni lakibo,
ngoba ukwahlulela kufika emikhathini
kuqonga kuze kufike emayezini.

10 UTHIXO usebonakalisile ukuthi kasilacala,
wozani sibike eZiyoni
osekwenziwe nguTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu.’

11 Lolani imitshoko;
thathani amahawu!
UTHIXO usevuse amakhosi amaMede
ngoba inhloso yakhe yikuchitha iBhabhiloni.
UTHIXO uzaphindisela,
aphindisele ngenxa yethempeli lakhe.
12 Phakamiselani imiduli yaseBhabhiloni uphawu!
Qinisani ukulinda,
bekani abalindayo,
lungiselani ukucathamela!
UTHIXO uzafeza inhloso yakhe,
isimiso sakhe ngabantu baseBhabhiloni.
13 Lina elihlala ngasemanzini amanengi,
njalo lilenotho enengi,
isiphetho senu sesifikile,
isikhathi senu sokuqunywa.
14 UTHIXO uSomandla usefungile ngayo wathi:
Impela ngizakugcwalisa ngabantu abangangesikhongwane,
njalo bazaklabalala ngamacilongo ngaphezu kwakho.

15 Wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe;
wamisa umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe
njalo wendlala lamazulu ngokuqedisisa kwakhe.

16 Lapho evungama, amanzi asemazulwini ayahlokoma;
wenza amayezi aphakame evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.
Uthumela umbane ulezulu njalo
akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe.

17 Abantu bonke kabalangqondo njalo kabalalwazi;
wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yizithombe zakhe.
Izithombe zakhe azenzayo ziyinkohliso;
kazilamphefumulo phakathi kwazo.
18 Ziyize, izinto zenhlekisa nje;
lapho ukwahlulelwa kwazo sekufikile, zizabhubha.
19 Lowo oyingxenye yesizwe sikaJakhobe kafani lalaba,
ngoba unguMenzi wezinto zonke,
kubalwa labantu belifa lakhe,
ibizo lakhe NGUTHIXO uSomandla.

20 Wena uyinduku yami yempi,
isikhali sami sokulwa
ngawe ngitshabalalisa izizwe,
ngawe ngichitha imibuso;
21 ngawe ngihlifiza ibhiza lomgadi walo,
ngawe ngihlifiza inqola yempi lomtshayeli wayo,
22 ngawe ngihlifiza indoda lomfazi,
ngawe ngihlifiza amaxhegu labatsha,
ngawe ngihlifiza izinsizwa lezintombi,
23 ngawe ngihlifiza abelusi lemihlambi,
ngawe ngihlifiza umlimi lenkabi,
ngawe ngihlifiza ababusi lezikhulu.
24 Emehlweni enu ngizaphindisela kuyo iBhabhiloni lakubo bonke abahlala kuyo
ngenxa yobubi bonke ababenzileyo eZiyoni," kutsho UTHIXO.
25 "Ngimelana lawe, wena ntaba echithayo,
wena ochitha umhlaba wonke,"
kutsho UTHIXO.
"Ngizakwelulela isandla sami kuwe,
ngikugiqe usuka emaweni,
ngikwenze ube yintaba eyatshiswayo.
26 Akulalitshe elizasuswa kuwe ukuba libe ngelekhoneni,
loba elinye ilitshe ukuba ngelesisekelo
ngoba lizachithwa kokuphela," kutsho UTHIXO.

27 "Phakamisani uphawu elizweni!
Khalisani icilongo phakathi kwezizwe!
Lungisani izizwe ukuba zilwe layo;
ibizeleni imibuso le:
i-Ararathi leMini kanye le-Ashikhenazi.
Ibekeleni umlawuli wokulwa layo;
lithumele amabhiza anjengomtshitshi wentethe.
28 Lungisani izizwe ukuba zilwe layo,
amakhosi amaMede,
ababusi bawo lezikhulu zawo,
kanye lamazwe wonke awabusayo.

29 Ilizwe liyaqhaqhazela libhinqike
ngoba inhloso kaThixo yokumelana leBhabhiloni imi injalo
ukuchitha ilizwe leBhabhiloni
ukuze kungabikhona ohlala kulo.
30 Amabutho aseBhabhiloni aseyekele ukulwa;
ahlezi ezinqabeni zawo.
Amandla awo asephelile.
Asebe njengabesifazane.
Izindawo zayo zokuhlala zithungelwe ngomlilo;
imigoqo lamasango kwephukile.
31 Esinye isithunywa silandela esinye;
lesithunywa silandela esinye isithunywa
ukuyabika enkosini yaseBhabhiloni
ukuthi idolobho lonke selithunjiwe,
32 amazibuko emifula athethwe,
amaxhaphozi atshiswe ngomlilo
lamabutho ethukile.”
33 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli:
“Indodakazi yaseBhabhiloni injengesiza sokubhulela
ngesikhathi sokunyathelwa kwaso;
isikhathi sokuvunwa kwayo sizafika masinyane.”

34 “UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni usesidlile,
usesenze saphambana amakhanda,
usesenze saba yimbiza engelalutho.
Usesiginyile njengenyoka,
wagcwalisa isisu sakhe ngezibiliboco zethu,
wasesihlanza futhi.
35 Udlakela olwenziwe emizimbeni yethu kalube phezu kweBhabhiloni,”
kutsho abahlala eZiyoni.
“Igazi lethu kalibe phezu kwalabo abahlala eBhabhiloni,”
kutsho iJerusalema.
36 Ngakho uThixo uthi:
“Khangelani, imfanelo yenu ngizayivikela,
ngiliphindiselele;
ngizacitsha ulwandle lwayo
ngomise lemithombo yayo.
37 IBhabhiloni izakuba yinqumbi yonxiwa,
isikhundla samakhanka,
into yokwesatshwa lokuklolodelwa,
indawo engahlali muntu.
38 Abantu bayo bonke bayabhonga njengezilwane ezincane,
bayahwabha njengemidlwane yesilwane.
39 Kodwa lapho besesebukhali,
ngizabenzela idili ngibadakise,
ukuze baklabalale ngohleko,
babe sebelala kokuphela bangavuki futhi,”
kutsho uThixo.
40 “Ngizabehlisela phansi
njengamawundlu esilaheni,
njengenqama lembuzi.

41 Yeka ukuthunjwa okuzakwenziwa iSheshaki,
ukuzincoma komhlaba wonke kuthunjiwe!
Yeka ukutshaqisa iBhabhiloni ezakuba yikho
phakathi kwezizwe!
42 Ulwandle luzaphakama phezu kweBhabhiloni;
amagagasi alo ahlokomayo ayisibekele.
43 Amadolobho ayo azachitheka,
ilizwe elomileyo
leliyinkangala,
ilizwe okungekho ohlala khona,
okungekho muntu odabula phakathi kwalo.
44 Ngizamjezisa uBheli eBhabhiloni
ngimenze akuhlanze lokho akuginyileyo.
Izizwe kazisayikujulukela kuye.
Njalo umduli weBhabhiloni uzakuwa.

45 Bantu bami, phumani kulo iBhabhiloni!
Balekelani ukufa!
Balekelani ulaka olwesabekayo LUKATHIXO.
46 Lingaphelelwa lithemba kumbe lesabe
lapho kuzwakala amahungahunga elizweni;
elinye ihungahunga lifika lonyaka, elinye kozayo,
amahungahunga odlakela elizweni
awombusi evukela umbusi.
47 Ngoba isikhathi sizafika impela
lapho ngizajezisa izithombe zaseBhabhiloni;
ilizwe layo lonke lizayangeka
lababuleweyo bayo bonke bazawela phakathi kwayo.
48 Lapho-ke izulu lomhlaba lakho konke okukukho
kuzamemezela intokozo ngeBhabhiloni,
ngoba abachithi bazayihlasela
bevelela enyakatho,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

49 “IBhabhiloni kumele idilike ngenxa yabako-Israyeli ababulawayo,
njengokubulawa kwabantu emhlabeni wonke,
batshabalala ngenxa yeBhabhiloni.
50 Lina eliphephileyo enkembeni,
sukani njalo lingalibali!
Khumbulani UTHIXO elizweni elikude,
licabange langeJerusalema.”

51 “Siyangekile, ngoba siqalekisiwe,
lehlazo lembese ubuso bethu,
ngoba abezizweni bangene
ezindaweni ezingcwele zendlu KATHIXO.”

52 UTHIXO uthi, “Kodwa insuku ziyeza,
lapho engizajezisa khona izithombe zayo,
njalo elizweni layo lonke
abalimeleyo bazababula.

53 Lanxa iBhabhiloni ingafinyelela emkhathini
iqinise izinqaba zayo eziphakemeyo,
ngizathumela abachithi bayihlasele,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

54 “Umsindo wokukhala uvela eBhabhiloni,
umsindo wencithakalo enkulu
ovela elizweni lamaKhaladiya.
55 UTHIXO uzayichitha iBhabhiloni;
uzathulisa umsindo wayo wenhlokomo.
Amagagasi ezitha azahlokoma njengamanzi amanengi;
ukuvungama kwamazwi azo kuzazwakala.
56 Umchithi uzakuzahlasela iBhabhiloni;
amabutho ayo azathunjwa,
lamadandili awo azakwephuka.
Ngoba uTHIXO unguNkulunkulu wempindiselo;
uzaphindisela ngokugcweleyo.
57 Ngizadakisa izikhulu lezihlakaniphi zayo,
kanye lababusi bayo, lezinduna kanye lamabutho;
bazalala kokuphela bangavuki futhi,”
kutsho uTHIXO, obizo lakhe NGUTHIXO uSomandla.
58 UTHIXO uSomandla uthi:
“Umduli oqatha weBhabhiloni uzabhidlizwa
lamasango ayo aphakemeyo athungelwe ngomlilo;
abantu bazidinisela ize,
umsebenzi wezizwe ungamafutha amalangabi nje kuphela.”

59 Leli yilizwi uJeremiya umphrofethi alinika induna yamabutho uSeraya indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseyiya, esesiya eBhabhiloni loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. 60 UJeremiya wayelobe emqulwini ngomonakalo wonke owawuzakwehlela iBhabhiloni lakho konke okwakubhalwe ngeBhabhiloni. 61 Wathi kuSeraya, “Lapho usufikile eBhabhiloni ubowafunda wonke amazwi la ngelizwi eliphakemeyo. 62 Ube ususithi, ‘Awu THIXO, wathi indawo le uzayichitha ukuze kungabi lamuntu kumbe inyamazana ezahlala kuyo; izaphundleka kuze kube nininini.’ 63 Lapho usuqedile ukubala umqulu lo, ubophele ilitshe kuwo uwuphosele kuYufrathe, 64 ubususithi, ‘Izatshona kanje iBhabhiloni ingabe isavumbuluka ngenxa yomonakalo engizayehlisela wona. Labantu bayo bazakuwa.’ ”

Amazwi kaJeremiya aphelela lapha.

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Ukuwa KweJerusalema

1 UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya waseLibhina. 2 Wenza okubi emehlweni KATHIXO, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguJehoyakhimi. 3 Kwakungenxa yokuthukuthela KUKATHIXO ukuze kwenzakale konke lokhu eJerusalema lakoJuda, njalo ekucineni kwabangela ukuthi uTHIXO abachithe.

Ngalokho uZedekhiya wayihlamukela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.

4 Ngakho ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye yokubusa kukaZedekhiya, ngosuku
lwetshumi lwenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, waya
eJerusalema lebutho lakhe lonke. Bahlala ngaphandle kwedolobho, bakha izinqaba
zokulivimbezela kuzozonke inhlangothi zalo. 5 Idolobho lavinjezelwa kwaze kwaba
ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya inkosi.
6 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine indlala yayisinzima edolob-
heni, abantu bengaselakudla. 7 Umduli wedolobho wafohlwa, ibutho lonke labaleka.
Basuka edolobheni ebusuku bephuma ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili,
phansi kwesivande senkosi, lanxa nje amaKhaladiya ayeligombolozele idolobho.
Babaleka beqonde e-Arabha, 8 kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi
uZedekhiya layamfica emagcekeni aseJerikho. Wonke amabutho akhe ehlukana laye
njalo ahlakazeka, 9 yena wathunjwa.
Wasiwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila elizweni laseHamathi, lapho eyamg-
webela khona. 10 Khona eRibhila inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabulala amadodana
kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe; yabulala lezikhulu zakoJuda zonke. 11 Emva kwalokho,
yamkhupha amehlo uZedekhiya, yambopha ngamaketane ethusi, yamusa eBhab-
hiloni, lapho eyamfaka khona entolongweni kwaze kwafika usuku lokufa kwakhe.
12 Ngosuku lwetshumi ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificamunwe-
munye kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wa-
balindi besikhosini, owayesebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wafika eJerusalema.
13 Wathungela ithempeli LIKATHIXO ngomlilo, lesigodlo senkosi lezindlu zonke
zaseJerusalema. Zonke izindlu eziqakathekileyo wazitshisa. 14 Lonke ibutho
laseBhabhiloni elalingaphansi komlawuli wabalindi besikhosini layidiliza yonke
imiduli eyayigombolozele iJerusalema. 15 UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi
wathatha abanye babayanga bokucina wabasa ekuthunjweni lalabo ababesele
edolobheni, lenengi lezingcwethi kanye lalabo abasebeye enkosini yaseBhabhiloni.
16 Kodwa uNebhuzaradani watshiya inengi labantu ababengabayanga bokucina
elizweni ukuba basebenze ezivinini lasemasimini.
17 AbeBhabhiloni baphahlaza izinsika zethusi lezinti zezibane loLwandle lwethusi,
okwakusethempelini LIKATHIXO. Bathwalela ithusi lelo eBhabhiloni. 18 Bathatha njalo
imbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu lemiganu yezichelo, lezinditshi lazozonke izitsha
zethusi ezazisetshenziswa enkonzweni yasethempelini. 19 Umlawuli wabalindi be-
sigodlo wathatha izinditshi, izitsha zokutshisela impepha, imiganu yezichelo, imbiza,
izinti zezibane, izinditshi lemiganu okusetshenziswa eminikelweni yokunathwayo
konke okwakwenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo loba isiliva.
20 Ithusi elalivela ensikeni ezimbili, loLwandle lelenkunzi zethusi ezilitshumi
lambili ezazingaphansi kwalo kanye lelezidindi ezisusekayo konke okwakwen-
zelwe ithempeli LIKATHIXO yinkosi uSolomoni, kwakulesisindo esasingelinganiswe.
21 Ubude bensika ngayinye babuzingalo ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, ubuqatha
buzingalo ezilitshumi lambili, uhlonzi luyiminwe emine njalo ilomhome. 22 Isiduku
sethusi phezu kwenye insika sasizingalo ezinhlanu ubude baso njalo siceciswe
ngomeluko lamaphomegranathi ethusi nxazonke. Enye insika, lamaphomegranathi
ayo, layo yayinjalo. 23 Emaceleni kwakulamaphomegranathi angamatshumi ayisi-
ficamunwemunye munye lesithupha; esewonke amaphomegranathi ayengaphezu
kobufikifiki obabuzungezile, ayelikhulu.
24 Umlawuli wabalindi wathumba uSeraya induna yabaphristi, loZefaniya umsekeli
wakhe kanye labalindi bomnyango abathathu. 25 Kulabo ababelokhu besedolobheni
wathatha isikhulu esasiphethe amadoda okulwa, labacebisi besikhosini abayisikhom-
bisa. Wathatha lonobhala owayeyinduna eyayiphethe ukubuthwa kwabantu elizweni
kanye labanye abantu bakhe abangamatshumi ayisithupha ababeficwe edolobheni.

26 UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabathatha bonke wabasa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni
eRibhila. 27 Khonale eRibhila, elizweni laseHamathi, inkosi yathi kabaqunywe.
Ngakho abakoJuda baya ekuthunjweni kude lelizwe labo.

28 Nanka amanani abantu uNebhukhadineza abasa ekuthunjweni:

ngomnyaka wesikhombisa,
amaJuda azinkulungwane ezintathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu (3,023);
29 ngomnyaka kaNebhukhadineza wetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili,
abantu beJerusalema abangamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu lambili (832);
30 ngomnyaka wakhe wamatshumi amabili lantathu,
amaJuda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lanhlanu (745) asiwa ekuthunjweni nguNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi ekubusweni kwezizwe ezinengi.

Bebonke kwakungabantu abazinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha (4,600).

Ukukhululwa kukaJehoyakhini

31 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa uJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda esekuthunjweni, ngomnyaka u-Evili-Merodakhi aba yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngawo, wakhulula uJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, wamkhupha entolongweni ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili. 32 Wakhuluma laye ngomusa, wamnika isihlalo esihloniphekayo esasingaphezu kwezamanye amakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. 33 Ngakho uJehoyakhini wakhupha izigqoko zakhe zasentolongweni, wadla lenkosi izikhathi zonke okwempilo yakhe yonke. 34 Nsuku zonke inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayinika uJehoyakhini isabelo esimisiweyo malanga wonke empilweni yakhe, kwaze kwafika ilanga lokufa kwakhe.

Izililo

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1 Kuthule kuthe cwaka!
Yeka lelidolobho elalinyakazela abantu!
Selinjengomfelokazi,
kanti lalilodumo phakathi kwezizwe.
Lona elaliyindlovukazi phakathi kwezigodi,
khathesi seliyisigqili.

2 Linjengowesifazane okhala kabuhlungu ebusuku,
inyembezi zithe hlikilili ezihlathini.
Kakho phakathi kwazo
zonke izithandwa zakhe ongamduduza.
Bonke abangane bakhe bamhlamukele;
sebeyizitha zakhe.

3 UJuda useye ebugqilini
ngemva kokuhlupheka lokudonsa nzima.
Usehlala phakathi kwabezizwe;
akatholi ndawo yokuphumula.
Bonke abamzingelayo bamxhumile
ephakathi kokuhlupheka kwakhe.

4 Iyalila imigwaqo eya eZiyoni,
ngoba kasekho ozayo emikhosini yalo emisiweyo.
Wonke amasango alo asekhohlakele,
abaphristi balo bayabubula,
amantombazana alo ayagomela,
lona lidabukile kakhulu.

5 Izitha zalo sezingababusi balo;
ziyaklamasa.
UTHIXO ulehlisele usizi
ngenxa yezono zalo ezinengi.
Abantwabalo bathunjiwe,
baba yizigqili zezitha.

6 Kuphelile konke ukubenyezela
kweNdodakazi yaseZiyoni.
Amakhosana ayo asenjengezimpala
ezingatholi amadlelo;
zibalekile zilambile zingelamandla
zibalekela umzingeli.

7 Ngezinsuku zokuhlupheka lokuntula,
iJerusalema iyayikhumbula inotho
eyayingeyayo ngensuku zayo.
Kuthe abantu bayo sebewela ezandleni zezitha,

akubanga khona ongayinceda.
Zayikhangela nje izitha zayo
zahleka ukuchitheka kwayo.

8 IJerusalema yonile kakhulu,
ngakho isingcolile.
Bonke ababeyihlonipha sebeyidelela,
ngoba sebebonile ubuze bayo;
yona ngokwayo ibubula
ize ifulathele.

9 Ukungcola kwayo kwabhixa izidwaba zayo;
kayinakanga ikusasa yayo.
Ukuwa kwayo kwesabeka,
kungekho oyiduduzayo.
“Oh THIXO, ake ukhangele ukuhlupheka kwami,
ngoba isitha sesinqobile.”

10 Isitha saphanga
yonke inotho yayo;
yabona izizwe ezingakholwayo
zingena endlini yayo engcwele,
bona labo owabanqabela
ukungena phakathi kwebandla lakho.

11 Bonke abantu bayo bayagomela
behamba bedinga ukudla;
bathengisa inotho yabo eligugu ngokudla
ukuze bangafi.
“Oh THIXO, ake ungihawukele
ngoba sengidelelwa.”

12 “Kakusilutho kini yini lina lonke elidlula lapha?
Ake likhangele nje libone.
Kambe kukhona ukuhlupheka okulingana lokwami,
khona lokhu engakwehliselwayo, NGUTHIXO
ngosuku lokuvutha kolaka lwakhe?

13 Wehlisa umlilo uvela phezulu,
wawehlisela phakathi kwamathambo ami.
Wangithiya ezinyaweni ngomambule,
wangibuyisela emuva.
Wangenza ngaba lesizungu,
ngaswela amandla ilanga lonke.

14 Izono zami zisongwe zaba lijogwe;
ngezandla zakhe wazelukela ndawonye.
Zetheswe entanyeni yami,
uThixo wangiqeda amandla.
Usengifuqele kulabo
engingeke ngimelane labo.

15 UThixo kabemukelanga
bonke abangabebutho lami;
usebize impi ukuthi ingihlasele,
ichoboze zonke izinsizwa zami.
Esihluzweni sakhe sewayini, UTHIXO unyathelele phansi
iNdodakazi yakoJuda eGcweleyo.

16 Yikho ngilila,
amehlo ami empompoza inyembezi.
Kakho oseduze ongangiduduza,
kakho ongavusa umphefumulo wami.
Abantwabami sebeswela
ngoba isitha sinqobile.”

17 IZiyoni yelulile isandla sayo
kodwa kakho oyiduduzayo.
UTHIXO usekumisile ngoJakhobe
ukuthi abakhelene laye babe yizitha zakhe;
iJerusalema isiphenduke
yaba yinto engcolileyo kubo.

18 “UTHIXO ulungile,
kodwa ngaphikisana lomlayo wakhe.
Lalelani bantu lonke;
khangelani ukuhawula kwami.
Izinsizwa lezintombi zami zonke
sezaya ekuthunjweni.

19 Ngakhala kulabo engidlelana labo,
kodwa banginina.
Abaphristi bami labadala bami
babhubhela phakathi kwedolobho
besadinga ukudla,
ukuze baziphilise.

20 Ake ubone, Oh THIXO, ukuthi ngihlupheka njani!
Ngiyatsha ngaphakathi kwami,
ngidungekile enhliziyweni yami,
ngoba bengilihlongandlebe.
Ngaphandle, inkemba iyadabukisa;
ngaphakathi, yikufa kodwa.

21 Abantu bakuzwile ukububula kwami,
kodwa kakho ongangiduduza.
Zonke izitha zami zikuzwile ukuhlupheka kwami;
ziyathokoza ngalokhu okwenzileyo.
Sengathi ungalufikisa lolusuku owalumisayo,
ukuze labo babe njengami.

22 Abuvele kuwe bonke ububi babo;
yenza kubo konke

okwenzileyo kimi
ngenxa yezono zami zonke.
Kunengi ukububula kwami,
lenhliziyo yami iphela amandla.”

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1 UThixo wembese iNdodakazi yeZiyoni
ngeyezi lolaka lwakhe!
Ubutaklazele phansi ubunkanyankanya buka-Israyeli
busuka ezulwini busiya emhlabeni;
kasinakanga isenabelo sakhe
mhla wentukuthelo yakhe.

2 UThixo kabanga lozwelo lapho eginya
yonke imizi kaJakhobe;
ngolaka lwakhe udilizele phansi
izinqaba zeNdodakazi kaJuda.
Usewuchithile umbuso wakhe,
lababusi bawo wababhuqa phansi, baba lehlazo.

3 Ngolaka lwakhe olwesabekayo,
usegumule zonke impondo zika-Israyeli.
Usegodle isandla sakhe sokunene
lapho kuqhamuka isitha.
Utshise koJakhobe njengelangabi
elihangula konke okuseduze.

4 Usethiye idandili lakhe njengesitha;
isandla sakhe sokunene sesiqaphile.
Njengesitha usebabulele bonke
ababebahle ebusweni;
usethele ulaka lwakhe olungumlilo
phezu kwethente leNdodakazi yeZiyoni.

5 UThixo unjengesitha;
usemginyile u-Israyeli.
Useziginyile zonke izigodlo zakhe,
wabhidliza zonke izinqaba zakhe.
Usekwandisile ukukhala lokulilela
iNdodakazi kaJuda.

6 Usetshaye wakhukhula umuzi wakhe njengensimu;
usebhidlize indawo yakhe yokuhlanganela.
UTHIXO usenze iZiyoni yakhohlwa
imikhosi yayo emisiweyo lamaSabatha ayo;
olakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo,
ukhukhulele khatshana oyinkosi longumphristi.

7 UTHIXO uselikhalele i-alithari lakhe,

wafulathela indlu yakhe engcwele.
Usenikele imithangala yezigodlo zakhe
ezandleni zesitha;
seziklabalala endlini kaThixo
sengathi lilanga lomkhosi omisiweyo.

8 UThixo wazimisela ukudilizela phansi
umthangala ohonqolozele iNdodakazi yeZiyoni.
Welula intambo yesilinganiso sakhe,
akaze agodla isandla sakhe esibhidlizayo.
Wenza izinsika lemithangala kwalila;
kanyekanye kwatshabalala.

9 Amasango akhe asegqibelekile;
izinti zawo zephulwe zabhidlizwa.
Inkosi yayo lamakhosana ayo achithizelwe kwabezizwe,
umthetho kawusekho,
labaphrofethi bakhe kabasayamukeli
imibono evela kuThixo.

10 Abadala beNdodakazi yeZiyoni
bahlezi emhlabathini bathule zwi;
bazithele ngothuli emakhanda abo,
bazembathisa amasaka.
Izintombi zeJerusalema
zimbozele amakhanda azo phansi.

11 Amehlo ami ayehluleka ngokukhala,
ngiyatsha ngaphakathi kwami,
inhliziyo yami idabukile,
ngoba abantu bakithi babhujisiwe,
njalo abantwana lensane ziyaqaleka
emigwaqweni yomuzi.

12 Zithi kubonina,
“Singaphi isinkwa lewayini?”
zilokhu ziqaleka njengamadoda alimeleyo
emigwaqweni yomuzi,
ziphela umphefumulo
ezandleni zabonina.

13 Kambe ngingathini kuwe na?
Ngingakulinganisa lani,
wena Ndodakazi yaseJerusalema?
Kambe ngingakufanisa lani
ukuze ngikududuze,
wena Ndodakazi eGcweleyo yaseZiyoni?
Inxeba lakho lizike njengolwandle.
Ngubani ongakwelapha na?

14 Imibono yabaphrofethi bakho
yayikhohlisa ingasizi lutho;

kabasivezanga obala isono sakho
ukuze ungehlelwa yikuthunjwa.
Ukuvumisa abalenzela khona
kwakungamanga, kulikhohlisa.

15 Bonke abedlula eceleni kwakho
batshaya izandla ngawe;
bahleka iNdodakazi yaseJerusalema
baze banikine amakhanda besithi,
“Kambe yiwo yini umuzi lo
owawuthiwa yibuhle obupheleleyo,
igugu lomhlaba wonke jikelele?”

16 Zonke izitha zakho zikukhamisele imilomo;
ziyakuhleka zikugedlela amazinyo
zisithi, “Sesimnqobile.
Selize lafika ilanga esasililindele;
kade salilindela.”

17 UTHIXO usekwenzile ayekuhlosile;
useligcwalisile ilizwi lakhe,
alikhuluma kudala.
Ukuwisile engakuzweli usizi,
uvumele isitha santela phezu kwakho,
uluphakamisile uphondo lwezitha zakho.

18 Inhliziyo zabantu
ziyakhala eNkosini.
Awu, mthangala weNdodakazi yaseZiyoni,
kazigeleze njengomfula inyembezi zakho,
ebusuku lemini;
ungaziphi ikhefu,
lamehlo akho ungawaphi ukuphumula.

19 Phakama, nqongoloza ebusuku,
lapho kuqalisa imilindo yebusuku;
thulula inhliziyo yakho njengamanzi
phambi kukaThixo.
Phakamisela izandla zakho kuye,
uncengela impilo yabantwabakho,
abaqalekiswa yindlala
ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke.

20 Ake ukhangele, THIXO, ube lozwelo:
Ngubani osewake wamphatha kanje?
Abesifazane badle inzalo yabo yini,
abantwana ababondlileyo na?
Umphristi lomphrofethi
babulawe endlini engcwele KATHIXO na?

21 Abatsha labadala babhazalele ndawonye

ebhuqwini lwemigwaqo;
izinsizwa zami lezintombi
zibulewe ngenkemba.
Ubabulele ngosuku lokuthukuthela kwakho;
awaze waba lesihawu lapho ubabulala.

22 “Njengokunxusela idili,
wanginxusela izitha inxa zonke.
Ngosuku lolaka LUKATHIXO,
kakho owaphunyukayo loba owasilayo;
bonke engangibanakekela lengabondlayo
babulewe yisitha sami.”

3

1 Yimi umuntu olubonileyo usizi
ngenxa yoswazi lokuthukuthela KUKATHIXO.
2 Ungixotshile, wangiphumputhekisa
emnyameni hatshi ekukhanyeni;
3 ngempela usengiphakamisele isandla sakhe,
waphindaphinda ilanga lonke.

4 Usenze ijwabu lami laluphala,
wangephula amathambo.
5 Ungihanqile wangihonqolozela
ngosizi langobunzima.
6 Ungenze ngahlala emnyameni
njengalabo abafa kudala.

7 Ungihonqolozele ngenqaba ukuze ngingaphunyuki;
ungibophe nko ngamaketane.
8 Kuthi lanxa ngimemeza loba ngidinga usizo,
awuvalele phandle umkhuleko wami.
9 Uvale indlela yami ngamatshe;
waphambukisa izindlela zami.

10 Njengebhele licathamile,
njengesilwane sicatshile,
11 wangihudulela eceleni kwendlela, wangifohloza,
wangitshiya ngingelamsizi.
12 Wadonsa idandili lakhe,
ngaba yikudla kwemitshoko yakhe.

13 Wangiciba enhliziyweni
ngemitshoko evela emxhakeni wakhe.
14 Ngaba yinhlekisa ebantwini bakithi bonke;
sengitshona ngiyingoma eyinhlekisa kubo.
15 Ungigqibe ngemithi ebabayo,
wanginathisa inyongo.

16 Ungihlafunise ukhethe ngamazinyo;
wangigiqa ebhuqwini.
17 Ngincitshiwe ukuthula;
angisakwazi ingabe iyini impumelelo.
18 Ngakho ngithi, “Sebuphelile ubucwazicwazi bami,
lakho konke engangikulindele kuTHIXO.”

19 Ngikhumbula ukuhlupheka lokuntula kwami,
ubumunyu lenyongo.
20 Konke ngikukhumbula kamhlophe,
umoya wami wephukile.
21 Kodwa ngikhumbula lokhu
ngibe lethemba:

22 Ngenxa yothando olukhulu lukaTHIXO kasibhujiswanga,
ngoba isihawu sakhe kasipheli.
23 Siba sitsha ukusa kwamalanga;
kukhulu ukuthembeka kwakho.
24 Ngiyazitshela ngithi, “UTHIXO uyisabelo sami;
ngakho ngizalindela yena.”

25 UTHIXO ulungile kulowo omethembayo,
kulowo omdingayo;
26 kuhle ukulinda ngokuthula,
ukulindela insindiso kaTHIXO.
27 Kuhle ukuthi umuntu alithwale ijogwe
ngesikhathi esesemutsha.

28 Kahlale yedwa ngokuthula,
ngoba uTHIXO ulibeke phezu kwakhe.
29 Kembele ubuso bakhe ethulini,
mhlawumbe ithemba lizakuba khona.
30 Kaphe isihlathi sakhe kulowo ofuna ukumhlankala,
agcwale ihlazo.

31 Ngoba uThixo kabalahli abantu
kuze kube nini lanini.
32 Loba engaletha ubuhlungu, uzatshengisa uzwelo,
lukhulu kakhulu uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo.
33 Ngoba kehliseli ukuhlupheka
losizi ebantwini ngokuthanda.

34 Ukuhlifiza ngezinyawo
zonke izibotshwa elizweni,
35 ukuncitsha umuntu amalungelo akhe
phambi koPhezukonke,
36 ukungahluleli kuhle,
kambe uThixo uyabe engaziboni izinto ezinjalo na?

37 Ngubani ongatsho ulutho lwenzakale
nxa lungavunyelwanga nguThixo na?

38 Akuveli emlonyeni woPhezukonke
ukuthi kuyehla inhlupheko lezinto ezinhle na?
39 Pho kungani umuntu ophilayo esola
nxa ejeziselwa izono zakhe na?

40 Kasilingeni njalo sihlole izindlela zethu,
sibuyele kuTHIXO.
41 Asiphakamiseleni inhliziyo lezandla zethu
kuNkulunkulu ezulwini sithi:
42 “Sonile sahlamuka,
njalo kawusithethelelanga.

43 Uzigubuzele ngolaka waxhumana lathi;
ubhubhisile ungelazwelo.
44 Uzisibekele ngeyezi
ukuze kungafinyeleli mkhuleko kuwe.
45 Usenze saba ngamanyala lengcekeza
phakathi kwezizwe.

46 Izitha zethu zonke zivule imilomo yazo
zezwakala zisihoza.
47 Sesihlukuluzwe yikuthuthumela lokukhilikithela,
ukudilika lokubhidlika.”
48 Imifula yezinyembezi iyajuluka emehlweni ami
ngoba abantu bakithi babhujisiwe.

49 Amehlo ami azajuluka kokuphela,
engelakuphumula,
50 UTHIXO aze akhangele phansi
esezulwini, angibone.
51 Engikubonayo kuthelela usizi emphefumulweni wami
ngenxa yabesifazane bonke bomuzi wakithi.

52 Labo ababa yizitha zami kungelasizatho,
bangizingela njengenyoni.
53 Bazama ukuquma impilo yami emgodini
bangijikijela ngamatshe;
54 amanzi asibekela ikhanda lami,
ngabona ukuthi okwami sekuphelile.

55 Ngalimemezela ibizo lakho, Oh THIXO,
ngisekujuleni komgodi.
56 Wezwa ukuncenga kwami: “Ungavali indlebe zakho
nxa ngikhalela ukwenyulwa.”
57 Wasondela lapho ngikumemeza,
wathi kimi, “Ungesabi.”

58 Oh Thixo, wasamukela isikhalazo sami;
wahlenga ukuphila kwami.
59 Ububonile THIXO, ububi obenziwe kimi.
Ngisekela kulobubunzima!

60 Usubonile ukujula kokusonga kwabo,
lamacebo abo wonke ngami.

61 Awu THIXO, uzwile inhlamba zabo,
wonke amacebo abo ngami,
62 ukunyenyeza lokungunguna kwabo ngami
ukusa kwamalanga.
63 Ake ubabone! Bahlezi kumbe bajamile,
bayangihleka ngezingoma zabo.

64 Awu THIXO, akubaphindisele ngokubafaneleyo,
ngalokho okwenziwe yizandla zabo.
65 Basibekele ngelembu ezinhliziyweni zabo,
isiqalekiso sakho sehlele phezu kwabo!
66 Xhumana labo ngolaka, ubabhubhise
ngaphansi kwamazulu kaTHIXO.

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1 Yeka igolide eselilahlekelwe yikukhazimula kwalo,
igolide elicolekileyo selijujukile!
Amatshe aligugu angcwele aselahliwe
ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke.

2 Yeka izinsizwa zaseZiyoni ezincomekayo,
ezake zaba lesisindo njengegolide,
okwamanje sezingathi zimbiza zebumba,
umsebenzi wezandla zombumbi!

3 Ngitsho lamakhanka asemunyisa
abantwabawo emabeleni awo,
kodwa abantu bami kabaselazwelo
njengezintshe enkangala.

4 Ngenxa yokoma, ulimi losane
lunamathele elwangeni lomlomo;
abantwana bancenga becela isinkwa
kodwa kakho obaphayo.

5 Labo ababesidla izibiliboco
sebeyiziceli emigwaqweni.
Labo abondliwa ebutifitifini
sebelala esilotheni.

6 Isijeziso sabantu bakithi
sikhulu kuleseSodoma,
yona eyabhujiswa ngomzuzwana,
akwaze kwaba lasandla esazama ukunceda.

7 Amakhosana abo ayekhazimula kulongqwaqwane,
emhlophe nke kulochago,

imizimba yabo ibomvana njengamatshe ohlobo lwerubhi,
ukubukeka kwabo kunjengelitshe elikhazimulayo.

8 Kodwa manje sebemnyama kulomsizi;
kabasananzwa langubani emigwaqweni.
Isikhumba sabo sesinamathele emathanjeni abo;
sesome okogodo.

9 Bangcono labo ababulawa ngenkemba,
kulalabo abafa ngendlala;
bazaca baphele, bekhukhuzwa yindlala
ngoba kungelakudla okuvela emasimini.

10 Ngezandla zabo abesifazane abalesihelo,
bapheke abantwababo,
babenza ukudla kwabo
ngesikhathi abantu bakithi bebulawa.

11 UTHIXO ubhodlisile intukuthelo yakhe;
uluthulule ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo.
Uwulumathisile umlilo eZiyoni,
watshisa izisekelo zayo.

12 Amakhosi omhlaba ayengakholwa,
labantu basemhlabeni babengakholwa
ukuthi izitha labahlaseli bangangena
emasangweni eJerusalema.

13 Kodwa kwenzakala ngenxa yezono zabaphrofethi bakhona,
lamanyala abaphristi bakhona,
abachitha igazi labalungileyo
ngaphakathi kwalo iJerusalema.

14 Manje sebephumputha emigwaqweni
njengabantu abayiziphofu.
Sebengcoliswe ligazi
kakuselamuntu ongathinta izembatho zabo.

15 Abantu bayabaxotsha bathi, “Sukani! Lingcolile!
Sukani! Sukani! Lingasithinti!”
Nxa bebaleka bentula,
abantu bezizwe bathi,
“Ngeke bahlale lapha njalo.”

16 UTHIXO ngokwakhe ubahlakazile;
kasabalondolozi.
Abaphristi kabasahlonitshwa,
labadala kabasananzwa.

17 Phezu kwalokho, amehlo ethu afiphala
elindele ize engaboni sizo;

siseziqongweni zethu zokulinda,
salinda silindele isizwe esasingelancedo kithi.

18 Abantu babesicwathela indawo zonke,
ngakho sasesisesaba ukuhamba emigwaqweni yethu.
Sasesiphelelwe, insuku zethu sezibaliwe,
ngoba isiphetho sethu sesifikile.

19 Abasixotshayo babelejubane
kulengqungqulu emkhathini;
baxotshana lathi ezintabeni
njalo basicathamela enkangala.

20 Ogcotshiweyo kaThixo, oyikuphila kwethu uqobo,
wabanjwa emijibileni yabo.
Sakhumbula ukuthi ngaphansi kwesithunzi sakhe
sizahlala phakathi kwezizwe.

21 Jabula uthokoze, wena Ndodakazi yase-Edomi,
wena ohlala elizweni lase-Uzi.
Kodwa lakuwe izafika inkezo le;
uzanatha udakwe, unqunulwe.

22 Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni, isijeziso sakho sizaphela;
akayikwelula isikhathi sokuthunjwa kwakho.
Kodwa, maye kuwe Ndodakazi yase-Edomi, uzakujezisa ngesono sakho,
achaye obala ububi bakho.

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1 Oh Thixo, khumbula okusehleleyo
khangela ubone ukuyangeka kwethu.
2 Ilifa lethu seliphiwe abezizweni,
imizi yethu yathathwa ngabemzini.
3 Sesizintandane ezingelaboyise,
omama sebenjengabafelokazi.
4 Amanzi okunatha siyawathenga;
inkuni zethu zikhutshelwa imali.
5 Labo abasixotshayo basihlezi ezithende;
sikhathele asilakuphumula.
6 Sazinikela kwabeGibhithe labe-Asiriya
ukuze sizuze isinkwa.
7 Okhokho benza isono kodwa kabasekho,
thina yithi esesijeziswa.
8 Sibuswa yizigqili,
kakho osikhululayo ezandleni zazo.
9 Isinkwa sisithola ngendlela eyingozi
ngenxa yenkemba ekhona enkangala.
10 Isikhumba sethu sitshisa njengeziko,
silomkhuhlane wendlala.
11 Abesifazane bayahlukuluzwa eZiyoni

kanye lezintombi ezigcweleyo emadolobheni akoJuda.
12 Amakhosi alengisiwe ngezandla zawo;
abadala abasahlonitshwa.
13 Izinsizwa ziyahoqiswa ematsheni okuchola;
abafana babhensiswa yimithwalo yenkuni.
14 Abadala sebesukile esangweni lomuzi;
izinsizwa sezithule ukuhlabelela.
15 Ukuthokoza akusekho ezinhliziyweni zethu;
ukugida kwethu sekuphenduke ukukhala.
16 Umqhele usuwile ekhanda lethu.
Maye thina, ngoba sonile!
17 Ngenxa yalokhu inhliziyo zethu zibuthakathaka;
ngenxa yalezizinto amehlo ethu ayafiphala,
18 ngoba intaba iZiyoni silugwadule,
sekucathama amakhanka kuyo.

19 Wena, Oh THIXO, busa nini lanini;
ubukhosi bakho buhlezi kuzozonke izizukulwane.
20 Kungani uhlezi usikhohlwa?
Usifulathelelani isikhathi eside kangaka na?
21 Sibuyisele kuwe, Oh THIXO, ukuze siphenduke;
buyisa kabutsha insuku zethu njengezakudala,
22 ngaphandle kokuba nxa ususilahle kokuphela
wasizondela ngokungalinganisekiyo.

UHezekhiyeli

Izidalwa Eziphilayo LeNkazimulo KATHIXO

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu, ngenyanga yesine ngosuku lwesihlanu,
lapho ngangiphakathi kwabathunjwayo, eduze komfula uKhebhari, amazulu avuleka
ngabona umbono kaNkulunkulu.
2 Ngosuku lwesihlanu lwenyanga ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokuthunjwa kwenkosi
uJehoyakhini 3 ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuHezekhiyeli umphristi, indodana kaBhuzi,
phansi komfula uKhebhari elizweni lamaBhabhiloni. Khonapho isandla SIKATHIXO
sasiphezu kwakhe.
4 Ngakhangela, ngabona isiphepho sisiza sivela enyakatho, kuliyezi elikhulukazi
lokuphazima kombane njalo lizungezwe yikukhanya okubenyezelayo. Phakathi
laphakathi komlilo kwakungathi yinsimbi evuthayo, 5 njalo phakathi komlilo
kwakulokwakungathi yizidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Ngokukhangeleka isimo sazo
sasingesomuntu, 6 kodwa ngasinye sazo sasilobuso obune lempiko ezine. 7 Imilenze
yazo yayiqondile; inyawo zazo zinjengezethole njalo zinkanyazela njengethusi
elilolongiweyo. 8 Ngaphansi kwempiko zazo emaceleni azo amane zazilezandla
zomuntu. Zonke zozine zazilobuso lempiko, 9 njalo impiko zazo zazithintana. Esinye
lesinye sazo saya phambili; kaziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo.
10 Ubuso bazo babukhangeleka kanje: Esinye lesinye sazo sasilobuso bomuntu,
njalo eceleni langakwesokudla esinye lesinye sasilobuso besilwane, ngakwesenxele
silobuso benkabi; njalo ngasinye sasilobuso bengqungqulu. 11 Babunjalo ubuso bazo.
Impiko zazo zazichayekele phezulu; ngasinye silamaphiko amabili olunye luthinta
uphiko lwesinye isidalwa emaceleni womabili, lempiko ezimbili zigubuzele umzimba
waso. 12 Esinye lesinye saya phambili. Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona
lazo zaya khona zingaphenduki ekuhambeni kwazo. 13 Isimo sezidalwa eziphilayo
sasinjengamalahle avuthayo omlilo loba njengezibane. Umlilo wahamba usiya
phambili lasemuva phakathi kwezidalwa; wawukhazimula, njalo umbane uphazima
uphuma kuwo. 14 Izidalwa zagijima zisiya emuva laphambili njengokuphazima
kombane.
15 Kwathi lapho ngizikhangele izidalwa eziphilayo, ngabona ivili phansi eceleni
kwesidalwa ngasinye silobuso obune. 16 Nansi isimo lokwakhiwa kwamavili: Ayecaz-
imula njengekhrisoli, njalo wonke womane ayefanana. Elinye lelinye lalingathi
lenziwa lanquma kwelinye ivili. 17 Ekuhambeni, ayesiya loba kuliphi lamacele amane
lapho izidalwa ezazikhangele khona, njalo amavili ayengaphenduki lapho izidalwa
zihamba. 18 Amarimu awo ayephakeme njalo esesabeka, njalo womane amarimu
ayelamehlo indawo yonke.
19 Lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zihamba, lamavili eceleni kwazo ayehamba, njalo
lapho izidalwa eziphilayo ziphakama emhlabathini amavili lawo ayephakama
lazo. 20 Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona, njalo
lamavili ayephakama lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini.
21 Kwakusithi izidalwa zingahamba lawo ahambe, kuthi izidalwa zingema lawo ame;
njalo kuthi lapho izidalwa ziphakama emhlabathini lawo aphakame lazo, ngoba
umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini.
22 Ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo kwakwendlaleke okwakungathi
ngumkhathi, kucazimula njengongqwaqwane, njalo kusesabeka. 23 Ngaphansi

komkhathi impiko zazo zazelulekile olunye kolunye, njalo esinye lesinye sasilez-impiko ezimbili ezembese umzimba waso. 24 Lapho izidalwa zihamba ngezwa umsindo wezimpiko zazo, unjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi ahamba ngesiqubu, njengelizwi likaSomandla, njengokuxokozela kwebutho. Lapho sezimi, zehlisa impiko zazo.
25 Emva kwalokho kweza ilizwi elavela ngaphezu komkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda azo lapho zazimi impiko zazo zehlisiwe. 26 Ngaphezu komkhathi phezu kwamakhanda azo kwakulokwakungathi yisihlalo sobukhosi esenziwe ngesafire, njalo ngaphezulu esihlalweni sobukhosi kwakulolutho olwalufana lomuntu. 27 Lokho ngakubona kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya phezulu ekhanya angathi yinsimbi evuthayo, kungathi kugcwele umlilo, njalo kusukela ekhalweni kusehla wayengathi ngumlilo, njalo ehonqolozelwe yikukhanya okucazimulayo. 28 Ukukhanya okucaz-imulayo okwakumzungezile kwakunjengomchilo wamakhosikazi emayezini ngosuku lokuna kwezulu.
Lokhu kwakuyisimo sesifanekiso senkazimulo kaThixo. Ngathi ngikubona ngawela phansi ngobuso, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lalowo owayekhuluma.

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Ukubizwa KukaHezekhiyeli

1 Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, sukuma ume ngezinyawo zakho ngikhulume lawe.” 2 Esakhuluma uMoya wafika kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo zami, ngamuzwa esekhuluma lami.
3 Wathi, “Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma kuma-Israyeli, isizwe esihlamukayo esangihlamukelayo, laboyise bangihlamukela kuze kube yilolusuku. 4 Abantu engikuthuma kubo balenkani njalo bayiziqholo. Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi.’ 5 Njalo langabe bayalalela loba bangalaleli ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo, bazakwazi ukuthi umphrofethi ubekhona phakathi kwabo. 6 Njalo wena ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi kumbe wesabe amazwi abo. Ungesabi lanxa usuhonqolozelwe ngameva njalo usuhlala phakathi kwabofezeya. Ungak-wesabi lokho abakutshoyo loba uthuthunyeliswe yibo, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. 7 Kumele ukhulume amazwi ami kubo langabe bayalalela loba kabalaleli, ngoba bangabahlamuki. 8 Kodwa wena, ndodana yomuntu, lalela lokhu engikutshoyo kuwe. Ungahlamuki njengendlu leyana ehlamukayo; vula umlomo wakho udle lokhu engikupha khona.”
9 Ngakhangela ngabona isandla esaselulelwe kimi. Phakathi kwaso kwakulomqulu, 10 awutshombulula phambi kwami. Emaceleni awo womabili kwakubhalwe amazwi okukhala lokulila kanye losizi.

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1 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, dlana okuphambi kwakho, dlana umqulu lo; ube ususiyakhuluma kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli.” 2 Ngakho ngavula umlomo wami, wasengipha umqulu ukuba ngiwudle.
3 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, dlana umqulu lo engikunika wona ugcwalise isisu sakho ngawo.” Ngakho ngawudla, njalo emlonyeni wami wawuzwakala umnandi njengoluju.
4 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, hamba khathesi nje endlini ka-Israyeli ukhulume amazwi ami kubo. 5 Kawuthunywa ebantwini abalolimi olungaziwayo lolunzima, kodwa endlini ka-Israyeli, 6 hatshi ebantwini abanengi abolimi olungazi-wayo lolunzima, ongeke uzwe abakutshoyo. Ngeqiniso aluba kade ngikuthume kubo kade bezakulalela. 7 Kodwa indlu ka-Israyeli kayifuni ukukulalela ngoba kabafuni

kungilalela, ngoba yonke indlu ka-Israyeli ilukhuni njalo ilenkani. 8 Kodwa lawe
ngizakwenza ube lenkani lobulukhuni njengabo. 9 Ngizakwenza ubuso bakho bube
njengelitshe elilukhuni kulawo wonke, elilukhuni kulelitshe lomlilo. Ungabesabi
kumbe bakuthuthumelise, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo."
10 Njalo wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, lalela kakuhle njalo uwabeke enhliziyweni
wonke amazwi engiwatsho kuwe. 11 Hamba khathesi nje ebantwini belizwe
lakini abasekuthunjweni ukhulume labo. Uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi,' loba bezalalela kumbe bangalaleli."
12 Lapho-ke uMoya wangiphakamisa, kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa umdumo
ondindizelayo sengathi yinkazimulo KATHIXO eyaphakama endaweni eyayime kuyo!
13 Umdumo wezimpiko zezidalwa eziphilayo zigudlana lomdumo wamavili ece-
leni kwazo, umdumo wokundindizela okukhulu. 14 UMoya wasungiphakamisela
phezulu ungisusa, njalo ngahamba ngomoya otshisekayo lokuthukuthela komoya
wami lesandla esilamandla SIKATHIXO siphezu kwami. 15 Ngafika kwababethun-
jiwe ababehlala eTheli Abhibhi phansi koMfula uKhebhari. Khonapho-ke, lapho
ababehlala khona, ngahlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa ngiphelelwe ngamandla.

Umsebenzi kaHezekhiya Njengomlindi

16 Ekupheleni kwensuku eziyisikhombisa ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi,
17 "Ndodana yomuntu, sengikwenze umlindi wendlu ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana ilizwi
engilikhulumayo ubanike isixwayiso esivela kimi. 18 Nxa ngisithi emuntwini omubi,
'Wena uzakufa impela,' wena ungamxwayisi kumbe ukhulume ukuba umyekelise
izindlela zakhe ezimbi ukuze asindise ukuphila kwakhe, lowomuntu omubi uzafela
izono zakhe, kuthi wena ngikubeke icala legazi lakhe. 19 Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi
umxwayisa yena angaphenduki ebubini bakhe kumbe ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi,
uzafela izono zakhe, kodwa wena uyabe uziphephisile.
20 Njalo nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, mina
ngibeke isikhubekiso phambi kwakhe, uzakufa. Njengoba nxa wena ungamxway-
isanga, uzafela izono zakhe. Izinto ezilungileyo azenzayo kaziyikukhunjulwa, njalo
wena ngizakubeka icala legazi lakhe. 21 Kodwa nxa uxwayisa umuntu olungileyo
ukuba angoni lakanye uyabe uziphephisile."
22 Isandla SIKATHIXO sasiphezu kwami lapho, njalo wathi kimi, "Sukuma uye
egcekeni ngizakhuluma lawe khona." 23 Ngakho ngasukuma ngaya egcekeni.
Inkazimulo KATHIXO yayimi lapho, injengenkazimulo engangiyibone phansi koMfula
uKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso.
24 Lapho-ke uMoya wangena kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo zami. Wakhuluma wathi
kimi, "Hamba uyezivalela endlini yakho. 25 Njalo, wena ndodana yomuntu, baza-
kubopha ngemichilo; uzabotshwa ukuze ungayi phandle ebantwini. 26 Ngizakwenza
ulimi lwakho lunamathele elwangeni lomlomo wakho ukuze uthule unganelisi
ukubakhuza lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. 27 Kodwa nxa sengikhuluma lawe ngiza-
vula umlomo wakho, njalo uzakuthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi.'
Loba ngubani ozalalela myekele alalele, njalo loba ngubani ozakwala myekele ale;
ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo."

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Ukuvinjezelwa KweJerusalema Kuyafanekiswa

1 "Khathesi-ke, ndodana yomuntu, thatha umcephe webumba uwubeke phambi
kwakho, udwebe kuwo idolobho laseJerusalema. 2 Dweba ukuvinjezelwa kwalo:
Misa izindawo zokuvinjezelwa kwalo, yakha umthezuko ngaphezu kwalo, misa
inkamba zokulihlasela uphinde ulihonqolozele ngezigodo zokubhidliza. 3 Emva

kwalokho thatha umganu wensimbi, uwubeke unjengomduli wensimbi phakathi kwakho lomuzi ube usuphendulela ubuso bakho kuwo. Wena ukhangele ngakuwo umuzi, umuzi ube ngovinjezelweyo, wena ube ngumvimbezeli. Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso endlini ka-Israyeli.

4 Emva kwalokho lala ngomhlubulo wenxele, ubeke isono sendlu ka-Israyeli phezu kwakho. Kumele uthwale isono sabo okwalezonsuku ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. 5 Sengikumisele inani linye lezinsuku njengeminyaka yezono zabo. Ngakho izono zendlu ka-Israyeli uzazithwala okwensuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye (390).

6 Emva kokuba usuqede lokhu, lala phansi futhi, khathesi kube ngomhlubulo wakho wokunene, uthwale isono sendlu kaJuda. Ngikumisele insuku ezingamatshumi amane (40), usuku olulodwa lumele umnyaka munye ngamunye. 7 Phendulela ubuso bakho ekuvinjezelweni kweJerusalema kuthi izingalo zakho zingembeswanga uphrofithe kubi ngeJerusalema. 8 Ngizakubopha ngentambo ukuze ungatshibiliki usuka kwelinye icele usiya kwelinye uze uqede insuku zokuvinjezelwa kwakho.

9 Thatha ingqoloyi lebhali, indumba lelentili, inyawuthi lophoko; ukubeke embizeni yokugcinela ukusebenzise ekwenzeni ukudla kwakho. Kumele ukudle phakathi kwensuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye (390) ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. 10 Linganisa amashekeli angamatshumi amabili okudla ozakudla usuku ngalunye njalo ukudle ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo. 11 Njalo linganisa okukodwa kwesithupha kwehini lamanzi uwanathe ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo. 12 Dlana ukudla njengalapho usidla ikhekhe lebhali, ukupheke abantu bekhangele, inkuni zakho kube ngamalongwe abantu." 13 UTHIXO wathi, "Ngokunjalo abantu bako-Israyeli bazakudla ukudla okungcolileyo phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela kuzo."

14 Lapho-ke mina ngathi, "Akunjalo, THIXO Wobukhosi. Angikaze ngizingcolise. Kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube khathesi angikaze ngidle loba yini etholakale ifile kumbe edlithizwe yizinyamazana. Akulanyama engcolileyo eseyake yangena emlonyeni wami."

15 Wasesithi, "Kulungile. Ngizakuvumela ukuba upheke isinkwa sakho ngamalongwe enkomo esikhundleni samalongwe abantu."

16 Waphinda wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, ngizavala ukungeniswa kokudla eJerusalema. Abantu bazakudla ukudla kokwabelwa benqineka, banathe lamanzi okwabelwa bengelathemba, 17 ngoba ukudla lamanzi kuzakuba yingcosana. Bazakwethuka lapho bebonana, njalo bazacikizeka ngenxa yezono zabo."

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Insingo KaNkulunkulu Yokwahlulela

1 "Khathesi, ndodana yomuntu, thatha inkemba ebukhali uyisebenzise njengempuco yomgeli ekuphuceni ikhanda lakho kanye lezindevu zakho. Emva kwalokho thatha izilinganiso wehlukanise inwele. 2 Lapho insuku zokuvinjezelwa kwenu seziphelile, tshisa ingxenye yesithathu yezinwele ngomlilo phakathi kwedolobho. Thatha ingxenye yesithathu uyigwaze ngenkemba ubhoda lonke idolobho, uhlakazele ingxenye yesithathu emoyeni. Ngoba ngizabalandela ngiphethe inkemba ekhokhiweyo. 3 Kodwa thatha inwele ezilutshwane uzithungele emiphethweni yesembatho sakho. 4 Thatha njalo emilutshwana yayo uyiphosele emlilweni uyitshise. Umlilo uzamemetheka usuka lapho uye kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli.

5 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi: Le yiJerusalema engiyimise phakathi kwezizwe, kulamazwe kuwo wonke amacele ayo. 6 Kodwa ngenxa

yobubi bayo isihlamukele imithetho yami lezimiso zami okudlula izizwe lamazwe ayihanqileyo. Iyalile imithetho yami kayaze yalandela izimiso zami.

7 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi: Ube ngoxhwale okudlula izizwe ezikuhanqileyo njalo kawulandelanga izimiso zami kumbe ugcine imithetho yami. Futhi kalilaleli lezimiso zezizwe ezilihanqileyo.

8 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi: Mina ngokwami ngimelane lawe, wena Jerusalema, njalo ngizabeka isijeziso phezu kwakho izizwe zikhangele. 9 Ngenxa yezithombe zakho zonke ezinengekayo, kuwe ngizakwenza engingakaze ngikwenze ngaphambili njalo engingayikukwenza futhi. 10 Ngakho phakathi kwenu oyise bazakudla abantwana babo, labantwana bazakudla oyise. Ngizabeka isijeziso phezu kwakho kuthi bonke abasindileyo bakho ngibahlakazele emoyeni. 11 Ngakho ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, ngoba ungcolise indlu yami engcwele ngezifanekiso zakho zonke ezingamanyala langezenzo zakho ezenyanyekayo, mina ngokwami ngizasusa umusa wami; angiyikuba lesihawu kuwe loba ngiyekele ukukubhubhisa. 12 Ingxenye yesithathu yabantu bakho izabulawa yisifo loba ibhujiswe yindlala phakathi kwakho; ingxenye yesithathu izakufa ngenkemba ngaphandle kwemiduli yakho; ingxenye yesithathu ngizayihlakazela emoyeni ngiphinde ngiyilandele ngiphethe inkemba.

13 Lapho-ke ukuthukuthela kwami kuzaphela, lolaka lwami kubo luzadeda, njalo ngizabe sengiphindisele. Njalo lapho ulaka lwami sengiluqedele kubo, bazakwazi ukuthi mina THIXO ngikhulume ngokutshiseka kwami.

14 Ngizakwenza ube lunxiwa lehlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhanqileyo, emehlweni abo bonke abadlula khona. 15 Uzakuba lihlazo lenhlekisa, isixwayiso lento eyesabekayo ezizweni ezikuhanqileyo lapho sengibeka isijeziso phezu kwakho ngentukuthelo langolaka, ngikhuza kabuhlungu. Mina THIXO sengikhulumile. 16 Lapho ngikutshoka ngemitshoko yami ebhubhisayo, langemitshoko echithayo yendlala, ngizatshoka ukuba ngikutshabalalise. Ngizakwandisela indlala ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwakho. 17 Ngizakulethela indlala lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba kukuhlasele, kuzakutshiya ungaselamntwana. Isifo lokuchithwa kwegazi kuzadabula phakathi kwakho, njalo ngizaletha inkemba ukuba ikuhlasele. Mina THIXO sengikhulumile."

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Isiphrofethi Ngezintaba Zako-Israyeli

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho ezintabeni zako-Israyeli; phrofetha ngazo uzisola 3 uthi, Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO Wobukhosi. Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ezintabeni lasemaqaqeni, ezingoxweni lasezigodini ukuthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngililethele inkemba yokulihlasela, njalo ngizadiliza izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo." 4 Ama-alithare enu azabhidlizwa kuthi lama-alithare enu empepha aphahlazwe; njalo abantu benu ngizababulalela phambi kwezithombe zenu. 5 Izidumbu zabako-Israyeli ngizazibeka phambi kwezithombe zabo, njalo amathambo enu ngizawahlakaza emaceleni ama-alithare enu. 6 Loba kungaphi elihlala khona amadolobho akhona azadilizwa lezindawo eziphakemeyo zidilizwe, ukuze ama-alithare enu achithwe abhuqwe, kuthi izithombe zenu ziphahlazwe ziqothulwe, ama-alithare enu empepha adilizwe, kuthi elikwenzileyo kutshabalaliswe. 7 Abantu benu bazabulawa phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.

8 "Kodwa abanye ngizabaphephisa, ngoba abanye benu bazaphunyuka enkembeni lapho selihlakazekele emazweni lasezizweni. 9 Lapho-ke, ezizweni abathunjelwa

kuzo, labo abaphunyukayo bazangikhumbula ukuthi ngadabuka njani ngenxa yezinhliziyo zabo ezilobufebe, esezasukayo kimi, langamehlo abo akhanuka izithombe zabo. Bazazenyanya bona ngokwabo ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo langenxa yezenzo zonke ezenyanyekayo.” 10 Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO. Kangisongelanga ize lapho ngathi ngizabehlisela umonakalo lo.

11 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi: “Tshaya izandla zakho unyathele inyawo zakho ukhale uthi Maye! Ngenxa yobubi bonke lezenzo ezenyanyekayo zendlu ka-Israyeli, bonke bazakufa ngenkemba, langendlala kanye langesifo.” 12 Lowo okhatshana uzakufa ngesifo, kuthi lowo oseduze afe ngenkemba, lalowo osindileyo waphepha uzabulawa yindlala. Ngizaluqeda kanjalo ulaka lwami phezu kwabo. 13 Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO, lapho abantu babo sebelele befile phakathi kwezithombe zabo emaceleni wonke ama-alithare abo, phezu kwamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo kanye lasezingqongweni zonke zezintaba, ngaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza lem’okhi yonke elamahlamvu amanengi, izindawo abanikelela kuzo impepha elephunga elimnandi kuzozonke izithombe zabo. 14 “Njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami kubo ngenze ilizwe libe lugwadule olungelalutho kusukela enkangala kusiya eDibila lapho abahlala khona. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.”

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Isiphetho Sesifikile

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo
NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi elizweni lako-Israyeli:
‘Isiphetho! Isiphetho sesifikile
emagumbini amane elizwe.
3 Isiphetho sesifikile kini
njalo ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.
Ngizalahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu
ngiliphe imivuzo kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.
4 Kangiyikulikhangela ngesihawu
loba ngiliyekele,
ngeqiniso ngizalinika umvuzo wezenzo zenu
kanye lowokwenza kwenu okunengekayo phakathi kwenu.
Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.’

5 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi:
‘Umonakalo! Umonakalo ongakaze ubonakale!
Khangela, uyeza.
6 Isiphetho sesifikile!
Isiphetho sesifikile!
Sizivusele ukumelana lani.
Bona, sesifikile!
7 Incithakalo isifikile kini,
kini lina elihlala elizweni.
Isikhathi sesifikile,
ilanga selisondele;
kulokuphamazela,
hatshi intokozo, phezu kwezintaba.
8 Sekuseduze ukuba ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwenu
ngiqedele ukuthukuthela kwami kini.
Ngizalahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu

ngiliphe imivuzo kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.
9 Kangiyikulikhangela ngesihawu,
kangiyikuliyekela,
ngizalinika umvuzo ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu
kanye lokwenza okunengekayo phakathi kwenu.
Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi yimi mina THIXO otshayayo.
10 Usuku selukhona!
Bona, selufikile!
Incithakalo isipatshakile,
induku isihlumile,
ukuziphakamisa sekuqhakazile.
11 Udlakela selukhule
lwaba yinduku yokujezisa ububi;
kakho ebantwini ozatshiywa;
kakho kuleliya xuku,
akula notho,
akulalutho oluligugu.
12 Isikhathi sesifikile,
usuku selufikile.
Umthengi kangathokozi
kumbe umthengisi abe lusizi,
ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku lonke.
13 Umthengisi kayikuyifumana
impahla eyathengiswayo,
nxa owathengisayo lowathengayo besaphila,
ngoba umbono ngexuku lonke
kawuyikuhlehliselwa emuva.
Ngenxa yezono zabo kakho lamunye wabo
ozalondoloza ukuphila kwakhe.

14 Loba bekhalisa icilongo
benze izinto zonke zilunge,
kakho ozakuya empini,
ngoba ulaka lwami luphezu kwexuku lonke.
15 Ngaphandle kulempi,
ngaphakathi kulesifo lendlala,
labo abasemaphandleni
bazabulawa ngenkemba,
njalo labo abaphakathi kwedolobho
bazaqothulwa yindlala lesifo.
16 Bonke abaphunyukayo babaleke
bazakuba sezintabeni,
bebubula njengamajuba asezigodini,
yilowo lalowo ngenxa yezono zakhe.
17 Izandla zonke zizaxega,
lamadolo wonke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi.
18 Bazagqoka amasaka
babe lokwesaba.
Ubuso babo buzakuba lehlazo
lamakhanda abo aphucwe.

19 Bazalahlela isiliva sabo emigwaqweni,
legolide labo lizakuba njengento engcolileyo.
Isiliva sabo legolide labo
akuyikwanelisa ukubakhulula
ngosuku lolaka LUKATHIXO.
Bangeke baqede ukulamba kwabo
kumbe bagcwalise izisu zabo,
ngoba sekubenze bakhubeka esonweni.
20 Babeziqhenya ngeziceciso zabo ezinhle
abazisebenzisa ekwenzeni izithombe zabo ezinengekayo.
Benza lemifanekiso yabo enyanyekayo,
ngakho ngizakwenza kube yinto engcolileyo kubo.
21 Ngizanika inotho yabo njengempango kwabezizwe
lakwababi basemhlabeni njengezinto ezithunjiweyo,
njalo bazakungcolisa.
22 Ngizasusa ubuso bami kubo,
njalo bazangcolisa indawo yami eligugu;
abaphangi bazangena,
bayingcolise.

23 Lungisani amaketane
ngoba ilizwe ligcwele ukuchitheka kwegazi
ledolobho ligcwele udlakela.
24 Ngizaletha izizwe ezimbi kakhulu
ukuthi zithathe izindlu zabo.
Ngizaqeda ukuzigqaja kwabalamandla
lezindawo zabo ezingcwele zizangcoliswa.
25 Lapho ukwesaba kufika,
bazafuna ukuthula.
26 Kuzafika umonakalo phezu komonakalo,
lamahungahunga phezu kwamahungahunga.
Bazadinga umbono kumphrofethi,
ukufundiswa komthetho ngumphristi akusoze kube khona
lokweluleka kwabadala kuzaphela.
27 Inkosi izalila,
inkosana izaphelelwa lithemba,
lezandla zabantu belizwe zizaqhaqhazela.
Kubo ngizakwenza okumayelana lezenzo zabo.
Ngizabahlulela ngemithetho yabo.
Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "

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Ukukhonza Izithombe EThempelini

1 Ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga yesithupha ngosuku lwesihlanu, lapho
ngangihlezi endlini yami labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi kwami, isandla
SIKATHIXO Wobukhosi sehlela phezu kwami khonapho. 2 Ngakhangela, ngabona
ulutho olwalulesimo somuntu. Kusukela kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya
phansi wayenjengomlilo, njalo kusukela lapho kusiya phezulu ukubonakala kwakhe
kwakhazimula njengensimbi evuthayo. 3 Welula okwakukhanya angathi yisandla
wangibamba ngenwele zekhanda lami. UMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu phakathi

komhlaba lezulu, kwathi ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa eJerusalema, ekungeneni kwesango langasenyakatho yeguma langaphakathi, lapho okwakumi khona isithombe esibangela ubukhwele. 4 Njalo khonapho phambili kwami kwakulenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, njengasembonweni engawubona egcekeni.

5 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngasenyakatho.” Ngakho ngakhangela, kwathi entubeni esenyakatho kwesango le-alithari ngabona lesisithombe sobukhwele.

6 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona yini abakwenzayo, izinto ezenyanyekayo kakhulu indlu ka-Israyeli ezenzayo lapha, izinto ezizangixotshela khatshana lendawo yami engcwele? Kodwa wena uzabona izinto ezenyanyekayo kakhulukazi kulalezi.”

7 Emva kwalokho wangisa entubeni yeguma. Ngakhangela, ngabona imbobo emdulini. 8 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, khathesi gubha umduli.” Ngakho ngawugubha umduli ngasengibona umnyango khona.

9 Wasesithi kimi, “Ngena ubone izinto ezimbi lezenyanyekayo abazenzayo lapha.” 10 Ngakho ngangena phakathi ngakhangela, ngabona indawo yonke emidulini kufanekiswe inhlobo zezinto zonke ezihuquzelayo lezinyamazana ezenyanyekayo kanye lezithombe zonke zasendlini ka-Israyeli. 11 Phambi kwazo kwakumi abadala bendlu ka-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, loJazaniya indodana kaShafani emi phakathi kwabo. Omunye lomunye wayephethe udengezi lokutshisela impepha ngesandla, luthunqa intuthu elephunga elimnandi elempepha.

12 Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, ukubonile yini okwenziwa ngabadala bendlu ka-Israyeli emnyameni, omunye lomunye esendaweni yokukhonzela isithombe sakhe? Bathi, ‘UTHIXO kasiboni; UTHIXO uselilahlile ilizwe.’ ” 13 Wabuye wathi, “Uzababona besenza izinto ezenyanyeka okudlula lokho.”

14 Emva kwalokho wangisa ekungeneni kwesango lasenyakatho kwendlu KATHIXO, ngabona abesifazane behlezi khona belilela uThamuzi. 15 Wasesithi kimi, “Uyakubona lokhu na, ndodana yomuntu? Uzabona izinto ezenyanyeka kakhulu kulalokhu.”

16 Wasengisa egumeni lendlu KATHIXO elingaphakathi, njalo khonapho ekungeneni kwethempeli, phakathi komkhandlu le-alithari, kwakulamadoda ayengaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Ayekhothamele phansi elangeni empumalanga, efulathele ithempeli LIKATHIXO. Ubuso bawo bukhangele empumalanga.

17 Wathi kimi, “Sewake wakubona lokhu na ndodana yomuntu? Kuyinto encane na ukuthi indlu kaJuda yenze izinto ezenyanyekayo abazenza lapha? Kumele ilizwe baligcwalise futhi ngodlakela, njalo bangithukuthelise kokuphela na? Bakhangele bebeka ugatsha empumulweni yabo! 18 Ngakho ngizabaphatha ngentukuthelo; angiyikuba lesihawu kubo ngibayekele. Lanxa sebeklabalalela ezindlebeni zami, kangiyikubalalela.”

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Abakhonzi Bezithombe Bayabulawa

1 Lapho-ke ngamuzwa ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi, “Letha abalindi bedolobho lapha, omunye lomunye elesikhali esandleni sakhe.” 2 Ngasengibona amadoda ayisithupha evelela malungana lesango langaphezulu, elikhangele enyakatho, ngamunye ephethe izikhali ezibulalayo ezandleni zakhe. Ayelenye indoda eyayigqoke ilineni eyayilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni wayo. Angena ema phansi kwe-alithari lethusi.

3 Khathesi inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yaya phezulu isuka ngaphezu
kwamakherubhi, lapho eyayikade ikhona, yasudukela emnyango wethempeli. Lapho-
ke UTHIXO wabiza indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni wayo
4 wathi kuyo, "Yana ezindaweni zonke zedolobho laseJerusalema ubeke uphawu
emabunzini alabo ababubulayo bekhala ngenxa yezinto zonke ezenyanyekayo
ezenziwa kulo."
5 Ngisalalele, wathi kwabanye, "Mlandeleni kulolonke idolobho libulale, kungekho
sihawu kumbe uzwelo. 6 Qothulani amaxhegu, amajaha lezintombi, amanina
labantwana, kodwa lingathinti loba ngubani olophawu. Qalisani endlini yami
engcwele." Ngakho baqalisa ngabadala ababephambi kwethempeli.
7 Wasesithi kubo, "Ngcolisani ithempeli ligcwalise amaguma ngababuleweyo.
Hambani!" Ngakho bahamba baqalisa ukubulala edolobheni lonke. 8 Kwathi lapho
bebulala, mina ngisele ngedwa, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso, ngakhala ngathi, "Awu
THIXO Wobukhosi! Uzaqothula yonke insalela yako-Israyeli kulokhu kuphuphuma
kolaka lwakho phezu kweJerusalema na?"
9 Wangiphendula wathi, "Isono sendlu ka-Israyeli lekaJuda sikhulu kakhulu; ilizwe
ligcwele ukuchithwa kwegazi, ledolobho ligcwele ukungalungi. Bathi, 'UTHIXO
uselidelile ilizwe; UTHIXO kaboni.' 10 Ngakho angiyikuba lesihawu kubo kumbe
ngibayekele, kodwa lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwamakhanda
abo."
11 Lapho-ke indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni yaletha
ilizwi isithi, "Ngenze njengokulaya kwakho."

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Inkazimulo Iyasuka EThempelini

1 Ngakhangela ngabona okwakufana lesihlalo sobukhosi esenziwe ngesafire
ngaphezu komkhathi owawungaphezu kwamakhanda amakherubhi. 2 UTHIXO
wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni, "Ngena phakathi kwamavili ngaphansi kwa-
makherubhi. Gcwalisa izandla zakho ngamalahle atshisayo avela kumakherubhi
uwahaze phezu kwedolobho." Ngathi ngisabukele wangena.
3 Amakherubhi ayesemi ngaseningizimu kwethempeli lapho umuntu lowo engena
phakathi, iyezi lagcwala iguma langaphakathi. 4 Lapho-ke inkazimulo KATHIXO
yaphakama isuka ngaphezu kwamakherubhi yasudukela ngasemnyango wethempeli.
Iyezi lagcwala ethempelini, kwathi iguma lagcwala ukukhanya kwenkazimulo
KATHIXO. 5 Umdumo wezimpiko zamakherubhi wawuzwakala khatshana le egumeni
langaphandle, unjengelizwi likaNkulunkulu uSomandla nxa ekhuluma.
6 Kwathi lapho UTHIXO elaya umuntu owayegqoke ilineni esithi, "Thatha umlilo
phakathi kwamavili, phakathi kwamakherubhi," umuntu lowo wangena wema
phansi kwevili. 7 Elinye lamakherubhi lelulela isandla salo emlilweni owawuphakathi
kwawo. Lawokha lawubeka ezandleni zomuntu owayegqoke ilineni, owawuthathayo
wasephuma. 8 (Ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi kwakubonakala okwakungathi
yizandla zomuntu.)
9 Ngakhangela, ngabona amavili amane eceleni kwamakherubhi, lilinye eceleni
kwekherubhi ngalinye, amavili ayecazimula njengethophazi. 10 Ukukhangeleka
kwawo, amane awo ayekhanya efanana; elinye lelinye lingathi livili elalinqume
phakathi kwelinye. 11 Ekuhambeni kwawo, ayesiya loba kuluphi lwezinhlangothi
ezine lapho amakherubhi ayekhangele khona; amavili ayengaphenduki lapho
amakherubhi ehamba. Amakherubhi ayesiya loba kuluphi uhlangothi ikhanda
elalikhangele kulo, kungekho kuphenduka ekuhambeni kwawo. 12 Imizimba yawo
yonke, kugoqela imihlane yawo, lezandla zawo kanye lempiko zawo, kwakugcwele

amehlo, njengoba ayenjalo lamavili awo amane. 13 Amavili ngezwa kuthiwa athiwa “ngamavili atshibilika ngesiqubu esikhulu.” 14 Ikherubhi ngalinye lalilobuso obune: Obunye ubuso babungobekherubhi, obesibili bungobomuntu, obesithathu bungobesilwane, obesine bungobengqungqulu.

15 Amakherubhi aphakama aya phezulu. La ayeyizidalwa eziphilayo engangizibone phansi komfula uKhebhari. 16 Kwathi lapho amakherubhi ehamba, lamavili emaceleni awo ahamba; njalo kwathi lapho amakherubhi eselula impiko zawo ukuba aphakame esuka phansi, amavili kawasasukanga emaceleni awo. 17 Njalo kwathi lapho amakherubhi esima, amavili lawo ema, kuthi lapho amakherubhi ephakama, amavili lawo aphakame, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukuwo.

18 Inkazimulo kaTHIXO yasuka ngasemnyango wethempeli yayakuma ngaphezu kwamakherubhi. 19 Amakherubhi elula amaphiko awo ngikhangele, aphakama esuka phansi, njalo kwathi lapho esehamba amavili ahamba lawo. Ema ekungeneni kwesango langasempumalanga lendlu kaTHIXO, njalo inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwawo.

20 Lezi kwakuyizidalwa eziphilayo engangizibone ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngasemfuleni uKhebhari, ngananzelela ukuthi kwakungamakherubhi. 21 Lelo lalelo lalilobuso obune lamaphiko amane, njalo ngaphansi kwamaphiko kwakulokwakungathi yizandla zomuntu. 22 Ubuso bawo babufanana lobalawana engawabona ngasemfuleni uKhebhari. Lelo lalelo lahamba liqonde phambili.

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Ukwahlulelwa Kwabakhokheli Bako-Israyeli

1 Lapho-ke uMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa esangweni lendlu kaTHIXO elikhangele empumalanga. Khonapho ekungeneni kwesango kwakulamadoda anga-matshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo phakathi kwawo ngabona uJazaniya indodana ka-Azuri kanye loPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya, abakhokheli babantu. 2 UTHIXO wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, laba yibo abantu abenza amacebo amabi, benika lezeluleko ezimbi kulelidolobho. 3 Bathi, ‘Masinyane nje akuyikuba yiso na isikhathi sokwakha izindlu? Idolobho leli liyimbiza yokupheka, njalo thina siyinyama.’ 4 Ngakho-ke phrofetha okubi ngabo; phrofetha ndodana yomuntu.”

5 Lapho-ke uMoya kaTHIXO weza kimi wangitshela ukuba ngithi, Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO: “Lokho yikho wena okutshoyo, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, kodwa mina ngiyakwazi okusengqondweni yakho. 6 Sewabulala abantu abanengi phakathi kwedolobho leli wagcwalisa imigwaqo yalo ngabafileyo.”

7 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO Wobukhosi: “Izidumbu oziphosele lapho ziyinyama njalo idolobho leli liyimbiza, kodwa wena ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwalo. 8 Inkemba uyayesaba, njalo inkemba yiyo engizayiletha ukuba imelane lawe, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. 9 Ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwedolobho ngikunikele kwabezizweni ngiphinde ngikujezise. 10 Uzabulawa ngenkemba, njalo ngizak-wahlulela emingceleni yako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguTHIXO. 11 Idolobho leli kaliyikuba yimbiza yakho, kumbe wena ube yinyama phakathi kwalo; ngizakwahlulela emingceleni yako-Israyeli. 12 Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguTHIXO, ngoba izimiso zami kawuzilandelanga kumbe wagcina imithetho yami kodwa ulandele izenzo zezizwe ezikuhanqileyo.”

13 Kwathi lapho ngisaphrofitha, uPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya wafa. Ngakho ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso ngakhala ngelizwi eliphezulu ngisithi, “Awu, THIXO Wobukhosi! Uzaqothula insalela ka-Israyeli na?”

Isithembiso Sokuphenduka Kwe-Israyeli

14 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 15 “Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu,
abafowenu abayizihlobo zakho zegazi kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli, yibo labo
abantu baseJerusalema abathe ngabo: ‘Bakhatshana LOTHIXO kakhulu; ilizwe leli
saliphiwa ukuba libe yilifa lethu.’ ”

Ukubuyela Kuka-Israyeli Kuyathenjiswa

16 “Ngakho-ke wothi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Lanxa ngabasa
khatshana phakathi kwezizwe njalo ngabahlakazela phakathi kwamazwe, ikanti
okwesikhatshana ngibe yindlu engcwele kubo emazweni abaye kuwo.’
17 Ngakho-ke wothi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizakubutha ez-
izweni ngikubuyise ngikususa emazweni owawuhlakazekele kuwo, njalo ngizakunika
ilizwe lako-Israyeli futhi.’
18 Bazabuyela kulo basuse zonke izifanekiso zalo ezihlazisayo kanye lezithombe
ezenyanyekayo. 19 Ngizabanika inhliziyo engehlukananga ngifake lomoya omutsha
phakathi kwabo; ngizasusa kubo inhliziyo yabo yelitshe ngibaphe inhliziyo yenyama.
20 Lapho-ke bazalandela izimiso zami baqaphele ukugcina imithetho yami. Bazakuba
ngabantu bami, lami ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo. 21 Kodwa labo abanhliziyo
zabo zinikelwe ezifanekisweni zabo ezihlazisayo lasezithombeni ezenyanyekayo,
lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwamakhanda abo, kutsho THIXO
Wobukhosi.”
22 Lapho-ke amakherubhi, ayelamavili emaceleni, elula impiko zawo, njalo
inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwawo. 23 Inkazimulo KATHIXO
yaya phezulu isuka phakathi kwedolobho yayakuma ngaphezu kwentaba ngasem-
pumalanga kwedolobho. 24 UMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa kwabathun-
jiweyo eBhabhiloni ngombono owawulethwe nguMoya kaNkulunkulu.
Emva kwalokho umbono engangiwubonile wasuka kimi, 25 ngasengitshela
abathunjiweyo konke THIXO ayengitshengise khona.

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Ukuthunjwa Kuyafanekiswa

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwa-
bantu abahlamukayo. Balamehlo ukuba babone kodwa kababoni, njalo balendlebe
ukuba bezwe kodwa kabezwa, ngoba bangabantu abahlamukayo.
3 Ngakho-ke ndodana yomuntu, lungisa impahla zakho zasekuthunjweni njalo kuthi
emini, bekhangele, uphume usuke lapho okhona uye kwenye indawo. Mhlawumbe
bazazwisisa, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. 4 Ngezikhathi zemini, bekhangele,
khuphela impahla zakho phandle zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kuthi kusihlwa,
bekhangele, uphume njengabaya ekuthunjweni. 5 Bekhangele, bhoboza umduli
ukhuphele impahla zakho ngaphandle kwawo. 6 Zetshathe ehlombe bekhangele
uhambe lazo kusihlwa. Mboza ubuso bakho ukuze ilizwe ungaliboni, ngoba
sengikwenze waba luphawu endlini ka-Israyeli.”
7 Ngakho ngenza njengokulaywa kwami. Ngezikhathi zemini ngakhupha impahla
zami zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kusihlwa ngabhoboza umduli ngezandla
zami. Impahla zami ngazikhuphela ngaphandle kuhwalala, ngizetshethe emahlombe
ami bekhangele.
8 Ekuseni ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 9 “Ndodana yomuntu, indlu leyana
ehlamukayo yako-Israyeli kayikubuzanga na yathi, ‘Wenzani na?’
10 Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Izilo leli limayelana
lenkosana eJerusalema kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli ekhonale.’ 11 Wothi kubo,
‘Ngiluphawu lwesitshengiselo kini.’

Njengoba ngenzile, kuzakwenziwa kanjalo kubo. Bazakuya ekuthunjweni bey-izigqili."
12 Oyinkosana phakathi kwabo uzakwetshatha impahla zakhe kuhwalala asuke,
njalo imbobo izakwenziwa emdulini ukuba aphume ngayo. Uzamboza ubuso
bakhe ukuze ilizwe angaliboni. 13 Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa
yisifu sami; ngizamusa eBhabhiloniya ilizwe lamaKhaladiya, kodwa kasoze alibone,
njalo uzafela khona. 14 Ngizabahlakazela emimoyeni bonke labo abamhanqileyo,
izisebenzi zakhe kanye lamabutho akhe wonke njalo ngizaxotshana labo ngiphethe
inkemba.
15 "Bazakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO lapho sengibachithachithela phakathi kwezizwe
njalo ngibahlakazela emazweni. 16 Kodwa ngizaphephisa abalutshwana babo
ekuhlaselweni yinkemba, indlala kanye lesifo, ukuze kuthi ezizweni abaya kuzo
bazivume zonke izenzo zabo ezinengayo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO."
17 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 18 "Ndodana yomuntu, qhaqhazela nxa
unatha amanzi akho. 19 Yitsho ebantwini belizwe uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi mayelana lalabo abahlala eJerusalema kanye laselizweni lako-Israyeli:
Bazakudla ukudla kwabo benqineka njalo banathe lamanzi abo bengelathemba,
ngoba ilizwe lizaphundlwa konke okukulo ngenxa yodlakela lwabo bonke abahlala
khona. 20 Amadolobho okuhlalwa kuwo azaqothulwa ilizwe lichitheke. Lapho-ke
bazakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO.' "

Akuyi Kuphuzwa

21 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 22 "Ndodana yomuntu, yisaga bani lesi
na elilaso elizweni lako-Israyeli esithi: 'Insuku ziyedlula njalo imibono yonke iba
yize'? 23 Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizasiqeda isaga
lesi, njalo kabayikusitsho futhi ko-Israyeli.' Wothi kubo, 'Insuku sezisondele lapho
imibono yonke izagcwaliseka khona. 24 Ngoba akusayikuba lemibono yamanga
futhi kumbe ubungoma benkohliso ko-Israyeli. 25 Kodwa mina THIXO ngizakhuluma
engikufunayo, njalo kuzagcwaliseka ngokuphangisa. Ngoba ensukwini zakho,
wena ndlu ehlamukayo ngizagcwalisa loba kuyini engikutshoyo, kutsho UTHIXO
Wobukhosi.' "
26 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 27 "Ndodana yomuntu, indlu ka-Israyeli ithi,
'Umbono awubonayo ngoweminyaka eminengi kusukela khathesi, njalo uphrofetha
ngesikhathi esizayo esikhatshana kakhulu.'
28 Ngakho wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Akukho lalinye
ilizwi lamazwi ami elizaphuza; loba kuyini engikutshoyo kuzagcwaliseka, kutsho
UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

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Abaphrofethi Bamanga Bayasolwa

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofitha umelana
labaphrofethi bako-Israyeli abaphrofethayo khathesi. Uthi kulabo abaphrofetha
okuvela emicabangweni yabo: 'Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO! 3 Nanku okutshiwo
NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Maye kubaphrofethi abayizithutha abalandela umoya wabo
kodwa bengabonanga lutho! 4 Abaphrofethi bakho, we Israyeli, banjengamakhanka
asemanxiweni. 5 Kawuyanga phezulu ezikhexeni emdulini ukuba uwulungisele indlu
ka-Israyeli ukuze uqine empini ngosuku LUKATHIXO. 6 Imibono yabo iyinkohliso njalo
lobungoma babo bungamanga. Bathi, "UTHIXO uthi," yena UTHIXO engabathumanga;
kodwa bathembe ukuthi amazwi abo azagcwaliseka. 7 Kalikayiboni imibono
yenkohliso na, njalo lakhuluma ubungoma bamanga lapho lisithi, "UTHIXO uthi,"
lanxa mina ngingatshongo?

8 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngenxa yamazwi enu
enkohliso kanye lemibono yenu yamanga, ngimelana lani, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
9 Isandla sami sizamelana labaphrofethi ababona imibono yenkohliso bakhulume
ubungoma bamanga. Kabayikuba ngabenhlangano yabantu bami kumbe balotshwe
emibhalweni yendlu ka-Israyeli, loba bangene elizweni lako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke
lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO Wobukhosi.
10 Ngenxa yokuthi bedukisa abantu bami, besithi "Ukuthula," khona ukuthula
kungekho, njalo ngoba, nxa kwakhiwe umduli ongaqinanga, bayawubhada
ngekalaga, 11 ngakho tshela labo abawubhada ngekalaga ukuthi uzadilika. Kuzakuza
isihlambi sezulu, njalo ngizaletha isiqhotho esitshaya phansi, kuqhamuke umoya
olamandla. 12 Lapho umduli udilika, abantu kabayikulibuza na bathi, "Ingaphi
ikalaga elawubhada ngayo?"
13 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngolaka lwami ngizadedela
umoya olamandla, kuthi ngokuthukuthela kwami isiqhotho lesihlambi sezulu kune
ngentukuthelo ebhubhisayo. 14 Ngizadiliza umduli eliwubhade ngekalaga ngiwu-
wisele phansi ukuze isisekelo sawo sibe segcekeni. Nxa ususiwa lizafela kuwo;
njalo lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO. 15 Ngakho ngizachitha ulaka lwami ngimelane
lomduli kanye lalabo abawubhada ngekalaga. Ngizakuthi kini, "Umduli kawusekho
njalo yiso leso lakulabo abawucomba ngekalaga, 16 labobaphrofethi bako-Israyeli
abaphrofetha ngeJerusalema babona imibono yokuthula ngalo, khona ukuthula
kungekho, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi." '
17 Khathesi-ke ndodana yomuntu, melana lamadodakazi abantu bakini aphrofetha
okwemicabango yawo. Phrofetha umelana lawo 18 uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Maye kwabesifazane abathungela intebe ezihlakaleni zabo zonke benze
lezimbombozo zamakhanda abo ezilobude obehlukeneyo ukuze bathiye abantu.
Lizathiya impilo yabantu bami kodwa lilondoloze eyenu na? 19 Lingithukile phakathi
kwabantu bami ngenxa yohetshezana lwebhali kanye lemvuthuluka yesinkwa.
Ngokuqamba amanga ebantwini bami, abawalalelayo amanga, selibabulele labo
ababengamelanga bafe, kodwa layekela abangafanelanga ukuphila.
20 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lezintebe zenu
elithiya abantu ngazo njengenyoni njalo ngizazidabula ezingalweni zenu; ngiz-
abakhulula abantu elibathiya njengenyoni. 21 Izimbombozo zenu ngizazidabula
ngikhulule abantu bami ezandleni zenu, njalo kabayikuba ngaphansi kwamandla
okubazingela kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO. 22 Ngenxa yokuthi
lenyelisa inhliziyo zabalungileyo ngamanga enu, lapho ngangingabalethelanga sizi,
njalo ngoba lakhuthaza ababi ukuba bangaphenduki ezindleleni zabo ezimbi
ngalokho basilise ukuphila kwabo, 23 ngakho kaliyikubona imibono yamanga futhi
loba izenzo zobungoma. Abantu bami ngizabahlenga ezandleni zenu. Lapho-ke
lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO.' "

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Abakhonza Izithombe Bayasolwa

1 Abanye babadala bako-Israyeli beza kimi bahlala phambi kwami. 2 Ilizwi
LIKATHIXO laselifika kimi lisithi: 3 "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu laba sebebeke
izithombe ezinhliziyweni zabo, bafaka lezikhubekiso ezimbi phambi kobuso babo.
Ngibavumele ukungibuza na? 4 Ngakho khuluma labo ubatshele uthi, 'Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Lapho loba nguphi um'Israyeli ebeka izithombe
enhliziyweni yakhe, afake lesikhubekiso esibi phambi kobuso bakhe abesesiyaphro-
fetha, mina THIXO ngizamphendula mina ngokwami ngokuhambelana lokukhonza

kwakhe izithombe okukhulu. 5 Ngizakwenza lokhu ukuze ngizibambe futhi inhliziyo
zabantu bako-Israyeli asebengidelile bonke ngenxa yezithombe zabo.'
6 Ngakho-ke tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Phendukani! Tshiyani izithombe zenu lilahle imikhuba yenu enengayo!
7 Lapho owako-Israyeli loba omunye wabezizweni ohlala ko-Israyeli ezehlukanisa
lami abeke izithombe enhliziyweni yakhe njalo afake lesikhubekiso esibi phambi
kobuso bakhe, abesesiya kumphrofethi ukuyabuza ngami, mina THIXO ngizamphen-
dula mina ngokwami. 8 Ngizamelana lalowomuntu ngobuso bami njalo ngimenze
isibonelo kanye lesiga. Ngizamsusa ebantwini bami. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi
NGINGUTHIXO.
9 Njalo nxa umphrofethi ekhohliseke ukuba akhulume isiphrofethi, mina THIXO
yimi engikhohlise umphrofethi lowo, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane
laye ngimbhubhise phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. 10 Bazathwala icala labo,
umphrofethi uzakuba lecala njengalowo ombuzayo. 11 Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli
kabasayikungifulathela kumbe bazingcolise futhi ngazozonke izono zabo. Bazakuba
ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

Ukwahlulelwa KweJerusalema Akubalekelwa

12 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 13 "Ndodana yomuntu, nxa ilizwe lisona kimi
ngokungathembeki besengiselula isandla sami ukuba ngivale ukulethwa kokudla
kwalo, ngithumele indlala kulo ibulale abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo zabo, 14 lanxa
amadoda amathathu la, uNowa, loDanyeli kanye loJobe, angabe ayekhona kulo,
ayezazihlenga wona kuphela ngokulunga kwawo, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
15 Loba nxa ngingathuma izilo zeganga ukuba zidabule phakathi kwalelolizwe
zilitshiye lingaselabantwana njalo libe lugwadule okwenza kungabi lamuntu odlula
phakathi kwalo ngenxa yezilo, 16 ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO
Wobukhosi, lanxa amadoda la amathathu engabe ayekhona kulo ayengeke awahlenge
amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa, kodwa
ilizwe lalizachitheka.
17 Loba nxa ngingaletha inkemba imelane lalelolizwe ngithi, 'Inkemba kayidlule
phakathi kwelizwe lonke,' ngibulale abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo, 18 ngeqiniso
elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, lanxa amadoda la amathathu
kungabe ayekulo, ayengeke awahlenge amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona
kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa.
19 Loba nxa ngithumela isifo kulelolizwe, ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwalo
ngokuchithwa kwegazi, sibulale abantu balo kanye lezifuyo zabo, 20 ngeqiniso elin-
jengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, lanxa uNowa, loDanyeli kanye loJobe
bengabe bekulo bebengeke bahlenge indodana kumbe indodakazi. Bebengazihlenga
bona kuphela ngokulunga kwabo.
21 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Kuzakuba kubi kakhulu okunjani
na lapho sengithumela eJerusalema izahlulelo zami ezine, inkemba lendlala lezilo
zeganga kanye lesifo ukuba kubulale abantu balo kanye lezifuyo zabo! 22 Kodwa
kuzakuba labanye abasilayo, amadodana lamadodakazi abazakhutshelwa ngaphan-
dle kwalo. Bazakuza kuwe, njalo lapho ubona ukuziphatha kwabo lezenzo zabo,
uzaduduzeka ngomonakalo engiwehlisela phezu kweJerusalema, wonke umonakalo
engawehlisela phezu kwalo. 23 Uzaduduzeka lapho usubona ukuziphatha kwabo
kanye lezenzo zabo, ngoba uzakwazi ukuthi angenzanga lutho phakathi kwalo
kungekho sizatho, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi."

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IJerusalema Livini Elingelasizo

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, isigodo sevini silwedlula
ngani ugatsha lwaloba yisiphi sezihlahla eziseguswini na? 3 Isigodo siyake sithathwe
kulo ukuba kwenziwe ulutho olusizayo na? Bayazenza izikhonkwane ngalo
ukuba kulengiswe izinto kuzo na? 4 Njalo emva kokuba sesiphoselwe emlilweni
njengokhuni, umlilo usitshise izihloko zombili lomzaca waphakathi uhaqazeke,
siselosizo ekwenzeni olunye ulutho na? 5 Nxa sasingelasizo ekwenzeni ulutho
sisaphelele, kuncane kangakanani okungenziwa ukuthi sibe yilutho olusizayo lapho
umlilo ususitshisile njalo sesililahle na?
6 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Njengoba nginike isigodo sevini
phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu njengokhuni lomlilo, ngizabaphatha kanjalo abantu
abahlala eJerusalema. 7 Ngizamelana labo ngobuso bami. Lanxa sebephumile
phakathi komlilo, umlilo usezabaqeda. Njalo lapho sengimelane labo ngobuso
bami, lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO. 8 Ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lugwadule ngoba
bebengathembekanga, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.”

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IJerusalema Njengomfazi Oyisifebe

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, melana leJerusalema
ngezenzo zalo ezinengayo 3 uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi kulo
iJerusalema: Umdabuko wenu kanye lozalo ngokwaselizweni lamaKhenani; uyihlo
wayengum’Amori unyoko engumHithi. 4 Ngosuku owazalwa ngalo ufokothi lwakho
kaluqunywanga, njalo kawugeziswanga ngamanzi ukuba uhlambuluke, kumbe
uhlikihlwe ngetswayi loba ugoqelwe ngamalembu. 5 Kakho owaba lozwelo kuwe
loba owaba lesihawu ukuba akwenzele okunye kwalezizinto. Kodwa waphoselwa
etshatshalazini leganga, ngoba ngosuku owazalwa ngalo weyiswa.
6 Kwathi lapho ngidlula eduze ngakubona uqhatshaqhatsha phakathi kwegazi
lakho, njalo kwathi ulele phakathi khonapho kwegazi lakho ngathi kuwe, “Phila!”
7 Ngakukhulisa njengesihlahla seganga. Wakhula waqina waba yilitshe eliligugu
elihle kakhulu kulawo wonke. Waphuhla lenwele zakho zakhula, wena owawunqunu
uze.
8 Muva ngadlula eduze futhi, kwathi lapho sengikukhangele ngabona ukuthi
wawusukhulile okwanela uthando, ngelulela isembatho sami phezu kwakho ngavala
ubunqunu bakho. Ngakufungela ngesifungo sami esiqinisekileyo, ngenza isivumel-
wano lawe, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, njalo waba ngowami.
9 Ngakugezisa ngamanzi, ngagezisa legazi kuwe, ngasengikugcoba ngama-
futha. 10 Ngakugqokisa isigqoko esicecisiweyo ngakufaka amanyathelo esikhumba.
Ngakugqokisa ilineni elihle ngakwembesa izembatho ezidulayo. 11 Ngakuhlobisa
ngamatshe aligugu: Ngafaka amasongo ezingalweni zakho kanye lomgaxo entanyeni
yakho, 12 ngasengifaka lesongo empumulweni yakho, lamacici ezindlebeni zakho
kanye lomqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho. 13 Waceciswa kanjalo ngegolide langesiliva;
izigqoko zakho zazenziwe ngelineni elihle langamalembu adulayo kanye lamalembu
acecisiweyo. Waba muhle kakhulu waze wakhuphuka waba yindlovukazi. 14 Udumo
lwakho lwagcwala phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yobuhle bakho, ngoba ubucwazicwazi
engangikuphe bona benza ubuhle bakho baphelela, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
15 Kodwa wena wathemba ubuhle bakho wasebenzisa lodumo lwakho ekubeni
yisifebe. Wachithela umusa wakho emuntwini wonke odlulayo kwathi ubuhle
bakho baba ngobakhe. 16 Wathatha ezinye zezembatho zakho wenza ubucwazicwazi
bezindawo eziphakemeyo, lapho owaqhubekela khona ngobuwule bakho. Izinto
ezinje akumelanga zenzakale, loba zike zivele zenzeke. 17 Njalo wathatha leziceciso
ezinhle zamatshe aligugu engakupha zona, iziceciso ezenziwa ngegolide lami

lesiliva, wazenzela izithombe ezinduna wawula lazo. 18 Wathatha lezigqoko zakho
ezicecisiweyo ukuba wembese izithombe, wanikela amafutha ami lempepha phambi
kwazo. 19 Lokudla engakupha khona, ifulawa ecolekileyo, amafutha e-oliva kanye
loluju engakupha khona ukuba udle, wakunikela phambi kwazo njengempepha
elephunga elimnandi. Lokhu yikho okwenzakalayo, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.

20 Wathatha futhi amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi owangizalela wona
wawanikela njengokudla ezithombeni. Ubufebe bakho babunganelanga na?
21 Wabulala abantwabami wabanikela ezithombeni. 22 Phakathi kwazo zonke izenzo
zakho ezinengayo kanye lobufebe bakho kawuzikhumbulanga insuku zebutsheni
bakho, lapho wawunqunu njalo uze, uqhatshaqhatsha phakathi kwegazi lakho.

23 Maye! Maye kuwe, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Phezu kobubi bakho bonke,
24 wazakhela indunduma wenza lezindawo zokukhonzela ezidephileyo ezinkundleni
zonke. 25 Ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke wakha izindawo zakho zokukhonzela
ezidephileyo wonakalisa ubuhle bakho, wanikela umzimba wakho ngokuxabanisa
okukhulu kuloba ngubani odlulayo. 26 Wenza ubufebe lamaGibhithe, omakhel-
wane bakho abalesigweba, wangithukuthelisa ngokuba ngubuyazonke kwakho
okukhulu. 27 Ngakho ngelula isandla sami ukuba ngimelane lawe nganciphisa
ilizwe lakho; ngakunikela ekuphangeni kwezitha zakho, amadodakazi amaFilistiya,
ethuswa yikuziphatha kwakho kobuxhwali! 28 Wenza ubuwule lama-Asiriya futhi,
ngoba wawungasuthiseki; njalo langasemva kwalokho wawulokhu ungakholwanga.
29 Ngakho wandisa ukuxubanisa kwakho ukuba kungenise leBhabhiloni, ilizwe
labathengisi, kodwa langalokhu kawusuthisekanga.

30 Yeka ubuthakathaka bakho enhliziyweni, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi, lapho
usenza zonke lezizinto, usenza njengesifebe esingelanhloni! 31 Lapho usakha
amadundulu akho ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke usenza lezindawo zakho
zokukhonzela ezidephileyo ezinkundleni zonke, wawunganjengesifebe, ngoba wala
imbadalo ngokweyisa okukhulu.

32 Wena mfazi oyisifebe! Uthanda izihambi kulomkakho. 33 Izifebe zonke zamukela
imbadalo, kodwa zonke izithandwa zakho uzinika izipho, uzithenga ukuba zize
kuwe zivela ezindaweni zonke zilanda ubufebe bakho. 34 Ngakho ukufeba kwakho
kwehlukile kokwabanye; kakho okudingayo ukuba afebe lawe. Wena wehlukile,
ngoba uyabhadala kodwa awubhadalwa.

35 Ngakho-ke, wena sifebe, zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO! 36 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Njengoba wachitha inotho yakho waveza lobunqunu bakho ebufebeni
bakho lezithandwa zakho, njalo ngenxa yazo zonke izithombe zakho ezinengayo,
langenxa yokuthi wazipha igazi labantwana bakho, 37 ngakho-ke ngizaziqoqa zonke
izithandwa zakho, owawuthokoza lazo, lezo owawuzithanda kanye lalezo owawuz-
izonda. Ngizaziqoqa ukuba zimelane lawe zivela ezindaweni zonke ngikunqunule
phambi kwazo, njalo zizabubona bonke ubunqunu bakho. 38 Ngizakunika isigwebo
sokujeziswa kwabesifazane abafebayo njalo abachitha igazi; ngizakwehlisela phezu
kwakho impindiselo yegazi yolaka lwami kanye lentukuthelo yobukhwele. 39 Emva
kwalokho ngizakunikela kuzithandwa zakho, zizabhidliza amadundulu akho zidilize
lezindawo zakho zokukhonzela ezidephileyo. Zizakuhlubula izigqoko zakho zithathe
lemiceciso yakho yamatshe aligugu zikutshiye unqunu njalo uze. 40 Zizaletha ixuku
elizamelana lawe, elizakutshaya ngamatshe, likuqumaqume ube yiziqa ngezinkemba
zalo. 41 Bazatshisa izindlu zakho zilobe, bakujezise phambi kwabesifazane abanengi.
Ngizabuqeda ubuwule bakho, njalo kawusayikuzibhadala futhi izithandwa zakho.
42 Lapho-ke ulaka lwami kuwe luzadeda, lokuthukuthela kwami kobukhwele kuza-
suka kuwe; ngizaphola ngingabe ngisathukuthela futhi.

43 Ngenxa yokuthi insuku zobutsha bakho kawuzikhumbulanga kodwa wangithukuthelisa ngezinto zonke lezi, ngeqiniso lokhu okwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakho, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Kanje kawenzanga isigwebo kuzozonke lezizenzo zakho ezinengayo na?

44 Bonke abatsho izaga bazasitsho isaga lesi ngawe esithi: “Indodakazi ifuna unina.” 45 Wena uyindodakazi kanyoko sibili, owayeseyisa umkakhe kanye labantwana bakhe; njalo ngeqiniso ungudade wabodadewenu, abeyisa omkabo labantwana babo. Unyoko wayengumHithi uyihlo engum’Amori. 46 Udadewenu omdala wayenguSamariya, owayehlala ngasenyakatho kwakho labantwana bakhe; njalo udadewenu omncane owayehlala ngaseningizimu kwakho lamadodakazi akhe nguSodoma. 47 Kawuhambanga ezindleleni zabo nje kuphela njalo walingisa lezenzo zabo ezinengayo, kodwa kuzozonke izindlela zakho wena waphanga waxhwala kakhulu kulabo. 48 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi, udadewenu uSodoma lamadodakazi akhe kazange akwenze okwenziwa nguwe lamadodakazi akho.

49 Isono sikadadewenu uSodoma sasiyilesi: Yena lamadodakazi akhe babezigqaja, badla bedlulisa njalo bengakhathali; kababasizanga abayanga labaswelayo. 50 Babezazisa njalo besenza izinto eziyangisayo phambi kwami. Ngakho ngabasusa njengoba ubonile. 51 USamariya kenzanga ingxenye yezono wena osuzenzile. Wenze izinto ezinengekayo kulabo, wenza odadewenu bangathi balungile ngenxa yezinto zonke lezi ozenzileyo. 52 Lithwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba usunike isizatho esilungileyo ngabodadewenu. Ngoba izono zakho zazizimbi kakhulu kulezabo, bakhanya belunge kakhulu kulawe. Ngakho, woba lenhloni uthwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba wenze odadewenu bakhanya belungile.

53 Kodwa-ke, ngizayibuyisela inhlanhla yeSodoma lamadodakazi ayo kanye leye-Samariya lamadodakazi ayo, lenhlanhla yakho kanye labo, 54 ukuze uthwale ihlazo lakho njalo ube lenhloni ngokubaduduza. 55 Njalo odadewenu, iSodoma lamadodakazi alo kanye leSamariya lamadodakazi alo, bazabuyela kulokho ababeyikho kuqala. 56 Udadewenu, uSodoma wawungeke umutsho ngezinsuku zokuzigqaja kwakho, 57 ububi bakho bungakavezwa. Lanxa kunjalo, khathesi usuhlekwa ngamadodakazi ase-Edomi labo bonke omakhelwane bayo kanye lamadodakazi amaFilistiya, bonke labo abakuhanqileyo abakweyisayo. 58 Uzathwala umvuzo wesagweba sakho kanye lezenzo zakho ezinengayo kutsho uTHIXO.

59 Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizakuphatha njengalokhu okukufaneleyo, ngoba udelele isifungo sami ngokwephula isivumelwano. 60 Kodwa ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano engasenza lawe ensukwini zobutsha bakho, njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esingapheliyo lawe. 61 Lapho-ke uzazikhumbula izindlela zakho ube lenhloni lapho ususamukela odadewenu, labo abadala kulawe kanye lalabo abancane. Ngizakunika bona njengamadodakazi, kodwa hatshi ngenxa yesivumelwano sami lawe. 62 Ngakho ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguTHIXO. 63 Ngakho, lapho sengikwenzela inhlawulelo yakho konke okwenzileyo, uzakhumbula ube lenhloni ungawuvuli futhi umlomo wakho ngenxa yokuthotshiswa kwakho, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.’ ”

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Ingqungqulu Ezimbili Levini

1 Ilizwi likaTHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, yenza umzekeliso utshele indlu yako-Israyeli umfanekiso. 3 Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ingqungqulu enkulu elezimpiko ezilamandla, izinsiba ezinde njalo

zinengi zimibalabala yafika eLebhanoni. Ibambe isihloko somsedari, 4 yephula ihlumela elalingaphezu kwawo wonke yalisa elizweni labathengisi lapho eyalihlanyela khona edolobheni labathengisi.

5 Yathatha enye yenhlanyelo yelizwe lakini yayifaka emhlabathini ovundileyo:
Yayihlanyela njengomnyezane phansi kwamanzi amanengi, 6 yahluma yaba livini elifitshane elinabayo. Ingatsha zalo zaphendukela kuyo, kodwa impande zalo zaba ngaphansi kwalo. Ngakho laba livini laba lezingatsha ezilamahlamvu amanengi.

7 Kodwa kwakulenye ingqungqulu enkulu elezimpiko ezilamandla lezinsiba ezinengi. Khathesi ivini lakhuphela impande zalo kuyo zisuka esivandeni elalihlanyelwe kuso njalo lelulela ingatsha zalo kuyo zifuna amanzi. 8 Lalihlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle phansi kwamanzi amanengi ukuze liveze ingatsha, lithele izithelo libe livini elihle.'

9 Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Kambe lizakhula kuhle na? Kaliyikusitshunwa izithelo zalo ziqhululwe ukuba libune na? Wonke amahlumela alo azabuna. Akuyikusweleka ingalo elamandla kumbe abantu abanengi ukuba balisiphune. 10 Lanxa lingayagxunyekwa kwenye indawo lingakhula kuhle na? Kambe kaliyikubuna okupheleleyo nxa umoya wasempumalanga ulihangula libune esivandeni elakhulela kuso na?' "

11 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kimi lisithi: 12 "Tshono kule indlu ehlamukayo uthi, 'Kalazi ukuthi izinto lezi zitshoni na?' Tshono kubo uthi, 'Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yaya eJerusalema yathumba inkosi yalo kanye lezikhulu zalo yabuyela labo eBhabhiloni. 13 Yathatha omunye wabenzalo yasesikhosini, yenza isivumelwano laye, yamfungisa. Yathumba lamanye amadoda elizwe adumileyo, 14 ukuze umbuso uye phansi, ungavuki futhi, ume nje kuphela ngokugcina isivumelwano sayo. 15 Kodwa inkosi yamhlamukela ngokuthuma isithunywa eGibhithe ukuba ziyethatha amabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu. Kambe izaphumelela na? Kambe lowo owenza izinto ezinje uzaphunyuka na? Kambe uzakwephula isivumelwano kodwa aphunyuke na?

16 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, uzafela eBhabhiloni, elizweni lenkosi eyambeka esihlalweni sobukhosi, esifungo sayo wasidelela wephula lesivumelwano sayo. 17 UFaro lebutho lakhe elilamandla kanye lexuku elikhulu akuyikumsiza empini, lapho sekwakhiwe amadundulu kwamiswa lemiduli yokuvimbezela ukuba kuchithwe imiphefumulo eminengi. 18 Wadelela isifungo ngokwephula isivumelwano. Ngoba wazibopha ngesifungo kodwa wasesenza zonke lezizinto akayikuphunyuka.

19 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakhe isifungo sami asidelayo kanye lesivumelwano sami asephulayo. 20 Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa yisifu sami. Ngizamusa eBhabhiloni, ngenzele khona ukumahlulela kwami ngoba wayengathembekanga kimi. 21 Wonke amabutho akhe abalekayo azabulawa ngenkemba, abasindayo bazahlakazelwa emimoyeni. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina THIXO sengikhulumile.

22 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Mina ngokwami ngizathatha ihlumela kuso kanye isihloko somsedari ngilihlanyele; ngizakwephula ihlumela elibuthakathaka eklintini lawo eliphezulu kakhulu kulamanye ngilihlanyele phezu kwentaba ende ephakemeyo. 23 Ngizalihlanyela ezingqongeni zentaba yako-Israyeli; lizaveza ingatsha lithele lezithelo njalo libe ngumsedari omuhle. Izinyoni zezinhlobo zonke zizakwakhela izidleke zazo kuwo; zizathola ukusitheka emthunzini wezingatsha zawo. 24 Zonke izihlahla zeganga zizakwazi ukuthi mina THIXO ngifinyeza isihlahla eside ngenze esifitshane sikhule sibeside. Ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza ngenze esomileyo sihlume.

Mina THIXO sengikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza.’ ”

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Umphefumulo Owonayo Uzakufa

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Litshoni lina bantu nxa libetha isaga lesi
ngelizwe lako-Israyeli lisithi:
‘Oyise badla amavini amunyu,
amazinyo abantwana asetshelela’?
3 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, kalisayikusitsho
isaga lesi ko-Israyeli. 4 Ngoba yonke imphefumulo ephilayo ngeyami, uyise kanye
lendodana, bobabili ngokufanayo ngabami. Umphefumulo owonayo yiwo ozakufa.
5 Kasithi kulomuntu olungileyo
owenza okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo.
6 Kadleli ezindaweni zokukhonzela zasentabeni loba
athembe izithombe zendlu ka-Israyeli.
Kangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe
loba alale lowesifazane esemazibukweni.
7 Kancindezeli muntu
kodwa uyabuyisela akuthathayo njengesibambiso sokwebolekwayo.
Kabenzi ubuphangi
kodwa unika abalambileyo ukudla kwakhe
labanqunu abanike izigqoko.
8 Kabolekisi ukuba athole inzuzo
loba athathe inzuzo edlulisileyo.
Uyasithinta isandla sakhe ekwenzeni okubi
njalo ehlulele kuhle phakathi komuntu lomuntu.
9 Uyazilandela izimiso zami
agcine lemithetho yami ngokuthembeka.
Lowomuntu ulungile;
ngempela uzaphila,
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
10 Kasithi ulendodana elodlakela echitha igazi kumbe yenze loba yikuphi kwalez-
izinto 11 (lanxa uyise engenzanga lanye yazo):
Idlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezisentabeni.
Iyamngcolisa umfazi kamakhelwane wayo.
12 Incindezela abayanga labaswelayo.
Yenza ubuphangi.
Kayibuyiseli eyakuthatha kuyisibambiso.
Yethemba izithombe.
Yenza izinto ezinengisayo.
13 Yebolekisa ukuba ithole inzuzo njalo ithatha inzuzo edlulisileyo.
Umuntu onjalo uzaphila na? Kasoze aphile! Ngenxa yokuba enze zonke lezizinto
ezinengisayo uzabulawa mpela legazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe.
14 Kodwa kasithi indodana le ilendodana ezibonayo zonke izono ezenziwa nguyise,
kodwa lanxa izibona, yona kayizenzi izinto ezinje:
15 Kayidleli ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezisentabeni,
kumbe yethembe izithombe zendlu ka-Israyeli.
Kayimngcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wayo.
16 Kayincindezeli muntu
kumbe ifune isibambiso ekwebolekiseni.
Kayibenzi ubuphangi

kodwa abalambileyo iyabapha ukudla kwayo
inike labanqunu izigqoko.
17 Iyasithinta isandla sayo ekoneni
njalo kayithathi nzuzo loba inzuzo edlulisileyo.
Iyagcina imilayo yami ilandele lezimiso zami.
Kayiyikufela izono zikayise; izaphila impela. 18 Kodwa uyise uzafela izono zakhe yena ngokwakhe, ngoba wabamba ngamandla, waphanga umfowabo wenza okubi ebantwini bakibo.
19 Ikanti liyabuza lithi, 'Kungani indodana ingabi lecala likayise na?' Njengoba indodana yenze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo njalo inaka ukugcina izimiso zami, izaphila impela. 20 Umphefumulo owonayo yiwo ozakufa. Indodana kayiyikuba lecala likayise, loba uyise abe lecala lendodana. Ukulunga komuntu olungileyo kuzabalelwa kuye, lobubi bomubi buzamelana laye.
21 Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka kuzozonke izono azenzayo njalo agcine izimiso zami zonke enze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzaphila impela, akayikufa. 22 Akukho kona kwakhe okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo azenzileyo uzaphila. 23 Ngiyathokoza ngokufa komuntu omubi na? kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Esikhundleni salokho, kangithabi na nxa bephenduka ezindleleni zabo njalo baphile?
24 Kodwa nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze izono njalo enze zona kanye izinto ezinengayo ezenziwa ngumuntu omubi, kambe uzaphila na? Akukho okwezinto ezilungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yecala lokungathembeki langenxa yezono azenzayo, uzakufa.
25 Kodwa lina lithi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Zwana, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli: Indlela yami kayifanelanga na? 26 Nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze izono, uzakufela lokho; ngenxa yezono azenzileyo uzakufa. 27 Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini abenzileyo enze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzasilisa ukuphila kwakhe. 28 Ngoba ucabanga konke okubi akwenzayo aphenduke kukho, uzaphila impela; akayikufa. 29 Ikanti indlu ka-Israyeli ithi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Izindlela zami kazilunganga na, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli?
30 Ngakho-ke wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, lowo lalowo ngizamahlulela ngokumayelana lezindlela zakhe, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Phendukani! Tshiyani ububi benu bonke; ngalokho isono kasiyikuba yikufa kwenu. 31 Zikhululeni kukho konke okubi elikwenzileyo, lizuze inhliziyo entsha lomoya omutsha. Kungani na uzakufa, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? 32 Ngoba angithokozi ngokufa loba ngokukabani, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Phendukani liphile!"

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Ukulilela Amakhosana Ako-Israyeli

1 "Qhinqani isililo ngamakhosana ako-Israyeli 2 lithi:
'Yeka isilwanekazi esasingunyoko
phakathi kwezilwane!
Salala phansi phakathi kwezilwane ezisakhulayo
sondla imidlwane yaso.
3 Sakhulisa omunye wemidlwane yaso
waba yisilwane esilamandla
wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe ukudliwa,
wadla labantu.
4 Izizwe zezwa ngawo
wasuthiywa egodini lazo.
Zawuhola ngezingwegwe

zawusa elizweni laseGibhithe.

5 Kwathi sibona ithemba laso lingagcwalisekanga,
ithemba laso lingasekho,
sathatha omunye wemidlwane yaso
sawenza waba yisilwane esilamandla.
6 Wanyonyoba phakathi kwezilwane ngoba
wawuyisilwane esilamandla.
Wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe ukudliwa,
wadla labantu.
7 Wadiliza izinqaba zabo
wachitha lamadolobho abo.
Ilizwe kanye labo bonke ababekulo
bathuthumeliswa yikubhonga kwawo.
8 Izizwe zawuvukela,
zivela ezindaweni eziwuzingelezileyo.
Zendlala amambule azo phezu kwawo
wawela egodini labo.
9 Bawudonsela ekhejini ngezingwegwe
bawusa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni.
Bawufaka entolongweni,
ngakho ukubhonga kwawo akuzwakalanga futhi
ezintabeni zako-Israyeli.

10 Unyoko wayenjengevini
elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini esivinini sakho;
sasithela izithelo njalo silezingatsha ezinengi
ngenxa yamanzi amanengi.
11 Ingatsha zaso zaziqinile
zifanele intonga yombusi.
Sasiphakeme siphezulu le
ngaphezu kwamahlamvu aminyeneyo,
sibonakala ngobude baso
langezingatsha zaso ezinengi.
12 Kodwa sasitshunwa ngokuthukuthela
saphoselwa phansi.
Umoya wasempumalanga wasomisa,
izithelo zaso zaqhululwa;
ingatsha zaso eziqinileyo zabuna
umlilo wazitshisa.
13 Khathesi sesihlanyelwe enkangala,
elizweni elitshisayo lelomileyo.
14 Umlilo umemetheke usuka kolunye lwezingatsha ezinkulu,
watshisa izithelo zaso.
Akulagatsha oluqinileyo oluseleyo kuso
olufanele intonga yombusi.’
Lesi yisililo njalo sizasetshenziswa njengesililo.”

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U-Israyeli Ohlamukayo

1 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, ngenyanga yesihlanu ngosuku lwetshumi, abanye
babadala bako-Israyeli bafika bezebuza uTHIXO, bahlala phansi phambi kwami.
2 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 3 "Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labadala bako-
Israyeli uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Lilande ukuzangibuza
na? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kangiyikulivumela ukuthi lingibuze, kutsho
uTHIXO Wobukhosi.'
4 Uzabahlulela na? Uzabahlulela na, ndodana yomuntu? Ngakho batshele
ngezenzo zaboyise ezinengayo 5 uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngosuku engakhetha ngalo u-Israyeli, ngafunga kuyo inzalo yendlu kaJakhobe isandla
siphakanyisiwe njalo ngiziveza kuyo iGibhithe. Isandla siphakanyisiwe ngathi kubo,
"Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu." 6 Ngalolosuku ngafunga kubo ukuthi
ngizabakhupha eGibhithe ngibase elizweni engabadingela lona, ilizwe eligeleza
uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe wonke. 7 Njalo ngathi kubo, "Lowo
lalowo wenu kalahle izifanekiso ezenyanyekayo elibeke amehlo enu kuzo, njalo
lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zaseGibhithe. Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu."
8 Kodwa bangihlamukela kabaze bangilalela; kabazilahlanga izithombe zabo
ezenyanyekayo ababebeke amehlo abo kuzo, loba balahle izithixo zabo zaseGibhithe.
Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngiqede lokuthukuthela
kwami ngimelane labo eGibhithe. 9 Kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami, ngenza okwakuza-
livikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe ababehlala phakathi kwazo engiziveze
emehlweni azo kwabako-Israyeli ngokubakhupha eGibhithe. 10 Ngakho ngabakhupha
eGibhithe ngabasa enkangala. 11 Ngabanika izimiso zami ngabazisa lemithetho
yami, ngoba umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. 12 Njalo ngabanika lamaSabatha
ami njengesibonakaliso phakathi kwami labo, ukuze bakwazi ukuthi mina THIXO
ngabenza baba ngcwele.
13 Kodwa abantu bako-Israyeli bangihlamukela enkangala. Kabazilandelanga
izimiso zami kodwa bayala imithetho yami, njalo batshaphaza amaSabatha ami
kakhulu, ngakho umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. Ngokunjalo ngathi ngizathu-
lulela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngibaqede du enkangala. 14 Kodwa ngenxa yebizo
lami, ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe engabakhupha
zikhangele. 15 Njalo isandla siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkangala ukuthi
angiyikubafikisa elizweni engangibaphe lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle
kakhulu kulamazwe wonke, 16 ngoba imithetho yami bayala njalo kabalandelanga
izimiso zami, batshaphaza lamaSabatha ami futhi. Ngoba inhliziyo zabo zazina-
mathele ezithombeni zabo. 17 Ikanti ngabazwela isihawu kangaze ngababhubhisa
kumbe ngibaqede enkangala. 18 Ngatsho ebantwaneni babo enkangala ngathi, "Lin-
galandeli izimiso zaboyihlo loba ligcine imithetho yabo loba lizingcolise ngezithombe
zabo. 19 Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu; landelani izimiso zami linanzelele
ukugcina imithetho yami. 20 Gcinani amaSabatha engcwele, ukuba abe yisibonakaliso
phakathi kwami lani. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wenu."
21 Kodwa abantwana bangihlamukela: Kabazilandelanga izimiso zami, kabanan-
zanga ukugcina imithetho yami lanxa umuntu oyilalelayo ezaphila ngayo njalo
batshaphaza amaSabatha ami. Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu
kwabo ngiqedele ukuthukuthela kwami kubo enkangala. 22 Kodwa ngazithiba, njalo
ngenxa yebizo lami ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe
engabakhupha zikhangele. 23 Njalo isandla siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkan-
gala ukuthi ngangizabahlakazela phakathi kwezizwe ngibachithachithele emazweni,
24 ngoba babengayilalelanga imithetho yami kodwa bezalile izimiso zami bat-
shaphaza amaSabatha ami, lamehlo abo alangazela izithombe zaboyise. 25 Futhi

ngabanikela ezimisweni ezazingalunganga kanye lemithetho ababengeke baphile ngayo; 26 ngabayekela bangcoliswa yizipho zabo, imihlatshelo yamazibulo wonke ukuze ngibenze besabe khona bezakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.'

27 Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labantu bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngakho lokhu, labokhokho benu bangithuka ngokungilahla. 28 Kwathi lapho sengibangenisile elizweni engangifunge ngathi ngizabapha lona, bathi bebona loba luphi uqaqa oluphakemeyo, loba siphi isihlahla esilamahlamvu amanengi, khonapho banikelela khona imihlatshelo yabo, banikela iminikelo eyangithukuthelisayo, banikela impepha yabo elephunga elimnandi, bathulula leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo. 29 Ngasengisithi kubo: Iyini indawo le ephakemeyo eliya kuyo?' " (Ithiwa yiBhama lalamhlanje.)

Ukwahlulelwa Lokubuyiswa

30 "Ngakho tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Lizazingcolisa yini njengabokhokho benu njalo lilangazele izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo na? 31 Lapho linikela izipho zenu, imihlatshelo yamadodana enu emlilweni, liyaqhubeka lizingcolisa ngazozonke izithombe zenu kuze kube lamhla. Kumele ngivume na ukuba ungibuze, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, kangiyikuvuma ukuba lingibuze.

32 Lina lithi, "Sifuna ukuba njengezizwe, njengabantu basemhlabeni, abakhonza izigodo lamatshe." Kodwa lokho elilakho engqondweni akusoze kwenzakale. 33 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, ngizalibusa ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo kanye lolaka oluphuphumayo. 34 Ngizalithatha ezizweni ngiliqoqe emazweni elalihlakazelwe kuwo ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo kanye lolaka oluphuphumayo. 35 Ngizalisa enkangala yezizwe, kuthi khonapho sikhangelene ubuso ngobuso, ngizaletha ukwahlulela kwami phezu kwenu. 36 Njengoba ngahlulela okhokho benu enkangala yelizwe laseGibhithe, lani ngizalahlulela kanjalo, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. 37 Ngizalinanzelela lapho lisedlula ngaphansi kwentonga yami, ngenze lani isibopho sesivumelwano. 38 Ngizabakhupha phakathi kwenu labo abahlamukayo bangivukele. Lanxa ngizabakhupha elizweni abahlala kulo, kodwa kabayikungena elizweni lako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.

39 Kuwe-ke, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Hambani liyekhonza izithombe zenu, lonke! Kodwa emva kwalokho ngeqiniso lizangilalela lingalingcolisi futhi ibizo lami ngezipho zenu langezithombe. 40 Ngoba entabeni yami engcwele, intaba ephakemeyo yako-Israyeli, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, khonapho phakathi kwelizwe, yonke indlu ka-Israyeli izangikhonza, njalo khonapho ngizabamukela. Khonapho ngizafuna iminikelo yenu lezipho zenu zekhethelo ndawonye lemihlatshelo yenu yonke engcwele. 41 Ngizalamukela njengempepha elephunga elimnandi lapho sengilikhupha ezizweni njalo sengiliqoqa emazweni elalihlakazelwe kuwo, njalo ngizazibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwenu phambi kwezizwe. 42 Lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO lapho sengilingenisa elizweni lako-Israyeli, ilizwe engafunga ngesandla esiphakanyisiweyo ukuthi ngizalipha okhokho benu. 43 Khonapho-ke lizakhumbula ukuziphatha kwenu lazozonke izenzo elizingcolise ngazo, njalo lizazenyanya ngenxa yobubi bonke elibenzileyo. 44 Lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO lapho sengilijezisa ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa kungayisikho mayelana lezindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezenzo zenu ezixhwalileyo, lina ndlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

Isiphrofethi Ngeningizimu

45 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 46 “Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngaseningizimu; tshumayela okubi ngeningizimu uphrofithe okubi ngelizwe laseningizimu. 47 Tshono ehlathini laseningizimu uthi: ‘Zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO. Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngilithungele ngomlilo njalo uzaziqeda zonke izihlahla zenu, ezimanzi lezomileyo. Ilangabi elivuthayo kaliyikucitshwa, njalo ubuso bonke kusukela eningizimu kusiya enyakatho buzatshiswa yiwo. 48 Umuntu wonke uzabona ukuthi mina THIXO yimi engiwuthungeleyo; kawuyikucitsha.’ ”

49 Ngasengisithi, “Awu THIXO Wobukhosi! Bathi kimi, ‘Kakhulumi imifanekiso kuphela nje na?’ ”

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IBhabhiloni, Inkemba KaNkulunkulu Yokwahlulela

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho eJerusalema utshumayele okubi ngendawo engcwele. Phrofetha okubi ngelizwe lako-Israyeli 3 uthi kulo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngixabane lani. Ngizahwatsha inkemba yami emxhakeni wayo ngisuse kuwe abalungileyo lababi. 4 Ngoba ngizasusa abalungileyo lababi, inkemba yami izahwatshelwa ukumelana labo bonke abavela eningizimu kanye lasenyakatho. 5 Lapho-ke abantu bonke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO sengihwatshe inkemba yami emxhakeni wayo, kayiyikubuyela futhi.’

6 Ngakho-ke bubula ndodana yomuntu! Bubula phambi kwabo ngenhliziyo edabukileyo kanye losizi olukhulu. 7 Nxa bekubuza besithi, ‘Kungani na ububula?’ uzakuthi, ‘Ngenxa yezindaba ezifikayo. Zonke inhliziyo zizenyela lezandla zonke zibe buthakathaka, imimoya yonke izaphela amandla lamadolo wonke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi.’ Kuyeza! Ngempela kuzakwenzakala, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.”

8 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 9 “Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:

Umhedla, umhedla,
ilolwe njalo yalolongwa,
10 Ililelwe ukubulala,
ilolongelwe ukuphazima njengombane.

Kambe sizathokoza na ngentonga yobukhosi yendodana yami uJuda? Inkemba iyazeyisa zonke izigodo ezinjalo.

11 Inkemba ibekelwe ukuba ilolongwe,
ukuba iphathwe ngesandla;
iyalolwa ilolongwe,
yenziwe ilungele isandla sombulali.
12 Hlaba umkhosi ulile, ndodana yomuntu,
ngoba imelane labantu bami;
imelane lamakhosana wonke ako-Israyeli.
Aphoselwa kuyo inkemba
ndawonye labantu bami.
Ngakho-ke bamba isihlathi sakho.

13 Ukuhlolwa kuyeza impela. Njalo kuzakuba njani nxa intonga kaJuda yobukhosi, edelelwa yinkemba, ingasaqhubeki? kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.’

14 Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu,
phrofetha uqakeze izandla zakho.
Inkemba kayigadle kabili,
lanxa kungaba kathathu.
Yinkemba yokubulala,

inkemba yokubulala kakhulu,
ebahanqayo ivela macele wonke.
15 Ukuze inhliziyo zibe buthakathaka
labawileyo babebanengi,
sengibeke inkemba yokubulala
kuwo wonke amasango abo.
Bheka! Yenzelwe ukuphazima njengombane,
iphathelwe ukubulala.
16 Wena nkemba, geca kwesokudla,
uphinde kwesenxele,
loba kungaphi ubukhali bakho obuphendukela khona.
17 Lami futhi ngizaqakeza izandla zami,
njalo ulaka lwami luzadeda.
Mina THIXO sengikhulumile.”
18 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 19 “Ndodana yomuntu, canda imigwaqo emibili yenkemba yenkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ihambe kuyo, yomibili iqalise elizweni linye. Yenza insika yesiqondiso lapho okuphambuka khona umgwaqo oya edolobheni. 20 Canda omunye umgwaqo wenkemba ukuba izemelana leRabha yama-Amoni, lomunye ukumelana loJuda kanye leJerusalema elivikelweyo. 21 Ngoba inkosi yaseBhabhiloni izakuma lapho imigwaqo eyehlukana khona, lapho okuhlangana khona imigwaqo emibili, ukuba ifune ibika: Izaphosa inkatho ngemitshoko, izabuza izithombe zayo, izahlola isibindi. 22 Esandleni sayo sokudla kuzakuza inkatho yeJerusalema, lapho ezamisa khona imigqala yokudiliza, lokunika umlayo wokubulala, lokuhlaba umkhosi wempi, lokumisa imigqala yokudiliza amasango, lokwakha amadundulu kanye lokumisa izindawo zokuvimbezela. 23 Kuzakhanya angathi libika amanga kulabo asebefungele ukuthobeka kuyo, kodwa yona izabakhumbuza icala labo ibathumbe.
24 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: ‘Njengoba lina bantu lingikhumbuze icala lenu ngokuhlamuka kwenu okusobala, libonakalisa izono zenu kukho konke elikwenzayo njengoba lenze lokhu, lizathunjwa.
25 Wena nkosana yako-Israyeli exhwalileyo njalo embi, usuku lwakho selufikile, lesikhathi sokujeziswa kwakho sesifike emaphethelweni, 26 nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Khupha iqhiye, yethula umqhele. Akuyikuba njengoba kwakunjalo: Abaphansi bazaphakanyiswa kuthi abaphakemeyo behliselwe phansi. 27 Unxiwa! Unxiwa! Ngizawenza ube lunxiwa! Kawuyikubuyiselwa kuze kufike lowo ongowakhe ngokuqondileyo, onguye engizamnika wona.’
28 Njalo wena, ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ngama-Amoni kanye lezithuko zawo:
Inkemba, inkemba,
ihwatshelwe ukubulala,
ilolongelwe ukuqothula
lokuphazima njengombane!
29 Langaphezu kwemibono yamanga ngawe,
lokuhlahlula okungamanga ngawe,
izabekwa entanyeni zababi
okumele babulawe,
abasuku lwabo selufikile,
abasikhathi sokujeziswa kwabo sesifike emaphethelweni aso.

30 Buyisela inkemba emxhakeni wayo.
Endaweni owadalelwa kuyo,

elizweni labokhokho bakho,
ngizakwahlulela khona.
31 Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwakho
ngiphefumlele lentukuthelo yami etshisayo kuwe;
ngizakunikela ebantwini abalesihluku,
abantu abakwaziyo ukuqothula.
32 Uzakuba zinkuni zomlilo,
igazi lakho lizachithelwa elizweni lakini,
kawuyikukhunjulwa futhi;
ngoba mina THIXO sengikhulumile.’ ”

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Izono ZeJerusalema

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi:

2 “Ndodana yomuntu, uzalahlulela na? Uzalahlulela na lelidolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi? Ngakho melana lalo kanye lezono zalo ezenyanyekayo 3 uthi: Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Wena dolobho elizilethela ukutshabalala ngokuchitha igazi phakathi kwakho njalo uzingcolisa ngokwenza izithombe, 4 usube lecala ngenxa yegazi olichithileyo njalo usungcoliswe yizithombe ozenzileyo. Usulethe insuku zakho ekupheleni, lesiphetho seminyaka yakho sesifikile. Ngakho ngizakwenza ube yinto yokuklolodelwa ezizweni lenhlekisa emazweni wonke. 5 Labo abaseduze kanye lalabo abakhatshana bazakuhoza, wena dolobho elidumazekileyo, eligcwele ukuxokozela.
6 ‘Khangela ubone ukuthi yileyo laleyo inkosana yako-Israyeli ephakathi kwakho isebenzisa amandla ayo ekuchitheni igazi. 7 Phakathi kwakho iphathe uyise lonina ngokweyisa; phakathi kwakho incindezele abezizweni, njalo yaphatha kubi izintandane labafelokazi. 8 Uzeyisile izinto zami ezingcwele watshaphaza lamaSabatha ami. 9 Phakathi kwakho kulabantu abahlebayo, abahlose ukuchitha igazi; phakathi kwakho kulalabo abadlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela entabeni benze lezenzo zesigweba. 10 Phakathi kwakho kulalabo abangcolisa imibheda yaboyise; phakathi kwakho kulalabo abadlwengula abesifazane besesikhathini sabo, lapho bengahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba. 11 Phakathi kwakho indoda yenza ukona okwenyanyekayo lomfazi kamakhelwane wayo, enye ingcolise umalukazana wayo ngendlela ehlazisayo; enye njalo idlwengula udadewabo, indodakazi kayise uqobo. 12 Phakathi kwakho abantu bayavuma ukuthengwa ukuba bachithe igazi; uthatha inzuzo lomvuzo odlulisileyo emalini ebolekisiweyo, uthole inzuzo engafanelanga kumakhelwane wakho umbamba ngamandla. Njalo usungikhohliwe, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
13 Ngeqiniso ngizatshaya izandla zami ngibabaza inzuzo engafanelanga osuyenzile kanye legazi osulichithe phakathi kwakho. 14 Isibindi sakho sizaqinisela yini loba izandla zakho ziqine ngosuku ngiqondana lawe na? Mina THIXO sengikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza lokho. 15 Ngizakuhlakazela phakathi kwezizwe ngikuchithachithele emazweni; lokungcola kwakho ngizakuqeda. 16 Lapho usungcolisiwe phambi kwezizwe, uzakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.’ ”
17 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kimi lisithi: 18 “Ndodana yomuntu, indlu ka-Israyeli isibe ngamanyala kimi. Bonke balithusi, lomnuso, lensimbi kanye lomthofi okusele phakathi kwemvutho. Kungamanyele esiliva. 19 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: ‘Ngoba lonke selibe ngamanyele, ngizaliqoqela eJerusalema. 20 Njengabantu beqoqela isiliva, lethusi, lensimbi, lomthofi kanye

lomnuso emvuthweni ukuba kuncibilikiswe ngomfutho womlilo, ngizaliqoqa kanjalo ngokuthukuthela kwami langolaka lwami ngilibeke phakathi kwedolobho ngilincibilikise. 21 Ngizaliqoqa njalo ngizalivuthela ngolaka lwami oluvuthayo, njalo lizancibilikiswa phakathi kwalo. 22 Njengesiliva sincibilikiselwa phakathi kwemvutho, kanjalo lani lizancibilikiselwa phakathi kwalo, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina THIXO sengithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.' "

23 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika futhi kimi lisithi: 24 "Ndodana yomuntu, tshono elizweni uthi, 'Uyilizwe elingazange libe lezulu kumbe imikhizo ngosuku lwentukuthelo.' 25 Kulokucetshwa kwamacebo amabi ngamakhosana alo phakathi kwalo njengesilwane esibhongayo sidlithiza esikubuleleyo; adla abantu, athathe inotho kanye lezinto eziligugu, andise labafelokazi phakathi kwalo. 26 Abaphristi balo bephula umthetho wami njalo bahlambaza lezinto zami ezingcwele; kabehlukanisi phakathi kokungcwele okujayelekileyo; bafundisa besithi akulamehluko phakathi kokungcolileyo lokungangcolanga; njalo bavala amehlo abo ekugcineni amaSabatha ami, okwenza ngithukwe phakathi kwabo. 27 Izikhulu zalo phakathi kwalo zinjengezimpisi zidlithiza ezikubuleleyo; zichitha igazi zibulale labantu ukuba zithole inzuzo engafanelanga. 28 Abaphrofethi balo bacomba izenzo zazo ngemibono yamanga lokuhlahlula okungamanga. Bathi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi' kodwa UTHIXO engakhulumanga. 29 Abantu belizwe benza imisebenzi yokuqilibezela lokuphanga abanye; bancindezela abayanga labaswelayo, baphathe kubi labezizweni, babenqabele ukulunga.

30 Ngadinga umuntu phakathi kwabo owayengakha umduli ame phambi kwami esikhaleni emele ilizwe ukuze ngingalitshabalalisi, kodwa ngamswela. 31 Ngakho ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwabo ngibaqede ngolaka lwami oluvuthayo, ngikwehlisele phezu kwamakhanda abo bonke abakwenzayo, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi."

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ODade Ababili Abayizifebe

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, kwakulabesifazane ababili, amadodakazi omfazi munye. 3 Baba yizifebe eGibhithe, beqalise ubuwule kusukela ebutsheni babo. Kulelolizwe amabele abo abanjwabanjwa lengaphambili yabo yaphathwaphathwa. 4 Omdala wayethiwa ngu-Ohola, umnawakhe engu-Oholibha. Babengabami njalo bazala amadodana lamadodakazi. U-Ohola yiSamariya, u-Oholibha kuyiJerusalema.

5 U-Ohola waqalisa ubuwule esesengowami; njalo wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe, ama-Asiriya, amabutho 6 agqoke okulifefe, ababusi kanye labalawuli bebutho, bonke babengamajaha amahle, kanye labagada amabhiza. 7 Wazinikela njengesifebe kubo bonke abaphakemeyo base-Asiriya njalo wazingcolisa ngezithombe zabo bonke abakhanukayo. 8 Kabudelanga ubufebe abuqalisa eGibhithe, lapho amajaha alala laye ebutsheni bakhe, ambambabamba ngaphambili, athululela lezinkanuko zawo phezu kwakhe.

9 Ngakho ngamnikela kuzithandwa zakhe, ama-Asiriya, ayewakhanuka. 10 Amnqunula, athatha amadodana lamadodakazi akhe yena ambulala ngenkemba. Waba yisiga phakathi kwabesifazane, wajeziswa.

11 Umnawakhe u-Oholibha wakubona lokhu, kodwa ngenkanuko lobufebe bakhe wayexhwale kakhulu kulodadewabo. 12 Laye wakhanuka ama-Asiriya, ababusi labalawuli bebutho, lamabutho agqoke okupheleleyo, labagadi bamabhiza, lawo wonke amajaha amahle. 13 Ngabona ukuthi laye wazingcolisa; bobabili bahamba ndlelanye.

14 Kodwa yena ubufebe bakhe bengezeleleka futhi. Wabona amadoda efanekisiwe
emdulini, izithombe zamaKhaladiya ezifanekiswe ngokubomvu, 15 zilamabhanti
ezinkalweni zazo njalo zilamaqhiye alengayo emakhanda azo; zonke zikhanya
angathi yizikhulu zezinqola zempi zamaKhaladiya, inzalo yaseBhabhiloni. 16 Kwathi
khonokho nje ebabona wahle wabafisa wasethuma isithunywa kubo eKhaladiya.
17 Ngakho amaBhabhiloni afika kuye, alala laye, njalo ezinkanukweni zawo am-
ngcolisa. Emva kokuba esengcoliswe yiwo, wasuka kuwo enengekile. 18 Kwathi
lapho esesenza ubufebe bakhe obala njalo eveza lobunqunu bakhe, ngasuka kuye
nginengekile, njengoba ngangisukile kudadewabo. 19 Kodwa banda ngamandla
ubuwule bakhe esekhumbula insuku zobutsha bakhe, lapho wayeyisifebe eGibhithe.
20 Khonale wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe, ezazilezitho zangaphambili ezazifana
lezabobabhemi, zikhihliza okufana lokwamabhiza. 21 Ngakho walangazela isagweba
sasebutsheni bakho, lapho okwathi useGibhithe isifuba lamabele akho kwabanjwa-
banjwa.

22 Ngakho-ke, Oholibha, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizakwenza
izithandwa zakho zikuvukele, lezo owazitshiya unengekile, njalo ngizaziletha kuwe
ukuba zimelane lawe zivela emaceleni wonke, 23 abaseBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya
wonke, amadoda asePhekhodi laseShowa kanye leKhowa, lama-Asiriya wonke
elawo, amajaha amahle, wonke angababusi labalawuli bebutho, izinduna zez-
inqola zempi lamanye amadoda alezikhundla ezinkulu, bonke begade amab-
hiza. 24 Bazakuzakuhlasela ngezikhali, izinqola zempi lezinqola zokuthwala, njalo
belexuku elikhulu labantu; bazaviva ukulwa lawe emaceleni wonke belamahawu
amakhulu lamancane njalo belezingowane. Ngizakunikela kubo ukuba bakujezise,
njalo bazakujezisa ngokumayelana lemithetho yabo. 25 Ngizakwenza intukuthelo
yobukhwele bami imelane lawe, njalo bazakuphatha ngolaka. Bazaquma im-
pumulo zenu lezindlebe zenu, njalo abenu labo abazasala bazabulawa ngenkemba.
Bazathumba amadodana enu lamadodakazi, njalo abenu labo abazasala baza-
qothulwa ngumlilo. 26 Njalo bazakuhlubula izigqoko zakho bathathe leziceciso
zakho ezinhle. 27 Kanjalo-ke ngizaqeda isagweba lobufebe owabuqalisela eGibhithe.
Kawuyikukhangela lezizinto uzikhanuke loba ukhumbule iGibhithe futhi.

28 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngikunikele
kulabo abakuzondayo, kulabo owasuka kubo unengekile. 29 Bazakuphatha ngen-
zondo njalo bathumbe yonke into owayisebenzelayo. Bazakutshiya unqunu uze, njalo
ihlazo lobufebe bakho lizavela obala. Isagweba sakho lobufebe 30 kwehlisele lokhu
phezu kwakho, ngoba ufebe lezizwe, wazingcolisa wena ngokwakho ngezithombe
zazo. 31 Ulandele indlela kadadewenu; ngakho ngizabeka inkezo yakhe esandleni
sakho.

32 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:

Uzanatha inkezo kadadewenu,
    inkezo enkulu ezikileyo futhi;
izaletha ukuhlekwa lokuklolodelwa,
    ngoba ithwele lukhulu.
33 Uzakhulelwa yikudakwa losizi,
    inkezo yokuchitheka lokuphundleka,
    inkezo kadadewenu iSamariya.
34 Uzayinatha uyibhije;
    uzayiphahlaza ibe yizicucu
    ufucuze amabele akho.

Sengikhulumile, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.

35 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Njengoba usungikhohliwe
wangifuqela ngemva kwakho, kumele uthwale imivuzo yesagweba sakho kanye
lobufebe bakho."
36 UTHIXO wathi kimi: "Ndodana yomuntu, uzakwahlulela u-Ohola lo-Oholibha
na? Ngakho melana labo ngezenzo zabo ezinengayo, 37 ngoba benze ubufebe
njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi. Bafeba lezithombe zabo; banikela labantwana babo
ababengizalele bona, njengokudla kuzo. 38 Njalo benze lokhu kimi: Ngasonaleso
isikhathi bangcolisa indlu yami engcwele batshaphaza lamaSabatha ami. 39 Ngalo
kanye usuku abanikela ngalo abantwana babo ezithombeni zabo, bangena endlini
yami engcwele bayingcolisa. Lokho yikho abakwenzayo endlini yami.
40 Bathuma lesithunywa ebantwini ukuba beze bevela khatshana, kwathi sebefikile
wabagezela, wacomba amehlo akho wasufaka leziceciso zakho. 41 Wahlala emb-
hedeni omuhle, kuletafula elilungisiweyo phambi kwawo owawufake phezu kwayo
impepha yami lamafutha ami.
42 Umsindo wexuku elalithokoza wawumzungezile; amaSebhiya ayelethwe evela
enkangala kanye lamadoda avela exukwini elixokozelayo, njalo bafaka amasongo
ezingalweni zowesifazane lodadewabo kanye lemiqhele emihle emakhanda abo.
43 Lapho-ke ngalowo owayesegugiswe yibufebe ngathi, 'Khathesi kabamsebenzise
njengewule, ngoba lokho yikho konke ayikho.' 44 Balala laye. Njengabesilisa
belala lesifebe, ngokunjalo balala lalabobafazi abalesagweba, u-Ohola lo-Oholibha.
45 Kodwa abantu abalungileyo bazabanika isijeziso sabesifazane abafebayo njalo
bachithe legazi, ngoba bayizifebe njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi.
46 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Baletheleni ixuku limelane labo
beselibanikela kukho ukwesaba lokuphangwa. 47 Ixuku lizabatshaya ngamatshe
libajuqe ngezinkemba; lizabulala amadodana lamadodakazi abo litshise izindlu zabo
ngomlilo.
48 Ngizakuqeda kanjalo ukuxhwala elizweni, ukuze bonke abesifazane baxwayiseke
njalo bangenzi njengani. 49 Lizajeziselwa ukuxhwala kwenu njalo lithwale lemivuzo
yezono zenu zokukhonza izithombe. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi."

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Imbiza Yokupheka

1 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngosuku lwetshumi,
ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, bhala usuku lolu, usuku lolu
lona ngokwalo, ngoba iNkosi yaseBhabhiloni isivimbezele iJerusalema ngalo kanye
lolusuku. 3 Tshela indlu le ehlamukayo umfanekiso uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo
NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Beka imbiza yokupheka eziko;
ibeke phezu kwamaseko uthele amanzi phakathi kwayo.
4 Faka phakathi kwayo amaqatha enyama,
wonke amaqatha amahle, umlenze lesiphanga.
Igcwalise ngamathambo amahle;
5 thatha okukhethiweyo emhlambini.
Basela kakhulu ngenkuni usenzela amathambo;
ixhwathise
upheke amathambo phakathi kwayo.

6 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi,
kuyo imbiza esithombile,

ukuthomba kwayo okungayikuphela!
Thulula imbiza
ukhuphe amaqhatha ngalinye ngalinye
kungekho inkatho.

7 Ngakho igazi elachithwa lidolobho leli liphakathi kwalo:
lalithululela edwaleni elize;
kalilithululelanga phansi
lapho umhlabathi owawungaligqibela khona.
8 Ukuze ngivuse intukuthelo njalo ngiphindisele,
ngabeka igazi lelo phezu kwedwala elize,
ukuze lingagqitshelwa.

9 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi!
Lami futhi, ngizakwenza ibonda lenkuni eliphakemeyo.
10 Ngakho faka inkuni
uphembe umlilo.
Ipheke kuhle inyama,
uhlanganisa leziyoliso;
uyekele amathambo atshe.
11 Emva kwalokho beka imbiza engelalutho phezu kwamalahle
ize itshise lethusi layo livuthe
ukuze ukungcola kwayo kutshe kuphele
lokuthomba kwayo kutshe kuphele.
12 Isiphuthise imizamo yonke;
uqweqwe lokuthomba kwayo kalususwanga,
loba langomlilo.
13 Khathesi ukungcola kwakho yisigwebo. Ngoba ngizamile ukukuhlambulula kodwa ubungeke uhlanjululwe ekungcoleni kwakho, kawuyikuhlambuluka futhi ukukuthukuthelela kwami kuze kudede.

14 Mina THIXO sengikhulumile. Isikhathi sokuba ngenze sesifikile. Kangiyikuzithiba; kangiyikuba lesihawu, kumbe ngiyekethise. Uzakwahlulelwa mayelana lokuziphatha kwakho kanye lezenzo zakho, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

Ukufa KomkaHezekhiyeli

15 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 16 "Ndodana yomuntu, sekuseduze ukuthi ngokugalela okukodwa nje ngisuse kuwe intokozo yamehlo akho. Kodwa ungalili kumbe ukhale loba wehlise inyembezi. 17 Bubula uthule; ungalileli abafileyo. Bophela iqhiye yakho lamanyathela akho ezinyaweni zakho; ungambozi ingxenye yaphansi yobuso bakho loba udle ukudla komkhuba wabalilayo."
18 Ngakho ngakhuluma labantu ekuseni, umkami wafa kusihlwa. Ekuseni kwakusisa ngenza njengokulaywa kwami.
19 Abantu basebengibuza besithi, "Kawuyikusitshela na ukuthi izinto lezi zilani lathi?"
20 Ngakho mina ngathi kubo, "Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 21 Tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngingcolise indlu yami engcwele, inqaba eliziqhenya ngayo, intokozo yamehlo enu, into eliyithanda kakhulu. Amadodana lamadodakazi eliwatshiyileyo azabulawa ngenkemba. 22 Njalo lizakwenza njengoba ngenzile. Kaliyikumboza ingxenye

yaphansi yobuso benu loba lidle ukudla komkhuba wabalilayo. 23 Lizafaka amaqhiye
enu emakhanda enu lamanyathela enu ezinyaweni zenu. Kaliyikulila kumbe
likhale kodwa lizacikizeka ngenxa yezono zenu njalo libubule phakathi kwenu.
24 UHezekhiyeli uzakuba yisibonakaliso kini; lizakwenza njengoba enzile. Nxa lokhu
kusenzakala, lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO Wobukhosi.'
25 Njalo wena, ndodana yomuntu, ngosuku engizasusa ngalo inqaba yabo, intokozo
yabo lodumo, injabulo yamehlo abo, isifiso senhliziyo yabo, kanye lamadodana
lamadodakazi abo futhi, 26 ngalolosuku isiphepheli yiso esizalandisa izindaba.
27 Ngalesosikhathi umlomo wakho uzavuleka; uzakhuluma laye njalo kawuyikuthula
futhi. Ngakho uzakuba yisibonakaliso kubo, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO."

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Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana Lama-Amoni

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso
bakho umelane lama-Amoni, uphrofithe okubi ngawo. 3 Tshono kuwo uthi, 'Zwanini
ilizwi LIKATHIXO Wobukhosi. Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngoba
lina lathi "Aha!" ngendlu yami engcwele lapho yayingcolisiwe langelizwe lako-
Israyeli lapho lalichithiwe kanye langabantu bakoJuda lapho babethunjiwe, 4 ngakho
ngizalinikela ebantwini baseMpumalanga njengenotho yabo. Bazakwakha izihonqo
zabo bamise amathente abo phakathi kwenu; bazakudla izithelo zenu banathe
lochago lwenu. 5 Ngizakwenza iRabha ibe lidlelo lamakamela le-Amoni ibe yindawo
yokuphumulela izimvu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO. 6 Ngoba nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngoba liqakeze izandla zenu lagida langezinyawo
zenu, lithokoza ngabo bonke ububi benhliziyo yenu ngelizwe lako-Israyeli, 7 ngakho
ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane lani, ngilinikele ezizweni. Ngizaliqeda du
phakathi kwezizwe, ngibuye ngilisuse emazweni enu. Ngizaliqothula, njalo lizakwazi
ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO.' "

Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana LeMowabi.

8 "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: 'Ngenxa yokuthi iMowabi kanye
leSeyiri athi, "Khangelani, indlu kaJuda isinjengezinye izizwe zonke," 9 ngakho-
ke ngizakwambula uhlangothi lweMowabi, kusukela emadolobheni asemingce-
leni yeBhethi-Jeshimothi, leBhali-Meyoni kanye leKhiriyathayimi, udumo lwelizwe.
10 Ngizanikela iMowabi ndawonye lama-Amoni ebantwini baseMpumalanga
njengenotho, ukuze ama-Amoni angakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe; 11 njalo ngiza-
letha isijeziso eMowabi. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "

Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana Le-Edomi

12 "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: 'Ngoba i-Edomi yaphindisela endlini
kaJuda yasisiba lecala elikhulu ngokwenza njalo, 13 ngakho nanku okutshiwo
NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane le-Edomi ngibulale
abantu bayo kanye lezifuyo. Ngizayichitha, njalo kusukela eThemani kusiya eDedani,
bazabulawa ngenkemba. 14 Ngizaphindisela e-Edomi ngesandla sabantu bami u-
Israyeli, njalo i-Edomi bazayiphatha mayelana lentukuthelo yami kanye lolaka lwami;
bazayazi impindiselo yami, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana LeFilistiya

15 "Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: 'Ngoba amaFilistiya enza impindiselo
njalo aphindisela ngolunya ezinhliziyweni zawo, njalo ngenzondo yasendulo afuna
ukuchitha uJuda, 16 ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze
ukuba ngelule ingalo yami ngimelane lamaFilistiya, njalo ngizaqothula amaKherethi

ngichithe lalabo abaseleyo ngasolwandle. 17 Ngizakwenza impindiselo enkulu kubo
njalo ngibajezise ekuthukutheleni kwami. Ngakho bazakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO,
lapho sengiphindisela kubo.' "

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Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana leThire

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi LIKATHIXO
lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, ngoba iThire itshilo kulo iJerusalema yathi,
'Aha!' Isango lokuya ezizweni lidilikile, leminyango isivulekele mina; njengoba
khathesi selingamanxiwa ngizaphumelela, 3 ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lawe, wena Thire, njalo ngizakulethela izizwe ezinengi
zimelane lawe njengolwandle luphosa amagagasi alo phezulu. 4 Zizadiliza imiduli
yaseThire, ziwisele phansi imiphotshongo yalo; ngizaphala inkunkuma yalo ngilenze
libe lidwala elingelalutho. 5 Elwandle lizakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule
enhlanzi, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. Lizakuba yimpango
yezizwe, 6 lemizana yalo ephakathi kwelizwe izachithwa ngenkemba. Lapho-ke
bazakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO.

7 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizaletha uNebhukhadineza
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, inkosi yamakhosi, evela enyakatho ukuba amelane leThire,
ngamabhiza lezinqola zempi, ngabagadi bamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu.
8 Uzachitha imizana yakho phakathi kwelizwe ngenkemba; uzamisa izindawo zoku-
vimbezela, akhe idundulu kusiya phezulu emdulini wakho njalo akuphakamisele
lamahawu amelane lawe. 9 Uzaqondisa imigqala yakhe yokudiliza emidulini yakho,
abhidlize imiphotshongo yakho ngezikhali zakhe. 10 Amabhiza akhe azakuba
manengi kakhulu okuzakwenza akwembese ngothuli. Imiduli yakho izanyikiny-
iswa ngumsindo wamabhiza empi, izinqola zokuthwala kanye lezinqola zempi
lapho esengena emasangweni akho njengabantu abangena edolobheni elilemiduli
efohliweyo. 11 Amasondo amabhiza akhe azanyathela zonke izitalada zakho;
uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkemba; lezinsika zakho eziqinileyo zizawela phansi.
12 Bazaphanga inotho yakho bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo; bazadiliza
imiduli yakho babhidlize lezindlu zakho ezinhle njalo baphosele amatshe akho,
lezigodo kanye lenkunkuma elwandle. 13 Ngizaqeda umsindo wezingoma zakho;
lomculo wamachacho akho awuyikuzwakala futhi. 14 Ngizakwenza ube lidwala elize,
njalo uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi. Kawuyikwakhiwa futhi,
ngoba mina THIXO sengikhulumile, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.

15 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi kuyo iThire: Kambe amazwe angasol-
wandle kawayikunyikinyeka yini ngomsindo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo
sebebubula njalo lokubulala sekusenzakala phakathi kwakho na? 16 Lapho-ke wonke
amakhosana angasolwandle azakwehla ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi akhuphe izem-
batho zawo njalo ahlubule lezembatho zawo ezicecisiweyo. Ephethwe yikwesaba,
azahlala phansi, eqhaqhazela isikhathi sonke, ngokwesaba wena. 17 Lapho-ke
azaqhinqa isililo ngawe athi kuwe:

'Yeka ukuchitheka kwakho, wena dolobho lodumo,
ogcwele ngabantu basolwandle!
Wawulamandla elwandle
wena kanye labakhe kuwe;
waletha ukwesabeka kwakho
kubo bonke ababehlala khona.
18 Khathesi amazwe angasolwandle ayathuthumela
ngosuku lokuwa kwakho;

izihlenge zasolwandle
ziyakwesaba ukuwa kwakho.’
19 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Lapho ngikwenza ube lidolobho
elichithekileyo, njengamadolobho angasahlali muntu, njalo lapho ngiletha inziki
zolwandle phezu kwakho kuthi amanzi alo amanengi kakhulu akwembese, 20 lapho-
ke ngizakuletha phansi lalabo abaya phansi egodini, ebantwini basendulo. Ngiza-
kuhlalisa ngaphansi komhlaba, kunjengasemanxiweni endulo, lalabo abaya phansi
egodini, njalo kawuyikuphenduka loba ube lendawo yakho elizweni labaphilayo.
21 Ngizakwenza ukucina kwakho kube ngokwesabekayo uhle utshabalale. Uzad-
ingwa, kodwa ungatholakali futhi, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.”

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Ukulilela IThire

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngeThire,
3 uthi kuyo iThire esesangweni lasolwandle, yona engumthengiseli wabantu abanengi
abangasolwandle, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Wena Thire uthi,
“Ngiphelele ngobuhle.”
4 Umbuso wakho wawuphakathi kolwandle;
abakhi bakho baphelelisa ubuhle bakho.
5 Wonke amapulanka akho
bawenza ngezihlahla zejanipha ezivela eSeniri;
bathatha umsedari eLebhanoni
ukuba bakwenzele insika.
6 Ngemi-okhi eyavela eBhashani
bakwenzela amaphini okugwedla izikepe;
ngezigodo zomsipresi ezavela ngasolwandle lwaseKhithimi
benza indawo yokuhamba kuyo, yendlalwe impondo zendlovu.
7 Iseyili lakho kwakuyilineni elihle elicecisiweyo elavela eGibhithe,
elaba yilona phawu lwakho;
amaseyili akho okusitha ilanga ayengawokuluhlaza lokuyibubende
okwavela ngasolwandle lwase-Elisha.
8 Amadoda aseSidoni le-Avadi ayengabagwedli bakho;
izazi zakho, wena Thire,
zazisemkhunjini njengabatshayeli bomkhumbi.
9 Izingcwethi ezindala zaseGebhali zaziphakathi komkhumbi
njengabalungisi bemikhumbi ukuba bagcike imiphetho yakho.
Yonke imikhumbi yasolwandle labatshayeli bayo
yeza ikanye lawe ukuzathenga impahla zakho.

10 Amadoda asePhezhiya, leLudi kanye lePhuthi
asebenza njengamabutho ebuthweni lakho.
Alengisa amahawu awo lezingowane emidulini yakho,
akulethela ubuhle obukhulu.
11 Amadoda ase-Avadi kanye leHelekhi
abakhona emidulini yakho ezinhlangothini zonke;
amadoda aseGamadi
ayesemiphotshongweni yakho.
Aphanyeka amahawu awo inxa zonke zemiduli yakho;
aphelelisa ubuhle bakho.

12 IThashishi yathengiselana lawe ngenxa yenotho yezimpahla zakho ezinengi;
impahla yakho ethengiswayo bayithenga ngesiliva, insimbi, ithusi kanye lomnuso.
13 IJavani, leThubhali kanye leMesheki athengiselana lawe, athenga impahla zakho
ngezigqili langezinto ezenziwe ngethusi.
14 Abantu baseBhethi Thogarima bathenga impahla zakho ngamabhiza omsebenzi,
amabhiza empi kanye lezimbongolo.
15 Abantu baseRodesi bathengiselana lawe, njalo amazwe amanengi angasolwandle
athenga kuwe, akubhadala ngempondo zendlovu langesihlahla esithiwa yi-ebhoni.
16 I-Aramu yathengiselana lawe ngenxa yezimpahla zakho ezinengi, impahla
zakho ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngamatshe aligugu aluhlaza, amalembu alubende,
umsebenzi ocecisiweyo, ilineni elihle, ikhorali langelitshe eliligugu elibomvu.
17 UJuda lo-Israyeli bathengiselana lawe; impahla zakho ezithengiswayo bazithenga
ngengqoloyi eyavela eMinithi langokumnandi, uluju, amafutha kanye lenhlaka.
18 Ngenxa yezimpahla zakho ezinengi kanye lenotho enkulu yempahla, iDamaseko
yathengiselana lawe ngewayini elivela eHelibhoni langewulu evela eZahari.
19 AbakoDani lamaGrikhi avela e-Uzali athenga impahla zakho; azithenga ngen-
simbi ekhandiweyo, langekhasiya kanye lekhalamusi.
20 IDedani yathengiselana lawe ngezingubo zezihlalo.
21 I-Arabhiya lazozonke izikhulu zaseKhedari babethenga kuwe; bathengiselana
lawe ngezimvu, inqama kanye lembuzi.
22 Abathengi baseShebha labaseRahama bathengiselana lawe; impahla zakho
bazithenga ngezinhlobo zonke ezinhle zeziyoliso langamatshe aligugu kanye legolide.
23 IHarani, leKhane le-Edeni kanye labathengi baseShebha, le-Asiriya kanye leKhili-
madi bathengiselana lawe. 24 Endaweni yakho yokuthengiselana, bakuthengisela
izembatho ezinhle, amalembu aluhlaza, imisebenzi ececisiweyo kanye lamajali
alemibala eminengi lezintshaka eziphothiweyo njalo zilamafindo abotshwe aqina.
25 Imikhumbi yaseThashishi
isebenza ukuthwala impahla zakho.
Ugcwele impahla ezinzima
enzikini yolwandle.
26 Abagwedli bakho
bakusa elwandle olukhulu.
Kodwa umoya wasempumalanga uzakwephula ube
yiziqayiqa enzikini yolwandle.
27 Inotho yakho, okuthengiswayo kanye lempahla,
abatshayeli bakho, labaqondisi kanye labalungisi bemikhumbi,
abathengisi bakho lawo wonke amabutho akho,
labanye bonke abaphakathi komkhumbi
bazatshona enzikini yolwandle
ngosuku lokonakala komkhumbi.
28 Amazwe angaselwandle azanyikinyeka
lapho abahambisa umkhumbi bakho sebehlaba umkhosi.
29 Bonke abaphethe amaphini okugwedla
bazayitshiya imikhumbi yabo;
abatshayeli bayo kanye labaqondisi bayo bonke
bazakuma ekhunjini.
30 Bazaphakamisa amazwi abo
bakhale kabuhlungu ngawe;
bazathela uthuli emakhanda abo
bagiqike emlotheni.

31 Bazaphuca amakhanda abo ngenxa yakho
njalo bazagqoka amasaka.
Bazaqhinqa isililo ngawe
ngesililo esibuhlungu.
32 Lapho bekukhalela bekulilela
bazaqhinqa isililo ngawe bathi,
“Ngubani owake wathuliswa njengeThire,
elizungezwe lulwandle na?”
33 Ekuphumeni kwempahla yakho elwandle
wasuthisa izizwe ezinengi;
ngenotho yakho enengi langempahla yakho
wanothisa amakhosi omhlaba.
34 Khathesi usuphahlazwe lulwandle
ezinzikini zamanzi:
impahla yakho lenhlanganiso yakho yonke
kuzatshona phansi kanye lawe.
35 Bonke abahlala emazweni angasolwandle
balokwesaba ngawe;
amakhosi abo ayathuthumela ngokwesaba
lobuso bawo bunyukubaliswe luvalo.
36 Abathengi phakathi kwezizwe bayakuncifela;
usufike ekucineni okwesabekayo,
njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi.’ ”

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Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana Lenkosi YaseThire

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kumbusi waseThire uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngokuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho
uthi, “Ngingunkulunkulu;
ngihlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikankulunkulu
enzikini yezilwandle.”
Kodwa wena ungumuntu hatshi uNkulunkulu,
lanxa ucabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphe njengoNkulunkulu.
3 Kambe uhlakaniphile kuloDanyeli na?
Akulamfihlo esithekileyo kuwe na?
4 Ngenhlakanipho yakho lokuqedisisa
uzizuzele inotho
njalo wabuthela igolide lesiliva
eziphaleni zengcebo yakho.
5 Ngolwazi lwakho olukhulu ekuthengiseni
uyandisile inotho yakho,
njalo ngenxa yenotho yakho,
inhliziyo yakho isizigqaja.
6 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Njengoba ucabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile,
uhlakaniphe njengoNkulunkulu,
7 ngizaletha abezizweni ukuba bamelane lawe,
izizwe ezilesihluku kakhulu;
zizahwatsha inkemba zazo zimelane lobuhle bakho
kanye lenhlakanipho,

zone lobuhle bakho obukhazimulayo.
8 Zizakwehlisela phansi egodini,
njalo uzakufa kabuhlungu
enzikini yezilwandle.
9 Lapho-ke uzakutsho na phambi kwalabo abakubulalayo ukuthi,
“Mina ngingunkulunkulu?”
Uzakuba ngumuntu nje, hatshi unkulunkulu,
ezandleni zalabo abakubulalayo.
10 Uzakufa ukufa kwabangasokanga
ezandleni zabezizweni.
Sengikhulumile, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.’ ”

11 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 12 “Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngenkosi
yaseThire uthi kuyo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Wawuyisibonelo sokuphelela
ugcwele inhlakanipho lobuhle obupheleleyo.
13 Wawuse-Edeni
isivande sikaNkulunkulu;
waceca ngawo wonke amatshe aligugu:
irubhi, lethophazi le-emeralidi,
ikhrisolithe, i-onikisi lejaspa,
isafire, ithukhwayizi lebherili.
Izibonakaliso zakho lezisekelo kwakwenziwe ngegolide;
kwalungiswa ngosuku owadalwa ngalo.
14 Wagcotshwa njengekherubhi elondlayo,
ngoba ngakumisela lokho.
Wawuphezu kwentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu;
wahamba phakathi kwamatshe avutha umlilo.
15 Wawungelasici ezindleleni zakho
kusukela ngosuku owadalwa ngalo
ububi baze bafunyanwa kuwe.
16 Ngenxa yokuthengisa kwakho ezindaweni ezinengi
wagcwala udlakela,
wasusona.
Ngakho ngakususa njengehlazo entabeni kaNkulunkulu,
njalo ngakuxotsha, wena kherubhi elondlayo,
phakathi kwamatshe avutha umlilo.
17 Inhliziyo yakho yazigqaja
ngenxa yobuhle bakho,
njalo wonakalisa inhlakanipho yakho
ngenxa yobucwazicwazi bakho.
Ngakho ngakuphosela emhlabeni;
ngakwenza umbukiso phambi kwamakhosi.
18 Ngezono zakho ezinengi lokuthengisa lobuqili
usungcolise izindawo zakho ezingcwele.
Ngakho ngaphemba umlilo phakathi kwakho
wakutshisa wakuqeda,
njalo ngakwenza waba ngumlotha emhlabathini
phambi kwabo bonke ababekhangele.
19 Zonke izizwe ezazikwazi
zithithibele ngawe;

usufike ekucineni okwesabekayo
njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi.’ ”

Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana LeSidoni

20 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 21 “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso
bakho eSidoni; uphrofithe okubi ngalo 22 uthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi:
Ngimelana lawe, wena Sidoni,
njalo ngizathola udumo phakathi kwakho.
Bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO
lapho sengiletha isijeziso kulo
njalo ngizibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwalo.
23 Ngizathumela isifo kulo,
ngenze igazi ligeleze ezindleleni zalo.
Abafileyo bazakuba phakathi kwalo,
inkemba imelane lalo amacele wonke.
Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.
24 Abantu bako-Israyeli kabasayikuba labomakhelwane abalenhliziyo ezimbi njalo
abangameva abuhlungu lameva ahlabayo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina
NGINGUTHIXO Wobukhosi.
25 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Lapho sengiqoqa abantu bako-Israyeli
ezizweni ababehlakazelwe kuzo, ngizazibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwabo
phambi kwezizwe. Emva kwalokho bazahlala elizweni labo, engalinika inceku
yami uJakhobe. 26 Bazahlala kulo bevikelekile njalo bazakwakha izindlu bahlanyele
lezivini; bazahlala bevikelekile lapho sengiletha isijeziso kubo bonke omakhelwane
babo ababaphatha kubi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO uNku-
lunkulu wabo.’ ”

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Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana LeGibhithe

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi, ngenyanga yetshumi ngosuku lwetshumi lambili, ilizwi
LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho
kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uphrofithe okubi ngaye langelizwe lonke laseGibhithe.
3 Khuluma laye uthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngimelane lawe, Faro nkosi yaseGibhithe,
wena silo esikhulu esilele phakathi kwezifula zaso.
Uthi, “INayili ngeyakho;
wazenzela yona.”
4 Kodwa ngizafaka iwuka emihlathini yakho
nginamathisele inhlanzi zezifula zakho, emaxolweni akho.
Ngizakukhuphela ngaphandle kwezifula zakho,
lenhlanzi zonke zinamathele emaxolweni akho.
5 Ngizakutshiya enkangala,
wena kanye lenhlanzi zonke zasezifuleni zakho.
Uzawela egcekeni egangeni
njalo ungabuthwa loba udojwe.
Ngizakunikela njengokudla
ezinyamazaneni zomhlaba lezinyoni zasemoyeni.
6 Lapho-ke bonke abahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.

Ube uludondolo lomhlanga lwendlu ka-Israyeli. 7 Kwathi bekubamba ngezandla
zabo, wacezuka waqhaqha amahlombe abo; kwathi lapho beseyama kuwe wephuka
lamaqolo abo aqhuzuka.
8 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizaletha inkemba imelane
lawe ngibulale abantu bakho kanye lezifuyo zabo. 9 IGibhithe izakuba yinkangala
echithekileyo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.
Ngoba wathi, "INayili ngeyakho; nguwe owayenzayo," 10 ngakho ngimelana
lawe kanye lezifula zakho, njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe laseGibhithe libe lunxiwa
logwadule oluphundlekileyo kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Asiwani, kuze kuyefika
emngceleni weKhushi. 11 Akulanyawo lomuntu loba olwenyamazana oluzadabula
phakathi kwalo; akulamuntu ozahlala khona okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.
12 Ngizakwenza ilizwe laseGibhithe libe ngeliphundlekileyo phakathi kwamazwe
achithekileyo, njalo amadolobho alo azaphundleka okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane phakathi kwamadolobho angamanxiwa. AmaGibhithe ngizawachithela
phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni.
13 Kodwa nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ekupheleni kweminyaka
engamatshumi amane ngizaqoqa amaGibhithe ezizweni ayehlakazelwe kuzo.
14 Ngizawabuyisela evela ekuthunjweni yiGibhithe, ePhathrosi, ilizwe labokhokho
babo. Lapho bazakuba ngumbuso omncane. 15 Uzakuba ngumbuso omncane
kakhulu emibusweni njalo kawuyikuziphakamisela phezulu kwezinye izizwe futhi.
Ngizawenza ungabi lamandla ukuze ungabusi izizwe futhi. 16 IGibhithe kaliyikuba
ngumthombo wethemba futhi wabantu bako-Israyeli kodwa lizakuba yisikhumbuzo
sesono sabo sokuyafuna usizo kulo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi.' "

Umvuzo KaNebhukhadineza

17 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yakuqala nge-
langa lakuqala, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 18 "Ndodana yomuntu, uNeb-
hukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waqhuba ibutho lakhe ukuyakulwa impi en-
zima leThire, amakhanda wonke aphuculwa aphuceka, lamahlombe wonke aba
buhlungu. Ikanti yena lebutho lakhe kabatholanga mvuzo empini ayikhokhela
ekuhlaseleni iThire. 19 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: IGibhithe
ngizalinikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzathumba inotho
yalo. Uzaliphundla aliphange ilizwe njengeholo lebutho lakhe. 20 Ngimnike iGibhithe
njengomvuzo wemizamo yakhe ngoba yena lebutho lakhe lokho bakwenzela mina,
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
21 Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza uphondo lukhulele indlu ka-Israyeli, njalo ngizavula
umlomo wakho phakathi kwabo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO."

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Ukulilela IGibhithe

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi: 'Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Lilani lithi,
"Maye ngalolosuku!"
3 Ngoba usuku seluseduze,
usuku LUKATHIXO seluseduze
usuku lwamayezi,
isikhathi sokutshabalala kwezizwe.
4 Inkemba izakumelana leGibhithe,
losizi luzakwehlela phezu kukaKhushi.
Lapho ababuleweyo besiwa eGibhithe

inotho yalo izathunjwa
lezisekelo zalo zidilizelwe phansi.
5 IKhushi lePhuthi, iLudi le-Arabhiya yonke, iLibhiya kanye labantu belizwe
lesivumelwano bazabulawa ngenkemba ndawonye leGibhithe.
6 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Abasekeli beGibhithe bazakufa,
lamandla alo aziqhenyayo azaphela.
Kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Asiwani
bazakuwa ngenkemba phakathi kwalo,
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
7 Bazachitheka
phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo,
njalo amadolobho abo
azakuba phakathi kwamadolobho adiliziweyo.
8 Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO,
lapho sengithungela iGibhithe ngomlilo
labasizi balo bonke sebeqothulwe.
9 Ngalolosuku izithunywa zizaphuma zisuka kimi ngemikhumbi ziyetshayisa
iKhushi ngovalo, kuphele ukungazikhathazi kwalo. Bazakwehlelwa lusizi ngosuku
lokutshabalala kweGibhithe, ngoba ngempela kuzafika.

10 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngizawaqeda amaxuku aseGibhithe
ngesandla sikaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.
11 Yena lebutho lakhe, abalolunya olukhulu phakathi kwezizwe,
bazalethwa ukuba bachithe ilizwe.
Bazahwatsha izinkemba zabo ukuba bamelane leGibhithe
bagcwalise ilizwe ngababuleweyo.
12 Ngizakomisa izifula zeNayili
lelizwe ngilithengisele abantu ababi;
ngesandla sabezizweni,
ngizalichitha ilizwe, lakho konke okukulo.
Mina THIXO sengikhulumile.

13 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngizachitha izithombe
ngiqede izifanekiso eMemfisi.
Akusayikuba khona inkosana eGibhithe,
njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba kulolonke ilizwe.
14 Ngizachitha iPhathrosi,
ngithungele iZowani ngomlilo,
besengiletha isijeziso phezu kweThebesi.
15 Ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwePhelusiyami,
inqaba yaseGibhithe,
ngiqede lamaxuku aseThebesi.
16 Ngizathungela iGibhithe ngomlilo;
iPhelusiyami izajanqula ngobuhlungu.
IThebesi izathunjwa ngesidumo esikhulu;
iMemfisi izakuba sosizini olumiyo.
17 Amajaha aseHeliyopholisi leBhubhastisi
azabulawa ngenkemba,

lamadolobho wona ngokwawo azathunjwa.
18 EThahiphanesi imini izakuba mnyama,
lapho ngisephula ijogwe leGibhithe;
khonale-ke amandla alo aziqhenyayo azaphela.
Azakwembeswa ngamayezi,
njalo imizi yalo izakuya ekuthunjweni.
19 Ngokunjalo ngizakwehlisela isijeziso phezu kweGibhithe,
njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "
20 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku lwesikhombisa, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 21 "Ndodana yomuntu, sengiyephule ingalo kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Kayibotshwanga ukuba iphole kumbe ifakwe uhlaka ukuze iqine okwanele ukuthi iphathe inkemba. 22 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngimelana loFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Ngizazephula zombili izingalo zakhe, eqinileyo kanye leyephukileyo, ngenze inkemba iwe esandleni sakhe. 23 Ngizachithela amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni. 24 Ngizaqinisa izingalo zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngifake inkemba yami ezandleni zayo, kodwa izingalo zikaFaro ngizazephula, njalo uzabubula phambi kwayo njengomuntu olimale okokufa. 25 Ngizaqinisa izingalo zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, kodwa izingalo zikaFaro zizakuba buthakathaka. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO lapho sengifaka inkemba yami esandleni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni layo isiyizunguza imelane leGibhithe. 26 Ngizachithela amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni futhi. Lapho-ke azakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO."

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Umsedari ELebhanoni

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yesithathu ngosuku lwakuqala, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe lakumaxuku akhe uthi:
'Ngubani ongalinganiswa lawe ngobucwazicwazi?
3 Cabanga i-Asiriya, eyake yaba ngumsedari eLebhanoni,
olamagatsha amahle embese ihlathi ngomthunzi;
wawumude uphezulu le,
isihloko sawo singaphezu kwamahlamvu avitshileyo.
4 Amanzi awondla,
imithombo etshonayo yawenza wakhula waba mude;
izifudlana zayo zageleza
emaceleni esidindi sawo sonke,
imisele yazo ayafika
kuzozonke izihlahla zeganga.
5 Wawuphakeme kanjalo umude
kulazo zonke izihlahla zeganga;
ingatsha zawo zanda,
ingatsha zawo zakhula zaba zinde
zendlalekile ngenxa yobunengi bamanzi.
6 Zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni
zakhela izidleke zazo ezingatsheni zawo,
zonke izinyamazana zeganga
zazalela ngaphansi kwezingatsha zawo;
zonke izizwe ezinkulu
zahlala emthunzini wawo.
7 Wawunkanyazela ngobuhle bawo,

ngezingatsha zawo ezendlalekileyo,
ngoba impande zawo zazitshona
phansi emanzini amanengi.
8 Imisedari esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu
yayingeke ilingane lawo,
kumbe izihlahla zemiphayini
zibe lezingatsha ezingafana lezawo,
akukho sihlahla esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu
esasingaba sihle njengawo.
9 Ngawenza waba muhle
ngezingatsha ezinengi,
wahawukelwa yizihlahla zonke zase-Edeni
esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu.
10 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngoba wawumude uphezulu le, isihloko sawo siphakamele ngaphezu kwezingatsha ezivitshileyo, njalo ngenxa yokuthi wawuziqhenya ngobude bawo, 11 ngawunikela kumbusi wezizwe ukuba awuphathe ngokufanele ububi bawo. Ngawulahlela eceleni, 12 njalo isizwe sasezizweni esilesihluku kulazo zonke sawucakazela phansi sawutshiya. Ingatsha zawo zawela phezu kwezintaba lasezigodini zonke, amagatsha awo ephukela ezindongeni zonke zelizwe. Zonke izizwe zasemhlabeni zasuka emthunzini wawo zawutshiya. 13 Zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zahlala phezu kwesihlahla esiwileyo, lezinyamazana zonke zeganga zaziphakathi kwezingatsha zaso. 14 Ngakho kazikho ezinye izihlahla ngasemanzini ezizaphakama ngokuziqhenya phezulu le, zifikise izihloko zazo ngaphezu kwezingatsha. Kazikho ezinye izihlahla ezizuza amanzi kuhle kanjalo ezizake zifike phezulu kangako; zonke zimiselwe ukufa, emhlabeni ongaphansi, phakathi kwabantu abafayo, kanye lalabo abehlela egodini.

15 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngosuku owehliselwa ngalo engcwabeni, ngavala imithombo etshonayo ngokulilelwa kwawo, ngamisa izifudlana zawo, lamanzi awo amanengi avinjelwa. Ngenxa yawo ngembesa iLebhanoni ngomnyama, njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zabuna. 16 Ngenza izizwe zathuthunyeliswa ngumdumo wokuwa kwawo lapha ngawehlisela phansi engcwabeni kanye lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. Lapho-ke zonke izihlahla zase-Edeni, ezikhethekileyo leziinhle kakhulu zaseLebhanoni, zonke izihlahla ezazithola amanzi kuhle, zaduduzeka ngaphansi komhlaba. 17 Labo ababehlala emthunzini wawo, ababevumelana lawo phakathi kwezizwe, basebehlele phansi engcwabeni kanye lawo, bahlangana lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba.

18 Yisiphi sezihlahla zase-Edeni esingafaniswa lawe ngobuhle langobucwazicwazi na? Ikanti lawe futhi uzakwehliselwa phansi ngaphansi komhlaba kanye lezihlahla zase-Edeni; uzalala phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba.

Lo nguFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe wonke, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

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Ukulilela UFaro

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili ngosuku lokuqala, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngoFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uthi kuye:

'Wena unjengesilwane phakathi kwezizwe;
unjengesilo phakathi kolwandle,
uvubavuba amanzi ezifuleni zakho,
uchaphaze amanzi ngezinyawo zakho,
ungcolisa lezifula ngodaka.

3 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngoquqaba olukhulu lwabantu
ngizaphosela imbule lami phezu kwakho
njalo bazakudonsela phezulu ngomambule wami.
4 Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini
ngikudonsele egcekeni egangeni.
Ngizakwenza zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zihlale phezu kwakho
lezinyamazana zonke zasemhlabeni zizitike kuwe.
5 Ngizachaya inyama yakho phezu kwezintaba
njalo ngigcwalise izigodi ngezidumbu zakho.
6 Ngizathambisa ilizwe ngegazi lakho
eligeleza indawo yonke kusiya ezintabeni,
lezindonga zizagcwala inyama yakho.
7 Lapho sengikucitsha, ngizakwembesa amazulu
ngenze izinkanyezi zawo zibe mnyama;
ngizakwembesa ilanga ngeyezi,
lenyanga ingabe isakhanyisa.
8 Zonke izibane ezikhanyisa emazulwini
ngizazenza zibe mnyama
elizweni lakho, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
9 Ngizakhathaza inhliziyo zabantu abanengi
lapho sengiletha ukuchithwa kwakho phakathi kwezizwe,
phakathi kwamazwe ongazange uwazi.
10 Ngizakwenza abantu abanengi bamangale ngawe,
lamakhosi abo azathuthumela ngokwesaba ngenxa yakho
lapho nginyikinya inkemba yami phambi kwawo.
Ngosuku lokuwa kwakho
lowo lalowo wabo uzaqhaqhazela
isikhathi sonke sokuphila kwakhe.
11 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Inkemba yenkosi yaseBhabhiloni
izamelana lawe.
12 Ngizakwenza amaxuku akho abulawe
ngezinkemba zamadoda alamandla
alesihluku kakhulu phakathi kwezizwe zonke.
Azachoboza ukuziqhenya kweGibhithe,
njalo wonke amaxuku alo azanqotshwa.
13 Ngizabulala zonke inkomo zabo
ngaseduzane lamanzi amanengi
angaphindi adungwe lunyawo lomuntu futhi
kumbe angcoliswe ngamasondo enkomo ngodaka.
14 Lapho-ke ngizakwenza amanzi alo azinze
lezifula zalo zigeleze njengamafutha,
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
15 Lapho iGibhithe sengilichitha
ngiphundla ilizwe lakho konke okukulo,
lapho sengibacakazela phansi bonke abahlala khona,
lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.'
16 Lesi yisililo esizaculelwa iGibhithe. Amadodakazi ezizwe azasicula: azasiculela
iGibhithe kanye lamaxuku alo wonke, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi."

17 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 18 "Ndodana yomuntu, lilela amaxuku aseGibhithe njalo wehlisele ngaphansi komhlaba kokubili lona iGibhithe kanye lamadodakazi ezizwe ezilamandla, lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. 19 Tshono kubo uthi, 'Lina liyathandwa kakhulu kulabanye na? Yehlelani phansi lilale phakathi kwabangasokanga.' 20 Bazafela phakathi kwalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Inkemba isihwatshiwe; iGibhithe kalihudulwe lamaxuku alo wonke. 21 Abakhokheli abalamandla bazakutsho ngeGibhithe labamanyene layo bephakathi kwengcwaba bathi, 'Sebehlele phansi njalo balele labangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba.'

22 I-Asiriya ikhona lebutho layo lonke; izungezwe ngamangcwaba abo bonke abayo ababuleweyo; bonke ababulawe ngenkemba. 23 Amangcwaba abo asekuzikeni kwegodi njalo ibutho layo lilele lihanqe ingcwaba layo. Bonke abandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba.

24 I-Elamu ikhona, lamaxuku ayo wonke azungeze ingcwaba layo. Bonke babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba. Bonke abandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo behlela phansi ngaphansi komhlaba bengasokanga. Bathwele ihlazo labo belalabo abehlela phansi egodini. 25 Yenzelwa umbheda phakathi kwababuleweyo, lamaxuku ayo wonke ehanqe ingcwaba layo. Bonke kabasokanga, babulawa ngenkemba. Ngoba ukwesatshwa kwabo kwasekugcwele elizweni labaphilayo, bathwala ihlazo labo lalabo abehlela phansi egodini; babekwa phakathi kwababuleweyo.

26 IMesheki leThubhali akhona, lamaxuku awo wonke ezungeze amangcwaba awo. Wonke amaxuku kawasokanga, abulewe ngoba andisa ukwesatshwa kwawo elizweni labaphilayo. 27 Kanje kawalele lamanye amabutho angasokanga awafayo, wona ehlela phansi engcwabeni lezikhali zawo zempi, azinkemba zawo zabekwa ngaphansi kwamakhanda awo na? Isijeziso sezono zawo sahlala phezu kwamathambo awo, lanxa ukwesatshwa kwamabutho la kwagcwala elizweni labaphilayo.

28 Lawe futhi, wena Faro, uzakwephulwa njalo ulale phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba.

29 I-Edomi ikhona, amakhosi ayo lamakhosana ayo wonke; phezu kwamandla abo, balaliswa lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Balele labangasokanga, lalabo abehlela phansi egodini.

30 Wonke amakhosana asenyakatho kanye lamaSidoni wonke bakhona; behlela phansi lababulawayo behlazekile lanxa kulokwesaba okwabangelwa ngamandla abo. Balele bengasokanga kanye lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba njalo bathwala ihlazo labo lalabo abehlela phansi egodini.

31 UFaro lebutho lakhe uzababona njalo uzaduduzeka ngamaxuku akhe wonke abulawa ngenkemba, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. 32 Lanxa ngamenza wandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo, uFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe wonke, bazalaliswa phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi."

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UHezekhiyeli Ungumlindi

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labantu bakini uthi kubo, 'Lapho ngiletha inkemba ukumelana lelizwe, abantu balelolizwe bakhethe omunye wamadoda akibo bamenze abe ngumlindi, 3 abone inkemba isizamelana lelizwe abesetshaya icilongo exwayisa abantu, 4 lapho-ke nxa loba ngubani ozwa icilongo kodwa angasinaki isixwayiso njalo inkemba ifike imbulale, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. 5 Njengoba ukukhala kwecilongo ekuzwile kodwa kaze asinaka isixwayiso, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. Aluba ubesinakile isixwayiso, ubezazisindisa. 6 Kodwa nxa umlindi ebona inkemba isiza

angatshayi icilongo axwayise abantu, njalo inkemba ifike ibulale omunye wabo, lowomuntu uzasuswa ngenxa yesono sakhe, kodwa mina ngizabeka umlandu wegazi lakhe kumlindi.'
7 Ndodana yomuntu, sengikwenze umlindi wendlu ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana ilizwi engilikhulumayo ubanike isixwayiso esivela kimi. 8 Lapho ngisithi komubi, 'Wena muntu omubi, uzakufa impela,' njalo wena ungabe usakhuluma ukuba umyekelise izindlela zakhe, lowomuntu omubi uzafela izono zakhe, njalo mina ngikubeka umlandu wegazi lakhe. 9 Kodwa nxa umxwayisa umuntu omubi ukuba aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe kodwa angenzi njalo, uzafela izono zakhe, kodwa wena uzakuba uzisindisile.
10 Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku elikutshoyo ukuthi, "Iziphambeko zethu lezono ziyasisinda, njalo siyacikizeka ngenxa yazo. Pho singaphila njani na?" ' 11 Tshono kubo uthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi, kangithokozi ngokufa kwababi, kodwa ukuba baphenduke ezindleleni zabo baphile. Phendukani! Phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi! Kungani umele ufe, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli?'
12 Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, tshono ebantwini bakini uthi, 'Ukulunga komuntu olungileyo kakuyikumsindisa lapho engalaleli, njalo lobubi bomuntu omubi kabuyikumwisa lapho ephenduka kubo. Umuntu olungileyo, lapho esona, kasoke avunyelwe ukuphila ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe kwakuqala.' 13 Nxa ngitshela umuntu olungileyo ukuthi impela uzaphila, kodwa abe esethemba ukulunga kwakhe enze okubi, akukho okwezinto ezilungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa; uzafela okubi asekwenzile. 14 Njalo nxa ngisithi emuntwini omubi, 'Impela uzakufa,' kodwa aphenduke ezonweni zakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, 15 lapho ebuyisela lokho akuthatha kuyisibambiso salokho akwebolekisayo, abuyisele akwebayo, alandele izimiso ezinika ukuphila, angenzi okubi, uzaphila impela; kasoze afe. 16 Akukho lasinye sezono azenzayo esizakhunjulwa ngaye. Usenze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo; uzaphila impela.
17 Ikanti abantu bakini bathi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Kodwa ngeyabo indlela engalunganga. 18 Nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, uzakufela lokho. 19 Njalo nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, uzaphila ngenxa yokwenzanjalo. 20 Ikanti, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Kodwa mina ngizakwahlulela lowo lalowo wenu ngokufanele izindlela zakhe."

Ukuwa KweJerusalema Kuyachasiswa

21 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokuthunjwa kwethu, ngenyanga yetshumi ngosuku lwesihlanu, umuntu owayebalekele eJerusalema wafika kimi wathi, "Idolobho selinqotshiwe!" 22 Kusihlwa umuntu lowo engakafiki, isandla sikaTHIXO sasiphezu kwami, njalo wavula umlomo wami umuntu lowo engakafiki ekuseni. Ngakho umlomo wami wawusuvuliwe njalo ngangingasathulanga.
23 Ilizwi likaTHIXO laselifika kimi lisithi: 24 "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu abahlala emanxiweni lawana elizweni lako-Israyeli bathi, 'U-Abhrahama wayengumuntu oyedwa nje kuphela, ikanti ilizwe lalingelakhe. Kodwa thina sibanengi; impela ilizwe siliphiwe njengelifa lethu.' 25 Ngakho tshono kubo uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO Wobukhosi: Njengoba lisidla inyama ilokhu ilegazi lithembe izithombe zenu njalo lichithe legazi, kambe lingaba ngabanikazi belizwe na? 26 Lithembe inkemba yenu, lenza izinto ezenyanyekayo, njalo omunye lomunye wenu ungcolisa umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe. Kambe lingaba ngabanikazi belizwe na?'
27 Tshono lokhu kubo uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, labo abaseleyo emanxiweni bazabulawa ngenkemba, labo

abangaphandle egangeni ngizabanikela ezinyamazaneni zeganga ukuba badliwe,
njalo labo abasezinqabeni lasezimbalwini bazabulawa yisifo. 28 Ngizakwenza ilizwe
libe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo, njalo ukuziqhenya kwamandla alo kuzaphela,
lezintaba zako-Israyeli zizachitheka kuze kungabikhona odlula kuzo. 29 Lapho-
ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO, nxa sengenze ilizwe laba lugwadule
oluphundlekileyo ngenxa yezinto ezenyanyekayo abazenzileyo.'
30 Okunjengawe, ndodana yomuntu, abantu bakini bakhulumisana ngawe
emidulini laseminyango yezindlu besithi, omunye komunye, 'Woza uzekuzwa ilizwi
eselifike livela KUTHIXO.' 31 Abantu bami bayafika kuwe, njengabajayele ukukwenza,
bahlale phambi kwakho ukuba bezwe amazwi akho, kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi.
Ngemilomo yabo batsho ukuzinikela, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zihawukela inzuzo
engafanelanga. 32 Ngempela, kubo wena kawusilutho olungedlula umuntu ohlabela
izingoma zothando ngelizwi elihle njalo esitshaya kuhle isiginci, ngoba amazwi akho
bayawezwa, kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi.
33 Nxa konke lokhu sekugcwalisekile njalo impela kuzakwenzakala, lapho-ke
bazakwazi ukuthi umphrofethi ubekhona phakathi kwabantu."

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Abelusi Lezimvu

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha okubi nga-
belusi bako-Israyeli; phrofetha uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Maye kini lina belusi bako-Israyeli elizikhathalelayo lina ngokwenu kuphela! Abelusi
akumelanga bakhathalele umhlambi wezimvu na? 3 Lidla izankefu, ligqoke uboya
njalo lihlabe ezinonileyo, kodwa imihlambi yenu kaliyelusi. 4 Ezibuthakathaka
kaliziqinisanga kumbe lelapha ezigulayo loba labopha ezilimeleyo. Kalinqandanga
eziphambukileyo loba ladinga ezilahlekileyo. Lizibuse ngochuku langesihluku.
5 Ngakho zahlakazeka ngoba kwakungelamelusi, njalo kwathi lapho sezihlakazekile
zaba yikudla kwazo zonke izinyamazana zeganga. 6 Izimvu zami zantula phezu
kwezintaba zonke laphezu kwamaqaqa wonke. Zazihlakazekele emhlabeni wonke,
njalo kakho owazidingayo loba owazicingayo.
7 Ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO elithi: 8 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, ngoba umhlambi wami uswela umelusi
ngakho usuphangiwe njalo usube yikudla kwezinyamazana zonke zeganga, njalo
ngenxa yokuthi abelusi bami kabawudinganga umhlambi kodwa bazikhathalela bona
ngokwabo kulomhlambi wami, 9 ngakho-ke lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO
elithi: 10 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngimelana labelusi njalo ngiz-
ababeka umlandu wezimvu zami. Ngizabasusa ekweluseni umhlambi, abelusi
bangabe besaba lokudla. Ngizawuhluthuna umhlambi wami emilonyeni yabo, njalo
kawuyikuba yikudla kwabo futhi.
11 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Mina ngokwami ngizadinga iz-
imvu zami ngizeluse. 12 Njengomelusi eluse umhlambi wakhe ohlakazekileyo elawo,
ngizazelusa kanjalo izimvu zami. Ngizazihlenga ezindaweni zonke ezahlakazekela
kuzo ngosuku lwamayezi lomnyama. 13 Ngizazikhupha ezizweni ngizibuthe
emazweni, njalo ngizazisa elizweni lazo uqobo. Ngizazidlisa phezu kwezintaba
zako-Israyeli, ezihotsheni kanye lasemizaneni yonke eselizweni. 14 Ngizazelusela
emadlelweni amahle, njalo iziqongo zezintaba zako-Israyeli zizakuba ngumhlaba
wedlelo lazo. Khonapho zizalala phansi emhlabeni olidlelo elihle, njalo khonapho
zizakudla edlelweni elivundileyo phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. 15 Mina ngokwami
ngizazelusa izimvu zami njalo ngizazilalisa phansi, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
16 Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo nginqande eziphambukileyo. Ngizabopha ezilimeleyo

ngiqinise ezibuthakathaka. Ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibulala. Umhlambi ngizawelusa ngokulunga.

17 Okunjengawe, mhlambi wami, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngiza-kwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye kanye laphakathi kwenqama lembuzi. 18 Kwanele yini kini ukudla emadlelweni amahle na? Kambe kumele lize linyathele amanye amadlelo enu ngezinyawo zenu na? Kakwanelanga kini na ukunatha amanzi ahlanzekileyo? Kambe kumele lingcolise aseleyo ngezinyawo zenu na? 19 Umhlambi kumele udle elikunyatheleyo njalo unathe lokho elikungcolise ngezinyawo zenu na?

20 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi kuzo: Khangelani, mina ngok-wami ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo lezimvu ezicakileyo. 21 Ngoba liyafuqa ngemihlubulo langamahlombe, ligqubule zonke imbuzi ezibuthakathaka ngempondo zenu lize lizixotshele khatshana. 22 Ngizahlenga umhlambi wami, njalo kawuyikuphangwa futhi. Ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye. 23 Phezu kwazo ngizabeka umelusi oyedwa, inceku yami uDavida, uzazelusa; uzazelusa abe ngumelusi wazo. 24 Mina THIXO ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wazo, njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosana phakathi kwazo. Mina THIXO sengikhulumile.

25 Ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula lazo njalo ngixotshe izilo zeganga elizweni ukuze ziyehlala enkangala kuthi izimvu zihlale emahlathini zigcinakale. 26 Ngizazibusisa kanye lezindawo ezihanqe intaba yami. Ngizakwehlisa imikhizo ngesikhathi sayo; kuzakuba lemikhizo yesibusiso. 27 Izihlahla zeganga zizathela izithelo zazo njalo lomhlabathi uzathela izilimo zawo; abantu bazahlaliseka elizweni labo. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO, lapho sengisephula imigoqo yejogwe labo njalo ngibahlenga ezandleni zalabo ababenza izigqili. 28 Kabayikuphangwa yizizwe futhi, lezinyamazana zeganga kaziyikubadla. Bazahlala ngokuvikeleka, njalo kakho ozabenza besabe. 29 Ngizabanika ilizwe elidumileyo ngezilimo zalo, njalo kabayikuhlutshwa yindlala futhi elizweni loba bathwale ihlazo lezizwe. 30 Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina, UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, ngilabo kanye lokuthi bona, indlu ka-Israyeli, bangabantu bami, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. 31 Lina zimvu zami, zimvu zedlelo lami, lingabantu bami, njalo mina nginguNkulunkulu wenu, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.' "

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Isiphrofethi Nge-Edomi

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho eNtabeni iSeyiri; uphrofithe okubi ngayo 3 uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngimelane lawe, Ntaba Seyiri, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami ukumelana lawe ngikwenze ube lugwadule oluphundlekileyo. 4 Ngizakwenza amadolobho akho abe ngamanxiwa lawe uzachithwa. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.

5 Ngoba wagcina inzondo yasendulo wanikela ama-Israyeli enkembeni ngesikhathi sosizi lwawo, lapho isijeziso sawo sasesifike ekucineni, 6 ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elin-jengoba ngikhona, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, ngizakunikela ekuchithekeni kwegazi njalo kuzakulandela. 7 Ngizakwenza iNtaba iSeyiri ibe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo, njalo ngiqede kuyo bonke abafika bahambe. 8 Ngizagcwalisa izintaba zakho ngababuleweyo; labo ababulawe ngenkemba bazawela phezu kwamaqaqa akho lasezigodini zakho kanye lasezindongeni zakho zonke. 9 Ngizakwenza uchitheke okwanininini; amadolobho akho kawayikuhlalwa muntu. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.

10 Ngoba wena uthe, “Izizwe lezi ezimbili lamazwe la amabili kuzakuba ngokwethu
njalo sizakuthatha,” lanxa mina THIXO ngangikhonapho. 11 Ngakho-ke ngeqin-
iso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi, ngizakuphatha ngokufanele
ukuthukuthela lobukhwele owakubonakalisayo ekubazondeni kwakho njalo ngizak-
wenza mina ngazakale phakathi kwabo lapho sengikwahlulela. 12 Lapho-ke uzakwazi
ukuthi mina THIXO sengizizwile zonke izinto ezenyanyekayo owazitshoyo ngezintaba
zako-Israyeli. Wathi, “Sezichithiwe njalo sezinikelwe kithi ukuba sizitshwabadele.”
13 Wazikhukhumeza kubi ngami njalo wakhuluma kubi ngami kungekho kuzibamba,
njalo ngakuzwa lokho. 14 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Kuzakuthi
umhlaba wonke uthokoze, mina ngizakwenza uphundleke. 15 Ngoba wena wathokoza
lapho ilifa lendlu ka-Israyeli lichitheka, leyo yiyo indlela engizakuphatha ngayo.
Uzaphundleka, wena Ntaba yeSeyiri, wena kanye le-Edomi yonke. Lapho-ke
bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.’ ”

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Ithemba Lezintaba Zako-Israyeli

1 “Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kuzo izintaba zako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Lina zintaba
zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO. 2 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Isitha satsho ngani sathi, “Awu! Iziqongo zasendulo sezibe yilifa lethu.” ’ 3 Ngakho-
ke phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngoba baliphanga njalo
balixotsha bevela ezinhlangothini zonke laze laba yilifa lezinye izizwe lento yokun-
yeywa lokuchothozwa ngabantu, 4 ngakho-ke, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini
ilizwi LIKATHIXO Wobukhosi: Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi kuzo izintaba
lamaqaqa, ezindongeni lasezigodini, emanxiweni aphundlekileyo lasemadolobheni
atshiyiweyo aphangwayo njalo ahlekwa ngezinye izizwe ezikuhanqileyo, 5 nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngokutshiseka kwami okukhulu sengikhulume
ngimelana lezinye izizwe njalo lange-Edomi lonke, ngoba ngokuthaba langenzondo
ezinhliziyweni zabo benza ilizwe lami elabo ukuze baphange amadlelo alo.’ 6 Ngakho
phrofetha ngelizwe lako-Israyeli uthi kuzo izintaba lamaqaqa, indonga lezigodi:
Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngikhuluma ngolaka lwami olulobukhwele
ngoba lithwale isithuko sesizwe. 7 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngifunga izandla ziphakanyiselwe phezulu ukuthi izizwe ezilihanqileyo lazo zizath-
wala isithuko.

8 Kodwa lina, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, lizaveza ingatsha lezithelo zabantu bami
u-Israyeli, ngoba sebezakuza ekhaya masinyane nje. 9 Ngiyalinqinekela njalo
ngizalikhangela ngomusa; lizalinywa lihlanyelwe, 10 njalo ngizakwandisa inani
labantu phezu kwenu, lakuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. Amadolobho kuzahlalwa kuwo
futhi lamanxiwa avuselelwe. 11 Ngizakwandisa inani labantu lelezinyamazana phezu
kwenu: njalo kuzazalana kwande. Ngizahlalisa abantu phezu kwenu njengakudala
njalo ngizalenza liphumelele kakhulu kulakudala. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi
mina NGINGUTHIXO. 12 Ngizakwenza abantu, abantu bami bako-Israyeli bahambe
phezu kwenu. Bazalenza libe ngababo, njalo lizakuba yilifa labo; kaliyikubemuka
abantwana babo futhi.

13 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngoba abantu bathi kini, ‘Lidla abantu
lemuke isizwe senu abantwana baso, 14 ngakho-ke kaliyikudla abantu futhi loba lenze
isizwe senu singabi labantwana, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. 15 Angiyikulenza lizwe
izibhinqo zezizwe, njalo kalisayikuthwala izithuko zabantu loba ngenze ukuba isizwe
senu siwe, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.’ ”

Ukuvuselelwa Kuka-Israyeli Kuyaqiniswa

16 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi njalo lisithi: 17 “Ndodana yomuntu, abantu
bako-Israyeli besahlala elizweni labo, balingcolisa ngendlela abaziphatha ngayo
langezenzo zabo. Ukuziphatha kwabo kwakufana lokungcola kowesifazane
kwanyanga zonke emehlweni ami. 18 Ngakho ngehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo
ngoba babechithe igazi elizweni njalo ngoba babelingcolisile ngezithombe zabo.
19 Ngabachithela phakathi kwezizwe, njalo bahlakazekela emazweni; ngabahlulela
ngokufanele ukuziphatha kwabo kanye lezenzo zabo. 20 Loba ngaphi abaya khona
phakathi kwezizwe balingcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, ngoba kwathiwa ngabo,
‘Laba ngabantu BAKATHIXO, kodwa basuswa elizweni.’ 21 Nganqinekela ibizo lami
elingcwele, elangcoliswa yindlu ka-Israyeli phakathi kwezizwe abaya kuzo.
22 Ngakho tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Akusingenxa yakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ukuthi ngizakwenza izinto lezi, kodwa
ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele, osulingcolisile phakathi kwezizwe lapho oye khona.
23 Ngizabonakalisa ubungcwele bebizo elikhulu, eselingcolisiwe phakathi kwezizwe,
ibizo osulingcolisile phakathi kwazo. Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina
NGINGUTHIXO, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi, lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe
phambi kwamehlo azo.
24 Ngoba ngizakususa ezizweni; ngizakuqoqa emazweni wonke ngikubuyisele
elizweni lakho. 25 Ngizakuchela ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo, uzahlambuluka; ngizakuh-
lambulula kukho konke ukungcola kwakho kanye lakuzo zonke izithombe zakho.
26 Ngizakunika inhliziyo entsha ngifake lomoya omutsha phakathi kwakho; ngizasusa
kuwe inhliziyo yakho yelitshe ngikunike inhliziyo yenyama. 27 Njalo ngizafaka uMoya
wami phakathi kwakho ngikwenze ulandele izimiso zami njalo unanzelele ukugcina
imithetho yami. 28 Lizahlala elizweni engalinika okhokho benu; lizakuba ngabantu
bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. 29 Ngizalikhulula kukho konke
ukungcola kwenu. Ngizabiza amabele ngiwenze abe manengi njalo angiyikuletha
indlala kini. 30 Ngizakwandisa izithelo zezihlahla kanye lamabele emasimini, ukuze
lingabi lehlazo futhi phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yendlala. 31 Lapho-ke lizakhumbula
izindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezono zenu ezingalunganga, njalo lizazizonda lina
ngokwenu ngenxa yezono kanye lezenzo zenu ezenyanyekayo. 32 Ngifuna ukuba
likwazi ukuthi lokhu angikwenzeli lina, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. Yangeka ube
lenhloni ngenxa yokuziphatha kwakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli!
33 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngosuku engizakuhlambulula ngalo
ezonweni zakho zonke, ngizahlalisa abantu emadolobheni akho, njalo lamanxiwa
azavuselelwa. 34 Ilizwe eliphundlekileyo lizalinywa kulokuthi lihlale liphundlekile
emehlweni abo bonke abababula phakathi kwalo. 35 Bazakuthi, “Ilizwe leli
elaselenziwe laba lugwadule selibe njengesivande se-Edeni; amadolobho ayesen-
gamanxiwa, ephundlekile njalo echithekile, khathesi asevikelwe ngezinqaba njalo
sekuhlala abantu kuwo.” 36 Lapho-ke izizwe ezilihanqileyo eziseleyo zizakwazi
ukuthi mina THIXO sengikwakhe kutsha okwakudiliziwe njalo sengikuhlanyele kutsha
okwakuphundlekile. Mina THIXO sengikhulumile njalo ngizakwenza lokhu.’
37 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizasivuma njalo isicelo sendlu ka-
Israyeli ngibenzele lokhu: Ngizakwenza abantu bakibo babebanengi njengezimvu,
38 babebanengi njengemihlambi yemihlatshelo eJerusalema ngesikhathi semikhosi
yalo emisiweyo. Ngokunjalo amadolobho achithekayo azagcwala ngamaxuku abantu.
Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.”

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Isigodi Samathambo Omileyo

1 Isandla SIKATHIXO sasiphezu kwami, njalo wangikhuphela phandle ngoMoya
KATHIXO wangibeka phakathi kwesigodi; sasigcwele amathambo. 2 Wangisa emuva
laphambili phakathi kwawo, njalo ngabona amathambo amanengi kakhulu phansi
esigodini, amathambo ome kakhulu. 3 Wangibuza wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, kambe
amathambo la angaphila na?"
Mina ngathi, "Awu THIXO Wobukhosi, wena kuphela nguwe owaziyo."
4 Wasesithi kimi, "Phrofetha emathanjeni la uthi kuwo, 'Mathambo omileyo,
zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO! 5 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi emathanjeni
la: Ngizakwenza umoya ungene phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakuba lokuphila.
6 Ngizaxhuma imisipha kini ngenze inyama ihlume phezu kwenu njalo ngibeke
ijwabu phezu kwenu; ngizafaka umoya phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakuba lokuphila.
Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "
7 Ngakho ngaphrofitha njengokulaywa kwami. Kwathi ngisaphrofitha, kwaba
lomsindo, umsindo okhehlezelayo, njalo amathambo aqoqana ndawonye, ithambo
ethanjeni. 8 Ngakhangela, imisipha lenyama kwavela phezu kwawo kwathi ijwabu
lawembesa, kodwa kwakungelamoya phakathi kwawo.
9 Wasesithi kimi, "Phrofetha emoyeni, phrofetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuwo,
'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Woza, wena moya, uvela ezindaweni zonke,
uphefumulele kubo ababulawayo, ukuba baphile.' " 10 Ngakho ngaphrofitha njen-
gokungilaya kwakhe, umoya wasungena kuwo; aba lokuphila njalo ema ngenyawo
zawo, kulixuku elikhulukazi.
11 Wasesithi kimi: "Ndodana yomuntu, amathambo la ayiyo yonke indlu ka-
Israyeli. Bona bathi, 'Amathambo ethu omile njalo ithemba lethu selitshabalele;
sesihunundiwe.' 12 Ngakho phrofetha uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Awu bantu bami, ngizavula amangcwaba enu ngilivuse kuwo; ngizal-
ibuyisela elizweni lako-Israyeli. 13 Lapho-ke, lina bantu bami, lizakwazi ukuthi mina
NGINGUTHIXO, lapho sengivula amangcwaba enu ngilivusa kuwo. 14 Ngizafaka uMoya
wami phakathi kwenu njalo lizaphila, futhi ngizalihlalisa elizweni lenu. Lapho-
ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina THIXO sengikhulumile, njalo sengikwenzile lokho, kutsho
UTHIXO.' "

Isizwe Sinye Ngaphansi KweNkosinye

15 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 16 "Ndodana yomuntu, thatha uluthi
lwesigodo, ulobe kulo ukuthi, 'NgolukaJuda labako-Israyeli amanyane laye.' Emva
kwalokho thatha olunye njalo uluthi lwesigodo, ulobe kulo ukuthi, 'Uluthi luka-
Efrayimi, olukaJosefa kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli emanyene laye.' 17 Zihlanganise
ndawonye zibe yiluthi olulodwa ukuze zibe luthilunye esandleni sakho.
18 Lapho abantu bakini bekubuza besithi, 'Kawuyikusitshela na ukuthi utshoni
ngalokhu?' 19 uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizathatha
uluthi lukaJosefa olusesandleni sika-Efrayimi lolwezizwana zako-Israyeli ezimanyene
laye, ngiluhlanganise loluthi lukaJuda, ngizenze zibe yiluthi lunye lwesigodo, njalo
zizakuba ngolulodwa esandleni sami.' 20 Izinti olobe kuzo ziphathe phambi
kwamehlo abo 21 uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngizakhupha
ama-Israyeli ezizweni aya kuzo. Ngizawaqoqa ezindaweni zonke ngiwabuyisele
elizweni lawo. 22 Ngizawenza abe yisizwe sinye elizweni, phezu kwezintaba zako-
Israyeli. Kuzakuba lenkosi eyodwa phezu kwabo bonke njalo akuyikuba lezizwe
ezimbili futhi kumbe behlukaniswe ukuba yimibuso emibili. 23 Kabasayikuzingcolisa
ngezithombe zabo langezifanekiso zabo ezenyanyekayo loba ngezinye zeziphambeko
zabo, ngoba ngizabasindisa kukho konke ukuhlehlela kwabo emuva esonweni, njalo
ngizabahlambulula. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu
wabo.

24 Inceku yami uDavida uzakuba yinkosi yabo, njalo bonke bazakuba lomelusi
munye. Bazalandela imithetho yami njalo bananzelele ukugcina izimiso zami.
25 Bazahlala elizweni engalinika inceku yami uJakhobe, ilizwe lapho oyihlo
ababehlala khona. Bona labantwana babo kanye labantwana babantwana babo
bazahlala khona kokuphela, njalo uDavida inceku yami uzakuba yinkosana yabo
kokuphela. 26 Ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo; sizakuba yisivumelwano
esingayikuphela. 27 Indawo yami yokuhlala izakuba kubo; ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu
wabo, njalo bona bazakuba ngabantu bami. 28 Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi
mina THIXO ngenza u-Israyeli abengcwele, nxa indlu yami engcwele iphakathi kwabo
nini lanini.' "

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Isiphrofethi Ngokumelana LoGogi

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho
bumelane loGogi, owaselizweni laseMagogi, inkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye
laseThubhali; phrofetha kubi ngaye 3 uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:
Ngimelana lawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye laseThubhali.
4 Ngizakutshibilikisa, ngifake amawuka emihlathini yakho ngikukhuphe lebutho
lakho lonke, amabhiza akho, abagadi bamabhiza bakho behlome bephelele, lexuku
elikhulukazi lilamahawu amancane lamakhulu, bonke benyikinya izinkemba zabo.
5 IPhezhiya, leKhushi kanye lePhuthi bazakuba belabo, bonke belamahawu lezin-
gowane, 6 njalo leGomeri lamabutho ayo wonke, kanye leBhethi Thogarima ivela
khatshana enyakatho lamabutho ayo wonke, izizwe ezinengi ezilawe.
7 Lunga; zilungisele, wena kanye lamaxuku wonke abuthene emaceleni akho
wonke, uwalawule. 8 Emva kwensuku ezinengi uzabizelwa empini. Eminyak-
eni ezayo uzahlasela ilizwe eselisindile empini, elilabantu balo ababuthwa ez-
izweni ezinengi basiwa ezintabeni zako-Israyeli ezaziphundlekile okwesikhathi
eside. Babekhutshiwe ezizweni, khathesi bonke bahlezi ekuvikelekeni. 9 Wena
lamabutho akho wonke kanye lezizwe ezinengi ezilawe lizakuya khonale, liqhubeka
njengesiphepho; lizakuba njengeyezi lisibekele ilizwe.
10 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngalolosuku kuzafika imicabango
engqondweni yakho njalo uzaceba isu elibi. 11 Uzakuthi, "Ngizahlasela ilizwe elilem-
izi engelamithangala; ngizahlasela abantu abalokuthula abanganakaneli lutho, bonke
abahlezi bengelamithangala njalo bengelamasango lemigoqo. 12 Ngizaphanga njalo
ngithumbe ngiphinde ngiguqulele isandla sami ekumeleni amanxiwa asahlaliswa
abantu lasebantwini abaqoqwa ezizweni, abalezifuyo ezinengi lempahla, abahlala
enkabeni yelizwe." 13 IShebha leDedani kanye labathengisi bonke baseThashishi
lemizi yalo yonke bazakuthi kuwe, "Lande ukuzaphanga na? Uqoqe amaxuku
akho ukuba uthumbe, uthathe isiliva legolide, uthathe izifuyo kanye lempahla njalo
uthumbe impango enengi na?" '
14 Ngakho, ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi kuGogi: 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Ngalolosuku, lapho abantu bami u-Israyeli sebehlala ekuvikelweni,
kawuyikukubona na? 15 Uzakuza uvela endaweni yakho khatshana le enyakatho,
wena kanye lezizwe ezinengi ezilawe, zonke zigade amabhiza, ixuku elikhulukazi,
ibutho elilamandla. 16 Uzaqhubeka umelana labantu bami u-Israyeli njengeyezi
elisibekele ilizwe. Ensukwini ezizayo, wena Gogi, ngizakwenza umelane lelizwe lami,
ukuze izizwe zingazi lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe phambi kwazo.
17 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Kanti kawusuwe yini engakhuluma
ngawe ensukwini zakudala ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi bako-Israyeli na? Ngale-
sosikhathi baphrofetha iminyaka eminengi ukuthi ngangizakwenza umelane labo.

18 Nanku okuzakwenzakala ngalolosuku: Lapho uGogi esehlasela ilizwe lako-Israyeli
ulaka lwami oluvuthayo luzavuka, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. 19 Ngokutshiseka
kwami langolaka lwami oluvuthayo ngithi ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuzamazama
komhlaba okukhulu elizweni lako-Israyeli. 20 Inhlanzi zasolwandle, izinyoni zase-
moyeni, izinyamazana zeganga, zonke izidalwa ezihamba phansi, labantu bonke
abasemhlabeni kuzathuthumela ngokuba khona kwami. Izintaba zizagenqulwa,
amawa azabhidlika njalo lemiduli yonke izawela phansi. 21 Ngizalaya inkemba
imelane loGogi kuzozonke izintaba zami, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Inkemba
yomuntu ngamunye izamelana lomfowabo. 22 Ngizamahlulela ngesifo langoku-
chithwa kwegazi; ngizathululela phansi izihlambi zezulu, isiqhotho lesolufa et-
shisayo phezu kwakhe laphezu kwamabutho akhe kanye laphezu kwezizwe ezinengi
ezilaye. 23 Ngalokho ngizabonakalisa ubukhulu bami lobungcwele bami, njalo
ngizakwenza ngazakale phambi kwezizwe ezinengi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi
mina NGINGUTHIXO.' "

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Impi KaGogi Iyatshabalaliswa

1 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kubi ngoGogi uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye
laseThubhali. 2 Ngizakutshibilikisa ngikuhudule. Ngizakuthatha khatshana
enyakatho ngikuse ekumelaneni lezintaba zako-Israyeli. 3 Lapho-ke ngizatshaya
idandili lakho esandleni senxele ngenze imitshoko yakho iwe esandleni sakho
sokudla. 4 Phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli uzakuwa, wena lamabutho akho kanye
lezizwe ezilawe. Ngizakunikela kuzozonke izinhlobo zezinyoni ezidla ingcuba kanye
lasezinyamazaneni zeganga. 5 Uzafela egangeni, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho
uTHIXO Wobukhosi. 6 Ngizathumela umlilo eMagogi lakulabo abahlezi ngokuvikeleka
emazweni angasolwandle, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO.

7 Ngizakwenza ibizo lami elingcwele lazakale phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli.
Kangisayikuyekela ibizo lami elingcwele lingcoliswa futhi, lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi
mina THIXO ngingoNgcwele ka-Israyeli. 8 Kuyeza! Kuzakwenzakala impela, kutsho
uTHIXO Wobukhosi. Lolu yilo usuku engakhuluma ngalo.

9 Lapho-ke labo abahlala emadolobheni ako-Israyeli bazaphuma basebenzise
izikhali njengenkuni bazibase zitshe amahawu amancane lamakhulu, amadandili
lemitshoko, izagila zempi kanye lemikhonto. Bazazisebenzisa ekubaseni umlilo
iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 10 Akuyikusweleka ukuba batheze inkuni egangeni
loba bazigamule emahlathini, ngoba bazabasa izikhali. Njalo bazaphanga labo
ababaphangayo bathathele lalabo ababathathelayo, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.

11 Ngalolosuku uGogi ngizamupha indawo yokungcwabela ko-Israyeli, esigodini
salabo abahamba besiya empumalanga beqonde elwandle. Sizavimba indlela
yezihambi, ngoba uGogi lamaxuku akhe wonke bazangcwatshwa khonapho. Ngakho
sizabizwa ngokuthi yisiGodi sikaHamoni Gogi.

12 Indlu ka-Israyeli izabangcwaba izinyanga eziyisikhombisa ukuze kuhlanjululwe
ilizwe. 13 Abantu bonke belizwe bazabangcwaba, njalo usuku engizadunyiswa ngalo
luzakuba lusuku olukhunjulwayo kubo, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi. 14 Abantu baza-
kuba beqhatshwa ngezikhathi ukuba bahlambulule ilizwe. Abanye bazahamba ilizwe
lonke njalo, phezu kwabo, abanye bazangcwaba labo abasala phezu komhlabathi.

Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa bazaqalisa ukudinga kwabo. 15 Behamba
phakathi kwelizwe omunye wabo angabona ithambo lomuntu, uzamisa isibonakaliso
phansi kwalo abagebhi bamangcwaba baze balimbele esiGodini sikaHamoni Gogi.

16 Idolobho elithiwa yiHamona lalo lizakuba khonapho. Ilizwe bazalihlambulula
kanjalo.’
17 Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Memezela ku-
zozonke inhlobo zezinyoni lakuzo zonke izinyamazana zeganga uthi: ‘Buthanani
livela ezindaweni zonke lize ndawonye emhlatshelweni engililungisela wona,
umhlatshelo omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. Lapho lizakudla inyama
linathe igazi. 18 Lizakudla inyama yamadoda alamandla linathe legazi lezikhulu
zasemhlabeni kube angathi bebezinqama lamawundlu, imbuzi lenkunzi, konke
kuyizifuyo ezinonisiweyo ezivela eBhashani. 19 Emhlatshelweni engililungisela wona,
lizakudla amahwahwa lize lisuthisise njalo linathe legazi lize lidakwe. 20 Etafuleni
lami lizakudla lisuthe amabhiza labagadi, amadoda alamandla kanye lamabutho
ezinhlobo zonke,’ ” kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
21 “Ngizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe, njalo izizwe zonke
zizasibona isijeziso engisilethayo lesandla engisibeka phezu kwabo. 22 Kusukela
ngalolosuku kusiya phambili indlu ka-Israyeli izakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO
uNkulunkulu wabo. 23 Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abantu bako-Israyeli bathunjwa
ngenxa yesono sabo, ngoba ngabanikela ezitheni zabo, njalo bonke babulawa
ngenkemba. 24 Ngabaphatha ngokufanele ukungcola kwabo kanye leziphambeko
zabo, njalo ngabafihlela ubuso bami.
25 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Khathesi sengizambuy-
isa uJakhobe evela ekuthunjweni njalo ngizatshisekela ibizo lami elingcwele.
26 Bazalikhohlwa ihlazo labo lakho konke ukungathembeki abakwenza kimi lapho
babehlezi bevikelekile elizweni labo engekho owayengabenza besabe. 27 Lapho
sengibabuyisile bevela ezizweni njalo sengibaqoqile bevela emazweni ezitha zabo,
ngizazibonakalisa ngingcwele ngabo phambi kwezizwe ezinengi. 28 Lapho-ke bazak-
wazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba lanxa ngabasa ekuthun-
jweni phakathi kwezizwe, ngizabaqoqela elizweni labo, ngingatshiyi lamunye emuva.
29 Kangisayikubafihlela ubuso bami futhi, ngoba ngizathululela uMoya wami phezu
kwendlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.”

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Indawo YeThempeli Elitsha

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqaliseni
komnyaka, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane emva
kokuthunjwa kwedolobho, ngalolosuku isandla SIKATHIXO sasiphezu kwami njalo
wangithatha wangisa khona. 2 Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lako-
Israyeli wangibeka phezu kwentaba ende kakhulu, eceleni langaseningizimu kwayo
kulezindlu ezazingathi lidolobho. 3 Wangisa khonapho, ngasengibona umuntu
owayengathi lithusi, wayemi esangweni esandleni ephethe intambo yelineni loluthi
lokulinganisa. 4 Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngamehlo
akho njalo uzwe ngezindlebe zakho, uqaphelisise konke engizakutshengisa khona,
ngoba leso yiso isizatho osilethelwe lapha. Tshela indlu yako-Israyeli konke okubona
lapha.”

Isango Lasempumalanga Eliya Egumeni Laphandle

5 Ngabona umduli uzingeleze ithempeli ngokupheleleyo. Ubude boluthi lokulin-
ganisa olwaluphethwe ngumuntu lowo babuzingalo eziyisithupha, eyodwa kuyingalo
lobubanzi besandla. Walinganisa umduli; ubuqatha bawo babululuthi lokulinganisa
olulodwa lobude bululuthi olulodwa.

6 Emva kwalokho waya esangweni elikhangele empumalanga. Wakhwela ngezinyathelo zalo walinganisa umbundu wesango; wawululuthi olulodwa ukutshona kwawo. 7 Izindlwana zabalindi zaziluluthi olulodwa ubude loluthi olulodwa ububanzi; imiduli eyayiphumele emikhandlweni yezindlwana yayizingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha. Umbundu wesango eduze lentuba ekhangele ithempeli wawuyingalo eyodwa ukutshona kwawo.
8 Wabuya walinganisa intuba yesango; 9 yayizingalo ezificaminwembili ukutshona kwalo lezinsika zalo zazizingalo ezimbili. Intuba yesango yayikhangele ethempelini.
10 Ngaphakathi kwesango langasempumalanga kwakulezindlwana ezintathu icele ngalinye; zontathu izilinganiso zazo zazifanana, lobuso bemiduli eyayiphumele phambili izilinganiso zabo amacele wonke zazifanana. 11 Wabuya walinganisa ububanzi bentuba yokuya esangweni; babuzingalo ezilitshumi lobude bayo buzingalo ezilitshumi lantathu. 12 Phambi kwendlwana ngayinye kwakulomduli owawuyingalo eyodwa ukuphakama kwawo, njalo izindlwana zizingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. 13 Walinganisa isango kusukela phezu komduli ongemuva kwenye indlwana kusiya phezu kwenye emaqondana layo; ibanga lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kusukela emnyango womunye umduli omncane kusiya komaqondana lawo.
14 Walinganisa elandela ubuso bemiduli ephumele phandle konke langaphakathi kwesango kwaba zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha. Ukulinganisa kwakufike esangweni elikhangele iguma. 15 Ibanga kusukela ekungeneni kwesango kusiya ekucineni kwesango lalo lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 16 Phezu kwezindlwana lemiduli ephumele phandle ngaphakathi kwesango kwakulezikhadlanyana indawo yonke emdulini omncane, lalinjalo lentuba; izikhadlanyana indawana yonke zazikhangele ngaphakathi. Ubuso bemiduli ephumele phandle babuceciswe ngezihlahla zelala.

Iguma Langaphandle

17 Emva kwalokho wangisa egumeni elingaphandle. Lapho ngabona izindlu lendawo yokuhamba egandelweyo izingeleze iguma lonke; kwakulezindlu ezingamatshumi amathathu ezazisekele indawo egandelweyo. 18 Yayeyame amacele amasango njalo ububanzi bayo babulingana lobude bawo; le yayiyindawo engaphansi yokuhamba egandelweyo. 19 Wabuye walinganisa ibanga elisukela ngaphakathi kwesango langaphansi lisiyafika egumeni langaphakathi; lalizingalo ezilikhulu eceleni lasempumalanga kanye lasenyakatho.

Isango Lasenyakatho

20 Wabuya walinganisa ubude lobubanzi besango elikhangele enyakatho, elokuya egumeni laphandle. 21 Izikhala zalo ezintathu icele ngalinye, imiduli yalo ephumele phandle lentuba yalo kwakulingana lokwesango lakuqala. Kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. 22 Izikhadlanyana zalo, intuba yalo kanye lemiceciso yezihlahla zelala, ubude lobubanzi bakho, kwakulingana lokwesango elikhangele empumalanga. Kwakungamanyathelo ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, lilentuba yalo maqondana lawo.
23 Kwakulesango egumeni langaphakathi likhangele isango lasenyakatho, njengelalikhona empumalanga. Walinganisa esuka kwelinye isango kusiya kwelimaqondana lalo; kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu.

Isango Laseningizimu

24 Wabuya wangisa eceleni langaseningizimu ngabona isango elalikhangele eningizimu. Walinganisa izinsika zalo lentuba yalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. 25 Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala ezincane indawo yonke njengezikhala zokunye. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lezingalo

ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. 26 Kwakungamanyathelo ayisikhombisa
ukuya kulo, intuba yalo imaqondana lawo; lalilemiceciso yesihlahla selala ebusweni
bemiduli eyayiphumele phambili icele ngalinye. 27 Iguma langaphakathi lalo
lalilesango elikhangele eningizimu, njalo walinganisa esuka kuleli isango kusiya
esangweni langaphandle eceleni laseningizimu; lalizingalo ezilikhulu.

Amasango Okungena Egumeni Langaphakathi

28 Wabuya wangingenisa egumeni langaphakathi ngesango laseningizimu, waselin-
ganisa isango laseningizimu; ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye.
29 Izindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba yalo, ubude
lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala
indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu ububanzi. 30 (Amangenelo amasango ayezingeleze iguma langaphakathi
ayezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lezingalo ezinhlanu ukutshona.)
31 Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika
zalo, njalo lamanyathelo ayisificaminwembili ayesiya kulo.
32 Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphakathi, eceleni lasempumalanga, waselingan-
isa isango; ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye. 33 Izindlwana zalo, imiduli
yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba yalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana
lobokunye. Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu
ububanzi balo. 34 Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala
zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele womabili, njalo amanyathelo ayisificaminwembili
ayesiya kulo.
35 Wabuya wangisa esangweni lasenyakatho walilinganisa. Ubude lobubanzi balo
babulingana lobamanye, 36 zinjalo lezindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili
kanye lentuba yalo, njalo yayilezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi
amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi balo.
37 Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika
zalo amacele womabili, njalo amanyathelo ayisificaminwembili ayesiya kulo.

Izindlu Zokulungisela Imihlatshelo

38 Indlu eyayilomnyango yayiseduze lentuba kulelo lalelo isango langaphakathi,
lapho iminikelo yokutshiswa eyayigeziselwa khona. 39 Entubeni lesango kwakula-
matafula amabili icele ngalinye, lapho okwakuhlatshelwa khona iminikelo yokut-
shiswa, iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yecala. 40 Phansi komduli wangaphandle
owengenelo lesango, eduze kwamanyathelo ekungeneni kwesango lasenyakatho
kwakulamatafula amabili. 41 Ngakho kwakulamatafula amane kwelinye icele lesango
lamane njalo kwelinye, amatafula ayisificamunwemunye esewonke, phezu kwawo
yikho okwakuhlatshelwa khona imihlatshelo. 42 Kwakulamatafula amane futhi
awamatshe abaziweyo awomnikelo wokutshiswa, lilinye liyingalo eyodwa lengxenye
ubude, ingalo eyodwa lengxenye ububanzi kanye lengalo eyodwa ukuphakama
kwalo. Izinto zokuhlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa leminye imihlatshelo zazibekwa
phezu kwawo. 43 Njalo kwakulezingwegwe ezigwegwa inxa zonke, enye lenye ingan-
gobubanzi besandla ubude bayo, zixhunyelwe emdulini indawo yonke. Amatafula
ayengawenyama yeminikelo.

Izindlu ZabaPhristi

44 Ngaphandle kwesango langaphakathi, phakathi kweguma langaphakathi,
kwakulezindlu ezimbili, enye iseceleni lesango lenyakatho njalo ikhangele eningiz-
imu, enye njalo iseceleni lesango langaseningizimu njalo ikhangele enyakatho.
45 Wathi kimi, “Indlu ekhangele eningizimu ngeyabaphristi abaphethe ithempeli,

46 njalo indlu ekhangele enyakatho ngeyabaphristi abaphethe i-alithari. Laba bangamadodana kaZadokhi abayibona baLevi kuphela abangasondela phansi KUKATHIXO ukuba bamkhonze."
47 Emva kwalokho walinganisa iguma: Lalilingana inxa zonke, lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude lezingalo ezilikhulu ububanzi. I-alithari laliphansi kwethempeli.

IThempeli

48 Wabuya wangisa entubeni lethempeli waselinganisa izinsika zengenelo; zazizingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi amacele womabili. Ububanzi bentuba babuzingalo ezilitshumi lane njalo imiduli yayo ephumele phandle ububanzi bayo babuzingalo ezintathu amacele womabili. 49 Intuba lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi, lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili kusukela phambili kusiya emuva. Kulo kwakufikwa ngezinyathelo, njalo kwakulezisekelo emaceleni wonke ezinsika.

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1 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangisa endaweni engcwele phandle walinganisa izinsika; ububanzi bezinsika babuzingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. 2 Intuba yayizingalo ezilitshumi ububanzi bayo. Imiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye layo yayizingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi bayo. Walinganisa lendawo engcwele yaphandle; yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude bayo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi.
3 Wangena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi walinganisa izinsika zentuba; nganye zazizingalo ezimbili ububanzi. Intuba yayizingalo eziyisithupha ububanzi, lemiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye yayizingalo eziyisikhombisa ububanzi.
4 Walinganisa lobude bendawo engcwele yangaphakathi; babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi bayo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ngale kwendawo engcwele yangaphandle. Wathi kimi, "Le yindawo eNgcwele kakhulu."

5 Emva kwalokho walinganisa umduli wethempeli; wawuyizingalo eziyisithupha ubuqatha, njalo enye lenye yezindlu zasemaceleni ezazihanqe ithempeli yayizingalo ezine ububanzi. 6 Izindlu zasemaceleni zazelekene ngezigaba ezintathu, enye phezu kwenye, amatshumi amathathu mzila munye. Kwakulezisekelo emdulini wonke wethempeli ezazisekela izindlu zasemaceleni ukuze izinsika zingakhelwa phakathi komduli wethempeli. 7 Izindlu zasemaceleni ezazizingelezele ithempeli zazibanzi phezulu kusukela kwenye indlu kusiya kwenye engaphezu kwayo. Izakhiwo ezazizingelezele ithempeli zazakhiwe zingamabanga akhwelayo esiya phezulu, okwenza izindlu zibe banzi nxa umuntu esiya phezulu. Kwakulamakhwelelo ayesuka ezindlini ezingaphansi esiya kweziphezulu edlula ezindlini eziphakathi.

8 Ngabona ukuthi ithempeli lalilombundu olizingelezileyo owawuyisonasisekelo sezindlu zasemaceleni. Wawulingana loluthi, uzingalo eziyisithupha ubude. 9 Umduli wangaphandle wezindlu zasemaceleni wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo. Indawo eligceke phakathi kwezindlu zasemaceleni zethempeli 10 lezindlu zabaphristi yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi bayo inxa zonke zethempeli.
11 Kwakulentuba zokuya ezindlini zasemaceleni zivelela endaweni eligceke, elinye enyakatho lelinye eningizimu; njalo isisekelo esasixhumane lendawo eligceke sasizingalo ezinhlanu inxa zonke.

12 Indlu eyayikhangele iguma lethempeli eceleni lasentshonalanga yayizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ububanzi bayo. Umduli wendlu leyo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo indawo zonke, ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye.

13 Waselinganisa ithempeli; lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude balo, leguma lethempeli
lendlu kanye lemiduli yalo lakho kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu ubude. 14 Ububanzi be-
guma lethempeli ngasempumalanga, kanye langaphambi kwethempeli, babuzingalo
ezilikhulu.
15 Waselinganisa ubude bendlu eyayikhangele iguma ngemva kwethempeli, kanye
lemiduli yayo icele ngalinye; babuzingalo ezilikhulu.

Indawo engcwele yangaphandle, lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi lentuba
elikhangele iguma, 16 kanye leminyango lamawindi amancane kanye lemiduli
ezingeleze ezintathu zakhona, konke okuphambili laphaya kubalwa leminyango
kwakuvalwe ngamapulanka. Iphansi, imiduli kusiya phezulu emawindini, kanye
lamawindi kwakuvaliwe. 17 Indawo eyayiphezu kwangaphandle kwesango lendawo
engcwele yangaphakathi kanye lasemidulini izibanga ezilinganayo inxa zonke zen-
dawo engcwele engaphakathi lengaphandle 18 kwakulamakherubhi abaziweyo kanye
lezihlahla zelala. Izihlahla zelala zazigabana lamakherubhi. Ikherubhi ngalinye
lalilobuso obubili: 19 ubuso bomuntu obukhangele esihlahleni selala kwelinye icele,
lobuso besilwane obukhangele esihlahleni selala ngakwelinye icele. Kwakubaziwe
inxa zonke zethempeli. 20 Kusukela phansi kusiya ngaphezu kwesango, amakherubhi
lezihlahla zelala kwakubaziwe emdulini wendawo engcwele yangaphandle.

21 Indawo engcwele yangaphandle yayilemigubazi emide ukuyaphezulu imifit-
shane ukunquma kwayo njalo leyaphambili kweNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu yayinjalo.
22 Kwakule-alithare lezigodo lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama kwalo njalo lizingalo ez-
imbili ubude lobubanzi; izingosi zalo, lesidindi salo kanye lamacele alo kwakwenziwe
ngezigodo. Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, “Leli litafula eliphambi KUKATHIXO.” 23 Kokubili
indawo engcwele yangaphandle leNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu kwakulezivalo ezimbili.
24 Isivalo ngasinye sasilempiko ezimbili, impiko ezimbili ezivulekayo zisesivalweni
sinye ngasinye. 25 Njalo ezivalweni zendawo engcwele yangaphandle kwakula-
makherubhi abaziweyo kanye lezihlahla zelala njengokwakubazelwe emidulini, njalo
kwakulophahla lwezigodo ngaphambi kwesango. 26 Emidulini yemaceleni yengenelo
kwakulamawindi amancane alezihlahla zelala ezibazelwe kucele ngalinye. Izindlu
zemaceleni zethempeli lazo zazilophahla.

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Izindlu ZabaPhristi

1 Umuntu lowo wangikhokhelela enyakatho egumeni langaphandle wangisa
ezindlini eziqondane leguma lethempeli maqondana lomduli waphandle eceleni
lasenyakatho. 2 Indlu elomnyango owawukhangele enyakatho yayizingalo ezilikhulu
ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi. 3 Kokubili ehlangothini
izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili kusukela egumeni langaphakathi lasehlangothini
oluqondane lendawo egandelweyo yeguma langaphandle, umduli wawukhangele
umduli ezigabeni ezintathu. 4 Phambi kwezindlu kwakulendawo yokuhamba izingalo
ezilitshumi ububanzi lezingalo ezilikhulu ubude. Iminyango yazo yayingenyakatho.
5 Izindlu zangaphezulu zazincane ngoba imikhandlu yayithethe indawo enengi kuzo
kulezindlini ezingaphansi leziphakathi zesakhiwo. 6 Izindlu zaphezulu zazinge-
lansika, njengamaguma ayelazo, ngakho iphansi lazo lalilincane kulalezo ezazis-
esitezi esingaphansi lesiphakathi. 7 Kwakulomduli wangaphandle owawusekelene
lezindlu kanye leguma langaphandle; wawuquma ngaphambi kwezindlu okwezin-
galo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 8 Lanxa udwendwe lwezindlu eceleni elaliseduze
leguma langaphandle lwaluzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude, udwendwe
olwaluseceleni eliseduze lendlu engcwele lwaluzingalo ezilikhulu ubude. 9 Izindlu

zangaphansi zazilentuba ngasempumalanga lapho umuntu angena lakhona evela egumeni langaphandle.
10 Eceleni langaseningizimu kulandela ubude bomduli weguma langaphandle,
kuxhume iguma lethempeli maqondana lomduli wangaphandle, kwakulezindlu
11 ezilendawo yokuhamba phambi kwazo. Lezi zazinjengezindlu ezingenyakatho;
ubude lobubanzi bazo babulingana, zileminyango yokuphuma efananayo kanye
lobukhulu. Njengeminyango yangenyakatho, 12 iminyango yezindlu zangaseningiz-
imu layo yayinjalo. Kwakulomnyango ekuqaliseni kwendawo yokuhamba eyayisekel-
ane lomduli owawuhambelana layo usiya empumalanga, okuyiwo umuntu owayen-
gena ngawo ezindlini.
13 Wasesithi kimi, "Izindlu ezingenyakatho leziseningizimu ezikhangele iguma
lethempeli yizindlu zabaphristi lapho abaphristi abasondela kuThixo abazadlela
khona iminikelo engcwele kakhulu. Bazayibeka khonapho iminikelo engcwele
kakhulu, iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yecala ngoba
indawo ingcwele. 14 Abaphristi bangavele bangene endaweni engcwele, akume-
langa baye egumeni langaphandle baze batshiye ngemuva izembatho abakhonza
bezigqokile, ngoba lezi zingcwele. Kumele bagqoke ezinye izigqoko bengakayi eduze
lezindawo ezingezabantu."
15 Wathi eseqede ukulinganisa okwakuphakathi kwendawo yethempeli, wangisa
phandle ngesango lasempumalanga walinganisa indawo yonke. 16 Walinganisa
icele lasempumalanga ngoluthi lokulinganisa; lalizingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu.
17 Walinganisa icele lasenyakatho; lalizingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ngoluthi
lokulinganisa. 18 Walinganisa icele laseningizimu; lalizingalo ezingamakhulu
amahlanu ngoluthi lokulinganisa. 19 Waphendukela eceleni langasentshonalanga
walinganisa; lalizingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ngoluthi lokulinganisa. 20 Ngakho
walinganisa indawo yamacele wonke amane. Yayilomduli owawuyizingelezele, izin-
galo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ububanzi,
ukwehlukanisa okungcwele kokwabantu bonke.

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Inkazimulo kaThixo Ibuyela EThempelini

1 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangisa esangweni elikhangele empumalanga,
2 ngabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli isiza ivela empumalanga. Ilizwi
lakhe lalinjengokuhamba kwamanzi ageleza ngesiqubu esikhulu, lelizwe laselik-
hazimula ngenkazimulo yakhe. 3 Umbono engawubonayo wawunjengombono en-
gangiwubone lapho wayezediliza idolobho njalo wawunjengombono engangiwubone
ngasemfuleni iKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. 4 Inkazimulo kaThixo yangena
ethempelini ngesango elikhangele empumalanga. 5 UMoya wangiphakamisa wangisa
egumeni langaphakathi, njalo inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala ethempelini.
6 Kwathi umuntu lowo emi phansi kwami, ngezwa omunye engikhulumisa
engaphakathi kwethempeli. 7 Wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, le yindawo yesihlalo sami
sobukhosi lendawo yokunyathela ngezinyawo zami. Lapha yikho engizahlala khona
phakathi kwama-Israyeli kuze kube laphakade. Indlu ka-Israyeli kayisayikuling-
colisa futhi ibizo lami, bona loba amakhosi abo, ngobuwule babo langezithombe
ezingaphiliyo zamakhosi abo ezindaweni zawo eziphakemeyo. 8 Lapho babeka
iminyango yabo phansi komnyango wami lemigubazi yabo eceleni kwemigubazi
yami, kulomduli nje kuphela phakathi kwami labo, bangcolisa ibizo lami ngezenzo
zabo ezinengekayo. Ngakho ngabaqeda ekuthukutheleni kwami. 9 Khathesi-ke
kabasusele kude lami ubuwule babo kanye lezithombe zamakhosi abo ezingaphiliyo,
njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwabo kuze kube laphakade.

10 Ndodana yomuntu, chazela abantu bako-Israyeli ngethempeli ukuze bayangeke
ngezono zabo. Wothi bacabange ngokumele kwenziwe ngobunono, 11 njalo nxa
belenhloni ngakho konke abakwenzayo, bazise ngesimo sethempeli, ukumiswa
kwalo, izindawo zalo zokuphuma lezokungena, isimo salo sonke lezimiso zalo zonke
kanye lemithetho yakhona. Bhala lokhu phansi phambi kwabo ukuze bathembeke
kuso isifanekiso salo njalo balandele zonke izimiso zalo.
12 Nanku umthetho wethempeli: Wonke umango oseduze phezu kwentaba uzakuba
ngcwele kakhulu. Lowo yiwo umthetho wethempeli.”

Ukuvuselelwa Kwe-alithari Elikhulu

13 “Lezi yizilinganiso ze-alithare ngezingalo, ingalo kuyingalo lobubanzi besandla:
Isidindi salo sasiyingalo eyodwa ukuphakama kwaso lengalo eyodwa ububanzi,
silomqolo ongangobubanzi besandla emphethweni waso. Njalo nampu ubude be-
alithare ukuphakama kwalo: 14 Kusukela esidindini phansi kusiya elitsheni elin-
gaphansi lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama lezingalo ezimbili ububanzi, njalo kusukela
elitsheni elincane kusiya elitsheni elikhulu lizingalo ezine ukuphakama lengalo
eyodwa ububanzi. 15 Iziko le-alithari lizingalo ezine ukuphakama njalo impondo
ezine zikhokhekele phezulu zisuka eziko. 16 Iziko le-alithari liyalingana amacele
wonke, izingalo ezilitshumi lambili ubude lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili ububanzi.
17 Uhlangothi lwangaphezulu lalo luyalingana macele wonke, izingalo ezilitshumi
lane ubude lobubanzi lulomphetho oyingxenye yengalo lesidindi esiyingalo eyodwa
inxa zonke. Izinyathelo ze-alithare zikhangele empumalanga.”
18 Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Le
izakuba yimithetho yokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa lokuchela igazi phezu kwe-
alithari lapho selakhiwe: 19 Kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa njengomnikelo
wesono kubaphristi, abangabaLevi, abendlu kaZadokhi abasondela eduze ukuba
bakhonze phambi kwami, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. 20 Kumele uthathe elinye igazi
ulifake empondweni ezine ze-alithare lasemagumbini amane elitshe langaphezulu
lasemphethweni inxa zonke, ngokunjalo uhlambulule i-alithari njalo ulenzele
inhlawulelo. 21 Kumele uthathe inkunzi yomnikelo wesono uyitshisele endaweni
ekhethiweyo yethempeli ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele.
22 Ngosuku lwesibili kumele unikele imbuzi enduna engelasici ukuba ngumnikelo
wesono, njalo le-alithari kumele lihlanjululwe njengokuhlanjululwa elakwenziwa
ngenkunzi. 23 Lapho usuqedile ukulihlambulula, kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa
kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. 24 Kumele ukunikele phambi
KUKATHIXO, njalo abaphristi kumele bavuvuzele itswayi phezu kwakho bakunikele
njengomnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO.
25 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kuzamele unikele imbuzi enduna nsuku zonke
ukuba ngumnikelo wesono; njalo kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye
lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. 26 Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa
bazakwenzela i-alithari inhlawulelo, balihlambulule, kanjalo balenze libengcwele.
27 Ekupheleni kwalezizinsuku, kusukela ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kusiya pham-
bili, abaphristi kumele bethule iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo
yobuzalwane e-alithareni. Lapho-ke ngizalamukela, kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.”

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Inkosana, AbaLevi, AbaPhristi

1 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangibuyisela esangweni langaphandle lendlu
engcwele, leli elikhangele empumalanga, njalo lalivaliwe. 2 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi,
“Isango leli kumele lihlale livaliwe. Akumelanga livulwe; akulamuntu ongangena

ngalo. Kumele lihlale livaliwe ngoba UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ungene ngalo.
3 Inkosana yona ngokwayo yiyo kuphela engahlala phakathi kwesango ukuba idle
phambi KUKATHIXO. Kuzamele ingene ngendlela yengenelo lesango njalo iphume
ngayonaleyo indlela."
4 Indoda leyo yangisa phambi kwethempeli ngendlela yesango lasenyakatho.
Ngakhangela ngabona inkazimulo KATHIXO igcwele ethempelini LIKATHIXO, ngathi
mbo phansi ngobuso.
5 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngokunanzelela, ulalelisise
njalo uqaphele konke engikutshela khona mayelana lemithetho yonke eqondane
lethempeli LIKATHIXO. Qaphela intuba lethempeli layo yonke iminyango yokuphuma
yendlu engcwele. 6 Tshono kuyo indlu ehlamukayo ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, kaziphele izenzo zakho
ezinengayo! 7 Phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izenzo zakho ezinengayo ungenise
abezizweni abangasokanga enhliziyweni lasenyameni endlini yami engcwele, ung-
colisa ithempeli lami lapho unginika ukudla, amafutha legazi, njalo wephula
isivumelwano sami. 8 Ekubeni wenze okumele ukwenze mayelana lezinto zami
ezingcwele, wena wabeka abanye ukuba baphathe indlu yami engcwele. 9 Nanku
okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Akulamuntu wezizweni ongasokanga enhliziyweni
lasenyameni ozangena endlini yami engcwele ngitsho labezizweni abahlala phakathi
kwama-Israyeli.
10 AbaLevi abaya khatshana lami lapho u-Israyeli wayeduhile njalo se-
behlanhlathekele ezithombeni zabo besuka kimi, kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono
sabo. 11 Bangakhonza endlini yami engcwele, bephethe amasango ethempeli njalo
bekhonza phakathi kwalo; bangahlabela abantu iminikelo leminikelo yokutshiswa
njalo bame phambi kwabantu babasebenzele. 12 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi babaseben-
zela phambi kwezithombe zabo benza indlu ka-Israyeli yawela esonweni, ngakho
sengifunge ngesandla siphakanyisiwe ukuthi kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono sabo,
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi. 13 Akumelanga basondele eduze ukuba bangikhonze
njengabaphristi loba basondele eduze kwaloba yiphi yezinto zami ezingcwele loba
iminikelo yami engcwele kakhulu; kumele bathwale ihlazo lezenzo zabo ezinengayo.
14 Ikanti ngizabenza baphathe imisebenzi yasethempelini kanye lemisebenzi yonke
okumele yenziwe phakathi kwalo.
15 Kodwa abaphristi, abangabaLevi njalo beyinzalo kaZadokhi abasebenza
ngokuthembeka imisebenzi yasendlini yami engcwele lapho ama-Israyeli ayengih-
lamukele, kumele basondele eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami; kumele bame
phambi kwami ukuba banikele umhlatshelo wamafutha legazi, kutsho UTHIXO
Wobukhosi. 16 Bona kuphela kumele bangene endlini yami engcwele; bona kuphela
kumele basondele phansi kwetafula lami ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami benze
umsebenzi wami.
17 Lapho bengena emasangweni eguma langaphakathi kumele bagqoke izigqoko
zelineni; akumelanga bagqoke isigqoko sewulu lapho bekhonza emasangweni eguma
kumbe phakathi kwethempeli. 18 Kumele bagqoke amaqhiye elineni emakhanda
abo lezigqoko zangaphansi zelineni ezinkalweni zabo. Akumelanga bagqoke into
ezabaginqisa. 19 Lapho besiya phandle egumeni langaphandle lapho okulabantu
khona, kumele bakhuphe izigqoko ababekhonza bezigqokile njalo kumele bazitshiye
ezindlini ezingcwele, bagqoke ezinye izigqoko, ukuze bangangcwelisi abantu ngezem-
batho zabo.
20 Akumelanga baphuce amakhanda abo kumbe bayekele inwele zabo zikhula zis-
iba zinde; kodwa kumele bagcine inwele zabo zigundiwe. 21 Akulamphristi ozanatha
iwayini lapho engena iguma langaphakathi. 22 Akumelanga bathathe abafelokazi loba

abesifazane abehlukana labomkabo; kumele bathathe izintombi ezimsulwa kuphela ezenzalo yako-Israyeli loba abafelokazi babaphristi. 23 Kumele bafundise abantu bami umahluko phakathi kokungcwele lokwabantu bonke babatshengise indlela yokwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlanzekileyo.

24 Lapho kulombango abaphristi bazasebenza njengabahluleli baqume mayelana lezimiso zami. Kumele bagcine imithetho yami lezimemezelo zami kuyo yonke imikhosi yami emisiweyo, njalo kumele bagcine amaSabatha ami engcwele.

25 Umphristi akumelanga azingcolise ngokuya phansi komuntu ofileyo; kodwake nxa umuntu ofileyo ubenguyise loba unina, indodana yakhe kumbe indodakazi, umfowabo kumbe udadewabo ongendanga, lapho angazingcolisa. 26 Emva kokuba esehlanjululiwe, uzakuma insuku eziyisikhombisa. 27 Ngosuku azakuya ngalo egumeni langaphakathi lendlu engcwele ukuba enze inkonzo endlini engcwele, kumele azinikelele umnikelo wesono, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.

28 Mina ngizakuba yilona lifa kuphela abaphristi abalalo. Akukho lifa ozabapha lona ko-Israyeli; mina ngizakuba yilifa labo. 29 Bazakudla iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yesono leminikelo yecala; kanye lakho konke okuko-Israyeli okwahlukaniselwe uTHIXO kuzakuba ngokwabo. 30 Okuhle kakhulu kwazo zonke izithelo zakho zakuqala lokwezipho zenu ezikhethiweyo kuzakuba ngokwabaphristi. Kumele libaphe ingxenye yakuqala yempuphu yenu echoliweyo ukuze isibusiso sihlale endlini yenu. 31 Abaphristi akumelanga badle loba yini, inyoni kumbe inyamazana, etholakale ifile kumbe idlithizwe yizinyamazana zeganga.’ ”

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Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe

1 “ ‘Lapho usaba ilizwe njengelifa kuzamela wethule kuTHIXO ingxenye yelizwe njengesifunda esingcwele, izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili (20,000) ububanzi; umango wonke uzakuba ngcwele. 2 Kulokhu indawo ezingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu (500) ubude lobubanzi izakuba ngeyendlu engcwele; kulezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu eziyizingelezileyo yelizwe elingelalutho. 3 Esifundeni esingcwele linganisa ingxenye ezingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ububanzi. Phakathi kwayo kuzakuba lendlu engcwele, iNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu. 4 Izakuba yingxenye engcwele yelizwe ingeyabaphristi, abakhonzayo endlini engcwele njalo abasondela eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kuKATHIXO. Izakuba yindawo yezindlu zabo kanye lendawo engcwele yendlu engcwele. 5 Umango ozingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ububanzi izakuba ngeyabaLevi, abakhonza ethempelini, njengesabelo sabo samadolobho okuhlala kuwo.

6 Kumele unike idolobho njengelifa lalo umango ozingalo eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu (5,000) ububanzi lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu (5,000) ubude, obambane lengxenye engcwele; uzakuba ngowayo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli.

7 Inkosana izathatha ilizwe eliphetha eceleni ngalinye lendawo eyisifunda esingcwele lelifa ledolobho. Lizaqhela lisiya entshonalanga lisuka eceleni langentshonalanga njalo liye empumalanga lisuka eceleni langasempumalanga, lilandele ubude kusukela emngceleni wentshonalanga kusiya kowempumalanga osekelane lowesabelo sabantu. 8 Ilizwe leli lizakuba yisabelo sayo ko-Israyeli. Njalo inkosana yami kayisayikuncindezela abantu bami kodwa izavumela indlu ka-Israyeli ukuba bathathe ilizwe mayelana lezizwana zabo.

9 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Eselikwenzile kwanele, lina makhosana
ako-Israyeli! Yekelani udlakela lwenu lokuncindezela lenze okufaneleyo loku-
lungileyo. Khawulani ukuxotsha abantu bami ezindaweni zabo, kutsho uThixo
Wobukhosi. 10 Kumele lisebenzise izikali eziqotho, ihefa eliqotho kanye lebhathi
eliqotho. 11 Ihefa lebhathi kumele kulingane, ibhathi lilengxenye yetshumi yehomeri
njalo lehefa ingxenye yehomeri; ihomeri lizakuba yisilinganiso esamukelekayo kukho
kokubili. 12 Ishekeli lizakuba ngamagera angamatshumi amabili. Amashekeli anga-
matshumi amabili, lamashekeli angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kanye lamashekeli
alitshumi lanhlanu kuba limina elilodwa.
13 Lesi yisipho esiqakathekileyo okumele usinikele: Ingxenye yesithupha yehefa
kuhomeri ngalinye lamabele lengxenye yesithupha yehefa kuhomeri ngalinye lebhali.
14 Ingxenye emisiweyo yamafutha, elinganiswa ngebhathi, iyingxenye yetshumi
yebhathi kukhori ngalinye (elingamabhathi alitshumi loba ihomeri elilodwa, ngoba
amabhathi alitshumi alingana lehomeri.) 15 Njalo imvu eyodwa kumele ithathwe
emhlambini ngamunye wezingamakhulu amabili emadlelweni ako-Israyeli alamanzi
amanengi. Lezi zizasetshenziswa eminikelweni yamabele, eminikelweni yokutshiswa
kanye laseminikelweni yobuzalwane ukwenzela abantu inhlawulelo, kutsho UTHIXO
Wobukhosi. 16 Bonke abantu belizwe bazahlanganyela kulesisipho esiqakathekileyo
ukuba sisetshenziswe yinkosana yako-Israyeli. 17 Kuzakuba ngumsebenzi wenkosana
ukunika iminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele kanye leminikelo yokunathwayo
emikhosini, ekuThwaseni kweziNyanga langamaSabatha, kuyo yonke imikhosi yako-
Israyeli. Izanikela iminikelo yesono, iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yobuzalwane
ukwenzela indlu ka-Israyeli inhlawulelo.
18 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku
lwakuqala kumele uthathe inkunzi eliguqa engelasici uhlambulule indlu engcwele.
19 Umphristi kumele athathe elinye legazi lomnikelo wesono alifake emigubazini
yethempeli, ezingosini ezine zelitshe langaphezulu le-alithari lasezinsikeni zesango
leguma langaphakathi. 20 Kuzamele wenze khonokho ngosuku lwesikhombisa
lwenyanga ukwenzela loba ngubani owenza isono kungasikho ngabomu loba ngenxa
yokungazi; ngokunjalo uzakwenzela ithempeli inhlawulelo.
21 Ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lane kumele kube lomkhosi wePhasika,
umkhosi ozathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa, ngalesosikhathi kumele udle isinkwa
esingelamvubelo. 22 Ngalolosuku inkosana izanikela inkunzi njengomnikelo wesono
izinikelela yona ngokwayo kanye labantu bonke belizwe. 23 Nsuku zonke
phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi kumele inikele inkunzi eziyisikhom-
bisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici njengomnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO,
lempongo yomnikelo wesono. 24 Kuzamela inikele njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa
elilodwa lenkunzi ngayinye lehefa elilodwa lenqama ngayinye ndawonye lehini
lamafutha elilodwa kuhefa ngalinye.
25 Phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi oqalisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa
ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu, kumele inikele okufanayo okomnikelo wesono, um-
nikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha.’ ”

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Eminye Imithetho Ehlukehlukeneyo

1 “ ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Isango leguma langaphakathi
elikhangele empumalanga kumele livalwe ngezinsuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza,
kodwa ngosuku lweSabatha langosuku lokuThwasa kweNyanga kumele livulwe.
2 Inkosana izangena ngentuba lesango ivela phandle ibe isisima phansi kwen-
sika yesango. Abaphristi kuzamele banikele umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kanye

leminikelo yayo yobuzalwane. Izakhonza ekungeneni kwesango ibe isiphuma,
kodwa isango kaliyikuvalwa kuze kube kusihlwa. 3 NgamaSabatha lasekuThwaseni
kweziNyanga abantu belizwe kumele bakhonze phambi KUKATHIXO ekungeneni
kwalelosango. 4 Umnikelo wokutshiswa olethwa yinkosana KUTHIXO ngosuku
lweSabatha uzakuba ngamazinyane amaduna ayisithupha kanye lenqama, konke
kungelasici. 5 Umnikelo wamabele onikelwa lenqama uzakuba lihefa, njalo
umnikelo wamabele onikelwa lamazinyane uzakuya ngokuthanda kwayo, kanye
lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. 6 Ngosuku lokuThwasa kweNyanga kumele
inikele inkunzi eliguqa, amazinyane ayisithupha kanye lenqama, konke kungelasici.
7 Kuzamele inike njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa elilodwa kanye lenkunzi, ihefa
elilodwa kanye lenqama, kuthi lamazinyane kube yilokho ethande ukukunika, kanye
lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. 8 Lapho inkosana ingena kuzamele ingene
ngentuba lesango, njalo kumele iphume ngaleyondlela.

9 Lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi KUKATHIXO emikhosini emisiweyo, loba
ngubani ongena ngesango lenyakatho ukuzakhonza uzaphuma ngesango leningizimu; njalo loba ngubani ongena ngesango leningizimu uzaphuma ngesango
lenyakatho. Kakho ozabuyela ngesango angene ngalo, kodwa lowo lalowo uzaphuma
ngesango aqondane lalo. 10 Inkosana kumele ibe phakathi kwabo, ingene lapho
bengena njalo iphume lapho bephuma. 11 Emadilini lasemikhosini emisiweyo,
umnikelo wamabele kumele ube lihefa kanye lenkunzi, ihefa kanye lenqama,
njalo lamazinyane kuzakuya ngokuthanda komuntu, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa
ngalinye.

12 Lapho inkosana inika umnikelo ngokuzithandela KUTHIXO loba kungumnikelo
wokutshiswa kumbe iminikelo yobuzalwane, kumele ivulelwe isango elikhangele
empumalanga. Izanikela umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kumbe umnikelo wayo
wobuzalwane njengekwenzayo ngosuku lweSabatha. Emva kwalokho izaphuma,
njalo emva kokuba isiphumile, isango lizavalwa.

13 Insuku zonke kuzamele unike izinyane elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici ukuba
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa KUTHIXO; uzalinika nsuku zonke ekuseni. 14 Kuzamele
unike kanye lalo nsuku zonke ekuseni umnikelo wamabele kuhlanganiswe ingxenye
yesithupha yehefa lengxenye yesithathu yehini lamafutha ukuba athambise impuphu. Ukwethulwa kwalo umnikelo wamabele KUTHIXO kuyisimiso esingapheliyo.
15 Ngakho izinyane lomnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha kuzanikwa nsuku zonke
ekuseni kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke.

16 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Nxa inkosana inika enye yamadodana
ayo isipho elifeni layo, sizakuba ngesezizukulwane zayo futhi; sizakuba yimpahla
yazo ngokudla ilifa. 17 Kodwa-ke nxa inika esinye sezisebenzi zayo isipho elifeni
layo, isisebenzi singasigcina kuze kube ngumnyaka wokukhululwa; lapho isipho
sesibuyela kuyo inkosana. Ilifa layo lingathathwa ngamadodana ayo kuphela;
ngelawo. 18 Inkosana akumelanga ithathe ilifa labantu, ibaxotsha empahleni yabo.
Kumele inike amadodana ayo ilifa empahleni yayo, ukuze kungabikhona ebantwini
bami owehlukaniswa lempahla yakhe.’ ”

19 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangikhupha ngentuba eseceleni kwesango ukuya
ezindlini ezingcwele ezikhangele enyakatho ezazingezabaphristi, wangitshengisa
indawo ekucineni ngasentshonalanga. 20 Wathi kimi, “Le yindawo lapho abaphristi
abazaphekela khona umnikelo wecala lomnikelo wesono bachochombise lomnikelo
wamabele, ukuba kuxwaywe ukuya layo egumeni langaphandle kungcweliswe
abantu.”

21 Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphandle wangibhodisa ezingosini ezine, njalo
engosini ngayinye ngabona elinye iguma. 22 Ezingosini ezine zeguma langaphandle

kwakulamaguma ayebiyelwe, ezingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ububanzi; wonke amaguma ezingosini ezine ayelingana. 23 Ngaphakathi kwalelo lalelo lamaguma amane kwakulesakhiwo samatshe, silezindawo ezakhelwe umlilo indawo yonke ngaphansi kwaso. 24 Wasesithi kimi, “Le yimikulu lapho labo abakhonzayo ethempelini abazaphekela khona imihlatshelo yabantu.”

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Umfula Ophuma EThempelini

1 Umuntu lowo wangibuyisela entubeni yethempeli, ngasengibona amanzi ephuma ngaphansi kwasekungeneni kwethempeli esiya empumalanga (ngoba ithempeli lalikhangele empumalanga.) Amanzi ayegelezela phansi evela ngaphansi kwecele langaseningizimu lethempeli, eningizimu kwe-alithari. 2 Wasengikhupha ngesango lenyakatho wangibhodisa ngaphandle engisa esangweni elikhangele empumalanga, njalo amanzi ayegeleza evela eceleni langaseningizimu.

3 Kwathi umuntu lowo esiya empumalanga ephethe isilinganiso ngesandla, walinganisa ingalo eziyinkulungwane wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayetshona okufika enqagaleni. 4 Walinganisa ezinye izingalo eziyinkulungwane wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayetshona okufika emadolweni. Walinganisa enye inkulungwane wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayefika ekhalweni. 5 Walinganisa enye inkulungwane, kodwa khathesi kwasekungumfula engangingeke ngiwuchaphe ngoba amanzi ayesephakeme esetshona okuvumela ukuntsheza kuwo, umfula okungekho owayengawuchapha. 6 Wangibuza wathi, “Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona lokhu na?”

Emva kwalokho wangibuyisela emuva ekhunjini lomfula. 7 Sengifike lapho ngabona izihlahla ezinengi kakhulu eceleni ngalinye lomfula. 8 Wasesithi kimi, “Amanzi la agelezela esigabeni sempumalanga njalo ehlela phansi e-Arabha lapho angena khona ulwandle. Lapho esengene elwandle amanzi azakuba mahle. 9 Uquqaba lwezidalwa eziphilayo luzahlala loba kungaphi lapho umfula ogelezela khona. Kuzakuba lenhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu, ngoba amanzi la agelezela khona njalo enza amanzi aletswayi abe mahle; ngakho lapho umfula ogelezela khona izinto zonke zizaphila. 10 Abagoli bezinhlanzi bazakuma besekele ulwandle; kusukela e-Eni-Gedi kusiya e-Eni Egilayimi kuzakuba lezindawo zokwendlala amambule. Inhlanzi zizakuba ngezezinhlobo ezinengi njengenhlanzi zoLwandle olukhulu. 11 Kodwa amaxhaphozi lamatete kawayikuba mahle. Azasala eyizindawo zetswayi. 12 Inhlobo zonke zezihlahla zezithelo zizakhula emakhunjini womabili omfula. Amahlamvu azo kawayikubuna, lezithelo zazo kazisoze ziphuthe. Zizathela nyanga zonke ngoba amanzi avela endlini engcwele agelezela kuzo. Izithelo zazo zizakuba yikudla kuthi amahlamvu azo abe ngawokwelapha.”

Imingcele Yelizwe

13 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: “Le yimingcele ozakwehlukanisa ngayo ilizwe lokuba yilifa phakathi kwezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli, kulezigaba ezimbili zikaJosefa. 14 Kumele ulehlukanise ngokulingana, ngoba ngafunga isandla siphakanyiselwe phezulu ukulinika okhokho benu, ilizwe leli lizakuba yilifa lenu.

15 Nanku okuzakuba ngumngcele welizwe:

Ngenhla usuke oLwandle Olukhulu ulandele umgwaqo iHethiloni udlule eLebho Hamathi usiya eZedadi, 16 eBherotha kanye laseSibhirayimi (esemngceleni

ophakathi kweDamaseko leHamathi), uze uyefika eHazeri Hathikhoni, esemngceleni weHawurani. 17 Umngcele uzaqhubeka usuka elwandle usiya eHazari-Enani ulandela umngcele wangasenyakatho weDamaseko, umngcele weHamathi usenyakatho. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenyakatho.
18 Empumalanga umngcele uzahamba phakathi kweHawurani leDamaseko, ulandela iJodani phakathi kweGiliyadi lelizwe lako-Israyeli, uye elwandle lwasempumalanga uze uyefika eThamari. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wasempumalanga.
19 Eningizimu uzahamba usuka eThamari uze uyefika emanzini aseMeribha Khadeshi, ube usulandela iSihotsha saseGibhithe usiyafika eLwandle Olukhulu. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele waseningizimu.
20 Entshonalanga uLwandle Olukhulu luzakuba ngumngcele kuze kube malungana leLebho Hamathi. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wentshonalanga.

21 Lizakwahlukaniselana ilizwe leli phakathi kwenu mayelana lezizwana zako-Israyeli. 22 Kumele lilabe njengelifa lenu kanye labezizweni asebehlezi phakathi kwenu njalo abalabantwana. Kumele libathathe njengabantu bakini ko-Israyeli; kanye lani bazakwabelwa ilifa phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli. 23 Loba kuphakathi kwasiphi isizwana owezizweni ahlale kuso, kumele limnike ilifa lakhe khonapho," kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.

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Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe

1 "Lezi yizizwana, zihlelwe ngamabizo:

Emngceleni wasenyakatho, uDani uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizalandela umgwaqo weHethiloni oya eLebho Hamathi; iHazari-Enani lasemngceleni weDamaseko wasenyakatho eduze leHamathi kuzakuba yingxenye yomngcele kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
2 U-Asheri uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaDani kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
3 UNafithali uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe lika-Asheri kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
4 UManase uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaNafithali kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
5 U-Efrayimi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaManase kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
6 URubheni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe lika-Efrayimi kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
7 UJuda uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaRubheni kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

8 Okungcelelana lelizwe likaJuda kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga kuzakuba yisigaba ozasethula njengesipho esiqakathekileyo. Sizakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ububanzi, njalo ubude baso kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga buzalingana lobesinye sezigaba zezizwana; indlu engcwele izakuba phakathi kwaso.
9 Isigaba esiqakathekileyo ozasipha uTHIXO sizakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ububanzi. 10 Lesi sizakuba yisigaba esingcwele sabaphristi. Sizakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000)

ubude ngasenyakatho, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ububanzi ngasentshonalanga, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ububanzi ngasempumalanga kanye lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude ngaseningizimu. Phakathi enkabeni yaso kuzakuba lendlu engcwele KATHIXO. 11 Lesi sizakuba ngesabaphristi abangcwelisiweyo, amaZadokhi, ababethembekile ekungikhonzeni njalo abangadukanga njengokwenziwa ngabaLevi ekudukeni kwama-Israyeli. 12 Sizakuba yisipho esiqakathekileyo kubo sivela esigabeni esingcwele selizwe, isigaba esingcwele kakhulu, esingcelelane lesigaba sabaLevi.

13 AbaLevi bazakuba lesabelo esizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ububanzi njalo sisekelane lesabaphristi. Ubude baso sonke buzakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ububanzi baso buzingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000). 14 Akumelanga basithengise loba bantshintshe ngokunye kwaso. Lesi ngesihle kakhulu selizwe njalo akumelanga siphiwe abanye abantu ngoba singcwele KUTHIXO.

15 Indawo eseleyo, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu (5,000) ububanzi lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) ubude, izasetshenziswa nguzulu wedolobho, ngeyezindlu lamadlelo. Idolobho lizakuba phakathi kwayo 16 njalo lizakuba lalezi izilinganiso: Icele lasenyakatho izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu (4,500), icele laseningizimu izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu (4,500), icele lasempumalanga izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu (4,500), lecele lasentshonalanga izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu (4,500). 17 Amadlelo edolobho azakuba zingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (250) ngasenyakatho, izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (250) ngaseningizimu, izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (250) ngasempumalanga, lezingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (250) ngasentshonalanga. 18 Indawo esalayo, engcelelane lesigaba esingcwele njalo ilandela ubude baso izakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ngaseceleni lasempumalanga lezingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi (10,000) ngaseceleni lasentshonalanga. Izithelo zayo zizakuba yikudla kwezisebenzi zedolobho. 19 Izisebenzi ezivela edolobheni eziyilimayo zizavela kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli. 20 Isigaba sonke sizalingana inxa zonke, izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) icele ngalinye. Njengesipho esiqakathekileyo uzaphawula isigaba esingcwele ndawonye lempahla yedolobho.

21 Okusalayo emaceleni womabili endawo eyisigaba esingcwele lempahla yedolobho kuzakuba ngokwenkosana. Kuzaqhubekela empumalanga kusukela ezingalweni eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) zesigaba esingcwele kusiya emngceleni wasempumalanga, kuphinde kuye entshonalanga kusukela kuzingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu (25,000) kusiya emngceleni wasentshonalanga. Izindawo lezi zombili ezilandela ubude bezigaba zezizwana zizakuba ngezenkosana, njalo isigaba esingcwele esilendawo engcwele yethempeli sizakuba phakathi kwazo. 22 Ngakho impahla yabaLevi lempahla yedolobho kuzakuba phakathi kwendawo engeyenkosana. Indawo yenkosana izakuba phakathi komngcele kaJuda lomngcele kaBhenjamini.

23 Izizwana eziseleyo:

UBhenjamini uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizaqhubeka sisukela eceleni lasempumalanga sisiya eceleni lasentshonalanga.

24 USimiyoni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaBhenjamini
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
25 U-Isakhari uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaSimiyoni
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
26 UZebhuluni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe lika-Isakhari
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
27 UGadi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaZebhuluni
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.
28 Umngcele wangaseningizimu kaGadi uzahamba eningizimu usuka eThamari
emanzini aseMeribha Khadeshi, ubuye ulandele uMhotsha waseGibhithe uye
eLwandle Olukhulu.

29 Leli yilizwe okumele ulabele izizwana zako-Israyeli njengelifa, njalo lezi
zizakuba yizigaba zazo," kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi.

Amasango Edolobho Elitsha

30 "Lezi zizakuba zintuba zedolobho zokuphuma:

Kusukela eceleni lenyakatho, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu
amahlanu (4,500) ubude, 31 amasango amathathu eceleni langenyakatho azakuba
lisango likaRubheni, isango likaJuda lesango likaLevi.
32 Eceleni langempumalanga, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu
amahlanu (4,500) ubude, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaJosefa,
isango likaBhenjamini lesango likaDani.
33 Eceleni leningizimu, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu
(4,500), kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaSimiyoni, isango lika-
Isakhari lesango likaZebhuluni."
34 Eceleni langentshonalanga, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu
amahlanu (4,500) ubude, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaGadi,
isango lika-Asheri lesango likaNafithali.

35 "Ubude obubhoda indawo yonke buzakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lasitshiyagalombili (18,000).

Njalo ibizo ledolobho kusukela ngalesosikhathi kusiya phambili lizakuba: 'uTHIXO
ulapha.' "

UDanyeli

Ukufundiswa KukaDanyeli EBhabhiloni

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakwaJuda, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wafika eJerusalema walihanqa. 2 UThixo wanikela uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakwaJuda ezandleni zakhe, kanye lezinye impahla zethempeli likaNkulunkulu. Konke wakuthwala wakusa ethempelini likankulunkulu wakhe eBhabhiloniya wakufaka endlini yenotho kankulunkulu wakhe.

3 Kwathi-ke inkosi yasilaya u-Ashiphenazi, induna yezikhulu zesigodlo sayo ukuthi alethe abanye bama-Israyeli besikhosini lasezikhulwini, 4 amajaha amizimba ingelasici, amahle, atshengisa ukufundiseka ezintweni zonke, azi okunengi, aphangisayo ukuzwisisa njalo abonakala efanele ukukhonza esigodlweni senkosi. Ayemele awafundise ulimi lezincwadi zamaBhabhiloni. 5 Inkosi yababela ukudla okukhethiweyo okwansuku zonke kanye lewayini kuthathwa kokwakulungiselwe inkosi. Babezafundiswa okweminyaka emithathu, kuthi ngemva kwalokho baqalise ukusebenza esigodlweni.

6 Phakathi kwalabo babekhona ababephuma koJuda: uDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli kanye lo-Azariya. 7 Indunankulu yabanika amabizo amatsha: uDanyeli kwathiwa nguBhelitheshazari; uHananiya waba nguShadreki, uMishayeli waba nguMeshaki; u-Azariya waba ngu-Abhediniko.

8 Kodwa uDanyeli wazimisela ukuthi angazingcolisi ngokudla kwesikhosini lewayini lakhona, yikho wasecela kundunankulu imvumo yokuthi angazingcolisi kanjalo. 9 UNkulunkulu wayekwenzile ukuthi Indunankulu imthande njalo imhawukele uDanyeli, 10 kodwa wathi kuDanyeli, “Ngiyamesaba umhlekazi wami inkosi, onguye okumisileyo ukudla kwenu lokokunatha. Kambe akayikulibona yini selikhangeleka kubi kulamanye amajaha angontanga benu? Inkosi ingahle ingiqume ikhanda ngenxa yenu.”

11 UDanyeli wasesithi enxuseni elalibekwe yindunankulu phezu kwaboDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli lo-Azariya, 12 “Ake uzilinge izinceku zakho okwensuku ezilitshumi nje: Ungasiphi lutho ngaphandle kwemibhida ukuba sidle yona lamanzi okunatha. 13 Lapho-ke ubusufananisa imizimba yethu laleyo eyamajaha adla ukudla kwesikhosini, ubususenza njengokubona kwakho ezincekwini zakho.” 14 Lakanye inxusa lakuvuma lokho labalinga okwensuku ezilitshumi.

15 Ekupheleni kwensuku ezilitshumi bakhangeleka bephila ngcono njalo bezimukile kulamajaha ayesidla ukudla kwesikhosini. 16 Yikho inxusa laselisusa ukudla kwabo kwekhethelo kanye lewayini ababelinatha labapha imibhida.

17 La amajaha amane uNkulunkulu wawanika ulwazi lokuzwisisa zonke izibhalo lemfundo. Njalo uDanyeli wayezwisisa imibono lamaphupho wonke ehlukeneyo.

18 Ekupheleni kwesikhathi esasibekwe yinkosi ukuthi balethwe, indunankulu yabethula kuNebhukhadineza. 19 Inkosi yakhuluma labo yafumana engekho olingana loDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli kanye lo-Azariya; ngakho bangeniswa ukusebenzela inkosi. 20 Kuzozonke izindaba zokuhlakanipha lokuzwisisa inkosi eyababuza ngazo yabafumana bebedlula bonke omasalamusi lezangoma ngokuphindwe katshumi kuwo wonke umbuso wayo.

21 UDanyeli wahlala khona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala weNkosi uKhurosi.

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Iphupho LikaNebhukhadineza

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kwakhe, uNebhukhadineza waphupha ama-
phupho; wahlupheka engqondweni, wehluleka lokulala. 2 Ngakho inkosi yasibiza
omasalamusi, lezangoma, labavumisi lezingcazi zezinkanyezi ukuthi bamtshele lokho
ayekuphuphile. Sebengenile bema phambi kwayo inkosi, 3 yathi kubo, “Ngibe
lephupho elingihluphayo yikho ngifuna ukwazi ukuthi litshoni.”
4 Kwasekusithi ingcazi zezinkanyezi zayiphendula inkosi zikhuluma ngesi-Aramu
zathi, “Bayethe, nkosi! Phila kuze kube nininini! Zitshele izinceku zakho iphupho
lelo, thina sizalichaza.”
5 Inkosi yaziphendula ingcazi zezinkanyezi yathi, “Nanku esengikumisile: Nxa lin-
gangitsheli ukuthi iphupho lami beliyini beselilichaza, ngizakuthi liqunywaqunywe
iziqa, izindlu zenu zidilizwe zibe yinqwaba. 6 Kodwa lingangitshela iphupho kanye
lengcazelo yalo ngizalipha izipho lemivuzo lodumo olukhulu. Ngakho ngitshelani
iphupho libe selingichazela lona.”
7 Baphinda njalo baphendula bathi, “Inkosi kayizitshele izichaka zayo iphupho lelo,
thina sizalichasisa.”
8 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Ngileqiniso ukuthi liqonde ukuchitha isikhathi ngoba
libona ukuthi yilokhu esengikumisile ukuthi: 9 Nxa lingangitsheli iphupho lelo, sinye
zwi isijeziso senu. Seliyengene ukuthi lingitshele inkohliso lamanyala, licabanga
ukuthi kumbe izinto zizaguquka. Manje-ke ngitshelani iphupho lelo yikho ngizakwazi
ukuthi lingangichasisela lona.”
10 Ingcazi zezinkanyezi zayiphendula inkosi zathi, “Kakulamuntu emhlabeni ongak-
wenza lokho okufunwa yinkosi! Kayikho inkosi, loba ingenkulu kanganani kumbe
ilamandla anganani, eyake yafuna into enjalo laloba kubani oyenza amasalamusi,
kumbe isangoma loba ingcazi yezinkanyezi. 11 Lokhu okufunwa yinkosi kunzima
kakhulu. Kakho ongakwambulela inkosi ngaphandle kwabonkulunkulu, njalo
kabahlali ebantwini.”
12 Lokhu kwayizondisa inkosi yabila ngolaka yahle yathi zonke izihlakaniphi
zaseBhabhiloni kazibulawe. 13 Ngakho sakhutshwa isimemezelo sokuthi izazi
kazibulawe, yikho kwathunywa amadoda ukuyadinga uDanyeli labakhula bakhe
ukuthi babulawe.
14 Kwathi u-Ariyoki, indunankulu yamanxusa enkosi isiphumile ukuyabulala
izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, uDanyeli wakhuluma laye ngokuhlakanipha langoku-
nanzelela. 15 Wasibuza isikhulu lesi senkosi wathi, “Kungani inkosi ikhuphe
isimemezelo esibuhlungu kangaka na?” U-Ariyoki waseyichaza indaba kuDanyeli.
16 Esekuzwile lokho uDanyeli waya enkosini wacela ukuba ake aphiwe isikhathi,
ukuze ayichazele iphupho layo.
17 UDanyeli wabuyela endlini yakhe wayatshela abakhula bakhe oHananiya,
loMishayeli lo-Azariya ngendaba leyo. 18 Wabakhuthaza ukuthi bacele umusa kuNku-
lunkulu wasezulwini ngale inkinga eyimfihlakalo, ukuze kuthi yena labakhula bakhe
baphephe ekubulaweni kanye lazozonke izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni. 19 Kwathi
ebusuku inkinga leyo yambulelwa uDanyeli ngombono. UDanyeli wasemdumisa
uNkulunkulu wasezulwini 20 wathi:

“Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaNkulunkulu nini lanini;
inhlakanipho lamandla kungokwakhe.
21 Uyaguqula izikhathi lezibanga;
uyawabeka amakhosi aphinde awaqethule.
Unika inhlakanipho kwabahlakaniphileyo
lolwazi kwabaqedisisayo.

22 Uveza obala izinto ezizikileyo lezifihlakeleyo;
uyakwazi okucatshe emnyameni,
lokukhanya kuhlala kuye.
23 Ngiyakubonga njalo ngiyakudumisa,
Oh Nkulunkulu wabokhokho bami:
Ungiphile inhlakanipho lamandla,
usungazisile mina lokho esikucelileyo kuwe,
ususazisile thina iphupho lenkosi.”

UDanyeli Uchasisa Iphupho

24 UDanyeli wasesiya ku-Ariyoki owayekhethwe yinkosi ukuba abulale izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, wathi kuye, “Ungazibulali izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni. Ngisa enkosini, ngizayichasisela iphupho layo.”
25 U-Ariyoki wahle wasa uDanyeli enkosini wathi, “Sengiyifumene indoda kwabathunjiweyo bakwaJuda engayitshela inkosi ukuthi iphupho layo litshoni.”
26 Inkosi yambuza uDanyeli (njalo othiwa nguBhelitheshazari), “Kambe ungangitshela na engakubonayo ephutsheni lami uphinde ulichasise?”
27 Waphendula uDanyeli wathi, “Kasikho isihlakaniphi, noma isangoma, noma oyenza amasalamusi, noma isanuse esingayihlahlulela inkosi imfihlakalo eyidingayo,
28 kodwa ukhona uNkulunkulu ezulwini owambula zonke imfihlakalo. Utshengise inkosi uNebhukhadineza okuzakwenzakala ngezinsuku ezizayo. Iphupho lakho lemibono eyafika engqondweni yakho ulele embhedeni wakho yile:
29 Wathi ulele khonapho nkosi, ingqondo yakho yaphatha izinto ezisezakuza, kwathi umhlahluli wezinkinga wakubonisa okuzakwenzakala.” 30 Okwami yikuthi ngiyambulelwe imfihlakalo le, kungesukuthi yingoba ngilenhlakanipho eyeqa eyabanye abaphilayo, kodwa ukuze kuthi wena, Oh nkosi, uyazi ingcazelo njalo ukuze uzwisise okwakuphithikana engqondweni yakho.
31 Wathi uyakhangela, Oh nkosi, wabona kumi phambi kwakho isithombe esikhulukazi, inkalakatha yesithombe esikhazimulayo, sisesabeka ukukhangeleka kwaso. 32 Ikhanda lesithombe lalenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo, isifuba saso lezingalo kubunjwe ngesiliva, isisu lemilenze kubunjwe ngethusi, 33 imibala ibunjwe ngensimbi, inyawo zaso zilengxenye yensimbi lenye ingxenye yebumba elitshisiweyo.
34 Wathi ulokhu usabukele, kwaqetshulwa ilitshe, kungesingazandla zamuntu. Lasigxoba isithombe ezinyaweni zaso zensimbi lebumba lazihlifiza. 35 Kwasekusithi insimbi, lebumba, lethusi, lesiliva kanye legolide kwachobozeka kwaba yizicucu kanyekanye kwaba njengomule esizeni ehlobo. Umoya waziphephula izicucu wazikhucula du. Kodwa ilitshe elagxoba isithombe laba yintaba enkulu yagcwala umhlaba wonke.
36 Leli bekuyilo iphupho, manje-ke sesizalichazela inkosi. 37 Wena, Oh nkosi uyinkosi yamakhosi. UNkulunkulu wasezulwini ukunikile umbuso, lamandla lobukhulu lodumo; 38 uluntu lonke ulunikele ezandleni zakho kanye lezinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zemoyeni. Loba zihlala ngaphi, ukwenze wena waba ngumbusi wakho konke. Ulikhanda leliyana legolide.
39 Ngemva kwakho, kuzakuba khona omunye umbuso, ophansi kulowakho. Kuzalandela owesithathu owethusi ozabusa umhlaba wonke. 40 Ekucineni kuzakuba lombuso wesine oqinileyo njengensimbi ngoba insimbi iyephula ivodloze yonke into, yikho njengoba insimbi isephula izinto zibe yizicucu, kanjalo umbuso lowo uzayichoboza yonke eminye. 41 Njengoba ubonile ukuthi inyawo lamazwane bekulengxenye yebumba elitshisiweyo lengxenye yensimbi, yikho lo uzakuba ngumbuso odabuke phakathi; loba nje uzakuba lamanye amandla ensimbi phakathi kwawo, njengalokhu uyibonile insimbi ixubene lebumba. 42 Njengoba amazwane

abelengxenye yensimbi, lengxenye yebumba, kanjalo umbuso lo uzakuba lamandla nganxanye, nganxanye ubucuzeke. 43 Njalo njengoba ubonile insimbi ixubene lebumba elitshisiweyo, kanjalo abantu bazakuba yinhlanganisela bahlale bengamanyananga, njengoba insimbi ingahlangani lebumba.

44 “Ngalesosikhathi samakhosi lawo uNkulunkulu wasezulwini uzabeka umbuso ongasoze wabhidlizwa lanini njalo ongasoze utshiyelwe abanye abantu. Uzayibhidliza yonke leyomibuso iphele, kodwa wona uzakuma laphakade.” 45 Le yiyo ingcazelo yombono welitshe elaqhekezwa entabeni, kungasingezandla zomuntu, ilitshe elaphahlaza insimbi, lethusi, lebumba, lesiliva kanye legolide kwaba yizicucu.

“UNkulunkulu omkhulu uyitshengisile inkosi okuzakwenzeka ngesikhathi esizayo. Iphupho liliqiniso lengcazelo iqondile.”

46 Inkosi uNebhukhadineza wazilahla wathi mbo phambi kukaDanyeli wamkhonza wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi kenzelwe umnikelo atshiselwe impepha njalo. 47 Inkosi yathi kuDanyeli, “Ngempela uNkulunkulu wakho nguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu leNkosi yamakhosi lomambuleli wezimfihlakalo, ngoba ukwazile ukwambula imfihlakalo le.”

48 Inkosi yasibeka uDanyeli esikhundleni esiphezulu yelekelela ngezipho ezinengi kuye. Yamenza waba ngumbusi kulolonke ilizwe laseBhabhiloni njalo waba ngumphathi wazo zonke izazi zakhona. 49 Isicelwe nguDanyeli, yaphinde yabeka uShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko baba ngabaphathi beziqinti zelizwe laseBhabhiloni, kodwa yena uDanyeli wasala esigodlweni.

3

Isithombe Segolide Lesithando Somlilo

1 INkosi uNebhukhadineza yenza isithombe segolide, saphakama izingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lobubanzi obuzingalo eziyisificamunwemunye, yasimisa egcekeni laseDura elizweni laseBhabhiloni. 2 Yasibiza ababusi bezigaba, labalisa, ababusi bemikhono yelizwe, labeluleki, 3 labaphathizikhwama, labehluleli, labomantshi kanye lazozonke izikhulu zezigaba ukuza emkhosini wokubusisa isithombe leso ayesimisile, bema phambi kwaso.

4 Umlawuli womkhosi wasememezela kakhulu wathi, “Mahlabezulu, lani zizwe zonke kanye lani bantu bezindimi zonke, nanku elilaywa ukuthi likwenze: 5 Lingavele lizwe ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho, lezindweba layo yonke imihlobo yokuhlabela ngokukhalisa iziginci libokuthi mbo phansi lisikhonze isithombe segolide esimiswe yinkosi uNebhukhadineza. 6 Iloba ngubani ongayi kukhothama asikhonze uzahle aphoselwe esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo.”

7 Yikho, bonela ukuzwa ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho lemihlobo yonke yeziginci, bonke abantu, lezizwe labantu bezindimi zonke bathi mbo phansi bakhonza isithombe segolide inkosi uNebhukhadineza eyayisimisile.

8 Ngalesisikhathi ezinye izingcazi zezinkanyezi zeza zachothoza amaJuda. 9 Zathi enkosini uNebhukhadineza, “Bayethe nkosi, mana njalo! 10 Ukhuphile isimemezelo, wena nkosi, wathi wonke okuzwayo ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho lezindweba kanye lazozonke iziginci ezikhaliswayo kathi mbo phansi akhonze isithombe segolide, 11 lokuthi loba ngubani ongathi mbo phansi akhonze uzaphoselwa esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo. 12 Kodwa bakhona abanye amaJuda obabeke ukuphatha ilizwe laseBhabhiloni, uShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, abangakhathali lutho ngawe, wena nkosi. Kababakhonzi onkulunkulu bakho njalo kabasikhonzi isithombe lesi osimisileyo.”

13 Wazonda wadla inja uNebhukhadineza, wasebiza oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko. Yikho amadoda la alethwa phambi kwenkosi, 14 uNebhukhadineza

wathi kubo, “Kuliqiniso yini, Shadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, ukuthi kalibakhonzi onkulunkulu bami njalo kalisikhonzi isithombe segolide engisimisileyo? 15 Manje nxa lingezwa ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho, lezindweba layo yonke imihlobo yezikhaliswayo, nxa selizimisele ukuthi mbo phansi lisikhonze isifanekiso engasenzayo, kulungile. Kodwa nxa lingasikhonzi lizaphoselwa ngokuphangisa esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. Pho nguphi unkulunkulu ozalilamulela esandleni sami na?”

16 OShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko bayiphendula inkosi bathi, “Nkosi Nebhukhadineza, kasidingi kuzilwela phambi kwakho ngale indaba. 17 Singaphoselwa esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo, uNkulunkulu esimkhonzayo ulamandla okusisindisa kuwo, njalo uzasilamulela esandleni sakho, wena nkosi. 18 Loba engasisindisi, sithanda ukuba ukwazi, wena nkosi, ukuthi sivele kasisoze sibakhonze onkulunkulu bakho kumbe sisidumise isifanekiso segolide leso osimisileyo.”

19 Lapho-ke uNebhukhadineza waphuphuma ngolaka kuShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, wahle waguqula indlela aye esebaphatha ngayo. Walaya ukuthi isithando somlilo sibaselwe sitshise okuphindwe kasikhombisa kulenjayelo 20 waphinda walaya ukuthi abanye bamabutho angobambapheqe bempi yakhe bababophe oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko babaphosele esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo. 21 Yikho amadoda la abotshwa elokhu egqoke amajazi awo, lamabhulugwe, amaqhiye kanye lezinye izigqoko zawo, aphoselwa esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. 22 Umlayo wenkosi wawuthukuthele kakhulu lesithando somlilo sitshisa okokuthi amalangabi omlilo awabulala amanxusa ayefuqela oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, 23 kwathi amadoda la womathathu ayebotshwe nko awela phakathi kwesithando somlilo olavuzayo.

24 Khonapho inkosi uNebhukhadineza wathi lothu ngokumangala, wabuza abacebisi bakhe wathi, “Kanti angithi abemathathu amadoda esiwabophileyo sawaphosela emlilweni na?”

Baphendula bathi, “Liqiniso lelo, Oh nkosi.”

25 Wathi, “Khangelani! Ngibona amadoda amane ehambahamba phakathi komlilo, engabotshwanga njalo engalinyazwanga lutho, njalo owesine lowo ukhangeleka njengendodana yabonkulunkulu.”

26 UNebhukhadineza wasesondela emlonyeni wesithando somlilo olavuzayo wamemeza wathi, “Shadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, zinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phumani! Wozani lapha!”

Ngakho oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko baphuma emlilweni, 27 kwathi ababusi bezigaba, labalisa, lababusi bemikhono yelizwe labeluleki besikhosini bababunganyela. Babona ukuthi umlilo wawungabalimazanga imizimba yabo, njalo kungahaqazekanga lalunye unwele lwamakhanda abo; izembatho zabo zingahangulekanga, njalo kunganuki mlilo kubo.

28 UNebhukhadineza wasesithi, “Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu kaShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, othume ingilosi yakhe wasindisa izinceku zakhe! Bathemba kuye badelela umlayo wenkosi njalo bazimisela ukunikela impilo zabo kulokuthi bakhonze loba badumise omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kowabo uNkulunkulu. 29 Ngakho sengimisa isimemezelo ukuthi abantu loba ngabasiphi isizwe kumbe ulimi abakhuluma okubi ngoNkulunkulu kaShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko kabaqunywaqunywe izicucu, lezindlu zabo zenziwe izinqwaba zezibi, ngoba kakho omunye uNkulunkulu ongasindisa ngale indlela.”

30 Inkosi yase ibanika izikhundla eziphezulu oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko elizweni laseBhabhiloni.

4

Iphupho LikaNebhukhadineza Ngesihlahla

1 Inkosi uNebhukhadineza,
Ezizweni zonke lebantwini benhlanga zonke abahlala emhlabeni wonke:
Sengathi inganda kini inhlalakahle!
2 Kuyintokozo kimi ukulitshela ngezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo lezinkinga uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke angenzele zona.
3 Zinkulu kangakanani izibonakaliso zakhe,
zingakaya izimangaliso zakhe!
Umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongelasiphelo;
umbuso wakhe umi kusukela kulesi kusiya kulesiyana isizukulwane.
4 Mina, Nebhukhadineza, ngangisekhaya esigodlweni sami, nganelisiwe njalo ngikhomba ngophakathi. 5 Ngehlelwa liphupho elangitshayisa uvalo. Ngathi ngilele embhedeni wami kwafika engqondweni yami izifanekiso lezibonakaliso ezangithuthumelisayo. 6 Ngasengilaya ukuthi zonke izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni zilethwe phambi kwami ukuthi zingihlahlulele lelophupho. 7 Kwathi sebefikile omasalamusi, lezangoma, lezingcazi zezinkanyezi lezanuse ngazitshela lelophupho kodwa zehluleka ukungichasisela lona. 8 Ekucineni uDanyeli wafika kimi ngamtshela ngephupho lelo. (Uthiwa nguBhelitheshazari, ngokuphathelene lebizo likankulunkulu wami, njalo umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi kwakhe.)
9 Ngathi kuye, Bhelitheshazari, nduna yabomasalamusi, ngiyazi ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi kwakho, njalo kakukho okuyinkinga kuwe. Nanti iphupho lami; ngihlahlulela lona. 10 Yile imibono eyangivelelayo ngilele embhedeni wami: Ngakhangela, ngabona kumi phambi kwami isihlahla phakathi komango. Ubude baso babule. 11 Isihlahla sakhula saba sikhulu saqina, isiqongo saso sakhotha umkhathi; sasibonakala lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba. 12 Amahlamvu aso ayebukeka, izithelo zaso zinengi kuso kukhona ukudla kwakho konke. Ngaphansi kwaso izinyamazana zeganga zafumana isiphephelo lezinyoni zemoyeni zazihlala emagatsheni aso; zonke izidalwa zisongiwa kuso.
13 Ezibonakalisweni ezeza ngilele embhedeni wami, ngakhangela, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kulesithunywa, singongcwele, sisehla sisuka ezulwini. 14 Samemeza ngelizwi elikhulu sathi: Gamulelani phansi isihlahla licakaze amagatsha aso; liwaphundle amahlamvu aso lihlakaze izithelo zaso. Yekelani izinyamazana zibaleke ngaphansi kwaso kanye lezinyoni emagatsheni aso. 15 Kodwa akuthi isidindi saso kanye lempande zakhona kusale kugxumekile emhlabathini phakathi kotshani beganga, kubotshiwe ngensimbi langethusi.
Kagxanxwe ngamazolo avela phezulu, njalo kahlale lezinyamazana phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga. 16 Ingqondo yakhe kayiguqulwe isuke ebuntwini, aphiwe ingqondo yenyamazana, kuze kudlule iminyaka eyisikhombisa.
17 " 'Isinqumo lesi sibikwa yizithunywa, zona ezingcwele yizo ezimemezela lesi isigwebo, ukuze kuthi abaphilayo bazi ukuthi oPhezukonke unguThixo yemibuso yabantu njalo uyabanikela loba kukubani amfunayo futhi enze babuswe ngumuntukazana.'
18 Yilo iphupho engibe lalo mina inkosi uNebhukhadineza. Manje-ke Bhelitheshazari, ngitshela ukuthi litshoni, ngoba kasikho isihlakaniphi embusweni wami esingangihlahlulela lona. Kodwa wena ungakwenza, ngoba umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi kwakho."

UDanyeli Uchaza Iphupho

19 Yikho uDanyeli (njalo othiwa nguBhelitheshazari) wakhathazeka kakhulu
okwesikhathi esithile, imicabango yakhe yamethusa. Yikho inkosi yasisithi,
“Bhelitheshazari, ungethuswa liphupho lelo kumbe yincazelo yalo.”
UBhelitheshazari waphendula wathi, Nkosi yami, sengathi ngabe iphupho lelo
liqonde labo abayizitha zakho lengcazelo yalo ikhomba labo abakuzondayo!
20 Isihlahla osibonileyo, esakhula saba sikhulu saqina, isiqongo saso sikhotha
isibhakabhaka size sibonakale emhlabeni wonke, 21 silamahlamvu abukekayo
lezithelo ezinengi, sisipha ukudla kukho konke, siphe isiphephelo izinyamazana
zeganga, emagatsheni aso silezindawo zezidleke zezinyoni zemoyeni, 22 wena, Oh
nkosi, uyilesosihlahla! Usube mkhulu waba lamandla; ubukhulu bakho sebandile
sebuze buthinta isibhakabhaka, lombuso wakho usufinyelela ezindaweni ezikude
ezomhlaba.
23 “Wena, Oh nkosi, wabona isithunywa, sona esingcwele, sisehla sivela ezulwini
sisithi, ‘Sigamuleleni phansi isihlahla lisicakaze, kodwa litshiye isidindi, sibotshiwe
ngensimbi langethusi, siphakathi kotshani beganga, impande zaso zisale emhla-
bathini. Kagxanxwe ngamazolo aphezulu; kaphile njengezinyamazana zeganga
kuze kudlule iminyaka eyisikhombisa.’
24 Nansi ingcazelo, Oh nkosi, njalo lesi yisimiso soPhezukonke asimisele umh-
lekazi wami inkosi: 25 Uzaxotshwa ebantwini uyehlala lezinyamazana zeganga:
uzakudla utshani njengezinkomo, ugxanxwe ngamazolo aphezulu. Kuzakud-
lula iminyaka eyisikhombisa uze uvume ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa phezu
kwemibuso yabantu ayinika ingqe ngulowo amthandayo. 26 Umlayo wokutshiya
isidindi kanye lezimpande zaso utsho ukuthi umbuso wakho uzabuyiselwa kuwe
nxatshana usuvuma ukuthi iZulu liyabusa. 27 Ngakho-ke, Oh nkosi, kuhle ukuthi
wamukele ukucebisa kwami: Yekela izono zakho wenze okulungileyo, lobubi bakho
ube lomusa kwabancindezelweyo. Lapho-ke mhlawumbe ukuphumelela kwakho
kungaqhubeka.”

Ukugcwaliseka Kwephupho

28 Konke lokhu kwenzakala enkosini uNebhukhadineza. 29 Sekudlule izinyanga
ezilitshumi lambili, inkosi ihambahamba ephahleni lwesigodlo saseBhabhiloni,
30 yathi, “Kakusilo yini iBhabhiloni leli engalakha laba ngumuzi wobukhosi bami
na?”
31 Kwathi amazwi la elokhu esesemlonyeni wakhe kwehla ilizwi livela ezulwini
lathi, “Nanku osukunqunyelwe, nkosi Nebhukhadineza: Amandla akho obukhosi
asesusiwe kuwe. 32 Uzaxotshwa ebantwini uyehlala lezinyamazana zeganga;
uzakudla utshani njengezinkomo. Kuzadlula iminyaka eyisikhombisa uze uvume
ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa phezu kwemibuso yabantu ayiphe ingqe ngubani
ngokuthanda kwakhe.”
33 Masinyane nje okwakutshiwo ngoNebhukhadineza kwagcwaliseka. Wax-
otshwa ebantwini wadla utshani njengezinkomo. Umzimba wakhe wagxanxwa
ngamazolo aphezulu, inwele zakhe zakhula njengezinsiba zengqungqulu, kwathi
inzipho zakhe zaba njengenkumba zenyoni.

34 Ekupheleni kwalesosikhathi, mina, Nebhukhadineza, ngaphakamisela amehlo
ami ezulwini, ingqondo yami yabuya. Ngasengimdumisa oPhezukonke; ngam-
babaza, ngambonga yena ohlezi kuze kube phakade.

Ubukhosi bakhe buyibukhosi baphakade;
umbuso wakhe umi kulesi lakulesiyana isizukulwane.
35 Imihlobo yonke yabantu bomhlaba
ibonakala ingesilutho.

Wenza njengokuthanda kwakhe
ezidalweni zasezulwini
lasebantwini abasemhlabeni.
Kakho ongasivimbela isandla sakhe
loba athi kuye: “Kanti wenzani na?”

36 Ngasonalesosikhathi ingqondo yami yabuya, udumo lwami lenkazimulo
yami kwabuyiswa kimi ukusekela ubukhosi bombuso wami. Abeluleki bami
lezikhulu zami bangidinga bangibuyisela esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, ngase ngisiba
mkhulu kulakuqala. 37 Ngakho-ke mina, Nebhukhadineza, ngiyayidumisa njalo
ngiyayibabaza, ngiyiphakamise iNkosi yezulu, ngoba konke ekwenzayo kuqondile
futhi lezindlela zayo zonke zilungile. Njalo bonke abazigqajayo iyabathobisa.

5

Umbhalo Emdulini

1 Inkosi uBhelishazari wenzela izikhulu zakhe ezizinkulungwane idili elikhulu,
wanatha lazo iwayini. 2 Kwathi uBhelishazari enatha iwayini lakhe walaya
ukuthi kulethwe izitsha zegolide lezesiliva ezazithethwe nguyise uNebhukhadineza
ethempelini eJerusalema, efuna ukuthi inkosi, lezikhulu zayo, labafazi bayo kanye
labafazi bayo beceleni banathele kuzo. 3 Yikho baziletha izitsha zegolide ezazi-
thethwe ethempelini likaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, kwasekusithi inkosi lezikhulu
zayo kanye labafazi bayo beceleni banathela kuzo. 4 Bathi belinatha iwayini babe-
lokhu bedumisa onkulunkulu begolide labesiliva, labethusi, labensimbi, labezigodo
labamatshe.
5 Masinyane nje kwavela iminwe yesandla somuntu yaloba emdulini eduzane
loluthi lwesibane esigodlweni. Inkosi yasibukela isandla siloba. 6 Ubuso bayo
bahloba, yethuka amadolo ayo aze atshayana, imilenze yathamba yathi wohlo phansi.
7 Inkosi yamemeza yathi kakubizwe izangoma lezingcazi zezinkanyezi kanye
lezanuse yasisithi kuwo la amadoda ayizihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, “Loba ngubani
ongabala umbhalo lo angitshele ukuthi utshoni uzagqokiswa eziyibubende agqiziswe
iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe, njalo uzaphiwa isikhundla sesithathu sokuba
ngumbusi kulelilizwe.”
8 Zasezingena zonke izihlakaniphi. Kodwa zehluleka ukuwubala umbhalo
lokutshela inkosi ukuthi utshoni. 9 Ngakho inkosi uBhelishazari yathuthumela
okwedlulayo, ubuso bayo bahloba. Izikhulu zayo zadideka.
10 Indlovukazi yathi isizwa amazwi enkosi lezikhulu zayo yeza yangena endlini
yedili. Yathi, “Oh nkosi, mana njalo. Ungethuki! Ungaze wahloba kanjalo!
11 Kulomuntu embusweni wakho olomoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele phakathi
kwakhe. Ngesikhathi sikayihlo watshengisa ukuqonda, lokukhalipha lenhlakanipho
okufana lokwabonkulunkulu. Uyihlo, inkosi uNebhukhadineza yambeka ukuba
yinduna yabomasalamusi, lezangoma, lezingcazi zezinkanyezi lezanuse. 12 Indoda le,
uDanyeli, inkosi eyayimbiza ngokuthi nguBhelitheshazari, wabonakala elengqondo
evukileyo, lolwazi lokuzwisisa, njalo elamandla okuhumutsha amaphupho, lokuc-
haza amalibho kanye lokuhlahlula izinkinga ezinzima. Mbize uDanyeli, uzakutshela
ukuthi umbhalo utshoni.”
13 Ngakho uDanyeli walethwa phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yathi kuye, “Wena unguye
uDanyeli na, omunye wabathunjwa abalethwa ngubaba inkosi bevela koJuda?
14 Sengizwile ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu uphakathi kwakho lokuthi ulokuqonda,
lokukhalipha lenhlakanipho eyinqaba. 15 Izihlakaniphi lezangoma zilethwe kimi
ukuthi zingibalele umbhalo lo, zingitshele ukuthi utshoni, kodwa zehlulekile ukuwuc-
haza. 16 Manje sengizwile ukuthi wena ulamandla okutsho ingcazelo lokuhlahlula
izinkinga ezinzima. Aluba ungawubala umbhalo lo uphinde ungitshele ukuthi

utshoni, uzagqokiswa eziyibubende, ugqiziswe leketane legolide entanyeni yakho, uphinde ubekwe esikhundleni sokuba ngowesithathu ebukhulwini bombuso lo.”
17 UDanyeli wasephendula inkosi wathi, “Ungazigcinela lezozipho zakho, uphe leyomivuzo yakho omunye umuntu. Loba kunjalo ngizayibalela inkosi umbhalo lowo ngiyitshele ukuthi utshoni.
18 Yebo kambe nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wanika uyihlo uNebhukhadineza ubukhosi lobukhulu lodumo kanye lenkazimulo. 19 Ngenxa yesikhundla esiphezulu amnika sona, bonke abantu kanye lezizwe zonke labantu bendimi zonke babemqhuqha, bemesaba. Labo inkosi eyafuna ukubabulala, yababulala; labo eyafuna ukubaxolela, yabaxolela; labo eyafuna ukubakhweza ezikhundleni yabakhweza; kwathi labo eyafuna ukubayangisa, yabayangisa. 20 Kodwa kwathi lapho inhliziyo yayo isilobuqholo, isilukhuni ngokuzigqaja yethulwa esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi yaphucwa udumo lwayo. 21 Yaxotshwa ebantwini yaphiwa ingqondo yenyamazana; yahlala labobabhemi beganga, yadla utshani njengezinkomo; lomzimba wayo wagxanxwa ngamazolo omkhathi yaze yavuma ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke nguye uThixo phezu kwemibuso yabantu, abeke phezu kwayo loba nguphi umbusi amthandayo.
22 Kodwa wena ndodana yayo, awu Bhelishazari, kawuzithobanga, lokuba ukwazi konke lokhu. 23 Endaweni yalokho, uzimisele ukumelana loThixo wezulu. Wathi kakuthathwe izitsha zethempeli layo zilethwe kuwe, kwasekusithi wena lezikhulu zakho, labafazi bakho kanye labafazi bakho beceleni lanathela iwayini kuzo. Wadumisa onkulunkulu besiliva legolide, abethusi, lensimbi, lezigodo lamatshe, abangaboniyo, labangezwayo labangaqedisisiyo. Kodwa kawumhloniphanga uNkulunkulu ophethe ukuphila kwakho kanye lezindlela zakho zonke esandleni sakhe. 24 Kungakho ethumele lesosandla esalobe lumbhalo.
25 Nanku umbhalo obulotshiwe:

mene, mene, thekheli, pharisini.

26 Nanku okutshiwo ngamagama la:
Mene: Nkulunkulu usezibalile insuku zokubusa kwakho, usekuqedile.
27 *Thekheli*: Usulinganisiwe esikalini wafunyanwa ulula.
28 *Pharisini*: Umbuso wakho usuhlukaniswe phakathi, wabelwa amaMede lamaPhezhiya.”
29 Kwathi ngomlayo kaBhelishazari uDanyeli wagqokiswa eziyibubende, wagqiziswa iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe, kwamenyezelwa ukuthi usengumbusi wesikhundla sobuthathu elizweni.
30 Ngabona lobobusuku uBhelishazari, inkosi yamaBhabhiloni wabulawa, 31 kwathi uDariyu umuMede wabuthatha ubukhosi eleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lambili.

6

UDanyeli Emgodini Wezilwane

1 UDariyu wathanda ukubeka ababusi bezigaba abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili (120) ukuba babuse kulolonke ilizwe, 2 wabeka omongameli abathathu phezu kwabo, omunye wabo enguDanyeli. Ababusi bezigaba babesethula kubo konke ukuze inkosi ingalahlekelwa lutho. 3 UDanyeli waba yisilomo, wedlula abanye omongameli lababusi bezigaba ngokwenza kwakhe, inkosi yaze yafisa ukumbeka phezu kwelizwe lonke. 4 Ngenxa yalokho omongameli lababusi bezigaba badinga amabhada okumangalela uDanyeli ngendlela ayeqhuba ngayo kwezombuso, kodwa behluleka. Kabafumananga kungcola kuye ngoba wayethembekile futhi engasihaga lemali njalo engayekethisi lutho. 5 Ekucineni amadoda la athi, “Kasisoze safa salizuza

izaba lokwethesa indoda le uDanyeli icala ngaphandle kwalokho okuphathelene lomthetho kaNkulunkulu wakhe.”
6 Ngakho omongameli lababusi bezigaba baya enkosini belixuku bafika bathi:
“Oh nkosi Dariyu, mana njalo! 7 Omongameli besikhosini, labalisa, lababusi
bezigaba, labeluleki lababusi bemikhono yelizwe bonke sebevumelene ukuthi inkosi
kayikhuphe isimemezelo iwugcizelele umlayo othi noma ngubani okhuleka kuwuphi
uNkulunkulu noma umuntu phakathi kwalezi insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu,
ngaphandle kokukhuleka kuwe wena, Oh nkosi, uzaphoselwa emgodini wezilwane.
8 Manje, Oh nkosi, sikhuphe lesosimemezelo sibhalwe phansi ukuze singaguqulwa
njengoba kunjalo ngemithetho yamaMede lamaPhezhiya engaguqulwayo.” 9 Ngakho
inkosi uDariyu yawubhala phansi lowomthetho.
10 Kwathi uDanyeli esezwile ukuthi umthetho wawusukhutshiwe, waya ekhaya
endlini yakhe ephezulu esitezi eyayilamawindi avulwe akhangela eJerusalema.
Kathathu ngelanga wayezilahla phansi ngamadolo akhuleke, ebonga uNku-
lunkulu wakhe, njengalokho ayevele ekwenza mandulo. 11 Kwasekusithi
amadoda la aqhubana elixuku afica uDanyeli ekhuleka ecela usizo kuNkulunkulu.
12 Asesiya enkosini ayakhuluma layo ngomthetho owaphuma esigodlweni, athi:
“Kawukhuphanga isimemezelo yini sokuthi ngezinsuku ezilandelayo ezingamat-
shumi amathathu noma ngubani okhuleka komunye unkulunkulu noma umuntu
ngaphandle kokukhuleka kuwe, Oh nkosi, uzaphoselwa emgodini wezilwane?”
Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Lowomthetho umi njengemithetho yamaMede
lamaPhezhiya, engeke iguqulwe.”
13 Asesithi enkosini, “UDanyeli, ongomunye wabathunjwa bakoJuda, kakunanzi,
wena nkosi, kanye lomthetho owawubhala phansi. Ulokhu ekhuleka kathathu
ngelanga.” 14 Kwathi inkosi isikuzwile lokho yakhathazeka kakhulu; yayizimisele
ukukhulula uDanyeli, yenza yonke imizamo yokumsiza ilanga laze layatshona.
15 Amadoda lawo asehamba elixuku aya enkosini athi kuyo, “Khumbula, Oh
nkosi, ukuthi ngomthetho wamaMede lamaPhezhiya kakulasimemezelo loba isimiso
esikhutshwe yinkosi esingaguqulwa.”
16 Ngakho inkosi yasikhupha umlayo, basebemletha uDanyeli bamphosela em-
phandwini wezilwane. Inkosi yathi kuDanyeli, “Sengathi uNkulunkulu wakho
omkhonzayo njalonjalo angakuhlenga!”
17 Kwalethwa ilitshe lafakwa emnyango womgodi, inkosi yasilinameka ngendan-
datho yayo yobukhosi langezindandatho zezikhulu zayo, ukuze umumo kaDanyeli
ungaguqulwa. 18 Yikho inkosi yase ibuyela esigodlweni sayo yazila ukudla lokunatha
ubusuku bonke. Yehluleka ukulala.
19 Kwathi emadabukakusa inkosi yavuka yaya emgodini wezilwane. 20 Ithe isifikile
emgodini, yamemeza uDanyeli ngelizwi losizi yathi, “Danyeli, nceku kaNkulunkulu
ophilayo, uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonza njalonjalo ukuphephisile yini ezilwaneni?”
21 UDanyeli waphendula wathi, “Oh nkosi, mana njalo! 22 UNkulunkulu wami
uthume ingilosi yakhe yayivala imilomo yezilwane. Kazingilimazanga ngoba
ngifunyanwe ngingelacala phambi kwakhe. Njalo kangikaze ngenze okubi kuwe, Oh
nkosi.”
23 Inkosi yathaba yafa yakhupha umlayo wokuba uDanyeli akhutshulwe emgodini
lowo. UDanyeli esekhutshiwe emgodini, kakubonakalanga nxeba kuye, ngoba
wathemba kuNkulunkulu wakhe.
24 Inkosi yalaya ukuthi balethwe labo ababemangalele uDanyeli ngamanga
baphoselwa emgodini wezilwane kanye labafazi babo labantwababo. Bathi ben-
gakathinti phansi emgodini izilwane zabaqaga zabafohloza wonke amathambo abo.
25 Inkosi uDariyu yasilobela bonke abantu, lezizwe zonke lenhlanga zendimi zonke
kulolonke ilizwe yathi:

“Sengathi impilo enhle inganda kini!
26 Ngimisa isimiso sokuthi kuzozonke izindawo zombuso wami, abantu kabesabe,
bakhonze uNkulunkulu kaDanyeli.
Ngoba unguNkulunkulu ophilayo,
omiyo kuze kube phakade;
umbuso wakhe kawuyikubhidlizwa,
lobukhosi bakhe kabusoze buphele.
27 Uyakhulula, asindise;
wenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso
emazulwini lasemhlabeni.
Umhlangulile uDanyeli
emandleni ezilwane.”
28 Ngakho uDanyeli waphumelela ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaDariyu lesokubusa kukaKhurosi umPhezhiya.

7

Iphupho LikaDanyeli Elezilo Ezine

1 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBhelishazari inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uDanyeli waphupha iphupho, kwaphithika imibono engqondweni yakhe elele embhedeni wakhe. Wakubhala phansi okwakuqukethwe liphupho lakhe.
2 UDanyeli wathi: “Embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela ngabona phambi kwami imimoya emine yasezulwini iqubula ulwandle olukhulu. 3 Izilo ezine ezinkulu, yileso singafanani lezinye, zaqhamuka olwandle.
4 Esakuqala sasinjengesilwane, njalo silamaphiko engqungqulu. Ngabukela amaphiko aso aze akhutshwa, sasesiphakanyiswa emhlabathini sema ngezinyawo ezimbili njengomuntu, sasesiphiwa inhliziyo yomuntu.
5 Khonapho phambi kwami kwakujame isilo sesibili esasifana lebhele. Sasiphakanyisiwe kwelinye icele laso, njalo emlonyeni waso sasilezimbambo ezintathu emazinyweni aso. Satshelwa kwathiwa, ‘Sukuma udle inyama usuthe!’
6 Ngemva kwalokho ngakhangela ngabona phambi kwami esinye isilo esasikhangeleka njengengwe. Emhlane waso sasilamaphiko amane afana lawenyoni. Isilo lesi sasilamakhanda amane, saphiwa amandla okuba sibuse.”
7 Ngemva kwalokho, embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela, kwathi phambi kwami kwema isilo sesine esithuthumelisayo, sisesabeka njalo silamandla amakhulu. Sasilamazinyo ensimbi amakhulu; safohloza esikubambileyo sakudla, okuseleyo sakugxobela phansi. Sasingafanani lazozonke izilo zakuqala, sona silempondo ezilitshumi.
8 Ngisalokhu ngicabanga ngempondo lezo, khonapho phambi kwami kwaba lolunye uphondo oluncinyane olwama phakathi kwazo; kwathi ezintathu zempondo zakuqala zagunyulwa phambi kwalo. Uphondo lolu lwalulamehlo anjengamehlo omuntu lomlomo owawukhuluma okokuzikhukhumeza.
9 “Ngisakhangele,
kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosi,
uSimakade wahlala kwesakhe.
Izigqoko zakhe zazimhlophe njengeqhwa;
inwele zekhanda lakhe zimhlophe njengoboya bezimvu.
Isihlalo sakhe sasilavuka umlilo,
lamavili aso wonke evutha umlilo.
10 Kwakugeleza umfula womlilo,
uthutsha ngaphambi kwakhe.
Izinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zazimkhonza;

izinkulungwane ezilitshumi
ziphindwe ngezinkulungwane ezilitshumi
zema phambi kwakhe.
Inkundla yokwahlulela yahlala phansi,
kwasekuvulwa izincwadi.”
11 Ngasengiqhubeka ngilokhu ngibukele ngenxa yamazwi okuzikhukhumeza
ayekhulunywa luphondo. Ngala ngilokhu ngikhangele isilo saze sabulawa, isidumbu
saso saphoselwa emlilweni ovuthayo. 12 (Leziyana ezinye izilo zase ziphuciwe
ubukhulu bazo kodwa zavunyelwa ukuphila okwesikhathi esithile.)
13 Embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela kwabonakala khonapho phambi kwami
lowo owayefana lendodana yomuntu esiza ngamayezi ezulu. Yasondela kuSimakade
yasiwa phambi kwakhe. 14 Yaphiwa amandla lobukhosi lamandla okubusa; bonke
abantu, lezizwe zonke labantu bendimi zonke bamkhonza. Ubukhosi bakhe
yibukhosi obungapheliyo obungayikwedlula, lombuso wakhe kawusoze uchithwe.

Ingcazelo Yephupho

15 Mina Danyeli, ngakhathazeka emoyeni, lemibono eyayidlula engqondweni
yami yangidabula. 16 Ngasondela komunye walabo ababemi khonapho ngambuza
okuyikho okutshiwo yikho konke lokhu.
Yikho wangitshela wangipha ingcazelo yezinto lezi, wathi: 17 “Izilo ezine ezinkulu
yimibuso emine ezaqhamuka emhlabeni. 18 Kodwa abangcwele bakhe oPhezukonke
bazawemukela umbuso ube ngowabo lanininini, yebo, okwanini lanini.”
19 Ngase ngifisa ukwazi ingcazelo eqotho eyesilo sesine, esasingafanani lezinye
njalo sisesabeka kakhulu, ngamazinyo aso ensimbi lenzipho zethusi, isilo esafohloza
sadla esikubambileyo sagxobagxoba okuseleyo. 20 Ngafuna njalo ukwazi ngem-
pondo ezilitshumi ekhanda laso langalolo olunye uphondo olwamilayo, okwathi
ezinye ezintathu zawa phambi kwalo lolophondo olwabonakala kakhulu kulezinye,
olwalulamehlo kanye lomlomo owawukhuluma ngokukloloda. 21 Ngilokhu ngibukele,
uphondo lolu lwalusilwa luhlasela abangcwele lubehlula, 22 kwaze kwafika uMvelin-
qaki wabalamulela abangcwele bakhe oPhezukonke, kwafika isikhathi bawuthatha
umbuso.
23 Wangipha ingcazelo le: Isilo sesine singumbuso wesine ozavela emhlabeni.
Uzaba lomahluko kweminye yonke imibuso njalo uzawuthumba wonke umhlaba,
uwugxobagxobe, uwufohloze. 24 Impondo ezilitshumi ngamakhosi alitshumi aza-
vela kuwo lo umbuso. Ngemva kwawo kuzavela enye inkosi engafani lalayana
awokuqala; izanqoba amakhosi amathathu. 25 Izakhuluma okubi ngoPhezukonke
incindezele abangcwele bakhe izame ukuguqula izikhathi ezimisiweyo kanye lemi-
thetho. Abangcwele bazanikelwa kuyo okwesikhathi esithile, izikhathi ezilengxenye
yesikhathi.
26 Kodwa umthethwandaba uzahlala phansi, amandla ayo asuswe abhidlizwe ok-
wanini lanini. 27 Lapho-ke ubukhosi, lamandla lobukhulu bemibuso leyo ngaphansi
kwezulu lonke kuzaphiwa abangcwele, abantu bakhe oPhezukonke. Umbuso wakhe
uzakuba ngumbuso ongapheliyo, njalo bonke ababusi bazamkhonza bamlalele.
28 “Lokhu yikho ukuphela kwendaba. Mina Danyeli ngakhathazeka kakhulu
ngemicabango yami, ubuso bami bahloba, kodwa indaba le yaba yimfihlo yami.”

8

Umbono KaDanyeli Owenqama Lembuzi

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uBhelishazari mina Danyeli ngaba
lombono ohambelana lalowo owake wangifikela ngaphambili. 2 Embonweni wami

ngazibona ngisenqabeni yaseSusa esigabeni sase-Elamu; embonweni ngangisekhunjini lomgelomfula u-Ulayi. 3 Ngakhangela, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kwakulenqama elempondo ezimbili imi eceleni komgelo, impondo zazizinde. Olunye lwempondo lwalulude kulolunye kodwa muva lwakhula kakhulu. 4 Ngayibukela inqama ihlasela isiya entshonalanga, lenyakatho leningizimu. Kwakungelanyamazana eyayingamelana layo, kungekho njalo ongalamulela emandleni ayo. Yazenzela ngokuthanda kwayo yaba yinto enkulu.

5 Ngilokhu ngicabanga ngalokhu, masinyane kwathutsha imbuzi entshonalanga ilophondo oluqaphileyo phakathi kwamehlo ayo, idabula phakathi komhlaba wonke ingathintanga umhlabathi. 6 Yasondela enqameni yempondombili engayibona imi ekhunjini lomgelomfula yayihlasela ngolaka olukhulu. 7 Yayidumela inqama ngodlakela, yayigqubula yavikiza impondo zombili. Inqama yayingelamandla okumelana layo; impongo le yayilahla phansi inqama yayigxobagxoba, kungekho ongayilamulela emandleni ayo. 8 Impongo (imbuzi) yaba lamandla amakhulu, kodwa kwathi amandla ayo esemakhulu kangako uphondo lwayo olukhulu lwephuka, endaweni yalo kwakhula impondo ezine eziqaphileyo ezakhula zakhangela kuwo wonke amagumbi amane omkhathi.

9 Kolunye uphondo lwayo kwathutsha olunye uphondo olwaqalisa luluncinyane kodwa lwakhula ngamandla kusiya eningizimu, lasempumalanga laseLizweni Elihle. 10 Lwakhula lwaze lwafinyelela izinkanyezi zezulu, lwaphosela phansi emhlabeni ezinye izinkanyezi lwazigxobagxoba. 11 Lwaziphakamisa ngokuzikhukhumeza njengengomlawuli webutho LIKATHIXO, lwamisa umhlatshelo walo wansuku zonke KUTHIXO lendawo yakhe yokukhonzela yangcoliswa. 12 Ngenxa yomvukela, ibutho LIKATHIXO, kanye lomhlatshelo wansuku zonke kwanikelwa kulo. Lwaphumelela kukho konke olwalukwenza, iqiniso alabe lisatsho ulutho.

13 Ngasengisizwa ongcwele ekhuluma, omunye ongcwele wathi kuye, “Kuzathatha isikhathi esingakanani ukuze umbono lo ugcwaliseke, umbono omayelana lomhlatshelo wansuku zonke, lomvukela oletha incithakalo, lokukhalala indawo yokukhonzela, lezinkanyezi ezizagxotshwagxotshwa zinyawo zabantu BAKATHIXO?”

14 Wathi kimi, “Kuzathatha izikhathi zokuhlwa lezokusa ezizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu (2,300); lapho-ke indawo yokukhonzela izangcweliswa kutsha.”

Ingcazelo Yombono

15 Kwathi mina Danyeli ngilokhu ngiwubukele umbono lo, ngizama ukuwuzwisisa, kwema khonapho phambi kwami othile owayefana lomuntu. 16 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lomuntu limemeza lisuka e-Ulayi lisithi, “Gabhriyeli, tshela umuntu lo ingcazelo yombono lo.”

17 Wathi esondela engangimi khona, ngezwa ngisesaba, ngawa ngithe thwitshi. Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, qedisisa ukuthi umbono umayelana lesikhathi sokucina.”

18 Wathi esakhuluma lami, ngalala ubuthongo obunzima ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso. Wasengithinta, wangiphakamisa, wangimisa ngezinyawo zami.

19 Wathi, “Ngizakutshela okuzakwenzakala ngemuva, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo esokucina. 20 Inqama empondombili owayibonayo imele amakhosi eMede lePhezhiya. 21 Impongo eyisinephu yinkosi yeGrisi, lophondo olukhulu oluphakathi kwamehlo ayo yinkosi yakuqala. 22 Impondo ezine ezathatha indawo yalolo olwephukayo zimele imibuso emine ezaphuma esizweni sakhe kodwa kayiyikuba lamandla alingana lawaso.”

23 Lapho umbuso wabo ususiya ekucineni, abahlamuki nxa sebexhwale beqisa, inkosi elolunya, eliqili kakhulu, izavela. 24 Izaqina kakhulu kodwa kungasikho

ngenxa yamandla ayo. Izakwenza umonakalo wokubhidliza okukhulu, iphumelele
kukho konke ekwenzayo. Izawabhubhisa amaqhawe kanye labantu abangcwele.
25 Izakwandisa inkohlakalo, izibone yona isedlula bonke abanye. Bazakuthi besithi
sebezinzile, izabhubhisa abanengi ibe isihlasela iNkosi yamakhosi. Ikanti yona
izabhujiswa kodwa hatshi ngezandla zomuntu.
26 “Umbono owuphiweyo owezikhathi zokuhlwa lezokusa uliqiniso, kodwa ugcike
umbono lo, ngoba uphathelane lesikhathi esizayo esikhatshana.”
27 Mina Danyeli, ngadinwa kakhulu ngalala ngingogulayo okwensuku ezimbalwa.
Ngasengivuka ngaqhubeka ngomsebenzi wami wenkosi. Ngadideka ngombono lowo;
wawungaphezu kwengqondo.

9

Umkhuleko KaDanyeli

1 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu indodana ka-Ahasuweru (umuMede ngosendo),
owenziwa umbusi phezu kombuso waseBhabhiloni 2 ngomnyaka wokuqala
wokubusa kwakhe, mina Danyeli ngezwa emiBhalweni, mayelana lelizwi LIKATHIXO
elaphiwa uJeremiya umphrofethi, ukuthi incithakalo yeJerusalema yayizakuba khona
okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. 3 Yikho ngaphendukela eNkosini uNku-
lunkulu ngamncenga ngomkhuleko langokulabhela, langokuzila, ngigqoke amasaka
ngazibhuqa emlotheni.
4 Ngakhuleka KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami ngafakaza ngathi:
“Oh Nkosi, Nkulunkulu omkhulu, owesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe
sothando lalabo bonke abamthandayo, abagcina imilayo yakhe: 5 senzile isono
njalo senza okubi. Sisuke saxhwala, sahlamuka; siyifulathele imilayo yakho kanye
lemithetho yakho. 6 Kasizilalelanga izinceku zakho abaphrofethi abakhuluma
ngebizo lakho emakhosini ethu, lamakhosana ethu lakubobaba lakubo bonke
abantu belizwe.
7 Nkosi, ulungile, kodwa lamuhla sembeswe ngehlazo, abantu bakoJuda labantu
beJerusalema lo-Israyeli wonke, abaseduze labakude, kuwo wonke amazwe lapho
osihlakazele khona ngenxa yokungathembeki kwethu kuwe. 8 Oh THIXO, thina
lamakhosi ethu, lamakhosana ethu kanye labobaba sembeswe ngehlazo ngoba
senzile isono kuwe. 9 INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ilesihawu njalo iyathethelela
loba thina siyihlamukele; 10 kasimlalelanga UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo
kasiyigcinanga imithetho asipha yona ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi. 11 U-Israyeli
wonke uwephule umthetho wakho wafulathela, esala ukukulalela.
Ngakho iziqalekiso lezahlulelo ezifungelwayo ezibhaliweyo eMthethweni kaMosi,
inceku kaNkulunkulu, zithululelwe phezu kwethu, ngoba senzile isono kuwe.
12 Usuwagcwalisile amazwi okusilahla njalo alahla ababusi bethu ngokusehlisela
incithakalo enkulu. Ngaphansi kwalo lonke izulu kakukaze kwenziwe ulutho
olulingana lalokhu osekwenziwe eJerusalema. 13 Njengoba kulotshiwe eMtheth-
weni kaMosi yonke le incithakalo yehlele kithi, ikanti kasicelanga umusa KATHIXO
uNkulunkulu wethu ngokufulathela izono zethu sifunisise iqiniso lakho. 14 UTHIXO
kathikazanga ukwehlisela incithakalo phezu kwethu, ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wethu ulungile kukho konke akwenzayo; kodwa kasimlalelanga.
15 Manje-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, owakhupha abantu bakho eGibhithe
ngesandla esilamandla njalo owazenzela ibizo elimiyo kuze kube namhla, senzile
isono, senzile okubi. 16 Nkosi, ngenxa yemisebenzi yakho yonke elungileyo,
qambula ulaka lwakho lentukuthelo yakho kusuke eJerusalema, idolobho lakho,
intaba yakho engcwele. Izono zethu lezinengiso zabobaba sezenze iJerusalema
labantu bakho baba yinto yokuhlekisa kubo bonke abakhelene lathi.

17 Manje-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, zwana imikhuleko lokulabhela kwenceku
yakho. Ngenxa yebizo lakho, awu Nkosi, ake uhawukele indlu yakho engcwele
esibhidlikile. 18 Beka indlebe yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, uzwe; vula amehlo akho
ubone incithakalo yedolobho elibizwa ngeBizo lakho. Kasilethi lezizicelo kuwe
ngoba silungile, kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu. 19 Nkosi, lalela! Nkosi,
thethelela! Nkosi, lalela wenze! Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu wami,
ungaphuzi, ngoba idolobho lakho labantu bakho kubizwa ngeBizo lakho."

"Izikhombisa" Ezingamatshumi Ayisikhombisa

20 Ngathi ngikhuluma njalo ngikhuleka, ngivuma isono sami, lesono sabantu
bakithi abako-Israyeli, ngiletha isikhalazo sami kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngentaba
yakhe engcwele, 21 ngilokhu ngisakhuleka, uGabhriyeli, indoda engayibonayo
embonweni wokuqala, weza kimi endiza kungesikhathi somhlatshelo wakusihlwa.
22 Wangilaya wathi kimi, "Danyeli, khathesi sengilande ukukupha ukuqonda
lokuzwisisa. 23 Wonele ukuqalisa ukukhuleka impendulo yahle yaphiwa, eyiyo
engizokutshela yona, ngoba uyaqakathekiswa kakhulu. Ngakho-ke, cabanga ngalo
ilizwi, uwuzwisise umbono ukuthi:

24 Amatshumi ayisikhombisa 'ezikhombisa' (amaviki) asequnyelwe abantu bakini
ledolobho lenu elingcwele ukuqedisa ukona, ukukhawula isono, ukuhlawulela ububi,
ukuletha ukulunga okungapheliyo, ukuphetha umbono lesiphrofethi lokugcoba
indawo engcwelengcwele.

25 Yazi njalo uzwisise lokhu: Kusukela ekukhutshweni kwesimemezelo sokuthi
kuvuselelwe njalo kwakhiwe kutsha iJerusalema kuze kufike umbusi oGcotshiweyo
kuzakuba lamaviki 'ayizikhombisa' eziyisikhombisa 'lezikhombisa' ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha lambili. Lizakwakhiwa libe lemigwaqo lomgelo, kodwa kuyizikhathi
zohlupho. 26 Ngemva 'kwezikhombisa' lezo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili
oGcotshiweyo uzaqunywa afe engelalutho. Abantu bombusi ozakuza bazalibhidliza
idolobho lendlu yenkonzo. Ukuphela kuzafika njengesikhukhula: Impi izaqhubeka
kuze kube sekupheleni, sekumenyezelwe incithakalo. 27 Uzaqinisa isivumelwano
labanengi 'okwesikhombisa' esisodwa. Phakathi 'kwesikhombisa' uzamisa imihlatsh-
elo leminikelo. Kuzakuthi eceleni lethempeli uzabeka isinengiso esibanga incithakalo,
kuze kuthi ukucina okumisiweyo kuchithelwe kuye."

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Umbono KaDanyeli Owendoda

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya, kwafika kuDanyeli
(owayebizwa ngokuthi nguBhelitheshazari) isambulelo. Umbiko waso wawuqinisile
umayelana lempi enkulu. Ukuzwisiseka kombiko lowo kwamehlela ngombono.

2 Kulesosikhathi mina Danyeli ngalila okwamaviki amathathu. 3 Angizange
ngikudle ukudla okuconsayo; inyama loba iwayini kakuzange kuzithinte izindebe
zami; njalo kangizange ngisebenzise amagcobo lakanye kwaze kwaphela amaviki
amathathu.

4 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yokuqala, ngathi ngimi ekhunjini
lomfula omkhulu, iThigrisi, 5 ngakhangela ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kumi
indoda igqoke ilineni, ilebhanti legolide elihle okhalweni lwayo. 6 Umzimba wayo
wawufana lekhrisolathi, ubuso bayo bunjengombane, amehlo ayo enjengezibane
ezivuthayo, izingalo zayo lemilenze yayo kufanana lokukhazimula kwethusi elilo-
longiweyo, lelizwi layo linjengomsindo wexuku labantu.

7 Mina Danyeli, yimi ngedwa engawubonayo umbono; amadoda ayelami kawubo-
nanga, kodwa afikelwa yikwesaba okukhulu aze abaleka ayacatsha. 8 Ngakho ngasala

ngedwa, ngiqhuzule amehlo ami kulo umbono omkhulu; ngaphela amandla, ubuso
bami bahloba okokufa njalo sengiphelelwe. 9 Ngasengimuzwa ekhuluma, kwathi
ngilokhu ngimlalele, ngehlelwa likhoza lobuthongo ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso.
10 Isandla sangithinta ngezwa sengiqhaqhazela ezandleni lemadolweni. 11 Wathi,
“Danyeli, uyaqakathekiswa kakhulu, nanzelela amazwi esengizawakhuluma kuwe,
usukume, ngoba manje ngithunywe kuwe.” Wathi esitsho lokhu kimi ngasukuma
ngiqhaqhazela.
12 Waseqhubeka wathi, “Ungesabi, Danyeli. Kulokhu kwasukela mhla ubeka
ingqondo yakho ukuzuza ukuzwisisa lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho,
amazwi akho ezwakala, yikho ngilapha ngenxa yalokho. 13 Kodwa inkosi
yombuso wasePhezhiya yangivimbela okwensuku ezingamatshumi amabili lanye.
Kwasekusithi uMikhayeli, omunye wamakhosana amakhulu, weza ezongisiza, ngoba
ngangivalelwe khonale yinkosi yasePhezhiya. 14 Manje ngilande ukuzakuchasisela
lokho okuzakwenzakala ebantwini bakini esikhathini esizayo, ngoba umbono
umayelana lesikhathi esizafika.”
15 Uthe esitsho lokhu kimi ngakhothamisela ubuso bami phansi ngehluleka
ukukhuluma. 16 Kwasekusithi othile owayefana lomuntu wathinta izindebe zami,
ngasengivula umlomo wami ngakhuluma. Ngathi kulowo owayemi phambi kwami,
“Sengigajelwa yikudabuka kwenhliziyo ngenxa yombono, nkosi yami, njalo sen-
giphelelwe yikho konke. 17 Mina inceku yakho, ngingakhuluma kanjani lawe na,
nkosi yami? Amandla ami kawasekho njalo sekusala ukuthi ngiphefumule.”
18 Waphinda njalo othile owayefana lomuntu wangithinta wangipha amandla.
19 Wathi, “Ungesabi, Oh muntu oqakathekiswayo kakhulu. Ukuthula! Qina manje;
qina.”
Wathi ekhuluma lami ngaqina ngathi, “Khuluma, nkosi yami, njengoba usungiphile
amandla.”
20 Ngakho wasesithi, “Uyakwazi nje ukuthi kungani ngize kuwe na? Masinyane
ngizabuya ukuzakulwa lenkosi yasePhezhiya, kuthi ngingahamba, kuzakuza inkosi
yaseGrisi; 21 kodwa ngizaqala ngikutshele okulotshiweyo eNcwadini yeQiniso. (Kakho
ongelekelelayo ukumelana labo ngaphandle kukaMikhayeli inkosana yakho.

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1 Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu umuMede, ngazimisela ukuba ngime laye
ngimsekele njalo ngimvikele.)”

Amakhosi Eningizimu Lenyakatho

2 “Manje-ke ngikutshela iqiniso: Kuzavela amanye amakhosi amathathu ePhezhiya,
kulandele eyesine, ezanotha kakhulu okudlula amanye. Izakuthi ingazuza amandla
ngenxa yenotho yayo izakhuthaza bonke abanye ukuxabana lombuso waseGrisi.
3 Besekuvela inkosi enkulu ezabusa ngamandla amakhulu, yenze njengokuthanda
kwayo. 4 Isivelile, umbuso wayo uzachitheka uhlakazekele kuyo yonke yomine
imimoya yezulu. Kawuzukuya ezizukulwaneni zayo, njalo kawusayikuba lamandla
owawulawo ngoba umbuso wakhe uzaqutshunwa uphiwe abanye.
5 Inkosi yaseNingizimu izakuba lamandla, kodwa omunye wabalawuli bayo be-
butho uzakuba lamandla kulayo abesebusa kowakhe umbuso elamandla amakhulu.
6 Ngemva kweminyaka ethile, bazasekelana njengabangane. Indodakazi yenkosi yas-
eNingizimu izakuya enkosini yaseNyakatho iyekwenza ubudlelwano, kodwa amandla
ayo indodakazi kawayikuma, lenkosi leyo kanye lamandla ayo kakuba khona
okwesikhathi eside. Ngalezonsuku indodakazi izadelwa, yona kanye lomndlunkulu
wayo, loyise kanye lalowo owayeyisekela.

7 Kuzavela omunye owosendo lwayo ozathatha isikhundla sayo. Uzahlasela
amabutho empi enkosi yaseNyakatho angene enqabeni yayo; uzakulwa lawo
awehlule. 8 Uzathumba njalo onkulunkulu babo, lezithombe zabo zensimbi kanye
lezitsha zabo eziligugu ezesiliva legolide azithwalele eGibhithe. Okweminyaka
ethile uzake akhohlwe ngenkosi yaseNyakatho. 9 Kuzakuthi inkosi yaseNyakatho
ihlasele umbuso wenkosi yaseNingizimu kodwa iphinde ihlehlele muva elizweni layo.
10 Amadodana ayo azalungisela impi aphake iviyo elikhulu lamabutho azathululeka
njengesikhukhula sikazamcolo impi ize iyengena enqabeni yayo eyaseNingizimu.
11 Lapho-ke inkosi yaseNingizimu izaphuma ngokuthukuthela iyekulwa lenkosi
yaseNyakatho, yona ezaphaka iviyo elikhulu lempi, kodwa izakwehlulwa.
12 Kuzakuthi nxa amabutho esethunjiwe, inkosi yaseNingizimu izazikhukhumeza,
ibisibulala izinkulungwane ezinengi, kodwa kayiyikuhlala inqoba. 13 Ngoba
inkosi yaseNyakatho izabutha elinye ibutho elikhulu kulelakuqala; kuthi ngemva
kweminyaka embalwa izahlasela ngebutho elikhulukazi lihlome liphelele.
14 Kulezozikhathi banengi abazavukela inkosi yaseNingizimu. Izidlwangudl-
wangu phakathi kwabantu bakini zizahlamuka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbono, kodwa
kaziyikuphumelela. 15 Inkosi yaseNyakatho izafika yakhe amadundulu okuvim-
bezela, ithumbe idolobho elivikelwe ngenqaba. Amabutho aseNingizimu azak-
wehluleka ukuzivikela; kanye lamaqhawe awo odumo kazukuba lamandla okuma.
16 Umhlaseli uzazenzela intando yakhe, kakho loyedwa ozakuba lamandla okumelana
laye. Izazibeka iqine eLizweni Elihle ibe lamandla okulichithiza. 17 Izazimisela
ukuza ngenkani yombuso wayo wonke yenze isivumelwano sokuvikelana lenkosi
yaseNingizimu. Izamendisela indodakazi yayo ukuze iwuchithe umbuso, kodwa
amacebo ayo lawo kawayikuphumelela, kawayikuyisiza. 18 Abeseguqukela ngase-
mazweni asemakhunjini olwandle awathumbe amanengi akhona, kodwa umlawuli
wempi omunye uzamquma umsila amnqobe. 19 Ngemva kwalokhu izabuyela
ezinqabeni zelizwe layo kodwa izakhubeka iwe, ingaphindi ibonakale futhi.
20 Ozathatha ubukhosi ngemva kwayo uzathuma umthelisi ukuze buqhubeke ubuk-
hazikhazi basesikhosini. Kodwa kungeminyaka mingaki izaqethulwa, kungasikho
ngodlakela kumbe empini.
21 Izalandelwa ngumuntu odelelekileyo ongelakho ukuhlonipheka kobukhosi.
Uzawuhlasela umbuso ngesikhathi abantu bawo besithi sebezinzile, awuthumbe
ngokuxabanisa abanye. 22 Kuzakuthi impi eyesabekayo ikhukhulwe phambi kwakhe;
yona lenkosi yesivumelwano kuzabhujiswa. 23 Ngemva kokwenza isivumelwano layo
uzakwenza inkohliso abesezuza ubukhosi encediswa lihlekana labantu. 24 Kuzakuthi
lezozigodi ezilenotho enengi sezisithi zizinzile uzazihlasela aphumelele okungazange
kwenziwe nguyise loba ngokhokho bakhe. Uzakwaba impango lenotho kubalandeli
bakhe. Uzakwakha amacebo okubhidliza izinqaba kodwa okwesikhatshana nje.
25 Uzaphaka impi enkulu ukuze avuselele amandla akhe aqunge isibindi sokusukela
inkosi yaseNingizimu. Inkosi yaseNingizimu izadumelana laye ngempi enkulu
elamandla, kodwa kayizukuma ngenxa yamacebo azakwenziwa awokuyiqethula.
26 Labo abadla esiphaleni senkosi bazazama ukuyibulala; impi yakhe izakhukhulwa,
kufe abanengi empini. 27 Amakhosi la amabili alenhliziyo ezigaya izibozi azahlala
tafula linye aqambelane amanga, kodwa kungancedi lutho ngoba isiphetho sizajinge
sifike ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. 28 Inkosi yaseNyakatho izabuyela elizweni layo
ikhithika ngenotho, kodwa inhliziyo yayo izabe ilokozela isivumelwano esingcwele.
Kukhona ezakwenza ngaso andubana ibuyele elizweni layo.
29 Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo izahlasela eNingizimu njalo, kodwa ngalesosikhathi
impumela yakhona kayizukufana leyakuqala. 30 Imikhumbi evela emakhunjini
olwandle lwasentshonalanga izamelana layo ihle iphele amandla. Izabuyela emuva

iyebhodlisela ulaka lwayo phezu kwesivumelwano esingcwele. Izaphinda isekele labo abadela isivumelwano esingcwele.

31 Amabutho ayo ahlomileyo azasuka angcolise inqaba yethempeli, acinise umhlatshelo wansuku zonke. Yikho-ke abesemisa lawomanyala azaletha incithakalo.
32 Ngobuqili bayo izabaxhwalisa labo asebesephulile isivumelwano, kodwa labobantu abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bazajamelana layo yehluleke.

33 Labo abahlakaniphileyo bazafundisa abanengi, lokuba nje okwesikhathi esithile bezakuwa ngenkemba, kumbe batshiswe, kumbe bathunjwe loba baphangwe.
34 Ekumeni kwabo bazazuza uncedo oluncinyane, kuthi abanengi abangazimiselanga bazihlanganise lezitha. 35 Abanye babahlakaniphileyo bazakhubeka, ukuze bacoliswe, bahlanjululwe njalo benziwe bahlanzeke kuze kufike isikhathi sokucina, ngoba sijinge sizafika ngesikhathi leso esimisiweyo.”

Inkosi Eziphakamisayo

36 “Inkosi izakwenza njengokuthanda kwayo. Izaziphakamisa njalo izikhukhumeze ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke ikhihlize izibozi ngoNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu. Izaphumelela kuze kugcwaliseke isikhathi sentukuthelo, ngoba lokho okumisiweyo kusamele kwenzeke. 37 Kayizukubananza onkulunkulu baboyise, kumbe lowo olangathwa ngabesifazane, njalo kayiyikunanza lawuphi unkulunkulu, kodwa izaziphakamisa ngaphezulu kwabo bonke. 38 Esikhundleni sabo izakhonza unkulunkulu wezinqaba, unkulunkulu owayengaziwa ngoyise izamkhonza ngegolide langesiliva langamatshe aligugu lezipho ezidulayo. 39 Izahlasela izinqaba eziqine okudlulayo incediswa ngunkulunkulu wezizweni njalo ibahloniphe kakhulu labo abayivumayo. Izababeka ukuba ngababusi babantu abanengi njalo umhlaba izawaba ngokuphiwa intengo.

40 Ngesikhathi sokucina inkosi yaseNingizimu izadumelana layo empini, lenkosi yaseNyakatho izatheleka layo ngezinqola zempi, lebutho, lamabhiza kanye langemikhumbi eminengi. Izahlasela amazwe amanengi iwakhukhule njengozamcolo. 41 Izahlasela njalo iLizwe Elihle. Azakuwa amazwe amanengi, kodwa i-Edomi leMowabi labakhokheli bako-Amoni bazaphepha esandleni sayo.
42 Izaqhelisa amandla ayo phezu kwamazwe amanengi; iGibhithe kayiyikuphunyuka.
43 Izahluthuna inotho legolide lesiliva layo yonke inotho yaseGibhithe, amaLibhiya lamaKhushi ayikhonze. 44 Kodwa imibiko evela empumalanga lasenyakatho izayethusa ibisiphuma ngolaka olukhulu ukuyabulala lokutshabalalisa abanengi.
45 Izamisa amathente ayo obukhosi phakathi kolwandle lentaba engcwele enhle. Kodwa kuzafika okwayo ukuphela, engasekho ongayisiza.”

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Ukuphela Kwesikhathi

1 “Ngalesosikhathi uMikhayeli, umbusi omkhulu olinda abantu bakini, uzavela. Kuzakuba khona isikhathi sokuhlukumezeka okungazange kube khona kulokhu kwadabuka izizwe kuze kube yiso. Kodwa kulesosikhathi abantu bakini bonke labo abalamabizo azafunyanwa elotshiwe encwadini bazahlengwa. 2 Izixuku lezixuku zabaleleyo othulini lomhlaba bazavuka; abanye baye ekuphileni okungapheliyo, abanye baye ehlazweni lokunengeka okungapheliyo. 3 Labo abahlakaniphileyo bazakhazimula njengokubenyezela kwamazulu, lalabo abaholela abanengi ekulungeni, bazakhazimula njengezinkanyezi okwanini lanini. 4 Kodwa wena Danyeli, vala ungcine amazwi omgoqwancwadi kuze kube yisikhathi sokucina. Abanengi bazakuya lapha lale ukwandisa ulwazi.”

5 Kwathi mina, Danyeli, ngakhangela, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kumi
abanye ababili, omunye ngakuleli ikhumbi lomfula lomunye ngakuleliyana ikhumbi.
6 Omunye wabo wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni owayengaphezulu kwamanzi
omfula, “Kuzakuba yisikhathi esingakanani zingakenzakali izinto lezi eziyisimanga
na?”
7 Indoda eyayigqoke ilineni, eyayiphezulu kwamanzi omfula yaphakamisela isandla
sayo sokunene lesandla sayo sokhohlo ezulwini, ngayizwa ifunga ngaye ohleziyo
laphakade, isithi, “Kuzakuba ngokwesikhathi, izikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi. Lapho
amandla abantu abangcwele eseze afohlozwa, zonke lezi izinto zizapheleliswa.”
8 Ngezwa, kodwa kangizwisisanga. Yikho ngabuza ngathi, “Nkosi yami, pho sizaba
yini isiphetho sakho konke lokhu na?”
9 Waphendula wathi, “Zihambele, Danyeli, ngoba amazwi asevaliwe ananyekwa
kuze kube sekucineni kwesikhathi. 10 Abanengi bazahlanjululwa, bangabi latshatha
njalo bacolisiswe, kodwa abagangileyo bazaqhubeka begangile. Kakho kwababi
ozazwisisa, kodwa labo abahlakaniphileyo bazazwisisa.”
11 Kusukela ngesikhathi kusaliswa umhlatshelo wansuku zonke, sekumiswe
amanyala abanga incithakalo, kuzakuba lensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu ama-
bili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye (1,290). 12 Ubusisiwe lowo okulindelayo njalo
akufice ukucina kwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi
amathathu lanhlanu (1,335).
13 “Kodwa wena, zihambele nje kuze kube sekucineni. Uzaphumula, besekusithi
ekucineni kwensuku uzavuka ukuba wamukele elakho ilifa olabelweyo.”

UHosiya

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuHosiya indodana kaBheri ngezinsuku zemibuso yabo-
Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi akoJuda, kanye lasezinsukwini
zokubusa kukaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli.

UmkaHoseya Labantwana

2 Kwathi UTHIXO eseqalise ukukhuluma ngoHosiya, UTHIXO wathi kuye, "Hamba
uyethatha umfazi oyisifebe ubelabantwana bobufebe, ngoba ilizwe lilecala lobufebe
obubi kakhulu ngokweduka KUTHIXO." 3 Ngakho wathatha uGomeri indodakazi
kaDibilayimi, njalo wathatha isisu wamzalela indodana.
4 UTHIXO wasesithi kuHoseya, "Methe ibizo uthi nguJezerili, ngoba masinyane nje
ngizayijezisa indlu kaJehu ngenxa yesihluku sokubulala abantu abanengi eJezerili,
njalo ngizawuqeda umbuso wako-Israyeli. 5 Ngalolosuku ngizakwephula idandili lika-
Israyeli eSigodini saseJezerili."
6 UGomeri wathatha isisu futhi, wazala indodakazi. UTHIXO wasesithi, "Muphe ibizo
uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisoze ngibe lothando futhi endlini ka-Israyeli, ukuba
ngibathethelele. 7 Kodwa ngizakuba lothando endlini kaJuda, njalo ngizabakhulula,
kungayisikho ngedandili, inkemba kumbe impi, loba ngamabhiza langabagadi
bamabhiza, kodwa NGOTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo."
8 UGomeri eselumule uLo-Ruhama ebeleni, waba lenye indodana. 9 UTHIXO
wasesithi, "Muphe ibizo lokuthi nguLo-Ami, ngoba lina kalisibo bantu bami, lami
kangisuye uNkulunkulu wenu.
10 Kodwa abako-Israyeli bazakuba njengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle
elingeke lilinganiswe kumbe libalwe. Endaweni lapho okwakuthiwe khona kubo,
'Kalisibo bantu bami,' bazabizwa ngokuthi, 'bantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophi-
layo.' 11 Abantu bakoJuda labantu bako-Israyeli bazamanyana, njalo bazakhetha
umkhokheli oyedwa baphume elizweni, ngoba luzakuba lukhulu usuku lukaJezerili."

2

1 "Tshono kubafowenu uthi, 'Bantu bami,' ngabodadewenu uthi, 'Bathandekayo
bami.' "

U-Israyeli Uyajeziswa Abuye Abuyiselwe

2 "Mkhuze unyoko, mkhuze,
ngoba engasuye mkami,
lami kangisuye mkakhe.
Kasuse ukukhangeleka kobufebe ebusweni bakhe
kanye lokungathembeki phakathi kwamabele akhe.
3 Funa ngimhlubule abe nqunu,
ngimenze abeze njengamhla ezalwa;
ngizamenza abe njengenkangala,
ngimenze abe yilizwe elomileyo
ngimbulale ngokomela amanzi.
4 Kangiyikubonakalisa uthando lwami ebantwaneni bakhe,
ngoba bangabantwana bobufebe.
5 Unina ubeyisifebe,
njalo ubemule ngehlazo.
Wathi, 'Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami,

ezingipha ukudla kwami lamanzi ami,
iwulu yami lamalembu ami,
amafutha ami lokunathwayo kwami.'
6 Ngakho-ke indlela yakhe ngizayivala ngamahlahla ameva;
ngizamhonqolozela ngomduli ukuze indlela yakhe angayifumani.
7 Uzaxotshana lezithandwa zakhe kodwa angazifici,
uzazidinga kodwa angazitholi.
Ngakho uzakuthi,
'Ngizabuyela endodeni yami yakuqala,
ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngangingcono kulakhathesi.'
8 Kavumanga ukuthi yimi engamnika amabele,
lewayini elitsha lamafutha ngamnika isiliva esinengi legolide
abakusebenzisela uBhali.

9 Ngakho-ke ngizawathatha amabele ami lapho esevuthiwe,
lewayini lami elitsha lapho selilungile.
Ngizayithatha lewulu yami kanye lelineni lami,
okwakumiselwe ukuvala ubunqunu bakhe.
10 Ngakho khathesi ngizahlazulula ukuxhwala bakhe
emehlweni ezithandwa zakhe;
kakho ozamsusa ezandleni zami.
11 Ngizayiqeda yonke imikhosi yakhe yokuthokoza:
imikhosi yakhe yeminyaka yonke, ukuThwasa kweziNyanga,
insuku zakhe zamaSabatha,
yonke imikhosi yakhe emisiweyo.
12 Ngizatshabalalisa izivini zakhe lezihlahla zakhe zemikhiwa,
lokhu athi yinhlawulo yakhe evela kuzithandwa zakhe;
ngizazenza zibe liguswanyana
zidliwe yizinyamazana zeganga.
13 Ngizamjezisela insuku atshisela ngazo
oBhali impepha;
wazicecisa ngamasongo langamangqongqo,
walandela izithandwa zakhe,
kodwa mina wangikhohlwa," kutsho uTHIXO.

14 "Ngakho sengizamhuga;
ngizamholela enkangala
ngikhulume laye kakuhle.
15 Lapho-ke ngizambuyisela izivini zakhe,
ngenze iSigodi sase-Akhori sibe ngumnyango wethemba.
Khonapho uzahlabelela njengasezinsukwini zobutsha bakhe,
njengamhla ephuma eGibhithe.

16 Ngalolosuku," kutsho uTHIXO,
"lizangibiza ngokuthi 'ndoda yami';
kalisayikungibiza ngokuthi 'nkosi yami.'
17 Ngizawasusa amabizo aboBhali ezindebeni zakhe;
amabizo abo akusayikukhulekwa ngawo futhi.
18 Ngalolosuku ngizabenzela isivumelwano
lezinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zasemoyeni
kanye lezidalwa ezihuquzela emhlabathini.

Idandili lenkemba kanye lempi
ngizakuqeda elizweni
ukuze konke kulale phansi kuvikelekile.
19 Ngizakwendisela kimi kuze kube nininini;
ngizakwendisa ngokulunga langemfanelo,
ngothando langesihawu.
20 Ngizakwendisa ngokuthembeka,
njalo uzamamukela UTHIXO.

21 Ngalolosuku ngizasabela,”
kutsho UTHIXO,
“Ngizasabela emikhathini,
layo izasabela emhlabeni,
22 lomhlaba uzasabela emabeleni
lasewayinini elitsha kanye lasemafutheni,
lokhu kuzasabela kuJezerili.
23 Ngizazihlanyelela yena elizweni;
ngizabonakalisa uthando lwami
kulowo engambiza ngokuthi,
‘Akasi sithandwa sami.’
Ngizakuthi kulabo ababizwa ngokuthi,
‘Abangasibantu bami,’
‘Lingabantu bami’;
bona bazakuthi,
‘UnguNkulunkulu wethu.’ ”

3

Ukubuyisana KukaHoseya Lomkakhe

1 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Hamba, utshengisele uthando lwakho kumkakho futhi, lanxa nje ethandwa ngomunye njalo eyisifebekazi. Mthande NJENGOTHIXO ethanda abako-Israyeli, lanxa baphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu njalo bethanda amakhekhe ezithelo ezonyisiweyo.”

2 Ngakho ngamthenga ngamashekeli esiliva alitshumi lanhlanu langokwakuphosa kube lihomeri leletheki lebhali. 3 Ngasengisithi kuye, “Uzahlala lami insuku ezinengi; akumelanga ube yisifebe loba wembathe lenye indoda, lami ngizahlala lawe.”

4 Ngoba abako-Israyeli bazahlala insuku ezinengi bengelankosi kumbe inkosana, bengelamhlatshelo kumbe amatshe angcwele, bengelasembatho semahlombe kumbe isithombe. 5 Muva abako-Israyeli bazaphenduka bamdinge UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo kanye loDavida inkosi yabo. Bazakuza KUTHIXO beqhaqhazela kanye lasez-ibusisweni zakhe ensukwini zokucina.

4

Icala Eletheswa Abako-Israyeli

1 Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO, lina bako-Israyeli
ngoba kulecala UTHIXO alethesa lina elihlala elizweni:
“Akulakwethembeka, akulathando, akukho ukumamukela
uNkulunkulu elizweni.
2 Kulokuthuka kuphela, lokuqamba amanga lokubulala,
lokuntshontsha kanye lobufebe;
benza ububi bonke,
njalo ukuchithwa kwegazi kulandela ukuchithwa kwegazi.

3 Ilizwe liyalila ngenxa yalokhu,
njalo bonke abahlala kulo bayacikizeka;
izinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zasemoyeni
kanye lenhlanzi zasolwandle kuyafa.

4 Kodwa akungabi lamuntu omangalayo,
akungabi lomuntu owethesa omunye icala
ngoba abantu bakho bafana lalabo
abamangalela umphristi.
5 Liyakhubeka emini lebusuku,
labaphrofethi bakhubeka kanye lani.
Ngakho unyoko ngizamchitha,
6 abantu bami bachithwa yikungabi lolwazi.

Njengoba likwalile ukwazi,
lami ngiyalala njengabaphristi bami;
ngoba kaliwunakanga umthetho kaNkulunkulu wenu,
lami angiyikubanaka abantwana benu.
7 Ngokwanda kwabaphristi,
kwanda kanjalo lokona kwabo kimi,
benanisa uDumo lwabo ngento elihlazo.
8 Badla izono zabantu bami
bajabuliswe yikuxhwala kwabo.
9 Njalo kuzakuba kanje: Njengabantu, njengabaphristi.
Bonke ngizabajezisela izindlela zabo,
ngiphindisele kubo lezenzo zabo.

10 Bazakudla kodwa bangasuthi;
bazakwenza ubufebe kodwa bangandi,
ngoba bamdelile uTHIXO
ukuba bazinikele 11 ebufebeni,
lewayini elidala kanye lelitsha
elisusa ukuqedisisa kwabantu bami.
12 Badinga izeluleko esithombeni sesigodo
baphendulwe yiluthi lwesigodo.
Umoya wobufebe uyabedukisa;
kabathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wabo.
13 Banikela imihlatshelo ezingqongweni zezintaba
batshise iminikelo phezu kwamaqaqa,
ngaphansi kom'okhi, lomphophila kanye lomtherebhinti,
lapho okulomthunzi omnandi.
Ngakho amadodakazi enu enza ubuwule,
labomalukazana benu benze ubufebe.

14 Angiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu
lapho esenza ubuwule
loba omalukazana benu
lapho besenza ubufebe,
ngoba amadoda uqobo azwana lezifebe anikele
imihlatshelo lezifebe ezisezindaweni zokukhonzela
abantu abangelakuqedisisa bazabhubha.

15 Lanxa ufeba, we Israyeli,
uJuda kangabi lecala.

Lingayi eGiligali;
lingayi eBhethi-Aveni.
Njalo lingafungi lisithi,
‘Ngeqiniso njengoba uTHIXO ekhona!’
16 Abako-Israyeli bayiziqholo,
njengethokazi eliyisiqholo.
Pho uTHIXO angabelusela njani
emadlelweni njengezimvu na?
17 U-Efrayimi uhlangene lezithombe;
myekeleni enjalo!
18 Lalapho okunathwayo kwabo sekuphelile,
bayaqhubeka ngobufebe babo;
ababusi babo bazithanda kakhulu izindlela ezilihlazo.
19 Isavunguzane sizabakhukhula,
lemihlatshelo yabo izabalethela ihlazo.”

5

Ukwahlulela Okumelane Lo-Israyeli

1 “Zwanini lokhu, lina baphristi!
Lalelani, lina bako-Israyeli.
Lalela, wena ndlu yobukhosi!
Ukwahlulela lokhu kumelane lani:
Kade lingumjibila eMizipha,
umambule owendlalwe eThabhori.
2 Abahlamuki batshonile ekubulaleni,
ngizabalaya bonke.
3 Mina ngazi konke ngo-Efrayimi;
u-Israyeli kafihlakalanga kimi.
Efrayimi, khathesi ususenza ubufebe;
u-Israyeli uxhwalile.

4 Izenzo zabo kazibavumeli
ukubuyela kuNkulunkulu wabo.
Umoya wobufebe usezinhliziyweni zabo;
kabamamukeli uTHIXO.
5 Ukuzigqaja kuka-Israyeli kufakaza okubi ngaye;
abako-Israyeli, kanye laye u-Efrayimi,
bayakhubeka ezonweni zabo.
LoJuda laye ukhubeka labo
6 Lapho behamba lemihlambi yezimvu zabo leyenkomo
ukuyadinga uTHIXO,
kabayikumfumana;
uzisusile kubo.
7 Kabathembekanga kuTHIXO;
bazala abantwana ngokungemthetho.
Khathesi imikhosi yabo yokuThwasa Kwezinyanga
izabaqothula kanye lamasimu abo.

8 Khalisani icilongo eGibhiya,
lophondo eRama.
Hlabani umkhosi wempi eBhethi-Aveni;
khokhela, wena Bhenjamini.
9 U-Efrayimi uzachithwa
ngosuku lokwahlulela.
Phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli
ngimemezela okuliqiniso.
10 Abakhokheli bakoJuda
banjengalabo abatshedisa amatshe omngcele.
Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo
njengesikhukhula samanzi.
11 U-Efrayimi uncindezelwe,
wanyathelwa ekwahluleleni,
ehlose ukulandela izithombe.
12 Mina nginjengenondo ku-Efrayimi,
njengokubola ebantwini bakoJuda.

13 Kwathi u-Efrayimi ebona umkhuhlane wakhe,
loJuda ebona izilonda zakhe,
u-Efrayimi waya e-Asiriya,
wathumela ilizwi loncedo enkosini enkulu.
Kodwa kayenelisi ukukwelapha,
kayenelisi ukwelapha izilonda zakho.
14 Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane ku-Efrayimi,
lanjengesilwane esikhulu kuJuda.
Ngizabadabudabula ngisuke ngihambe;
ngizabathwala ngihambe labo,
kungekho ozabahlenga.
15 Ngizabuyela endaweni yami
baze balivume icala labo.
Njalo bazabudinga ubuso bami;
esizini lwabo
bazangidinga impela.”

6

U-Israyeli Kaphenduki

1 “Wozani sibuyele kuThixo.
Usesidabule saba yizicucu
kodwa uzaselapha;
usilimazile
kodwa uzawabopha amanxeba ethu.
2 Emva kwensuku ezimbili uzasivuselela;
ngosuku lwesithathu uzasibuyisela
ukuze sihlale lapho akhona.
3 Kasimamukeleni uThixo;
kasiqiniseni ukumamukela.
Ngoqotho njengoba ilanga liphuma,
uzabonakala;
uzakuza kithi njengezulu lebusika,
lanjengezulu lentwasa elithambisa umhlaba.”

4 “Ngingenzani ngawe, Efrayimi na?
Ngingenzani ngawe, Juda na?
Uthando lwenu lunjengenkungu yekuseni,
lunjengamazolo ekuseni anyamalalayo.
5 Ngakho ngaliqumaquma ngabaphrofethi bami,
ngalibulala ngamazwi omlomo wami;
ukwahlulela kwami kwaphazima njengombane phezu kwenu.
6 Ngoba mina ngifuna isihawu, hatshi umhlatshelo,
lokwamukela uNkulunkulu kuleminikelo yokutshiswa.
7 Njengo-Adamu, sebesephule isivumelwano
babengathembekanga khonale.
8 IGiliyadi lidolobho labantu abaxhwalileyo.
Lingcolile ngezinyathelo zegazi
9 Njengezigebenga zicathamela umuntu,
zenzanjalo izigangi zabaphristi;
zibulala abantu emgwaqweni oya eShekhemu
zisenza izinto ezimbi.
10 Sengibone into etshaqisayo endlini ka-Israyeli.
U-Efrayimi uwela khonapho,
lo-Israyeli ungcolisiwe.

11 Lakuwe futhi Juda,
ukuvuna sekulungiselwe.

Lapho ngingabuyisela inotho yabantu bami.

7

1 Lapho engizakwelapha khona u-Israyeli,
izono zika-Efrayimi ziyadalulwa
lobubi beSamariya buyembulwa.
Benza inkohliso,
amasela agqekeza izindlu,
izigebenga ziyaphanga emigwaqweni
2 kodwa kabananzeleli
ukuthi mina ngiyazikhumbula zonke izenzo zabo ezimbi.
Izono zabo ziyabaminza;
zihlezi ziphambi kwami.

3 Bathokozisa inkosi ngobuxhwali babo,
lababusi ngamanga abo.
4 Bonke bayizifebe,
batshisa njengeziko
elimlilo walo akudingeki ukuba umpheki wezinkwa awukhwezele
kusukela ekuvoxeni inhlama ize ikhukhumale.
5 Ngosuku lomkhosi wenkosi yethu
ababusi bathukutheliswa liwayini,
inkosi izihlanganise labaklolodayo.
6 Inhliziyo zabo zinjengeziko,
inkosi bayilanda ngamacebo ensitha.
Ukufutheka kwabo kuyadeda ubusuku bonke;
ekuseni kuyavutha njengomlilo obhebhayo.

7 Bonke batshisa njengeziko;
batshwabadele ababusi babo.
Wonke amakhosi abo ayawa,
kayikho ekhuleka kimi.

8 U-Efrayimi uxubana lezizwe;
u-Efrayimi ulikhekhe eliyisicecedu elingaphendulwanga.
9 Abezizweni bacikiza amandla akhe,
kodwa yena kakunanzeleli.
Inwele zakhe sezilezimvu
kodwa yena kakunanzeleli.
10 Ubuqholo buka-Israyeli bufakaza okubi ngaye,
kodwa phezu kwakho konke lokhu
kabuyeli kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe
loba amdinge.

11 U-Efrayimi unjengejuba,
ukhohliseka lula kalangqondo
ucela usizo eGibhithe,
abuye alucele e-Asiriya.
12 Lapho sebehamba, ngizaphosa umambule wami phezu kwabo;
ngizabadonsela phansi njengezinyoni zasemoyeni.
Ngizabezwa behamba bonke,
ngizababamba.
13 Maye kubo
ngoba bedukile kimi!
Akube lencithakalo kubo
ngoba bangihlamukele!
Ngiyafisa ukubahlenga
kodwa bona bakhuluma amanga ngami.
14 Kabakhalazi kimi ngezinhliziyo zabo
kodwa bakhalela emibhedeni yabo.
Babuthanela amabele lewayini elitsha
kodwa mina basuka bangidele.
15 Ngabafundisa ngabaqinisa,
kodwa baceba okubi ngami.
16 Kabaphendukeli koPhezukonke
banjengedandili elisolekayo.
Abakhokheli babo bazabulawa ngenkemba
ngenxa yamazwi abo okweyisa.
Ngalokhu bazahlekwa
elizweni laseGibhithe.”

8

U-Israyeli Uzavuna Isavunguzane

1 “Faka icilongo ezindebeni zakho!
Ukhozi lungaphezu kwendlu kaThixo
ngoba abantu basephule isivumelwano sami
bahlamukela lomthetho wami.
2 U-Israyeli uyakhalaza kimi esithi,
‘Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, siyakwamukela!’

3 Kodwa u-Israyeli ukwalile okuhle;
isitha sizaxotshana laye.
4 Babeka amakhosi kungekho mvumo yami;
bakhetha ababusi kungekho mvumo yami.
Ngesiliva sabo langegolide,
bazenzela izithombe zibe yikubhujiswa kwabo.
5 Lahla isithombe sakho sethole, wena Samariya!
Ulaka lwami luyavutha ngawe.
Koze kube nini bengelamandla okuhlambuluka na?
6 Bavela ko-Israyeli!
Ithole leli labunjwa yingcwethi;
kalisuye Nkulunkulu.
Lizachobozwa libe yizicucu,
ithole lelo laseSamariya.

7 Bahlanyela umoya
bavune isavunguzane.
Ihlanga kalilasikhwebu;
kaliyikuthela ifulawa.
Aluba belingathela amabele,
abezizweni kade bezawamimiliza.
8 U-Israyeli useginyiwe;
khathesi phakathi kwezizwe
unjengento engelasizo.
9 Ngoba sebeye e-Asiriya
njengobabhemi weganga entula yedwa.
U-Efrayimi uzithengisile kuzithandwa.
10 Lanxa bezithengisile phakathi kwezizwe,
ngizabaqoqela ndawonye.
Bazaqalisa ukucikizeka
bengaphansi kwencindezelo yenkosi elamandla.

11 Lanxa u-Efrayimi wakha ama-alithare amanengi eminikelo yezono,
asebe ngama-alithare okwenza izono.
12 Ngabalobela izinto ezinengi zomthetho wami
kodwa bona bazithatha njengento engaziwayo.
13 Banikela imihlatshelo njengezipho kimi
babuye badle inyama yakhona,
kodwa UTHIXO kathokozi ngabo.
Khathesi usezakhumbula ukuxhwala kwabo
abajezisele izono zabo:
Bazabuyela eGibhithe.
14 U-Israyeli usemkhohliwe uMenzi wakhe
wakha izindlu zamakhosi;
uJuda usevikele amadolobho amanengi ngezinqaba.
Kodwa ngizathumela umlilo emadolobheni abo
ozaqothula izinqaba zabo.”

9

Isijeziso Sika-Israyeli

1 Ungathokozi, we Israyeli;
ungajabuli njengezinye izizwe.
Ngoba ube ungathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wakho;
uthanda umholo wesifebe
ezizeni zonke zokubhulela.
2 Iziza lezikhamelo zewayini kakuyikunika abantu ukudla;
iwayini elitsha lizabehlulekisa.
3 Kabayikuhlala elizweni LIKATHIXO;
u-Efrayimi uzabuyela eGibhithe
adle ukudla okungcolileyo e-Asiriya.
4 Kabayikuthululelela iminikelo yewayini KUTHIXO,
lemihlatshelo yabo kayiyikumthokozisa.
Imihlatshelo enje kubo izakuba njengesinkwa sabalilayo;
bonke abayidlayo bazangcola.
Ukudla lokhu kuzakuba ngokwabo;
akuyikufika ethempelini LIKATHIXO.

5 Lizakwenzani ngosuku lwemikhosi yenu emisiweyo,
ngensuku zamadili KATHIXO na?
6 Lanxa bengaphunyuka ekubhujisweni,
iGibhithe izababutha,
njalo iMemfisi izabangcwaba.
Ingcebo yabo yesiliva izathathwa yimbabazane,
njalo ameva azagcwala emathenteni abo.
7 Insuku zokujeziswa ziyeza,
insuku zokwahlulelwa sezifikile.
U-Israyeli kumele akwazi lokhu.
Ngoba izono zenu zinengi kakhulu
lenzondo yenu inkulu kakhulu,
umphrofethi ubalwa njengesiwula
umuntu oholwa ngomoya enziwe njengohlanya.
8 Umphrofethi, ekanye loNkulunkulu wami,
ungumuntu olinda u-Efrayimi,
kodwa imijibila imlindele kuzozonke izindlela zakhe,
kanye lenzondo endlini kaNkulunkulu.
9 Batshone baphelela ekonakaleni,
njengasezinsukwini zaseGibhiya.
UNkulunkulu uzakukhumbula ukuxhwala kwabo
abajezisele izono zabo.

10 “Ekufumaneni kwami u-Israyeli
kwakunjengokuthola amagrebisi enkangala;
ekuboneni kwami okhokho benu,
kwakunjengokubona izithelo zakuqala zomkhiwa.
Kodwa ekufikeni kwabo kuBhali-Pheyori,
bazinikela kulesosithombe esihlazisayo
benyanyeka njengaleyonto ababeyithanda.
11 Udumo luka-Efrayimi luzaphapha luhambe njengenyoni,
akuyikuba lokuzala, lokukhulelwa, lokuthatha izisu.
12 Loba bangaze bondle abantwana,
ngizabemuka bonke.

Maye kubo,
lapho sengibadelile!
13 Ngimbonile u-Efrayimi, njengeThire,
ebekwe endaweni enhle.
Kodwa u-Efrayimi uzakhuphela
abantwana bakhe phandle kobulalayo.”

14 Baphe, Oh THIXO
uzabaphani na?
Baphe izibeletho eziphunzayo
lamabele angelalutho.

15 “Ngenxa yokuxhwala kwabo konke eGiligali,
ngabazonda khonale.
Ngenxa yezenzo zabo eziyizono,
ngizabaxotsha endlini yami.
Kangisayikubathanda futhi;
bonke abakhokheli babo bangabahlamuki.
16 U-Efrayimi udlekile,
impande zabo zomile,
kabatheli zithelo.
Loba bengazala abantwana,
ngizayibulala inzalo yabo abayithandayo.”

17 UNkulunkulu wami ubalile
ngoba kabamlalelanga;
bazakuba zinzulane phakathi kwezizwe.

10

1 U-Israyeli wayelivini eliqhelayo,
wazizalela izithelo.
Ngokwanda kwezithelo zakhe
wakha ama-alithare amanengi;
kwathi ngokuphumelela kwelizwe lakhe
wahlobisa amatshe akhe akhonzwayo.
2 Inhliziyo zabo ziyakhohlisa,
khathesi kufanele bathwale icala labo.
UTHIXO uzawabhidliza ama-alithare abo,
uwachithile lamatshe abo, akhonzwayo.

3 Ngakho bazakuthi, “Thina kasilankosi
ngoba kasimhloniphanga UTHIXO.
Kodwa loba sasingaba lenkosi,
kuyini eyayingasenzela khona?”
4 Benza izithembiso ezinengi,
bafunge izifungo zamanga,
benze lezivumelwano;
ngakho amacala ayanda
njengokhula olubulalayo ensimini elinyiweyo.
5 Abantu abahlala eSamariya bayesaba
ngenxa yesithombe sethole saseBhethi-Aveni.

Abantu bakhona bazasililela
benzenjalo labaphristi bakhona abakhonza izithombe,
labo abathokozela ubuhle baso
ngoba sithethwe kubo ekuthunjweni.
6 Sizathwalelwa e-Asiriya
njengomthelo enkosini enkulu.
U-Efrayimi uzayangeka;
u-Israyeli uzakuba lenhloni ngezithombe zakhe zezigodo.
7 ISamariya lenkosi yakhona kuzabhujiswa
kuzakhukhulwa kuhambe njengogatshanyana phezu kwamanzi.
8 Izindawo zokukhonzela zobuxhwali zizachithwa,
kuyisono sika-Israyeli.
Ameva lokhula kuzakhula
kwembese ama-alithare abo.
Lapho-ke bazakuthi ezintabeni, “Sembeseni!”
Lakuwo amaqaqa bathi, “Welani phezu kwethu!”

9 “Kusukela ensukwini zaseGibhiya wenze isono, we Israyeli,
njalo ulokhu usele khonapho.
Kanje impi kayibaficanga yini
abenza okubi eGibhiya?
10 Lapho sengifuna, ngizabajezisa;
izizwe zizaqoqanela ukumelana labo
ukuba zibabophele isono sabo esiphindiweyo.
11 U-Efrayimi ulithokazi elifundisiweyo
elithanda ukubhula amabele;
ngakho ngizagaxa ijogwe
entanyeni yakhe enhle.
U-Efrayimi ngizamtshayela,
uJuda kumele alime
uJakhobe kumele abulale amagade.
12 Zihlanyeleleni ukulunga,
vunani isithelo sothando olungapheliyo,
liqeqebule lomhlabathi wenu ongalinywanga; ngoba
kuyisikhathi sokudinga uTHIXO,
aze abuye
athele ukulunga phezu kwenu.
13 Kodwa lina lihlanyele ukuxhwala,
livune ububi,
lidle isithelo senkohliso.
Njengoba lithembe amandla enu
lamabutho enu amanengi,
14 ukuhlokoma kwempi kuzakuba khona ebantwini bakini,
ngakho zonke izinqaba zenu zizabhidlizwa
njengalokhu uShalimani wabhidliza iBhethi-Abheli ngosuku lwempi,
lapho onina basakazelwa phansi labantwababo.
15 Kuzakwenzakala kanjalo lakuwe, wena Bhetheli,
ngoba ukuxhwala kwakho kukhulu.
Lapho lolosuku lusisa,
inkosi yako-Israyeli izachithwa okuphelelelyo.”

11

Uthando LukaNkulunkulu Kwabako-Israyeli

1 “U-Israyeli esesengumntwana, ngangimthanda
njalo indodana yami ngayikhupha eGibhithe.
2 Kodwa kwathi lapho u-Israyeli ngimbiza kanengi
kwayikhona ehlehlela khatshana lami.
Banikela imihlatshelo kuboBhali,
batshisela lezifanekiso impepha.
3 Yimi engafundisa u-Efrayimi ukuhamba,
ngibabambe ngezingalo;
kodwa kababonanga
ukuthi yimi engabelaphayo.
4 Ngabakhokhela ngentambo zomusa woluntu,
ngezibopho zothando;
ngaba njengomuntu osusa
amajogwe entanyeni zabo,
ngakhothamela phansi ukuba angiphe ukudla.

5 Kabayikubuyela eGibhithe na,
njalo i-Asiriya kayiyikubabusa na
njengoba besala ukuphenduka?
6 Izinkemba zizaphazima emadolobheni abo,
zizachitha imigoqo yamasango abo
ziqede amacebo abo.
7 Abantu bami bazimisele ukungihlamukela.
Lanxa bekhuleka koPhezukonke
kasoze abaphakamise.

8 Ngingakukhalela kanjani, Efrayimi?
Ngingakunikela kanjani, Israyeli?
Ngingakuphatha kanjani njengo-Adima na?
Ngingakwenza kanjani, njengoZebhoyimi na?
Inhliziyo yami iguqukile phakathi kwami;
isihawu sami sonke siqubukile.
9 Kangiyikwenza okwentukuthelo yami eyesabekayo,
kumbe ngiphenduke ngimqothule u-Efrayimi.
Ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, hatshi umuntu,
oNgcwele phakathi kwenu.
Kangiyikuza ngolaka.
10 Bazamlandela uTHIXO;
uzabhonga njengesilwane.
Lapho esebhonga,
abantwana bakhe bazakuza beqhaqhazela bevela entshonalanga.
11 Bazakuza bevela eGibhithe
beqhaqhazela njengezinyoni
bevela e-Asiriya bephaphazela njengamajuba.
Ngizabahlalisa emakhaya abo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

Isono Sika-Israyeli

12 “U-Efrayimi usengizingeleze ngamanga,

lendlu ka-Israyeli ngenkohliso.
LoJuda uluhlaza kuNkulunkulu,
kanye lakuye othembekileyo oNgcwele.”

12

1 U-Efrayimi udla umoya;
uxotshana lomoya wasempumalanga ilanga lonke
andise amanga lodlakela.
Wenza isivumelwano le-Asiriya,
athumele amafutha e-oliva eGibhithe.
2 Kulecala UTHIXO azalethesa uJuda;
uzajezisa uJakhobe mayelana lezindlela zakhe
aphindisele kuye mayelana lezenzo zakhe.
3 Esiswini wabamba isithende sikamfowabo;
eseyindoda wabindana loNkulunkulu.
4 Wabindana lengilosi wayehlula;
wakhala wacela umusa kuyo.
Wayifica eBhetheli
wakhuluma layo khonapho,
5 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla,
UTHIXO yilo ibizo lakhe lodumo!
6 Kodwa kumele ubuyele kuNkulunkulu wakho;
ugcine uthando lokulunga,
umlindele kokuphela uNkulunkulu wakho.

7 Umthengisi usebenzisa izikali zenkohliso;
uthanda ukuqilibezela.
8 U-Efrayimi uyazincoma esithi,
“Nginothe kakhulu; sengiyisipatsha.
Ngenotho yami kabayikufumana ububi
loba isono kimi.”

9 “Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu
owalikhupha eGibhithe;
ngizalenza lihlale emathenteni futhi,
njengasezinsukwini zemikhosi yenu emisiweyo.
10 Ngakhuluma labaphrofethi,
ngabatshengisa imibono eminengi
ngakhuluma imizekeliso ngabo.”

11 IGiliyadi ixhwalile na?
Abantu bakhona bakhohlakele!
EGiligali bayanikela umhlatshelo wenkunzi na?
Ama-alithare abo azakuba njengezinqwaba zamatshe
ensimini elinyiweyo.
12 UJakhobe wabalekela elizweni lase-Aramu;
u-Israyeli wasebenzela ukuthola umfazi,
njalo welusa izimvu ukuba amlobole.
13 UTHIXO wasebenzisa umphrofethi ekukhupheni u-Israyeli eGibhithe;
wamlondoloza ngomphrofethi.
14 Kodwa u-Efrayimi umthukuthelise kabuhlungu;

UThixo wakhe uzaliyekela liphezu kwakhe
icala lokuchitha kwakhe igazi
njalo uzaphindisela kuye ukudelela kwakhe.

13

Ulaka LUKATHIXO Ku-Israyeli

1 Lapho u-Efrayimi ekhuluma, abantu bathuthumela;
wabatshazwa ko-Israyeli.
Kodwa waba lecala lokukhonza uBhali wasesifa.
2 Khathesi benza izono njalonjalo;
bazenzela izithombe ngesiliva sabo,
izifanekiso ezenziwe ngokuhlakanipha,
zonke ziyimisebenzi yezingcitshi.
Ngabantu laba kuthiwa,
"Banikela imihlatshelo yabantu,
bange izithombe zamathole."
3 Ngakho bazakuba njengenkungu yekuseni,
njengamazolo ekuseni anyamalalayo,
njengamakhoba asuka ezizeni,
njengentuthu iphuma ewindini.

4 "Kodwa mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
owalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe.
Kaliyikwamukela omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami,
hatshi omunye uMsindisi ngaphandle kwami.
5 Ngalilondoloza enkangala,
elizweni elilokutshisa okuvuthayo.
6 Lapho ngibapha ukudla, basutha;
sebesuthi, basuka bazigqaja;
basebengikhohlwa.
7 Ngizakwehlela phezu kwabo njengesilwane,
ngizacathama ngasendleleni njengengwe.
8 Njengebhele elithathelwe imidlwane yalo
ngizabahlasela ngibaqhaqhe.
Ngizabadla njengesilwane,
inyamazana yeganga izabadabula.

9 Uchithiwe, wena Israyeli,
ngoba umelane lami, umelane lomsizi wakho.
10 Ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuba ikusize na?
Bangaphi ababusi bakho kuwo wonke amadolobho akho,
bona owathi ngabo,
'Ngipha inkosi lababusi'?
11 Ngakho ngakunika inkosi ngithukuthele,
njalo ngolaka lwami ngayisusa.
12 Icala lika-Efrayimi ligciniwe,
izono zakhe zigcinwe emibhalweni.
13 Ufikelwa yibuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ehelelwa,
kodwa ungumntwana ongelalwazi;
lapho isikhathi sifika,

kabuyi ekuvulekeni kwesizalo.

14 Ngizabahlenga emandleni engcwaba;
ngizabasindisa ekufeni.
Zingaphi, we kufa izifo zakho?
Kungaphi, we ngcwaba, ukuchitha kwakho?

Kangiyikuba lesihawu,
15 lanxa ekhula phakathi kwabafowabo.
Umoya wasempumalanga ovela KUTHIXO uzafika,
uphephetha uvela enkangala;
intwasa yakhe izakwehluleka,
lemithombo yakhe itshe.
Indlu yakhe yokugcinela izaphangwa
yonke ingcebo yayo.
16 Abantu baseSamariya kuzamela balithwale icala labo,
ngoba bamhlamukele uNkulunkulu wabo.
Bazabulawa ngenkemba;
insane zabo zizasakazelwa phansi,
abesifazane babo abazithweleyo baqhaqhwe.”

14

Ukuphenduka Kuzaletha Izibusiso

1 Buyela, we Israyeli, KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho.
Izono zakho yizo ezikuwisileyo!
2 Thatha amazwi
ubuyele KUTHIXO.
Uthi kuye,
“Sithethelele zonke izono zethu
njalo usamukele ngomusa
ukuba sinikele isithelo sezindebe zethu.
3 I-Asiriya ayingeke isikhulule;
kasiyikugada amabhiza empi.
Kasisoze siphinde sithi, ‘Onkulunkulu bethu’
kulokho okwenziwa yizandla zethu,
ngoba abazintandane bathola isihawu kuwe.”

4 “Ngizakwelapha ubuphakaphaka babo
ngibathande ngokukhululeka,
ngoba ukuthukuthela kwami sekusukile kubo.
5 Ngizakuba njengamazolo ku-Israyeli;
uzaqhakaza njengeluba.
Uzatshonisa impande zakhe
phansi njengomsedari waseLebhanoni;
6 amahlumela akhe amatsha azakhula.
Ubuhle bakhe buzakuba njengesihlahla se-oliva,
iphunga lakhe libe njengomsedari waseLebhanoni.
7 Abantu bazahlala njalo emthunzini wakhe.
Uzakhula kuhle njengamabele.
Uzaqhakaza njengevini,
lodumo lwakhe luzakuba njengolwewayini laseLebhanoni.

8 Awu Efrayimi, kuyini futhi engingakwenza ngezithombe?
Ngizamphendula ngimlondoloze.
Mina nginjengesihlahla sephayini esiluhlaza,
ukuthela kwakho izithelo kuvela kimi.”

9 Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo? Uzazibona lezizinto.
Ngubani oqedisisayo? Uzazizwisisisa.
Izindlela ZIKATHIXO zilungile
abalungileyo bahamba kuzo,
kodwa abahlamuki bayakhubeka kuzo.

UJoweli

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJoweli indodana kaPhethuweli.

Ukuhlasela Kwesikhongwane

2 Zwanini lokhu, lina badala;
lalelani lonke lina elihlala elizweni.
Into enjengale seyake yenzakala na ensukwini zenu
loba ensukwini zabokhokho benu?
3 Kutsheleni abantwabenu,
abantwabenu labo batshele ababantwababo,
abantwababo batshele isizukulwane esilandelayo.
4 Lokho okutshiywe ngumtshitshi wezintethe
kudliwe yisikhongwane;
okutshiywe yisikhongwane
kudliwe yibuyane;
okutshiywe yibuyane
kudliwe ngezinye intethe.

5 Vukani lina zidakwa likhale!
Lilani lonke lina banathi bewayini;
lilani ngenxa yewayini elitsha,
ngoba lihluthunwe ezindebeni zenu.
6 Isizwe sihlasele ilizwe lami,
silamandla asingeke sibalwe,
silamazinyo esilwane,
ingavula zesilwanekazi.
7 Sesitshabalalise izivini zami,
saqothula lezihlahla zami zemikhiwa.
Sebule amaxolo azo
sawaphosela khatshana,
ingatsha zazo zasala sezimhlophe nke.

8 Lilani njengentombi egqoke isaka
idabukele umyeni wobutsha bayo.
9 Umnikelo wamabele lomnikelo wokunathwa
kususiwe endlini KATHIXO.
Abaphristi bayalila,
bona abakhonzayo phambi KUKATHIXO.
10 Amasimu atshabalele,
umhlabathi womile;
amabele onakele,
iwayini elitsha liphelile,
amafutha kawasekho.

11 Delani, lina balimi,
lilani, lina balimi bamavini;
bululelani ingqoloyi lebhali,
ngoba isivuno sensimu sitshabalalisiwe.
12 Ivini lomile

lomkhiwa ubunile;
iphomegranathi, lelala lesihlahla sama-aphula,
zonke izihlahla zeganga, zomile.
Impela ukuthokoza kwabantu
kuphelile.

Isimemezelo Sokuphenduka

13 Vunulani amasaka, lina baphristi, likhale.
Lilani lina elikhonzayo phambi kwe-alithari.
Wozani, lilale lembethe amasaka ebusuku,
lina elikhonzayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wami,
ngoba iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yokunathwayo igodliwe,
kayanikelwa endlini kaNkulunkulu wenu.
14 Memezelani ukuzila okungcwele;
bizani ibandla elingcwele.
Memani abadala
labo bonke abahlala elizweni,
baye endlini KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
likhale KUTHIXO.

15 Maye ngalolosuku!
Ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO seluseduze;
luzafika njengencithakalo evela kuSomandla.

16 Ukudla akuzange kuphele
phambi kwamehlo ethu,
lokuthokoza kanye lokuthaba
endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu na?
17 Inhlanyelo itshwabhene
ngaphansi kwamagade.
Izindlu zamabele zingamanxiwa,
iziphala zidiliziwe,
ngoba amabele kawasekho.
18 Yeka ukukhala kwezinkomo!
Imihlambi yenkomo iyaphithizela
ngoba kayilamadlelo;
lemihlambi yezimvu iyahlupheka.

19 Ngiyakhala kuwe THIXO,
ngoba umlilo usuqede amadlelo
lamalangabi asetshise zonke izihlahla zeganga.
20 Lezinyamazana zeganga zifuna wena;
izifula zamanzi sezicitshile njalo
lomlilo usuqede amadlelo.

2

Umtshitshi Wentethe

1 Vuthelani icilongo eZiyoni;
hlabani umkhosi entabeni yami engcwele.

Bonke abahlala elizweni kabathuthumele,
ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO luyeza.

Selusondele, selufikile,
2 usuku lomnyama lokudana,
usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama.
Njengokusa kusendlaleka phezu kwezintaba,
liyeza ibutho elikhulu elilamandla
elingazange libe khona endulo
kumbe libe khona eminyakeni ezayo.

3 Phambi kwabo umlilo uyatshisa,
ngemva kwabo amalangabi ayavutha.
Phambi kwabo ilizwe linjengensimu yase-Edeni
ngemva kwabo yinkangala elugwadule,
akukho okubaphunyukayo.
4 Bakhangeleka benjengamabhiza;
bamatha njengamabhiza empi.
5 Ngomsindo onjengowezinqola zempi,
beqa phezu kwezingqongo zezintaba,
njengamabibi omlilo etshisa inhlanga,
njengebutho elilamandla selilungele impi.

6 Ekubaboneni nje, izizwe zizwa ubuhlungu;
ubuso bonke buyadana.
7 Bahlasela njengamaqhawe;
bakhwele imiduli njengamabutho.
Bonke bahamba beludwendwe
bengaphambuki endleleni yabo.
8 Kabasunduzani;
lowo lalowo uhamba eqonde phambili.
Badabula phakathi kwezivikelo
kungekho kwehlukana kubo.
9 Baya ngesiqubu edolobheni;
bagijima besekele umduli.
Bayakhwela bangene ezindlini;
bangena ngamawindi njengamasela.

10 Umhlaba uyanyikinyeka phambi kwabo;
umkhathi uyaqhaqhazela,
ilanga lenyanga kube mnyama,
lezinkanyezi kazisakhanyisi.
11 UTHIXO uyakhwaza
phambi kwebutho lakhe;
amabutho akhe angeke abalwe,
njalo balamandla labo abalalela ukulaya kwakhe.
Usuku LUKATHIXO lukhulu;
luyesabeka.
Ngubani ongalumela na?

Guqulani Inhliziyo Zenu

12 “Lakhathesi,” kutsho UTHIXO,
“phendukelani kimi ngenhliziyo zenu zonke,
ngokuzila langokukhala lokulila.”

13 Dabulani inhliziyo zenu
hatshi izigqoko zenu.
Buyelani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
ngoba ulomusa lesihawu,
uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, ulothando olukhulu,
njalo uyaxola ukuthumela umonakalo.
14 Ngubani owaziyo? Engxenye angaphenduka abe lesihawu
atshiye isibusiso,
iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yokunathwayo
kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.

15 Vuthelani icilongo eZiyoni,
memezelani ukuzila okungcwele,
bizani ibandla elingcwele.
16 Buthanisani abantu,
ngcwelisani ibandla;
hlanganisani abadala,
buthanisani abantwana
labo abamunyayo.
Umyeni katshiye indlu yakhe
lomlobokazi atshiye ikamelo lakhe.
17 Abaphristi abakhonzayo phambi kukaThixo,
kabakhale bephakathi laphakathi kwentuba le-alithari.
Kabathi, “Awu Thixo, zwela abantu bakho.
Ungenzi ilifa lakho libe yinto yokuhlekwa,
isiga phakathi kwezizwe.
Kungani phakathi kwezizwe kumele bathi,
‘Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?’ ”

Impendulo kaThixo

18 Lapho-ke uThixo uzakuba lobukhwele ngelizwe lakhe
abe lesihawu ebantwini bakhe.
19 UThixo uzabaphendula athi:
“Ngiyalithumela amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha,
okwaneleyo ukulisuthisa ngokugcweleyo;
angiyikuphinda futhi ukulenza
into yokuhlekisa ezizweni.

20 Ibutho lasenyakatho ngizalixotshela khatshana lani,
ngilifuqele elizweni elomileyo elilugwadule,
amaviyo alo aphambili esiya olwandle lwasempumalanga
lawo angemuva esiya olwandle lwasentshonalanga.
Iphunga lalo elibi lizakuya phezulu,
umnuko walo uzaphakama.”

Ngempela wenze izinto ezinkulu ezimangalisayo.
21 Ungesabi, wena lizwe;
thaba uthokoze.
Impela uThixo wenze izinto ezinkulu.
22 Lingesabi, lina zinyamazana zeganga,
ngoba amadlelo asesiba luhlaza.
Izihlahla sezithela izithelo zazo;

imikhiwa lemivini kuthela kakhulu.
23 Thabani, lina bantu baseZiyoni,
thokozani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
ngoba ulinike izulu lekwindla
ngokulunga.
Ulilethela izulu elinengi
kanye lezulu lekwindla lelentwasa, njengakuqala.
24 Iziza zizagcwala amabele;
izikhamelo zizaphuphuma iwayini lamafutha.

25 “Ngizalihlawula okwaleyo minyaka lokho okwadliwa zintethe,
lesikhonyane lobuyane,
ezinye izintethe kanye lemitshitshi yezintethe,
ibutho lami elikhulu engalithumela kini.
26 Lizakuba lokudla okunengi lize lisuthe,
njalo lizadumisa ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
olenzele izimangaliso;
abantu bami kabayikuphinda bayangeke futhi.
27 Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi ngiko-Israyeli,
lokuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
kanye lokuthi kakho omunye;
abantu bami kabayikuphinda bayangeke futhi.”

Usuku LukaThixo
28 “Emva kwalokho,
ngizathululela uMoya wami kubo bonke abantu.
Amadodana lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha,
izinsizwa zenu zizabona imibono,
lamaxhegu enu azaphupha amaphupho.
29 Lasezincekwini zami, ezesilisa lezesifazane,
ngizawuthulula uMoya wami ngalezonsuku.
30 Ngizabonakalisa izimangaliso emazulwini
lasemhlabeni,
igazi lomlilo lezikhatha zentuthu.
31 Ilanga lizaphendulwa libe yibumnyama
lenyanga ibeligazi
phambi kokuba kufike
usuku olukhulu lukaThixo, olwesabekayo.
32 Njalo wonke obiza
ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa;
ngoba eNtabeni iZiyoni laseJerusalema
kuzakuba lokukhululwa,
njengoba uThixo etshilo,
iloba phakathi kwabasindileyo
labo ababizwa nguThixo.”

3

Izizwe Ziyahlulelwa
1 “Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi,
lapho sengibuyisela inotho kaJuda leJerusalema,
2 ngizaqoqa izizwe zonke
ngizehlisele eSigodini sikaJehoshafathi.

Lapho-ke ngizazahlulela
mayelana lelifa lami, abantu bami u-Israyeli
ngoba zahlakazela abantu bami phakathi kwezizwe,
zabelana ilizwe lami.
3 Zenza inkatho ngabantu bami,
zathenga izifebe ngabafana;
zathengisa amankazana ngewayini ukuze zinathe.
4 Manje-ke lisolani ngami, wena Thire loSidoni lani lonke zifunda zaseFilistiya?
Liyangiphindisela ngolutho engilwenzileyo na? Nxa lingiphindisela, ngizaphanga
ngibuyisele elakwenzayo phezu kwamakhanda enu ngokuphangisa. 5 Ngoba lathatha
isiliva sami legolide lami lathwalela lenotho yami eligugu emathempelini enu.
6 Lathengisa abantu bakoJuda laseJerusalema kumaGrikhi, ukuze libase khatshana
lelizwe labo.
7 Khangelani, ngizabavusa ezindaweni elabathengisa kuzo, njalo ngizabuyisela
phezu kwamakhanda enu lokho elakwenzayo. 8 Ngizathengisa amadodana enu
lamadodakazi enu ebantwini bakoJuda, njalo labo bazawathengisa kumaSabhini,
isizwe esikhatshana." UTHIXO usekhulumile.
9 Memezelani lokhu ezizweni lithi:
Lungiselani impi!
Vusani amabutho!
Wonke amadoda empi kasondele ahlasele.
10 Khandani amakhuba enu abe zinkemba
lemihedla yenu yokuthena izihlahla ibe yimikhonto.
Obuthakathaka kathi,
"Ngiqinile!"
11 Wozani ngokuphangisa, lonke lina zizwe zasezinhlangothini zonke,
libuthane khonapho.

Yehlisa amabutho akho, Oh THIXO!

12 "Izizwe kazivuswe;
kaziye eSigodini sikaJehoshafathi
ngoba ngizahlala khona
ukwehlulela izizwe zonke zasezinhlangothini zonke.
13 Hehethani ngesikela
ngoba okuvunwayo sekuvuthiwe.
Wozani, gxobani amavini,
ngoba isikhamelo sewayini sesigcwele
lezimbizakazi seziphuphuma,
bukhulu kangaka ububi bazo!

14 Amaxuku, amaxuku
esigodini sesinqumo!
Ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO luseduze
esigodini sezinqumo.
15 Ilanga lenyanga kuzakuba mnyama,
lezinkanyezi zingabe zisakhanya.
16 UTHIXO uzavungama eseZiyoni
aphinde akhwaze eseJerusalema;
umhlaba lomkhathi kuzagedezela.
Kodwa UTHIXO uzakuba yisiphephelo sabantu bakhe,
inqaba yabantu bako-Israyeli."

Izibusiso Zabantu BakaNkulunkulu

17 “Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi mina, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
ngihlala eZiyoni, intaba yami engcwele.
IJerusalema izakuba ngcwele;
kayiyikuphinda ihlaselwe ngabezizweni futhi.

18 Ngalolosuku izintaba zizagobhoza iwayini elitsha,
lamaqaqa ageleze uchago;
zonke indonga zakoJuda zizageleza amanzi.
Umthombo uzantuntuza endlini KATHIXO
uthambise isigodi saseShithima.
19 Kodwa iGibhithe izachithakala,
i-Edomi ibe yinkangala elugwadule,
ngenxa yodlakela olwenziwa ebantwini bakoJuda
lapho bachitha khona igazi elingelacala elizweni labo.
20 KoJuda kuzahlalwa khona kuze kube nininini
laseJerusalema kuzahlala izizukulwane zonke.
21 Umlandu wabo wegazi, engingakaxoli ngawo,
ngizabaxolela ngawo.”

UTHIXO uhlala eZiyoni!

U-Amosi

1 La ngamazwi ka-Amosi, omunye wabelusi baseThekhowa, lokho akubonayo
mayelana lo-Israyeli eminyakeni emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama komhlaba,
ngezinsuku u-Uziya eyinkosi yakoJuda loJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi eyinkosi
yako-Israyeli.

2 Wathi:
“UTHIXO uyavungama eseZiyoni,
idume iJerusalema;
amadlelo abelusi ayoma
lengqongo yeKhameli iyabuna.”

Ukwahlulelwa Kwabakhelene Lo-Israyeli

3 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zeDamaseko,
loba ngenxa yezine,
kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami.
Ngenxa yokuthi yatshaya iGiliyadi
ngemibhulo elamazinyo ensimbi,
4 ngizathumela umlilo endlini kaHazayeli
ozalobisa izinqaba zikaBheni-Hadadi.
5 Ngizabhidliza isango laseDamaseko;
ngizachitha inkosi ephakathi kweSigodi sase-Aveni
lalowo ophethe intonga yobukhosi eBhethi Edeni.
Abantu base-Aramu bazathunjwa
basiwe eKhiri,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
6 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zeGaza
loba ngenxa yezine,
kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami
ngenxa yokuthi yathumba abantu bezigaba zonke
yabathengisa e-Edomi,
7 ngizathumela umlilo emidulini yaseGaza
ozalobisa izinqaba zayo.
8 Ngizayichitha inkosi yase-Ashidodi
kanye lalowo ophatha intonga yobukhosi e-Ashikheloni.
Ngizaphendulela isandla sami ekuhlaseleni i-Ekroni
kuze kufe umFilistiya wokucina,”
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
9 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zaseThire
loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami.
Ngenxa yokuthi yabathengisela e-Edomi
bonke abantu bezigaba zonke ezathunjwayo
inganaki isivumelwano sobuzalwane,
10 ngizathumela umlilo emidulini yaseThire
ozalobisa izinqaba zayo.”

11 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zase-Edomi
loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami.
Ngenxa yokuthi waxotshana lomfowabo ngenkemba,
enqabela isihawu sonke,
ngoba ulaka lwakhe lwavutha kokuphela
lentukuthelo yakhe yabhebha ingelakuthitshwa,
12 ngizathumela umlilo eThemani
ozalobisa izinqaba zaseBhozira.”
13 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zase-Amoni, loba langenxa yezine,
kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami.
Ngenxa yokuthi waqhaqha abesifazane abazithweleyo baseGiliyadi
ukuze aqhelise ilizwe lakhe,
14 ngizathungela imiduli yaseRaba ngomlilo
ozalobisa izinqaba zayo
kumenyezelwa izitsho zempi ngosuku lokulwa
kulomoya olamandla ngosuku lwesiphepho.
15 Inkosi yalo izathunjwa,
yona kanye lezikhulu zayo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

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1 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zaseMowabi
loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami,
ngoba utshise amathambo enkosi yase-Edomi
aze afana lekalaga,
2 ngizathumela umlilo kuMowabi
ozalobisa izinqaba zaseKheriyothi.
UMowabi uzachitheka kulokuxokozela okukhulu
lokumenyezelwa kwezitsho zempi lokukhala kwecilongo.
3 Ngizaqothula ababusi bakhe
ngibulale zonke izikhulu zakhe kanye laye,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
4 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zikaJuda
loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami,
ngoba bawalile umthetho KATHIXO
kabaze bagcina lezimiso zakhe,
ngoba badukiswe ngonkulunkulu bamanga,
onkulunkulu abalandelwa ngokhokho babo.
5 Ngizathumela umlilo koJuda
ozalobisa izinqaba zaseJerusalema.”

Ukwahlulelwa Kuka-Israyeli

6 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zika-Israyeli
loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami
ngoba bathengisa abalungileyo ngesiliva,
labaswelayo ngamanyathelo.
7 Banyathela phezu kwamakhanda abayanga

njengaphezu kothuli lomhlabathi
banqabele imfanelo yabancindezelweyo.
Uyise lendodana bembatha lentombi yinye
kanjalo bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele.
8 Bacambalala phansi emaceleni ama-alithare wonke,
phezu kwezembatho ezithethwe ziyizibambiso.
Endlini kankulunkulu wabo
banatha iwayini elithethwe njengenhlawulo.

9 Ngachitha um'Amori phambi kwabo,
lanxa wayemude njengemisedari
njalo eqine njengom'okhi.
Ngachitha izithelo zakhe phezulu
kanye lempande zakhe ngaphansi.
10 Ngalikhupha eGibhithe
ngalikhokhela iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala
ukuba ngilinike ilizwe lama-Amori.

11 Ngakhupha labaphrofethi bephuma phakathi kwamadodana enu,
kanye lamaNaziri ephuma phakathi kwezinsizwa zenu.
Lokhu akuqotho na, bantu bako-Israyeli?"
kutsho uTHIXO.
12 "Kodwa lanathisa amaNaziri iwayini,
lalaya abaphrofethi ukuba bangaphrofethi.

13 Khathesi-ke mina ngizalichoboza
njengokuchoboza kwenqola ithwele amabele.
14 Olejubane kayikubaleka,
oqinileyo uzawaswela amandla akhe,
lebutho kaliyikusindisa impilo yalo.
15 Umtshoki akayikugxila,
ibutho elilejubane kaliyikuphunyuka
lomgadi webhiza kayikusindisa impilo yakhe.
16 Lebutho elilesibindi kakhulu,
ngalolosuku lizabaleka linqunu,"
kutsho uTHIXO.

3

Ofakazi Bokumelana Lo-Israyeli

1 Zwanini ilizwi elikhulunywe nguTHIXO ngani lina bantu bako-Israyeli Lomndeni
wonke engawukhupha eGibhithe:
2 "Yini kuphela engalikhethayo
kuyo yonke imideni yasemhlabeni;
ngakho ngizalijezisela
zonke izono zenu."

3 Ababili bayahamba bendawonye
ngaphandle kokuba bevumelene ukwenzanjalo na?
4 Isilwane siyabhonga ehlathini
kungelalutho esingalubamba na?
Siyabhonga esikhundleni saso

singabambanga lutho na?
5 Inyoni iyabanjwa emhlabathini
okungelamjibila othiywe khona na?
Umjibila uyathanca usuke emhlabathini
kungelalutho olubambayo na?
6 Lapho icilongo likhala edolobheni
abantu kabethuki na?
Lapho incithakalo isehlela idolobho
kayenziwanga NGUTHIXO na?

7 Impela UTHIXO Wobukhosi kenzi lutho
engavezanga icebo
lakhe ezincekwini zakhe abaphrofethi.

8 Isilwane sibhongile,
ngubani ongayikwesaba na?
UTHIXO Wobukhosi usekhulumile
ngubani ongayekela ukuphrofitha na?

9 Memezelani ezinqabeni zase-Ashidodi
lasezinqabeni zaseGibhithe lithi:
“Buthanani phezu kwezintaba zaseSamariya;
libone isiyaluyalu esikhulu phakathi kwayo
lokuncindezela phakathi kwabantu bayo.”

10 “Kabakwazi ukwenza okulungileyo,” kutsho UTHIXO,
“bona ababuthelela impango
baphange lasezinqabeni zabo.”
11 Ngakho UTHIXO Wobukhosi uthi:
“Isitha sizachitha ilizwe;
sizadiliza izinqaba zenu,
siphange izinqaba zenu.”
12 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Njengomelusi ehlenga emlonyeni wesilwane
amathambo amabili kuphela omlenze loba isiqa sendlebe,
bazahlengwa kanjalo abako-Israyeli abahlala eSamariya
bethithibele ekucineni kwemibheda yabo,
kanye laseDamaseko phezu kwemibheda yabo yokuphumulela.”
13 “Zwanini lokhu lifakaze ngendlu kaJakhobe,” kutsho iNkosi, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla.
14 “Ngosuku engizajezisela u-Israyeli izono zakhe
ngizabhidliza ama-alithare aseBhetheli;
impondo ze-alithare zizaqunywa
ziwele emhlabathini.
15 Ngizadiliza indlu yebusika kanye
lendlu yehlobo,
izindlu eziceciswe ngempondo zendlovu zizadilizwa
lezindlu ezinkulu zizabhidlizwa,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

4

U-Israyeli Kakabuyeli KuNkulunkulu

1 Zwanini ilizwi leli lina mankomokazi aseBhashani phezu kweNtaba iSamariya,
lina besifazane elincindezela abayanga lichoboze abaswelayo
beselisithi kubomkenu, “Siletheleni okunathwayo!”
2 UTHIXO Wobukhosi usefunge ngobungcwele bakhe wathi:
“Isikhathi sizafika impela
lapho elizathathwa khona ngewuka,
owokucina wenu ngewuka yenhlanzi.
3 Lizaphuma ngamunye
ngezikhala emdulini liqonde nta phandle,
njalo lizalahlelwa ngaphandle ngokuya eHamoni,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
4 “Hambani eBhetheli liyekwenza isono;
hambani eGiligali liyekwenza isono ngokudlulayo.
Lethani imihlatshelo yenu nsuku zonke ekuseni
lokwetshumi kwenu minyaka yonke emithathu.
5 Tshisani isinkwa esilemvubelo njengomnikelo wokubonga
lintele ngeminikelo yenu yokuzithandela
lizikhukhumeze ngayo, lina bako-Israyeli,
ngoba lokhu yikho elithanda ukukwenza,”
kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.

6 “Ngalilethela indlala emadolobheni wonke
lokusweleka kokudla emadolobheni wonke,
kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

7 “Ngagodla izulu futhi
kusasele inyanga ezintathu ukuba kuvunwe.
Izulu ngalinisa kwelinye idolobho
kodwa ngaligodla kwelinye.
Enye insimu yaba lezulu,
enye kayaze yaba lalo njalo yoma qha.
8 Abantu babhadazela besuka kwelinye idolobho besiya kwelinye befuna amanzi
kodwa kabawatholanga anele ukuba bakholwe,
ikanti kalibuyelanga kimi,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

9 “Ezikhathini ezinengi ngahlasela izivande zenu lezivini zenu,
ngizihlasela ngesona langengumane.
Izintethe zadla imikhiwa yenu lezihlahla zenu zama-oliva,
kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

10 “Ngathumela izifo phakathi kwenu
njengengakwenza kweleGibhithe.
Ngabulala izinsizwa zenu ngenkemba
ndawonye lamabhiza enu athunjwayo.
Ngavimbanisa amakhala enu ngomnuko wezihonqo zenu,
kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi,”

kutsho uTHIXO.

11 “Ngachitha abanye benu
njengalokhu ngachitha iSodoma leGomora.
Lalinjengesikhuni esitshayo esihluthunwe emlilweni,
kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

12 “Ngakho-ke engizakwenza kuwe Israyeli yilokhu,
njalo njengoba lokhu ngizakwenza kuwe,
zilungisele ukuhlangana loNkulunkulu wakho, wena Israyeli.”

13 Yena obumba izintaba,
udala umoya,
aveze lemicabango yakhe ebantwini,
yena oguqula ukusa kube ngumnyama,
anyathele lezindawo eziphakemeyo zomhlaba,
uTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe.

5

Isililo Lesimemezelo Sokuphenduka

1 Zwana ilizwi leli, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, isililo lesi engisenzayo ngani:
2 “Iwile iNtombi u-Israyeli,
kayiphindi ivuke futhi,
ideliwe elizweni layo,
kungekho ongayiphakamisela phezulu.”
3 Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO Wobukhosi:
“Idolobho lenu elikhupha inkulungwane eziqinileyo
lizasala labalikhulu kuphela;
idolobho elikhupha abalikhulu abaqinileyo lizasala
labalitshumi kuphela.”
4 Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO endlini ka-Israyeli:
“Dingani mina, liphile;
5 lingadingi iBhetheli,
lingayi eGiligali,
lingayi eBherishebha.
Ngoba impela iGiligali izakuya ekuthunjweni,
leBhetheli izadliwa iphele nya.”
6 Dingani uTHIXO liphile
hlezi adabule phakathi kwendlu kaJosefa njengomlilo;
uzatshisa uqothule,
njalo iBhetheli kayiyikuba lomuntu ozawucitsha.

7 Lina eliguqula ukulunga kube yibuhlungu,
lilahlele ubuqotho emhlabathini.

8 Yena owenza iSilimela loMthala,
oguqula umnyama ube yikusa
enze imini ibe yibusuku obumnyama,
yena obiza amanzi olwandle,
awathele phezu kobuso belizwe,

uTHIXO yilo ibizo lakhe,
9 wehlisela incithakalo phezu kwenqaba atshabalalise
idolobho elivikelweyo.

10 Liyamzonda okhuzayo emthethwandaba limeyise
lalowo okhuluma iqiniso.

11 Linyathezela umyanga limncindezele
ukuba aliphe amabele.
Ngakho-ke, lanxa lakhe izindlu ezinkulukazi zamatshe
kaliyikuhlala kuzo;
lanxa lihlanyele izivini ezinhle,
iwayini lazo kaliyikulinatha.
12 Ngoba iziphambeko zenu ngiyazazi ukuthi zingaki
kanye lokuthi izono zenu zinkulu okunganani.

Lincindezela abalungileyo lamukele isivalamlomo,
njalo emithethwandaba linqabela abayanga imfanelo.
13 Ngakho ezikhathini ezinjalo umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithulela,
ngoba izikhathi zimbi.

14 Dingani okuhle, hatshi okubi,
ukuze liphile.
Lapho-ke uTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla uzakuba lani
njengoba lisithi ulani.
15 Zondani okubi lithande okuhle;
qinisani ukulunga emithethwandaba.
Mhlawumbe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla uzakuba lomusa
kuzinsalela zakoJosefa.
16 Ngakho nanku okutshiwo yiNkosi, uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu uSomandla,
“Kuzakuba lokulila emigwaqweni yonke
lokukhala kabuhlungu ezinkundleni zonke zikazulu.
Abalimi bazabizwa ukuba bakhale,
labakhalayo ukuba balile.
17 Kuzakuba lokulila ezivinini zonke,
ngoba ngizadlula phakathi kwenu,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

Usuku LUKATHIXO

18 Maye kini lina elilangazelela
usuku LUKATHIXO!
Kungani lilangazelela lolosuku LUKATHIXO na?
Lolosuku luzakuba ngumnyama, hatshi ukukhanya.
19 Kuzafana lokuthi umuntu ubalekele isilwane
wahlangana lebhele,
njengangathi ungene endlini yakhe
wabambelela emdulini ngesandla
waselunywa yinyoka.
20 Usuku LUKATHIXO kaluyikuba ngumnyama na,
hatshi ukukhanya,
lumnyama bhuqe, kungekho nhlansi yokukhanya?

21 “Ngiyayizonda, ngiyayeyisa imikhosi yokholo lwenu;
angingeke ngiyimele imbuthano yenu.
22 Lanxa lingangilethela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo
yamabele kangiyikuyamukela.
Lanxa liletha iminikelo emihle kakhulu yobuzalwane,
lokunonisiweyo kangiyikuyinanza.
23 Sukani lomsindo wezingoma zenu!
Kangiyikuwulalela umculo wamachacho enu.
24 Kodwa ukulunga kakugeleze njengamanzi,
lobuqotho njengesifula esingatshiyo!

25 Kanje wake wangilethela imihlatshelo leminikelo
eminyakeni engamatshumi amane enkangala,
wena ndlu ka-Israyeli na?
26 Seliphakamise indawo yokukhonzela izithombe zenu,
isenabelo senkosi unkulunkulu wenu uSakhuthi,
lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uKhayiwani,
elazenzela khona lina ngokwenu.
27 Ngakho ngizalisa ekuthunjweni ngale kweDamaseko,”
kutsho UTHIXO obizo lakhe nguNkulunkulu uSomandla.

6

Maye Kulabo Abangakhathaliyo

1 Maye kini lina elingakhathaliyo eZiyoni,
lakini elizizwa livikelekile eNtabeni iSamariya,
lina madoda adumileyo esizwe sokuqala,
abantu bako-Israyeli abaya kuso!
2 Yanini eKhaline liyikhangele;
lisuka lapho yanini eHamathi enkulu,
beselisehlela eGathi eseFilistiya.
Bangcono kulemibuso yenu emibili na?
Ilizwe labo likhulu kulelenu na?
3 Lisusa usuku olubi
lisondeze eduze ukubusa ngodlakela.
4 Lilala emibhedeni eyenziwa ngempondo zendlovu
licambalale phezu kwemibheda yenu yokuphumulela.
Lidla inyama yezimvu zekhethelo
leyamathole anonisiweyo.
5 Lihweba amachacho njengoDavida
kodwa engamachacho ezaba.
6 Linatha iwayini ligcwele inqayi,
ligcobe ngamagcobo amahle,
kodwa kalikhathazeki ngokuchitheka kukaJosefa.
7 Ngakho-ke lizakuba ngabanye bakuqala ekuthunjweni;
ukuzitika kwenu lokuhleka kuzaphela.

Inkosi Iyakwenyanya Ukuzigqaja Kuka-Israyeli

8 UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzifungele yena ngokwakhe, UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi:
“Ngiyakwenyanya ukuzigqaja kukaJakhobe
njalo ngiyazizonda izinqaba zakhe;

ngizalinikela idolobho lakho
konke okukulo."
9 Nxa amadoda alitshumi esele endlini eyodwa, lawo azakufa. 10 Njalo nxa isihlobo
okumele sitshise izidumbu zifika ukuba sizisuse kuleyondlu besesibuza loba ngubani
oyabe elokhu ecatshile khonapho, sithi, "Kulomunye olawe na?" Yena athi, "Hatshi,"
lapho-ke uzakuthi, "Thula! Akumelanga sithinte ibizo LIKATHIXO."
11 Ngoba UTHIXO usekhuphe umlayo,
njalo uzaphahlaza indlukazi ibe yizihlephu
kuthi indlu encinyane ibe yizicucu.

12 Amabhiza ayagijima emadwaleni angamawa na?
Umuntu uyalima khonapho ngenkabi na?
Kodwa lina liphendule ukulunga kwaba yitshefu
lesithelo sokulunga saba yibuhlungu,
13 lina elithokoziswa yikunqotshwa kweLo-Debhari
beselisithi, "IKharinayimi kasiyithumbanga ngamandla ethu na?"

14 Ngoba UTHIXO uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi,
"Ngizakuvusela isizwe, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli,
esizakuncindezela indawo yonke
kusukela eLebho Hamathi kusiyafika esigodini sase-Arabha."

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Intethe, Lomlilo Lentambo Yokuqondisa

1 Nanku engakutshengiswa NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: Wayelungisa imitshitshi yez-
intethe emva kokuvunwa kwesabelo senkosi khonapho amabele esibili esakhula.
2 Kwathi lapho ilizwe seziliphundlile, ngamemeza ngathi, "THIXO Wobukhosi,
thethelela! UJakhobe angaphepha kanjani? Mncinyane kakhulu!"
3 Ngakho UTHIXO waxola.
"Akusoze kwenzakale" watsho UTHIXO.
4 Nanku engakutshengiswa NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: UTHIXO Wobukhosi
wayememezela ukwehlulela ngomlilo; womisa ulwandle waqothula lelizwe.
5 Ngakho ngamemeza ngathi "THIXO Wobukhosi, ngiyakuncenga, ake ume! UJakhobe
angaphepha kanjani na? Mncinyane kakhulu!"
6 Ngakho UTHIXO waxola.
"Lokhu lakho akuyikwenzakala," kwatsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.

7 Nanku angitshengisa khona: uThixo wayemi phansi komduli owawakhiwe
waqonda nta ephethe intambo yokuqondisa ngesandla sakhe 8 UTHIXO wasengibuza
esithi, "Kuyini okubonayo, Amosi?"
Ngaphendula ngathi, "Yintambo yokuqondisa."
UThixo wasesithi, "Khangela, ngibeka intambo yokuqondisa phakathi kwabantu
bami bako-Israyeli; kangisayikubaxolela futhi.
9 Izindawo eziphakemeyo zika-Isaka zizadilizwa
lezindawo ezingcwele zako-Israyeli zizachithwa;
indlu kaJerobhowamu ngizayihlasela ngenkemba yami."

U-Amosi Lo-Amaziya

10 U-Amaziya umphristi waseBhetheli wathumela ilizwi kuJerobhowamu inkosi
yako-Israyeli, wathi, "U-Amosi uceba okubi ngawe khona kanye phakathi kwako-
Israyeli. Ilizwe lingeke limelane lawo wonke amazwi akhe. 11 Ngoba u-Amosi uthi:

‘UJerobhowamu uzakufa ngenkemba,
njalo impela u-Israyeli uzathunjwa,
asiwe khatshana kwelizwe lakibo.’ ”
12 U-Amaziya wasesithi ku-Amosi, “Phuma, wena mboni! Buyela elizweni lakoJuda, usebenzele ukudla kwakho khonale wenze lokuphrofetha kwakho khonale.
13 Ungaphrofithi futhi eBhetheli, ngoba le yindawo yenkosi kanye lethempeli lombuso.”
14 U-Amosi waphendula u-Amaziya wathi, “Mina ngangingasuye mphrofethi kumbe indodana yomphrofethi, kodwa ngangingumelusi, njalo ngigcina izihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore. 15 Kodwa UTHIXO wangithatha ekweluseni imihlambi yezimvu wathi kimi, ‘Hamba uyephrofetha ebantwini bami bako-Israyeli.’ 16 Ngakho-ke khathesi zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO. Wena uthi:
‘Ungaphrofethi kubi ngo-Israyeli,
njalo yekela ukutshumayela kubi ngendlela ka-Isaka.’
17 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
‘Umkakho uzakuba yisifebe edolobheni,
amadoda lamadodakazi akho azakufa ngenkemba.
Ilizwe lakho lizalinganiswa labiwe,
njalo wena ngokwakho uzafela elizweni lamaqaba.
Njalo impela u-Israyeli uzathunjwa
asiwe khatshana kwelizwe lakhe.’ ”

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Isitsha Sezithelo Ezivuthiweyo

1 Nanku engakutshengiswa NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi: isitsha esilezithelo ezivuthiweyo.
2 Wangibuza wathi, “Kuyini okubonayo, Amosi?”
Mina ngaphendula ngathi, “Yisitsha esilezithelo ezivuthiweyo.”
UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Isikhathi sabantu bami bako-Israyeli sesifikile; kangisabaxoleli futhi.
3 Ngalolosuku, izingoma zethempelini zizaphenduka zibe yikulila. Izidumbu ezinengi kakhulu zidaklazelwe indawo yonke! Thulani!” Kutsho UTHIXO Wobukhosi.
4 Zwanini lokhu, lina elincindezela abaswelayo njalo
lichitha labayanga elizweni,
5 lisithi,
“Ukuthwasa kweNyanga Entsha kuzaphela nini
ukuze sithengise amabele,
leSabatha lidlule
ukuze sithengise ingqoloyi na?”
Sinciphise isilinganiso,
sikhweze intengo
siqilibezele ngezilinganiso zenkohliso,
6 sithenge abayanga ngesiliva,
abaswelayo sibathenge ngamanyathelo,
sithengise lamakhoba ngengqoloyi.
7 UTHIXO ufungile ngokuziQhenya kukaJakhobe wathi, “Angisoze ngakhohliswa loba yini abayenzileyo.
8 Ilizwe kaliyikuthuthumela ngalokhu yini
labo bonke abahlala kulo kabayikulila na?
Ilizwe lonke lizaqubuka njengeNayili;
lizadungeka beselitshona phansi
njengomfula waseGibhithe.

9 Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi,
“ngizakwenza ilanga litshone emini,
ngenze emhlabeni kube mnyama emini ekhanyayo.
10 Ngizaphendula imikhosi yenu yokukhonza ibe yikulila
lokuhlabelela kwenu konke kube yikukhala.
Lonke ngizalenza ligqoke amasaka,
njalo liphuce amakhanda enu.
Lesosikhathi ngizasenza sifane lokulilela indodana eyiyo yodwa
lokuphela kwaso kube njengosuku olubuhlungu.

11 Insuku ziyeza, kutsho uTHIXO Wobukhosi,
lapho engizathumela khona indlala elizweni
hatshi indlala yokudla kumbe ukomela amanzi,
kodwa indlala yokuzwa amazwi kaTHIXO.
12 Abantu bazaphamazela besuka elwandle besiya elwandle,
njalo bazule kusukela enyakatho kusiya empumalanga,
bedinga ilizwi LIKATHIXO,
kodwa kabayikulithola.
13 Ngalolosuku
izintombi ezinhle lezinsizwa eziqinileyo
zizaqaleka ngenxa yokoma.
14 Bona labo abafunga ngesono seSamariya,
loba bathi, ‘Ngeqiniso
njengoba unkulunkulu wakho ephila, wena Dani,’
loba bathi, ‘Ngeqiniso
njengoba unkulunkulu waseBherishebha ephila,’
bazakuwa, bangaphindi bavuke futhi.”

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U-Israyeli Uzachithwa

1 Ngabona uThixo emi phansi kwe-alithari, wasesithi:
“Tshaya izihloko zensika
ukuze imibundu inyikinyeke.
Ziwisele phansi phezu kwamakhanda abantu bonke;
labo abazasala ngizababulala ngenkemba.
Kakho lamunye ozaphunyuka,
kakho ozabaleka.
2 Loba besimba baze bafike ekudepheni kwengcwaba,
isandla sami sizabathatha khonapho.
Loba bekhwela baye phezulu emazulwini,
bekhonapho ngizabehlisela phansi.
3 Loba becatsha engqongweni yeKhameli,
khonapho ngizabadinga ngibabambe.
Loba bengicatshela enzikini yolwandle,
khonapho ngizalaya inyoka ukuba ibalume.
4 Loba izitha zabo zingabasa ekuthunjweni,
khonale ngizalaya inkemba ukuba ibabulale.

Ngizagxilisa amehlo ami kubo
ngenxa yobubi hatshi ngobuhle.”

5 INkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla,
yena othinta umhlaba uncibilike,
kuthi bonke abahlezi kuwo bakhale,
ilizwe lonke liyaphakama njengoNayili
liphinde litshone phansi njengomfula waseGibhithe,
6 yena owakha indlu yakhe yobukhosi ephakemeyo emazulwini
njalo ubeka isisekelo sakhe phezu komhlaba,
ebiza amanzi olwandle
awathele phezu kobuso bomhlaba,
uTHIXO yilo ibizo lakhe.

7 “Lina ma-Israyeli,
kimi kalinjengamaKhushi na?”
kutsho uTHIXO.
“U-Israyeli kangimkhuphanga eGibhithe,
lamaFilistiya eKhafithori,
kanye lama-Aramu eKhiri na?

8 Impela amehlo kaTHIXO Wobukhosi
aphezu kombuso olesono.
Ngizawukhucula ebusweni bomhlaba
ikanti indlu kaJakhobe
angiyikuyichitha ngokupheleleyo,”
kutsho uTHIXO.
9 “Ngoba ngizakupha umlayo,
njalo ngizahlungula indlu ka-Israyeli
phakathi kwezizwe zonke
njengokuhlungulwa kwamabele ekhomaneni
njalo akukho hlamvu oluzawela phansi.
10 Izoni zonke phakathi kwabantu bami
zizakufa ngenkemba,
bonke labo abathi,
‘Umonakalo kawuyikusifica loba usihlangabeze.’ ”

Ukubuyiswa Kuka-Israyeli

11 “Ngalolosuku
ngizavusa ithente likaDavida elawayo.
Ngizavala izikhala zalo,
ngivuselele okwadilikayo kwalo,
ngilakhe njengelaliyikho khona,
12 ukuze bathathe insalela ye-Edomi
kanye lezizwe zonke ezizabizwa ngebizo lami,”
kutsho uTHIXO, ozazenza lezizinto.
13 uTHIXO uthi, “Zinsuku ziyeza,
lapho ovunayo ezaficwa ngolimayo,
lohlanyelayo aficwe ngokhama amavini.
Iwayini elitsha lizagobhoza ezintabeni,
njalo ligeleze emaqaqeni wonke.
14 Ngizababuyisela abantu bami
bako-Israyeli abathunjwayo.

Bazawakha kutsha amadolobho adilikayo bahlale kuwo.

Bazahlanyela izivini banathe iwayini lazo;
bazakwenza izivande badle izithelo zazo.
15 Ngizagxumeka u-Israyeli elizweni lakhe
angaphindi asitshunwe futhi
elizweni engimnike lona,”
kutsho uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.

U-Obhadaya

1 Umbono Ka-Obhadaya.

Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi nge-Edomi:
Sesizwe ilizwi elivela KUTHIXO:
Kuthunywe isithunywa ezizweni ukuba sithi,
“Phakamani, asihambeni silwe laye impi”:

2 “Khangela, ngizakwenza ube mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe;
uzakweyiswa kakhulu.
3 Ukuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho sekukukhohlisile,
wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala wakhe
umuzi wakho eziqongweni,
wena ozitshela uthi,
‘Ngubani ongangiwisela phansi enhlabathini na?’
4 Lanxa uqonga njengengqungqulu
wakhe isidleke sakho phakathi kwezinkanyezi,
ngizakwethula khonale,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
5 “Nxa amasela efike kuwe,
nxa abaphangi ebusuku,
Awu, yeka ubukhulu bomonakalo okulindeleyo,
kabayikuntshontsha kuphela lokho okwanele abakufunayo na?
Nxa abavuni bamavini befike kuwe,
kabangeke batshiye amalutshwana na?
6 Kodwa yeka ukuphangwa okuzakwenziwa u-Esawu,
inotho yakhe efihliweyo izathunjwa!
7 Bonke abamanyane lawe bazakuxotshela emngceleni;
abangane bakho bazakukhohlisa bakunqobe;
labo abadla ukudla kwakho bazakuthiya ngomjibila,
kodwa wena kawuyikuwubona.

8 Ngalolosuku,” kutsho UTHIXO,
“kangiyikuwabhubhisa yini amadoda ahlakaniphileyo ase-Edomi,
amadoda aqedisisayo ezintabeni zako-Esawu na?
9 Amabutho akho, wena Themani, azathuthumela,
njalo bonke abasezintabeni zako-Esawu
bazacakazelwa phansi ekubulaweni kwabanengi.
10 Ngenxa yodlakela kumfowenu uJakhobe,
uzakwembeswa lihlazo;
uzachithwa nini lanini.
11 Ngosuku owema ngalo khatshana
mhla izihambi zithumba inotho yakhe
labezizweni bengena emasangweni akhe
bephosa inkatho ngeJerusalema,
wawunjengomunye wabo.
12 Akumelanga weyise umfowenu

ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwakhe,
loba uthokoze ngabantu bakoJuda
ngosuku lokubhujiswa kwabo,
loba uklamase kangaka
ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo.
13 Akumelanga ungene ngamasango abantu bami
ngosuku lomonakalo wabo,
loba ubeyise osizini lwabo
ngosuku lomonakalo wabo,
loba uthumbe inotho yabo
ngosuku lomonakalo wabo.
14 Akumelanga ume emahlukanandlela
ukuba ubulale ababalekayo babo,
loba unikele abaphephileyo babo
ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo.

15 Usuku LUKATHIXO selusondele
ezizweni zonke.
Njengalokho okwenzileyo,
yikho okuzakwenziwa kuwe;
izenzo zakho zizaphendukela
phezu kwekhanda lakho.
16 Njengokunatha elakwenzayo entabeni yami,
ngokunjalo izizwe zonke zizanatha njalonjalo;
zizanatha, zinathe kuze kube
angathi kazizange zivele zibe khona.
17 Kodwa phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni kuzakuba lokusindiswa;
kuzakuba ngcwele,
lendlu kaJakhobe izazuza ilifa layo.
18 Indlu kaJakhobe izakuba ngumlilo
lendlu kaJosefa ibe lilangabi;
indlu ka-Esawu izakuba libibi,
njalo bazayithungela ngomlilo ozayiqothula.
Akuyikuba khona abasilayo
endlini ka-Esawu.”
UTHIXO usekhulumile.

19 Abantu abavela eNegebi
bazathumba izintaba zako-Esawu,
labantu abavela emawatheni ezintaba
bazathumba ilizwe lamaFilistiya.
Bazathumba amasimu ako-Efrayimi lawaseSamariya,
loBhenjamini uzathumba iGiliyadi.
20 Lelibutho labako-Israyeli abathunjwayo abaseKhenani
lizalithatha ilizwe kusiyafika eZarefathi;
abathunjwa eJerusalema abaseSefaradi
bazathatha amadolobho aseNegebi.
21 Abakhululi bazakhwela iNtaba iZiyoni
ukuba babuse izintaba zako-Esawu.
Njalo umbuso uzakuba NGOKATHIXO.

UJona

UJona Ubalekela UTHIXO

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJona indodana ka-Amithayi lathi: 2 “Hamba uye
edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva utshumayele ngokulisola kakhulu, ngoba ububi balo
sebufinyelele kimi.”
3 Kodwa uJona wabalekela UTHIXO waqonda eThashishi. Wehla waya eJopha, lapho
afica khona umkhumbi owawusiya kuleyondawo. Eseyikhuphile imali yokugada,
wangena umkhumbi waqonda eThashishi yena ebalekela UTHIXO.
4 UTHIXO wathumela isiphepho elwandlwe, kwaphenquka isavunguzane esasin-
gathi sizawubhidliza umkhumbi. 5 Bonke abagwedli bawo besaba, ngulowo lalowo
wakhala kunkulunkulu wakhe. Baphosela imithwalo elwandle ukuze baphungule
ubunzima bomkhumbi.
Kodwa uJona wayehlele endlwaneni engaphansi, emkhunjini, walala khona
ubuthongo bukabhuka. 6 Induna yomkhumbi yaya kuye yathi, “Ungalala njani? Vuka
ubize unkulunkulu wakho! Mhlawumbe yena uzasizwa ukuze singabhubhi.”
7 Abagwedli basebecebisana bathi, “Wozani, senze inkatho ukuze sibone ukuthi
ngubani osibangele uhlupho lolu.” Bayenza inkatho, yadla uJona. 8 Basebembuza
bathi, “Akusitshele, ngubani osibangele lonke lolu uhlupho na? Wenza msebenzi
bani na? Uvela ngaphi? Ungowakuliphi ilizwe? Ungowasiphi isizwe na?”
9 Waphendula wathi, “NgingumHebheru, ngikhonza UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wasezul-
wini, owenza ulwandle kanye lomhlabathi.”
10 Lokhu kwabethusa, babuza bathi, “Wenzeni pho?” (Babekwazi ukuthi ubalekela
UTHIXO ngoba wayevele esebatshelile.)
11 Ulwandle lwaselulokhu luqubuka lusiya phambili ngamandla. Ngakho basebe-
mbuza bathi, “Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule singalimali na?”
12 Waphendula wathi, “Ngiqukulani lingiphosele elwandle, luzathula. Ngiyazi
ukuthi kungumlandu wami okwenze isiphepho esikhulu kangaka sehlela phezu
kwenu.”
13 Kodwa amadoda azama ngamandla ukugwedlela emuva emhlabathini. Kodwa
behluleka ngoba ulwandle lwaselusidla amahabula okudlula kuqala. 14 Khonapho
basebekhala KUTHIXO bathi, “Oh, THIXO, ungasiyekeli sife ngoba sibulele indoda le.
Ungasibeki umlandu wokubulala umuntu ongelacala, ngoba wena, Oh THIXO, wenzile
njengokufisa kwakho.” 15 Basebethatha uJona bamphosela olwandle, ulwandle lwase
luthula ukugubhaza. 16 Lokhu kwenza amadoda lawo amesabe kakhulu UTHIXO,
asesenza umhlatshelo KUTHIXO enza izifungo kuye.

Umkhuleko KaJona

17 Kodwa UTHIXO waletha inhlanzi enkulukazi yamginya uJona, uJona wahlala
phakathi kwenhlanzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

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1 Ephakathi kwenhlanzi uJona wakhuleka KUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe. 2 Wathi:
“Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngambiza UTHIXO,
wangiphendula.
Ngisekujuleni kwengcwaba ngacela uncedo,
wena wakulalela ukukhala kwami.
3 Wangiphosela ezinzikini,
phakathi emathunjini enlwandle,

amagagasi agubhazela emaceleni wonke;
wonke amagagasi akho
lezimpophoma zawo kwangisibekela.
4 Ngathi, ‘Sengixotshiwe
ebusweni bakho;
kodwa ngizakhangela njalo
ethempelini lakho elingcwele.’
5 Indonga zamanzi zaziqonde ukungimbokotha,
ngangihanqwe yinziki;
inkunkuma yotshani bolwandle yangithandela ekhanda.
6 Ngagalula ngatshona empandeni zezintaba;
umhlaba ongaphansi wangivalela okwaphakade.
Kodwa wena wayikhupha impilo yami egodini,
wena THIXO, Nkulunkulu wami.

7 Lapho impilo yami yayisincipha,
ngakhumbula wena, THIXO,
umkhuleko wami waphakamela kuwe,
ethempelini lakho elingcwele.

8 Labo ababambelela ezithombeni
ezingelamsebenzi balahlekelwa ngumusa ongaba ngowabo.
9 Kodwa mina, ngizakuthi ngihlabela ingoma yokubonga
ngenze umhlatshelo kuwe.
Engikufungileyo ngizakugcwalisa.
Insindiso ivela kuTHIXO.”
10 UTHIXO walaya inhlanzi, yona yase imhlanza uJona emhlabathini owomileyo.

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UJona Uya ENiniva

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuJona ngokwesibili lathi: 2 “Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva uyotshumayela kulo ilizwi engikunika lona.”

3 UJona walilalela ilizwi LIKATHIXO, waya eNineve. Phela iNiniva yayilidolobho elikhulu kakhulu, ukulethekela lonke kwakuthatha insuku ezintathu. 4 Ngelanga lokuqala, uJona wangena phakathi komuzi. Wamemezela wathi, “Kusele insuku ezingamatshumi amane kuphela ukuba iNiniva ichithwe.” 5 Abantu beNiniva babekholwa kuNkulunkulu. Bamemezela ukuthi kuzilwe ukudla, njalo bonke kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane bavunula amasaka.

6 Ilizwi selifikile enkosini yaseNiniva, yasukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yakhumula izembatho zayo zobukhosi, yazembathisa isaka yahlala phansi ebhuqwini.
7 Yase ikhupha isimemezelo eNiniva esithi:

“Ngomthetho wenkosi lezikhulu zayo:

Akungavunyelwa muntu kumbe inyamazana, imihlambi yenkomo loba eyezimvu ukuthi ithinte ulutho oludliwayo; makungavunyelwa kudle kumbe kunathe.
8 Kodwa akuthi umuntu loba yinyamazana kwembathe amasaka. Wonke umuntu kamemeze ngokukhawuleza kuNkulunkulu. Kabadele izindlela zabo zobubi lobudlwangudlwangu babo. 9 Ngubani okwaziyo na? Mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angadeda kuthi ngesihawu sakhe aphenduke elakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo ukuze singabhubhi.”

10 Kwathi uNkulunkulu esebonile abakwenzayo ukuthi baguquka ezindleleni zabo
zobubi, wabazwela isihawu kazabe esabehlisela incithakalo ayesonge ngayo.

4

Ukunengwa KukaJona Ngesihawu SIKATHIXO

1 Kodwa uJona wacaphuka kakhulu wazonda. 2 Wakhuleka KUTHIXO wathi,
"Awu THIXO, kakusikho lokhu yini engakutshoyo ngisesekhaya? Yikho okwangenza
ngaphangisa ukubalekela eThashishi. Ngangikwazi ukuthi unguNkulunkulu olomusa
lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela njalo ogcwele uthando, uNkulunkulu odedayo
ongasoze ehlise ukuhlupheka. 3 Khathesi-ke THIXO, susa ukuphila kwami, ngoba
kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila."

4 Kodwa UTHIXO waphendula wathi, "Kambe ubona ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde?"

5 UJona waphuma wayahlala endaweni ethile ngempumalanga kwedolobho.
Wazenzela khonapho idunjana wahlala emthunzini walo walindela ukubona
okwakuzakwenzakala edolobheni lelo. 6 Kwasekusithi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu
wakhulisa isihlahla esilamahlamvu kuJona samenzela umthunzi ekhanda lakhe
ukuze ahlaliseke. UJona wathaba kakhulu ngaleli ivini. 7 Kodwa emathathakusa nge-
langa elilandelayo uNkulunkulu wathumela impehlane, eyaphehla isihlahla sacina
sibuna. 8 Kwathi ilanga seliphumile uNkulunkulu wathumela umoya wempumalanga
ohaqazayo, ilanga lavutha phezu kwekhanda likaJona waze waqaleka. Wafisa ukufa,
wathi, "Kungcono kimi ukuthi ngife kulokuthi ngiphile."

9 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuJona, "Ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde ngenxa
yesihlahla?"

UJona wathi, "Yebo. Ngizonde kakhulu, kuthi kangife."

10 Kodwa UTHIXO wathi, "Uyazihlupha ngesihlahla lesi loba ungazange usinakekele
loba usikhulise. Lihlume ngobusuku laphinde lafa ngobusuku. 11 Kodwa iNiniva
ilabantu abeqa izinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili abangehlukanisiyo
isandla sabo sokudla kwesenxele, lenkomo ezinengi njalo. Bekungafanelanga yini na
ukuthi ngilinqinekele idolobho elikhulu kangaka?"

UMikha

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuMikha waseMoreshethi ensukwini zemibuso ka-
Jothamu, loka-Ahazi loHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda, umbono awubonayo mayelana
leSamariya leJerusalema.

2 Zwanini lonke lina bantu,
lalelani, awu wena mhlaba labo bonke abakuwo,
ukuze UTHIXO Wobukhosi afakaze ngawe ekulahla,
UTHIXO esethempelini lakhe elingcwele.

Ukwahlulelwa KweSamariya LeJerusalema

3 Khangelani! UTHIXO uyeza evela lapho ahlala khona;
wehlela phansi njalo enyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba.
4 Izintaba ziyancibilika ngaphansi kwakhe,
lezigodi ziyaqhekezeka phakathi
njengengcino phansi komlilo,
lanjengamanzi esehla ngamandla emthezukweni.
5 Konke lokhu kungenxa yokona kukaJakhobe,
ngenxa yezono zendlu ka-Israyeli.
Kuyini ukona kukaJakhobe na?
AkusiSamariya na?
Iyini indawo kaJuda ephakemeyo na?
AkusiJerusalema na?

6 “Ngakho iSamariya ngizayenza ibe yinqumbi yemfucuza,
indawo yokuhlanyela izivini.
Amatshe ayo ngizawathela esigodini
ngiphendle lezisekelo zayo.
7 Zonke izithombe zayo zizaphohlozwa;
zonke izipho zayo zasethempelini zizatshiswa ngomlilo;
ngizaphahlaza zonke izifanekiso zayo.
Njengoba yaqoqa izipho zayo
ngeholo lezifebe,
zizasetshenziswa njengeholo
lezifebe futhi.”

Ukukhala Lokulila

8 Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakhala ngilile;
ngizahamba ngezinyawo phansi njalo nginqunu.
Ngizahlaba umkhulungwane njengekhanka,
ngikhale njengesikhova.
9 Ngoba inxeba layo kalelapheki;
selifikile koJuda.
Selifike kulo kanye isango labantu bami,
kanye laseJerusalema uqobo.
10 Lingakukhulumi eGathi;
lingakhali lakancane.
Giqikani ethulini

eBhethi Ofira.
11 Dlulani linqunu njalo lilenhloni
lina elihlala eShafiri.
Labo abahlala eZawanani
kabayikuphuma.
IBhethi-Ezeli iphakathi kokulila;
ukuvikelwa kwayo kususiwe kini.
12 Labo abahlala eMarothi bayazijanqa ngobuhlungu,
belindele usizo
ngoba umonakalo uvele kuThixo,
wafika lasesangweni leJerusalema.
13 Lina elihlala eLakhishi,
bophelani amabhiza agijimayo enqoleni.
Yini elaba yisisusa sesono eNdodakazini yeZiyoni,
ngoba ukona kuka-Israyeli kwafunyanwa kini.
14 Ngakho-ke lizanika iMoreshethi Gathi
izipho zokwehlukana.
Idolobho lase-Akhizibhi lizabonakalisa inkohliso
emakhosini ako-Israyeli.
15 Ngizalilethela umnqobi
lina elihlala eMaresha.
Lowo olodumo luka-Israyeli
uzakuza e-Adulami.
16 Phucani amakhanda enu likhalela
abantwabenu elibathandayo;
ziphuceni libe njengelinqe
ngoba bazasuka kini baye ekuthunjweni.

2

Amacebo Abantu LakaNkulunkulu

1 Maye kulabo abaceba ububi,
kulabo abaceba ukwenza okubi emibhedeni yabo!
Ekudabukeni kokusa bayakwenza
ngoba kusemandleni abo ukukwenza.
2 Bahawukela amasimu bawathumbe,
kanye lezindlu, bazithathe.
Badlelezela umuntu ngomuzi wakhe,
lomuntu wakibo ngelifa lakhe.
3 Ngakho uThixo uthi:
“Ngiceba ukwenza umonakalo kulababantu,
elingeke liziphephise kuwo.
Kalisayikuhamba ngokuziqhenya,
ngoba kuzakuba yisikhathi sencithakalo.
4 Ngalolosuku abantu bazalihleka;
bazaliklolodela ngale ingoma yokulila bathi:
‘Thina sichithwe okupheleleyo;
ilifa labantu bami labiwe.
Uyangithathela!
Amasimu ethu uwanika abathengisi.’ ”

5 Ngakho-ke kawuzukuba laye ebandleni likaThixo
ozalabela ilizwe ngenkatho.

Abaphrofethi Bamanga

6 Abaphrofethi babo bathi, “Lingaphrofethi.
Lingaphrofethi ngalezizinto;
ihlazo kaliyikusehlela.”
7 Wena ndlu kaJakhobe, kufanele yini ukuba kuthiwe,
“UMoya kaTHIXO uzondile na?
Uyazenza izinto ezinje na?”

“Amazwi ami kawenzi okulungileyo
kuye ozindlela zakhe ziqondile na?
8 Okwamanje abantu bami sebehlamuke
njengesitha.
Lihlubula ingubo eligugu
kulabo abedlulayo linganakile,
njengabantu abavela empini.
9 Abesifazane babantu bami liyabaxotsha
emizini yabo emihle.
Lisusa isibusiso sami
kokuphela ebantwaneni babo.
10 Sukani lihambe!
Ngoba le akusindawo yenu yokuphumula,
ngoba ingcolile,
ichithekile, okungeke kulungiswe.
11 Nxa umqambi wamanga lomkhohlisi efika athi,
‘Ngizaliphrofethela iwayini elinengi lotshwala,’
uyabe engumphrofethi walababantu nje kuphela!”

Isithembiso Sokukhululwa

12 “Impela ngizalibutha lonke, wena Jakhobe;
impela ngizabaqoqela ndawonye abako-Israyeli abasalayo.
Ngizabaqoqela ndawonye njengezimvu esibayeni,
njengomhlambi wezimvu emadlelweni awo;
indawo ibe lokuphithizela kwabantu.
13 Lowo ozavula indlela uzahamba phambi kwabo;
bazafohla isango baphume.
Inkosi yabo izadlulela phambi kwabo,
uTHIXO abe phambi kwabo.”

3

Ukukhuzwa Kwabakhokheli Labaphrofethi

1 Lapho-ke mina ngathi,
“Lalelani lina bakhokheli bakoJakhobe,
lina babusi bendlu yako-Israyeli.
Ukulunga akumelanga likwazi na,
2 lina elizonda okuhle lithande okubi;
elixebula isikhumba ebantwini bami
lenyama emathanjeni abo;
3 lina elibadla inyama abantu bami,
lihlubule isikhumba sabo
lichoboze lamathambo abo abe yizicucu;
elibaqumaquma njengenyama yepani,

lanjengenyama yembiza?”

4 Lapho-ke bazakhala kuThixo,
kodwa kayikubaphendula.
Ngalesosikhathi uzabafihlela ubuso bakhe
ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo.
5 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
“Okunjengabaphrofethi,
abedukisa abantu bami,
umuntu angabapha ukudla,
bamemezela ‘ukuthula’
nxa engabaphi balungisela
ukumhlasela ngempi.
6 Ngakho ubusuku buzakwehlela phezu kwenu, kungekho mibono,
kanye lomnyama, kungekho kuhlahlula.
Ilanga lizabatshonela abaphrofethi,
losuku luzakuba mnyama kubo.
7 Ababonisayo bazayangeka
labahlahluli babe lenhloni.
Bonke bazamboza ubuso babo
ngoba kungelampendulo evela kuNkulunkulu.”
8 Kodwa mina ngiphiwe amandla,
loMoya kaThixo,
lokulunga kanye lesibindi,
ukuba ngitshele uJakhobe ukona kwakhe
lo-Israyeli isono sakhe.

9 Zwanini lokhu lina bakhokheli bendlu kaJakhobe,
lani babusi bendlu ka-Israyeli,
eleyisa ukulunga
lihlanekele konke okuqondileyo;
10 elakha iZiyoni ngokuchitha igazi;
leJerusalema ngobubi.
11 Abakhokheli bayo bahlulela ngokufunjathiswa,
abaphristi bayo bafundisela inhlawulo,
labaphrofethi bayo baphrofithela imali;
ikanti bathembele kuThixo njalo bathi,
“Kanti uThixo kakho phakathi kwethu na?
Akulancithakalo engasehlela.”
12 Ngakho-ke ngenxa yenu,
iZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu,
iJerusalema izakuba yinqwaba yemfucuza,
intaba yethempeli ibe yindunduma eyande izixukwana.

4

INtaba kaThixo

1 Ngezinsuku zokucina
intaba yethempeli likaThixo izamiswa
njengenhloko phakathi kwezintaba;
izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba
njalo izizwe zizabekelela zisiya kuyo.

2 Izizwe ezinengi zizafika zithi,
“Wozani siye phezu kwentaba kaThixo,
siye ethempelini likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.
Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe,
ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe.”
Umthetho uzavela eZiyoni,
ilizwi likaThixo livele eJerusalema.
3 Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi
alamule lezingxabano zezizwe ezilamandla ezindaweni ezikhatshana.
Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe yimihlathi yamakhuba,
lemikhonto yabo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihlahla.
Isizwe asiyikuhlomela isizwe ngenkemba
loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi.
4 Umuntu wonke uzahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe sevini
langaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe somkhiwa,
njalo kakho ozabenza besabe,
ngoba uThixo uSomandla usekhulumile.
5 Zonke izizwe zingahamba
ebizweni labonkulunkulu bazo;
thina sizahamba ebizweni likaThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube laphakade.

Icebo LikaThixo

6 “Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo,
“ngizabutha abaqhulayo;
ngizaqoqa abathunjwayo
lalabo engabehlisela usizi.
7 Ngizakwenza abaqhulayo babe yinsalela,
abaxotshwayo babe yisizwe esilamandla.
UThixo uzababusa eNtabeni iZiyoni,
kusukela ngalolosuku kuze kube nininini.
8 Wena nqaba yokulinda yomhlambi,
wena nqaba yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni,
umbuso wakuqala uzabuyiselwa kuwe;
ubukhosi buzakuza eNdodakazini yaseJerusalema.”

9 Kungani khathesi usukhala kakhulu,
kawulankosi na?
Umeluleki wakho usebhubhile na,
ukuba uphathwe yibuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo?
10 Janqula ngobuhlungu, wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni,
njengowesifazane ohelelwayo,
ngoba khathesi sekumele usuke kulelidolobho
uyehlala egangeni.
Uzakuya eBhabhiloni;
lapho ozahlengwa khona.
Khonale uThixo uzakukhulula
ezandleni zezitha zakho.

11 Kodwa khathesi izizwe
ezinengi zikujamele.
Zithi, “Kangcoliswe,

lamehlo ethu kawahawukele iZiyoni!”
12 Kodwa kabayazi
imicabango kaThixo;
kabaliqedisisi icebo lakhe,
yena obabutha njengezixha zamabele esizeni.
13 “Sukuma ubhule, wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni,
ngoba ngizakupha impondo zensimbi;
ngizakunika amasondo ethusi,
njalo uzachoboza izizwe ezinengi.”
Uzanikela kuThixo inzuzo yabo eyatholwa ngobuqili
inotho yabo kuThixo womhlaba wonke.

5

Umbusi Othenjisiweyo Ovela EBhethilehema

1 Hlomisa amabutho akho, wena dolobho lamabutho,
ngoba sesivinjezelwe.
Bazatshaya umbusi wako-Israyeli
esihlathini ngomqwayi.

2 “Kodwa wena Bhethilehema Efrathi,
lanxa umncinyane phakathi kwezizwana zakoJuda,
kuwe kuzavela
ozakuba ngumbusi wako-Israyeli,
omdabuko wakhe ngowasekadeni,
kusukela ezikhathini zendulo.”

3 Ngakho u-Israyeli uzadelwa
kuze kube yisikhathi sokuthi lowo ohelelwayo abelethe,
laba abafowabo bonke baphenduke
ukuzahlangana labako-Israyeli.

4 Uzakuma eluse umhlambi wakhe
ngamandla kaThixo,
ngobukhosi bebizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe.
Bazahlala ngokuvikeleka, ngoba lapho
udumo lwakhe luzafika emikhawulweni yomhlaba.

5 Uzakuba yikuthula kwabo.

Ukukhululwa Lokuchithwa

Lapho um’Asiriya ehlasela ilizwe lethu
edabula phakathi kwezinqaba zethu,
sizamvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa,
kanye labakhokheli babantu abayisificaminwembili.
6 Bazabusa ilizwe lase-Asiriya ngenkemba,
ilizwe likaNimrodi behlome ngenkemba,
uzasikhulula kum’Asiriya
lapho ehlasela ilizwe lethu
engena phakathi kwemingcele yethu.

7 Insalela zabakoJakhobe zizakuba
phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi

njengamazolo avela kuThixo,
lanjengemkhizo phezu kotshani,
okungalindeli muntu
kumbe kuhlalele abantu.
8 Insalela zabakoJakhobe zizakuba phakathi kwezizwe,
phakathi kwabantu abanengi,
njengesilwane phakathi kwezinyamazana zegusu,
lanjengeguqa lesilwane phakathi komhlambi wezimvu,
esidlithizayo sidabule ekuhambeni kwaso,
kungekho ongahlenga.
9 Isandla sakho sizaphakanyiselwa phezulu ngokunqoba izitha zakho,
njalo zonke izitha zakho zizachithwa.
10 “Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo,
“ngizabhubhisa amabhiza enu phakathi kwenu
ngibhidlize lezinqola zenu zempi.
11 Ngizachitha amadolobho elizwe lenu
ngibhidlize lezinqaba zenu zonke.
12 Ngizachitha ubuthakathi benu
njalo kalisayikukhunkula futhi.
13 Ngizachitha izithombe zenu ezabazwayo
lamatshe enu okukhonza phakathi kwenu;
kalisayi kuwukhothamela futhi
umsebenzi wezandla zenu.
14 Ngizasiphula phakathi kwenu izinsika zenu zika-Ashera,
ngidilize lamadolobho enu.
15 Ngizaphindisela ngentukuthelo
langolaka ezizweni ezingangilalelanga.”

6

Icala Lika-Israyeli KuThixo

1 Lalelani okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi:
“Sukumani lilandise indaba yenu phambi kwezintaba;
amaqaqa kawezwe lokho elikutshoyo.

2 Zwanini, lina zintaba, icala elethulwa nguThixo;
lalelani lina zisekelo zomhlaba ezingulaphakade.
Ngoba kulecala uThixo alibeka ebantwini bakhe,
wethesa u-Israyeli icala.

3 Bantu bami, ngenzeni kini na?
Ngilihluphe ngani na? Ngiphendulani.
4 Ngalikhupha eGibhithe
ngalikhulula elizweni lobugqili.
Ngathuma uMosi ukuba alikhokhele
kanye lo-Aroni loMiriyemu.
5 Bantu bami, khumbulani
izicebiso zikaBhalaki inkosi yaseMowabi
lokuthi uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori waphendula wathini.
Khumbulani uhambo lwenu kusukela eShithima kusiya eGiligali,
ukuze lazi imisebenzi elungileyo kaThixo.”

6 Kuyini engizakuza lakho phambi kukaThixo
ngikhothame phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophakemeyo na?
Ngizakuza phambi kwakhe ngilomnikelo wokutshiswa,
ngilamathole alomnyaka owodwa na?
7 UThixo angathokoziswa zinqama eziyizinkulungwane,
izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zemifula yamafutha na?
Ngizanikela izibulo lami ngenxa yokona kwami,
isithelo somzimba wami ngenxa yesono somphefumulo wami na?
8 Ukutshengisile wena muntu okuhle.
UThixo ufunani kuwe na?
Ukwenza okulungileyo lokuthanda umusa
kanye lokuhamba ngokuzithoba loNkulunkulu wakho.

Icala Lika-Israyeli Lesijeziso

9 Lalelani! UThixo umemezela kulo idolobho,
lokwesaba ibizo lakho kuyikuhlakanipha,
“Qaphelani umqwayi laLowo owubekileyo.
10 Wena ndlu yobubi, kufanele lakhathesi ngiyikhohlwe inotho yakho eyazuzwa ngobubi,
lehefa elinganelanga, eliqalekisiweyo na?
11 Ngizamkhulula yini ecaleni umuntu olezilinganiso zobuqili,
lesaka lezilinganiso zamanga na?
12 Abantu bakhona abanothileyo balochuku;
abantu bakhona ngabaqambi bamanga,
lezilimi zabo zikhuluma inkohliso.
13 Ngakho sengiqalisile ukukuchitha,
ukukuqothula ngenxa yezono zakho.
14 Uzakudla kodwa ungasuthi;
isisu sakho sizakuba silokhu singelalutho.
Uzabuthelela kodwa ungalondolozi lutho,
ngoba lokho okulondolozayo ngizakupha inkemba.
15 Uzalima kodwa ungavuni;
uzakhama ama-oliva kodwa amafutha awo ungawagcobi,
uzakhama amavini kodwa iwayini lawo ungalinathi.
16 Ugcinile imithetho ka-Omri
layo yonke imikhutshana yasendlini ka-Ahabi,
walandela lamasiko abo.
Ngakho-ke ngizakunikela ekubhujisweni,
labantu bakho ekubeni yinhlekisa;
uzathwala ihlazo lezizwe.”

7

Usizi Luka-Israyeli

1 Maye ngosizi lwami!
Nginjengomuntu obutha izithelo zehlobo
senginjengevini eselivunwe laphela;
akuselasixha samavini okudliwa,
kayisekho lemikhiwa yakuqala engiyikhanukayo.
2 Abathembekileyo babhujisiwe elizweni,
kakho lamunye umuntu olungileyo oseleyo.
Abantu bonke bacathamela ukuchitha igazi;

lowo lalowo uzingela umfowabo ngombule.
3 Izandla zombili zizingcitshi ekwenzeni okubi;
umbusi ufuna izipho ngamandla,
umahluleli wamukela isivalamlomo,
abalamandla babiza abakufisayo,
bonke baceba okubi bendawonye.
4 Ongcono wabo unjengesihlahla sameva,
oqotho kakhulu mubi kulothango lwameva.
Usuku uNkulunkulu alethekelela ngalo selufikile,
usuku lokukhala kophondo lwabalindi.
Manje sekuyisikhathi sokuphumputheka kwabo.
5 Ungamethembi umakhelwane;
ungagwabi ngomngane wakho.
Lalowo olala umgonile,
qaphela amazwi akho.
6 Ngoba indodana idumaza uyise,
indodakazi ivukela unina,
umalukazana avukele uninazala,
izitha zomuntu ngamalunga endlu yakhe.

7 Kodwa mina ngilindele uTHIXO ngethemba,
ngilindele uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami;
uNkulunkulu wami uzangizwa.

U-Israyeli Uzavuka

8 Ungaklolodi wena sitha sami!
Lanxa ngiwile, ngizavuka.
Lanxa ngihlezi emnyameni,
uTHIXO uzakuba yikukhanya kwami.
9 Ngenxa yokuba ngonile kuye,
ngizalumela ulaka LUKATHIXO,
aze angincengele endabeni yami,
aveze ukungabi lacala kwami.
Uzangikhuphela phandle ekukhanyeni;
ngizabona ukulunga kwakhe.
10 Lapho-ke isitha sami sizakubona,
njalo sibanjwe zinhloni,
lowo owathi kimi,
“Ungaphi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho?”
Lakhathesi uzagxotshwa
ngezinyawo njengodaka emigwaqweni.

11 Usuku lokwakhiwa kwemiduli yakho luzafika,
usuku lokuqhelisa imingcele yakho.
12 Ngalolosuku abantu bazakuza kuwe
bevela e-Asiriya lasemadolobheni aseGibhithe,
njalo kusukela eGibhithe kusiya kuYufrathe,
kusukela olwandle kusiya olwandle,
lakusukela entabeni kusiya entabeni.
13 Umhlaba uzachitheka ngenxa yabahlezi kuwo,
ngenxa yezenzo zabo.

Ukukhuleka Lokudumisa

14 Beluse abantu bakho ngentonga yakho,
umhlambi welifa lakho,
ohlala wodwa ehlathini
emadlelweni avundileyo.
Kawudle eBhashani laseGiliyadi
njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma.

15 “Njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma kwenu eGibhithe,
ngizabatshengisa izimangaliso zami.”

16 Izizwe zizabona ziyangeke,
zemukwe wonke amandla azo.
Zizabamba imilomo yazo ngezandla,
lezindlebe zazo zingabe zisezwa.
17 Zizakhotha uthuli njengenyoka,
njengezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini.
Zizakuza ziqhaqhazela ziphuma emihomeni yazo;
zizaphendukela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ngokwesaba,
njalo lawe zizakwesaba.
18 Ngubani onguNkulunkulu njengawe,
oxolela izono athethelele iziphambeko
zensalela zelifa lakhe na?
Kawuthukutheli kokuphela
kodwa uthokoza ngokutshengisa isihawu.
19 Uzakuba lesihawu kithi futhi;
uzanyathela izono zethu ngezinyawo
uphosele bonke ububi bethu ezinzikini zolwandle.
20 Uzakuba qotho kuJakhobe,
ubonakalise isihawu sakho ku-Abhrahama,
njengokuthembisa kwakho ngesifungo kubokhokho bethu
ensukwini zasendulo.

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1 Isiqalekiso ngeNiniva. Incwadi yombono kaNahume um'Elikhoshi.

Ulaka LukaThixo NgeNiniva

2 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu olobukhwele lophindiselayo;
uTHIXO uyaphindisela njalo ulolaka olukhulu.
UTHIXO uyaphindisela ezitheni zakhe
lolaka lwakhe lukhulu ezitheni zakhe.
3 UTHIXO uyaphuza ukuthukuthela njalo ulamandla amakhulu;
uTHIXO kayikumyekela olecala engajeziswanga.
Indlela yakhe iphakathi kwesivunguzane lesiphepho,
amayezi aluthuli lwezinyawo zakhe.
4 Ukhuza ulwandle alomise;
wenza yonke imifula itshe.
IBhashani leKhameli kuyabuna
lemiqhakazo yaseLebhanoni ibune.
5 Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwakhe,
lamaqaqa ayancibilika.
Umhlaba uyagedezela ngobukhona bakhe,
umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo.
6 Ngubani ongamelana lentukuthelo yakhe na?
Ngubani ongalumela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo na?
Ulaka lwakhe luthululeka njengomlilo;
amadwala ayaqhekezeka phambi kwakhe.

7 UTHIXO ulungile,
uyisiphephelo ezikhathini zokuhlupheka.
Uyabakhathalela abathembele kuye,
8 kodwa ngesikhukhula esikhulu
uzatshabalalisa iNiniva;
uzaxotshela izitha zakhe emnyameni.

9 Loba engamacebo bani abawenza NGOTHIXO,
uzawaqeda;
ukuhlupheka akuyikubuya kabili.
10 Bazathandeleka phakathi kwameva,
bedakwe liwayini labo;
bazaqothulwa njengenhlanga ezomileyo.
11 Wena Nineve, kuwe sekufike lowo
oceba okubi NGOTHIXO,
eluleke okubi.
12 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
"Lanxa belababambene labo njalo bebanengi,
bazaqothulwa banyamalale.
Lanxa ngikuhluphile, wena Juda,
kangisayikukuhlupha futhi.
13 Khathesi ngizakwephula ijogwe labo elisentanyeni yakho,
ngiqamule lamaketane akho."

14 UTHIXO usekhuphe ilizwi ngawe Nineve elithi,
“Kawuyikuba lezizukulwane ezibizwa ngebizo lakho.
Ngizachitha izifanekiso ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjiweyo
ezisethempelini labonkulunkulu bakho.
Ngizalungisa ingcwaba lakho,
ngoba ungcolile.”

15 Khangela ezintabeni le,
inyawo zalowo oletha izindaba ezinhle,
omemezela ukuthula!
Thakazelela imikhosi yakho we Juda,
ugcwalise lezifungo zakho.
Ababi kabasayikukuhlasela futhi;
bazachithwa ngokupheleleyo.

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INiniva Izachitheka

1 Umhlaseli uyasondela kuwe, Nineve.
Vikela inqaba,
linda umgwaqo,
zilungiselele,
qoqa wonke amandla akho!

2 UTHIXO uzabuyisela ubuhle bukaJakhobe
njengobuhle buka-Israyeli,
lanxa abachithi bebaqothule
batshabalalisa lezivini zabo.

3 Amahawu amabutho akhe abomvu,
amabutho agqoke okubomvu gebhu.
Insimbi ezinqoleni zempi iyaphazima
ngosuku ezilungiselwe ngalo;
imikhonto yesihlahla sephayini iyazunguzwa.
4 Izinqola zempi zihlasela ngesiqubu emigwaqweni,
zisiya emuva laphambili ezigcawini.
Zinjengezibane ezikhanyisiweyo;
ziyaphaziphazima njengombane.

5 Ubiza amabutho akhe akhethiweyo
kodwa ayakhubeka endleleni yawo.
Agijimela emdulini wedolobho;
isivikelo silungiswe.
6 Amasango omfula ayavulwa,
indlu yobukhosi ibhidlike.
7 Kumiswe ukuthi idolobho lizathunjwa,
abantu balo basiwe ebugqilini.
Izintombi zalo eziyizigqili zikhala njengamajuba
zizitshaya amabele azo.
8 INiniva injengesiziba,
njalo amanzi aso ageleza ehamba.
Bayaklabalala besithi, “Mana! Mana!”

Kodwa kakho onyemukulayo.
9 Phangani isiliva!
Phangani igolide!
Umthapho kawupheli,
inotho evela eziphaleni zayo zonke!
10 Ibhuqiwe, iphangiwe, iphundliwe!
Inhliziyo ziphela amandla, amadolo ayaxega,
imizimba iyaqhaqhazela, ubuso bonke bunyukubele.

11 Khathesi-ke ungaphi umhome wezilwane,
lapho ezinikela khona abantwana bazo ukudla,
lapho okwaya khona isilwane lesilwanekazi,
kanye lemidlwane, kungekho lutho olwesatshwayo na?
12 Isilwane sibulalele imidlwane yaso okwaneleyo
sabambela lesilwanekazi saso okwenyama yokudliwa,
sagcwalisa isikhundla saso ngesikujimbileyo
lomhome waso ngenyama.

13 “Ngimelane lawe,”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
“Ngizazitshisa izinqola zakho zempi zibe yintuthu;
lenkemba izakudla izilwane zakho ezisakhulayo.
Kangiyikukutshiyela ongakubamba ukudle njengenyama emhlabeni.
Amazwi ezithunywa zakho
kawasayikuzwakala futhi.”

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Maye Kuyo INiniva

1 Maye kulo idolobho legazi,
ligcwele amanga,
ligcwele ukuphanga,
kasweleki ohlutshwayo lanini!
2 Ukukhala kwezaswebhu,
ukugodlozela kwamavili,
ukumatha kwamabhiza
lokugedlezela kwezinqola zempi!
3 Ukuhlasela kwabagadi bamabhiza
ukuphazima kwezinkemba
lokubenyezela kwemikhonto.
Zinengi izinkubela,
izinqwaba zabafileyo,
izidumbu ezingabalwayo,
abantu abakhubeka ezidunjini,
4 konke ngenxa yenkanuko embi yesifebe,
siyakhanga, siyinkosikazi ephethe ubuthakathi,
esifaka izizwe ebugqilini ngobufebe baso
labantu ngobuthakathi baso.

5 “Ngimelana lawe,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
“Ngizakwembulela izidwaba zakho ebusweni bakho.

Ngizatshengisa izizwe ubunqunu bakho,
lemibuso ihlazo lakho.
6 Ngizakujikijela ngamanyala,
ngizakweyisa,
njalo ngikwenze ube ngumbukiso.
7 Bonke abakubonayo bazakubalekela bathi,
‘iNiniva isichithekile, ngubani ozayililela na?’
Ngingamthola ngaphi ongakududuza na?”

8 Wena ungcono na kuleThebesi
engaseNayili,
ehonqolozelwe ngamanzi?
Umfula wawuyisivikelo sayo,
amanzi engumduli wayo.
9 IKhushi leGibhithe kwakungamandla ayo angapheliyo.
IPhuthi leLibhiya kwakungabanye abancedisi bayo.
10 Kodwa yathunjwa
yaya ebugqilini.
Izingane zayo zapaklazwa zaba yizicucu
ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke.
Kwenziwa inkatho ngezikhulu zayo,
wonke amadoda aphakemeyo abotshwa ngamaketane.
11 Lawe futhi uzadakwa;
uzakuyacatsha
udinge ukuphephela esitheni sakho.

12 Zonke izinqola zakho zinjengezihlahla zemikhiwa
ezilezithelo zazo zakuqala ezivuthiweyo;
lapho zinyikinywa,
imikhiwa iwela emlonyeni womudli.
13 Khangela amabutho akho wonke,
ngawesifazane!
Amasango elizwe lakho
avulekele izitha zakho aba banzi;
umlilo uyiqedile imigoqo yawo.

14 Donsa amanzi ulungele ukuvimbezela,
qinisa inqaba zakho.
Voxa udaka,
nyathela ibumba,
lungisa okwakhiwe ngezitina.
15 Khonapho umlilo uzakuqeda;
inkemba izakucakazela phansi,
ikudle njengesikhongwane.
Zandise njengesikhongwane,
uzandise njengentethe.
16 Usulandisile inani labathengisi bakho.
Baze bedlula izinkanyezi zasemkhathini,
kodwa njengentethe baphundla ilizwe
basuke bahambe.
17 Abalindi bakho banjengentethe,

izikhulu zakho zinjengemitshitshi yentethe
ezihlala emidulini mhla kuqanda
kodwa ilanga lingaphuma ziyaphapha zihambe,
njalo kakho okwaziyo ukuthi ngaphi.

18 Wena nkosi yase-Asiriya, abelusi bakho bayawozela,
izikhulu zakho zilala phansi ziphumule.
Abantu bakho bahlakazekile ezintabeni
kungekho obaqoqayo.
19 Akukho okungapholisa amanxeba akho;
ukulimala kwakho ngokokufa.
Bonke abezwa izindaba ngawe
batshaya izandla ngokuwa kwakho,
ngoba ngubani ongafuthelwanga
yisihluku sakho esingapheliyo na?

UHabhakhukhi

1 Isiphrofethi esemukelwa nguHabhakhukhi umphrofethi.

Insolo KaHabhakhukhi

2 Koze kube nini, awu THIXO, ngicela usizo,
kodwa ungalaleli na?
Loba ngimemezela kuwe ngisithi, “Udlakela!”
kodwa ungangihlengi na?
3 Kungani ungitshengisa okungasimfanelo na?
Kungani ubekezelela okungalunganga na?
Ukuchitheka lodlakela kuphambi kwami; kulokulwa,
lengxabano yandile.
4 Ngakho umthetho usuthundubezekile,
lokulunga akusabi khona.
Ababi baminyezela abalungileyo
ukuze ukulunga konakaliswe.

Impendulo KaTHIXO

5 “Khangelani ezizweni libone
njalo limangale kakhulu.
Ngoba ensukwini zenu
ngizakwenza into elingasoze liyikholwe,
lanxa lingabe litsheliwe.
6 Sengivusa amaKhaladiya,
lesiya isizwe esilesihluku lamawala,
esitshaya sibhuqe umhlaba wonke,
sithumba izindawo zokuhlala ezingasizo zaso.
7 Bayisizwe esesabekayo lesitshayisa uvalo;
bangumthetho bona ngokwabo
njalo baziphakamisa udumo lwabo.
8 Amabhiza abo alesiqubu esedlula esamahlosi,
ayesabeka kulezimpisi kusihlwa.
Amabhiza abo empi amatha ephulukundlela,
abagadi bawo amabhiza bavela khatshana.
Bandiza njengamanqe ehwitha ukudla,
9 bonke beza belande udlakela.
Amaxuku abo aqhubekela phambili njengomoya wasenkangala
abuthe abathunjiweyo njengenhlabathi.
10 Baklolodela amakhosi,
bahleke ababusi usulu.
Wonke amadolobho avikelweyo bayawahleka;
bakha amadundulu ngenhlabathi bawathumbe lawo madolobho.
11 Emva kwalokho badlula ngesiqubu njengomoya baqhubeke,
abantu abalecala abamandla abo angunkulunkulu wabo.”

Insolo Yesibili KaHabhakhukhi

12 Awu THIXO, kawuveli phakade na?
Nkulunkulu wami, Ngcwele wami, kasiyikufa.
Awu THIXO, ubabekile ukuba bahlulele.

Awu Dwala, ubamisile ukuba bajezise.
13 Amehlo akho ahlanzeke kakhulu ukuba akhangele okubi;
awungeke ubekezelele okungalunganga.
Pho kungani ubekezelela abachithayo na?
Uthulelani lapho ababi
beqeda labo abalunge kakhulu na?
14 Wenze abantu bafana lenhlanzi olwandle,
njengezidalwa zasolwandle ezingelambusi.
15 Isitha esibi siyazikhupha zonke ngewuka,
siyazibamba ngembule laso,
sizibuthele embuleni laso elidonswayo;
ngalokho siyajabula sithokoze.
16 Ngakho-ke senzela imbule laso umhlatshelo,
sitshisele imbule laso elidonswayo
impepha ngoba ngenxa yembule laso
sithe pekle phakathi kwenotho,
sizitika ngokudla okumnandi.
17 Kuzamele siqhubeke sithulula umambule waso,
sitshabalalisa izizwe kungekho sihawu na?

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1 Ngizakuma esilindweni sami
ngime phezu komthangala;
ngizakhangela ukuba ngibone ukuthi uzakuthini kimi,
lokuthi yimpendulo bani engizayitsho ngale insolo.

Impendulo KaThixo

2 UThixo waphendula wathi:
“Loba phansi isibonakaliso
usenze sicace ezicecedwini
ukuze isithunywa sigijime laso.
3 Ngoba isibonakaliso silindela isikhathi esimisiweyo;
sikhuluma ngesiphetho
njalo kasiyikuba ngamanga.
Lanxa siphuza, silindele;
sizafika impela
njalo kasiyikuphuza.

4 Khangela, uyazigqaja;
izifiso zakhe kazilunganga,
kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo lwakhe.
5 Impela iwayini liyamkhohlisa;
uyazikhukhumeza njalo kalakho ukuphumula.
Ngoba uyisihwaba njengengcwaba,
njalo kasuthi njengokufa,
ubuthelela izizwe zonke kuye
athumbe labantu bonke.
6 Bonke kabayikumchothoza na bamhleke besithi,
‘Maye kulowo obuthelela impahla zokwebiwa

azinothise ngobugebenga!
Koze kube nini lokhu kusenzakala na?’
7 Labo olezikwelede kubo kabayikukujuma na?
Kabayikuvuka bakuthuthumelise na?
Lapho-ke uzakuba yinto yabo yokuhlutshwa.
8 Ngoba sewaphanga izizwe ezinengi,
abantu abaseleyo bazakuphanga
ngoba wachitha igazi labantu;
watshabalalisa amazwe lamadolobho labo bonke abakuwo.

9 Maye kulowo obumba umbuso ngenzuzo embi
ukuba akhele isidleke sakhe phezulu
ukuba abalekele ukuwelwa yingozi!
10 Ucebe ukubhujiswa kwabantu abanengi,
wayangisa indlu yakho, walahlekelwa yikuphila kwakho.
11 Amatshe omduli azakhala
imijabo yamapulanka izasabela.

12 Maye kulowo owakha idolobho ngokuchitha igazi
akhe umuzi ngobudlwangudlwangu.
13 UTHIXO uSomandla kakumisanga na
ukuthi umsebenzi uzinkuni zomlilo nje kuphela,
lokuthi izizwe ziqeda amandla azo ngeze?
14 Ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lodumo LUKATHIXO,
njengamanzi egcwalisa ulwandle.

15 Maye kulowo onika omakhelwane bakhe
okunathwayo ekuthulula
esigujini sewayini badakwe,
ukuze akhangele imizimba yabo enqunu.
16 Uzakuba lehlazo elikhulu endaweni yodumo.
Khathesi sekulithuba lakho! Natha uchayeke.
Inkezo yesandla sokunene KATHIXO iyeza kuwe,
ihlazo lizamboza udumo lwakho.
17 Udlakela olwenze eLebhanoni luzakuqeda amandla,
lokubulala kwakho izinyamazana kuzakuthuthumelisa.
Ngoba uchithe igazi labantu;
uchithe amazwe lamadolobho labo bonke abakuwo.

18 Silosizo bani isithombe njengoba sibazwe ngumuntu?
Kumbe isifanekiso esifundisa amanga?
Ngoba lowo osenzayo uthemba isidalwa sakhe;
wenza izithombe ezingeke zikhulume.
19 Maye kulowo othi esigodweni, ‘Vuka uphile!’
loba athi elitsheni elingaphiliyo, ‘Phaphama!’
Linganika iseluleko na?
Lembeswe ngegolide langesiliva,
akulamphefumulo phakathi kwalo.”

20 Kodwa UTHIXO usethempelini lakhe elingcwele;
umhlaba wonke kawuthule phambi kwakhe.

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Umkhuleko KaHabhakhukhi

1 Umkhuleko kaHabhakhukhi umphrofethi. *NgeShigiyonothi.*
2 THIXO, ngizwile ngodumo lwakho;
ngiyazesaba izenzo zakho, awu THIXO.
Zivuselele ensukwini zethu,
yenza zazakale esikhathini sethu;
ekuthukutheleni khumbula isihawu.

3 UNkulunkulu wavela eThemani,
oNgcwele wavela eNtabeni iPharani.
Inkazimulo yakhe yasibekela amazulu
lokudunyiswa kwakhe kwagcwala umhlaba wonke.
4 Ubucwazicwazi bakhe babunjengokuphuma kwelanga;
imisebe yaphazima esandleni sakhe
lapho amandla akhe ayefihlwe khona.
5 Isifo sahamba phambi kwakhe,
umkhuhlane walandela amanyathelo akhe.
6 Wasukuma, wanyikinya umhlaba;
wakhangela, waqhaqhazelisa izizwe.
Izintaba zasendulo zabhidlika
lamaqaqa akudala adilika.
Izindlela zakhe ngezanini lanini.
7 Ngabona amathente aseKhushani ephakathi kosizi,
lezindawo zokuhlala zaseMidiyani zisebuhlungwini.

8 Awu THIXO, imifula wawuyithukuthelele na?
Ulaka lwakho lwavuthela izifula na?
Ulwandle wawuluthukuthelele na
lapho ugade amabhiza akho
lezinqola zakho zempi ezinqobayo?
9 Idandili lakho ulembule,
ufune imitshoko eminengi.
Uqhekeze umhlaba ngemifula;
10 izintaba zakubona zajanqula,
izikhukhula zamanzi zedlula,
ulwandle lwahlokoma,
lwaphakamisela amagagasi alo phezulu.

11 Ilanga lenyanga kwema mpo emazulwini
ekubenyezeleni kwemitshoko yakho entwezayo,
ekuphazimeni kwemitshoko yakho ecazimulayo.
12 Wanyathela umhlaba ngolaka,
wabhula izizwe ngentukuthelo.
13 Waphuma ukuba ukhulule abantu bakho,
ukuba usindise ogcotshiweyo wakho.
Umkhokheli welizwe lobubi umchobozile,
wamebula kusukela ekhanda kusiya enyaweni.
14 Umhlabe ikhanda ngomkhonto wakhe
lapho amabutho akhe ephume ngesiqubu ukuba asihlakaze,
ethokoza kungani asezakudla

abahluphekayo abebecatshile.
15 Wanyathela ulwandle ngamabhiza akho,
uqubula amanzi amanengi.

16 Ngezwa, inhliziyo yami yatshaya,
izindebe zami zabikizeliswa ngumsindo;
amathambo ami angenwa yikubola,
imilenze yami yaqhaqhazela.
Kodwa ngizalindela ngesineke usuku lomonakalo
ukuba lufike esizweni esihlasela esethu.
17 Lanxa isihlahla somkhiwa singanunkuli
lamavini engekho emivinini;
lanxa ama-oliva engathelanga,
lamasimu engabanga lokudla,
lanxa kungelazimvu esibayeni
lenkomo zingekho ezibayeni,
18 kodwa ngizathokoza kuTHIXO,
ngizajabula kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami.

19 UTHIXO Wobukhosi ungamandla ami;
wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala,
ungenza ngihambe ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.
Ngeyomqondisi womculo. Ezigincini zami.

UZefaniya

1 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuZefaniya indodana kaKhushi, indodana kaGedaliya,
indodana ka-Amariya, indodana kaHezekhiya, ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-
Amoni inkosi yakoJuda:

Isixwayiso Ngencithakalo Ezayo

2 “Ngizakhucula konke
ebusweni bomhlaba,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
3 “Ngizakhucula kokubili abantu lezinyamazana;
ngizakhucula izinyoni zasemoyeni
kanye lenhlanzi zasolwandle,
lezithombe ezenza ababi bakhubeke.

Lapho ngiqeda abantu
ebusweni bomhlaba,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

Ukumelana LoJuda

4 “Ngizakwelulela isandla sami koJuda
lakubo bonke abahlala eJerusalema.
Ngizaqeda konke okukaBhali okuseleyo kule indawo,
amabizo abahedeni labaphristi abakhonza izithombe
5 labo abakhothama phezu kwezindlu
bakhonze ixuku lezinkanyezi,
labo abakhothama bafunge NGOTHIXO,
abafunga langoMoleki futhi,
6 labo ababuyela emuva bedela ukulandela UTHIXO
njalo abangamdinganga UTHIXO loba babuze ngaye.

7 Thula phambi KUKATHIXO Wobukhosi,
ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO seluseduze.
UTHIXO uselungise umhlatshelo;
usebangcwelisile labo abanxusileyo.

8 Ngosuku lomhlatshelo KATHIXO
ngizajezisa izikhulu
lamadodana amakhosi labo bonke
labo abagqoke
izigqoko zezizweni.
9 Ngalolosuku ngizabajezisa
bonke abaxwaya ukunyathela umbundu womnyango,
abagcwalisa ithempeli labonkulunkulu
babo ngodlakela langenkohliso.”

10 UTHIXO, uthi,
“Ngalolosuku ilizwi lokukhala
lizaqonga ngaseSangweni leNhlanzi,

ukulila kuvelela esiGabeni eSitsha
lomsindo omkhulu wokufohloza uvela emaqaqeni.
11 Lilani lina elihlala esigodini sokuthengisela saseMakhithashi,
bonke abathengisi benu bazaqedwa,
bonke abathengiselana ngesiliva bazabhujiswa.
12 Ngalesosikhathi ngizaphenya iJerusalema ngezibane
ngijezise labo abangakhathaliyo,
abanjengewayini elitshiywe phakathi kwensipho zalo,
abathi, 'UTHIXO kayikwenza lutho,
oluhle loba olubi.'
13 Inotho yabo izaphangwa,
izindlu zabo zidilizwe.
Bazakwakha izindlu
kodwa bangahlali kuzo;
bazahlanyela izivini,
kodwa iwayini bangalinathi."

14 Usuku olukhulu LUKATHIXO seluseduze,
njalo luza ngokuphangisa.
Lalelani! Ukukhala ngosuku LUKATHIXO
kuzakuba buhlungu, lokuklabalala kwebutho khonapho.
15 Lolosuku luzakuba lusuku lolaka,
usuku losizi lokudabuka;
usuku lokuhlupheka lokuchitheka,
usuku lomnyama lokudana,
usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama,
16 usuku lwecilongo lokuhlaba umkhosi wokulwa impi
lamadolobho avikelweyo
kanye lezinqaba zasemajikweni.

17 "Ngizaletha usizi ebantwini
njalo bazahamba njengeziphofu,
ngoba bonile KUTHIXO.
Igazi labo lizachithwa njengothuli
lezibilini zabo njengamanyala.
18 Isiliva sabo loba igolide labo
kakungeke kwenelise ukubasindisa
ngosuku lolaka LUKATHIXO.

Umhlaba wonke uzatshiswa emlilweni
womona wakhe
ngoba uzakwenza isiphetho ngokuphangisa
kubo bonke abahlala emhlabeni."

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IJuda LeJerusalema Yahlulelwa Kanye Lezinye Izizwe.

UJuda Ukhuthazwa Ukuthi Aphenduke

1 Buthanani ndawonye, buthanani ndawonye,
wena sizwe esiyangisayo,
2 isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki
losuku ludlule njengamakhoba,

ukuthukuthela okwesabekayo kukaThixo
kungakafiki kuwe,
usuku lolaka lukaThixo
lungakafiki kuwe.
3 Dingani uThixo, lonke lina abathobekileyo belizwe,
lina elenza lokho akulayayo.
Dingani ukulunga, dingani ukuthobeka;
mhlawumbe lingavikelwa
ngosuku lwentukuthelo kaThixo.

Ukumelana LeFilistiya

4 IGaza izadelwa
le-Ashikheloni isale isingamanxiwa.
Abantu base-Ashidodi bazaxotshwa emini,
le-Ekroni isitshulwe.
5 Maye kini lina elihlala ngasolwandle,
lina sizwe samaKherethi;
ilizwi likaThixo limelana lani,
wena Khenani, lizwe lamaFilistiya.
“Ngizakutshabalalisa,
njalo kakho ozasala.”
6 Ilizwe elingasolwandle
lizakuba yindawo yabelusi
lezibaya zezimvu.
7 Ilizwe lizakuba
ngelabaseleyo abendlu kaJuda;
bazathola amadlelo khona.
Kusihlwa bazalala phansi
ezindlini zase-Ashikheloni.
UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo uzabalondoloza;
uzabenza baphumelele futhi.

Ukumelana LeMowabi Le-Amoni

8 “Ngizizwile izithuko zeMowabi
lokuchothoza kwama-Amoni,
abathuka abantu bami
besongela lelizwe labo.
9 Ngakho ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona,”
kutsho uThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
“impela iMowabi izakuba njengeSodoma,
ama-Amoni abe njengeGomora,
indawo yokhula lemigodi yetshwayi,
ilizwe elichithekileyo nini lanini.
Abaseleyo babantu bami bazabaphanga;
abaphephileyo babantu bami bazathatha ilizwe labo.”

10 Lokhu yikho abazakuthola kungumvuzo wokuzigqaja kwabo,
ngenxa yokuthuka lokuklolodela
abantu bakaThixo uSomandla.
11 UThixo uzakwesabeka kubo
lapho esetshabalalisa bonke onkulunkulu belizwe.
Izizwe ezisemakhunjini wonke zizamkhonza,
ngulowo elizweni lakhe.

UKumelana LeKhushi

12 “Lani futhi, lina maKhushi
lizabulawa ngenkemba yami.”

Ukumelana Le-Asiriya

13 Uzakwelulela isandla sakhe enyakatho
achithe i-Asiriya,
atshiye iNiniva itshabalele ngokupheleleyo
njalo yome njengenkangala.
14 Imihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo izalala phansi khonapho,
lezidalwa zezinhlobo zonke.
Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo
kuzahlala ensikeni zakhe.
Ukukhala kwazo kuzezwakala emawindini,
imfucuza izakuba eminyango,
imijabo yemisedari ichayeke.
15 Leli lidolobho elingakhathaliyo
elalizihlalele livikelekile.
Lazitshela lathi:
“Ngiyimi, kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami.”
Yeka ukuchitheka eseliyikho,
isikhundla sezinyamazana zeganga!
Bonke abadlula kulo bahleka usulu
balikhombe ngeminwe.

3

Ikusasa LeJerusalema

1 Maye kulo idolobho labancindezeli,
elihlamukayo lelingcolileyo!
2 Kalilaleli muntu,
kalivumi kukhuzwa.
Kalithembeli kuTHIXO,
kalisondeli kuNkulunkulu walo.
3 Izikhulu zalo
ziyizilwane ezibhongayo, ababusi balo
bazimpisi zakusihlwa,
ezingatshiyi lutho lwekuseni.
4 Abaphrofethi balo bayazazisa;
bangabantu bamacebo amabi.
Abaphristi balo bangcolisa indawo engcwele
bephule lomthetho.
5 UTHIXO phakathi kwalo ulungile;
kenzi okubi,
nsuku zonke ekuseni wenza ukulunga kwakhe
njalo kaphambanisi ukusa kwamalanga wonke,
ikanti abangalunganga kabalanhloni.

IJerusalema Yala Ukuphenduka

6 “Ngizichithile izizwe;
izinqaba zazo zidiliziwe.
Ngitshiye imigwaqo yazo ideliwe
kungekho odlula khona.
Amadolobho azo adiliziwe;

kakho ozasala kakho lamunye.
7 Ngathi kulo idolobho,
‘Impela uzangesaba
uvume ukukhuzwa!’
Lapho-ke indlu yalo yokuhlala yayingayikudilizwa
loba isijeziso sami sehlele phezu kwalo.
Kodwa babelokhu betshisekela izenzo zokuxhwala
kukho konke abakwenzayo.
8 Ngakho ngilindela,” kutsho UTHIXO,
“lolusuku engizasukuma ngalo ngifakaze.
Sengimise ukubuthanisa izizwe,
ngiqoqe imibuso,
ngehlisele ulaka lwami phezu kwabo
konke ukuthukuthela kwami okukhulu.
Umhlaba wonke uzaqothulwa
ngomlilo womona wentukuthelo yami.”

Ukuvuselelwa Kwensalela Yako-Israyeli

9 “Lapho-ke ngizahlambulula izindebe zezizwe,
ukuze zonke zikhuleke ebizweni LIKATHIXO
zimkhonze zimanyane.
10 Kusukela ngaphetsheya kwemifula yaseKhushi
abakhonzi bami, abantu bami abahlakazekileyo,
bazangilethela iminikelo.
11 Ngalolosuku kaliyikuyangiswa
ngobubi bonke elabenza kimi,
ngoba ngizabasusa kulelidolobho
abathokoziswa yikuzigqaja kwabo.
Kaliyikuzikhukhumeza futhi
entabeni yami engcwele.
12 Kodwa ngizatshiya phakathi kwenu
abathambileyo labathobekileyo,
abathembele ebizweni LIKATHIXO.
13 Kabayikwenza okubi;
kabayikuqamba amanga,
loba kube lenkohliso
emilonyeni yabo.
Bazakudla balale phansi,
kakho ozabenza besabe.”

14 Hlabela wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni,
klabalala kakhulu, wena Israyeli!
Thaba uthokoze ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
wena ndodakazi yaseJerusalema!
15 UTHIXO usesisusile isijeziso sakho,
usesixotshile isitha sakho.
UTHIXO, iNkosi ka-Israyeli, ulawe;
akulangozi ozaphinda uyesabe futhi.
16 Ngalolosuku bazakuthi kulo iJerusalema,
“Ungesabi,
wena Ziyoni;
ungavumeli ukuba izandla zakho zibe buthakathaka.

17 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ulawe,
ulamandla okusindisa.
Uzathokoza kakhulu ngawe,
uzakududuza ngothando lwakhe,
uzakuthokozela ngokuhlabelela.”

18 “Insizi zemikhosi emisiweyo
ngizazisusa kuwe;
zingumthwalo lehlazo kuwe.
19 Ngalesosikhathi ngizababona
bonke abalincindezelayo;
ngizahlenga abaqhulayo
ngibuthe lalabo abahlakazwayo,
ngizabapha udumo lenhlonipho
kuwo wonke amazwe lapho abahlaziswa khona.
20 Ngalesosikhathi ngizalibutha;
ngalesosikhathi ngizalisa ekhaya.
Ngizalipha inhlonipho lodumo
phakathi kwezizwe zonke zasemhlabeni
lapho sengiliphumelelisa futhi
phambi kwamehlo enu uqobo,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

UHagayi

Inkuthazo Yokuba Kwakhiwe Indlu KaThixo

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili wenkosi uDariyu, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesithupha,
ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika ngomphrofethi uHagayi lisiya kuZerubhabheli, indodana
kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa, indodana kaJozadaki, umphristi
omkhulu:
2 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: "Abantu laba bathi, 'Isikhathi sokwakha
indlu KATHIXO kasikafiki.' "
3 Ngakho ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika ngomphrofethi uHagayi lisithi: 4 "Kuyisikhathi
senu lina ngokwenu ukuba lihlale ezindlini zenu ezinhle, kodwa indlu le ilokhu
ilunxiwa na?"
5 Khathesi nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: "Cabangani kuhle ngezindlela
zenu. 6 Lihlanyele okunengi kodwa livuna okulutshwana. Liyadla, kodwa kalisuthi.
Liyanatha, kodwa kalikholwa. Liyagqoka izigqoko, kodwa kalifudumali. Lihola
imiholo liyifake esikhwameni esivuzayo."
7 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: "Cabangani kuhle ngezindlela zenu.
8 Khwelani ezintabeni lehlise izigodo lakhe indlu ukuze ngithokoze ngayo njalo
ngidunyiswe," kutsho UTHIXO. 9 "Kade lilindele okunengi, kodwa khangelani,
kusuke kwaba yingcosana. Elikulethe ekhaya, mina ngikuphephulele khatshana.
Kungani na?" kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla. "Kungenxa yendlu yami elokhu ilunxiwa,
ngesikhathi lina, omunye lomunye wenu, ebambeke ngendlu yakhe. 10 Ngakho-
ke, ngenxa yenu amazulu asegodle amazolo lomhlaba amabele. 11 Ngilethe ukoma
emasimini lasezintabeni, emabeleni, ewayinini elitsha, emafutheni lakukho konke
okuvela emhlabathini, ebantwini lasenkomeni kanye lasemsebenzini wezandla
zenu."

12 Lapho-ke uZerubhabheli, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, loJoshuwa, indodana ka-
Jozadaki, umphristi omkhulu lensalela yonke yabantu balilalela ilizwi LIKATHIXO
uNkulunkulu wabo kanye lombiko kaHagayi umphrofethi ngoba wayethunywe
NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo. Abantu bamesaba UTHIXO.
13 Emva kwalokho, uHagayi isithunywa SIKATHIXO, wanika abantu ilizwi LIKATHIXO
leli: "Ngilani," kutsho UTHIXO. 14 Ngakho UTHIXO waqubula umoya kaZerubhabheli
indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lomoya kaJoshuwa indodana ka-
Jozadaki, umphristi omkhulu, lomoya wensalela yabantu. Beza baqalisa ukusebenza
endlini KATHIXO uSomandla uNkulunkulu wabo, 15 ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili
lane lwenyanga yesithupha ngomnyaka wesibili wenkosi uDariyu.

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Inkazimulo Eyathenjiswayo Ngendlu Entsha

1 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga yesikhombisa ilizwi LIKATHIXO
lafika ngoHagayi umphrofethi lisithi: 2 "Khuluma loZerubhabheli indodana
kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, loJoshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, umphristi
omkhulu kanye lensalela yabantu. Babuze uthi, 3 'Ngubani kini owasalayo owabona
indlu le enkazimulweni yayo yakuqala na? Khathesi ikhangeleka injani kini na?
Kayikhangeleki njengeze na? 4 Kodwa khathesi qina wena Zerubhabheli,' kutsho
UTHIXO. 'Qina wena Joshuwa ndodana kaJozadaki, umphristi omkhulu. Qinani,
lonke lina bantu belizwe,' kutsho UTHIXO. 'Lisebenze, ngoba ngilani,' kutsho UTHIXO

uSomandla. 5 ‘Lokhu yikho engakuvumelana lani ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe.
UMoya wami uhlala phakathi kwenu. Lingesabi.’
6 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: ‘Ngesikhatshana nje ngizaphinda
nginyikinye amazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lelizwe elomileyo. 7 Ngizanyikinya izizwe
zonke, abathandwayo kuzozonke izizwe bazakuza, njalo indlu le ngizayigcwalisa
ngenkazimulo,’ kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla, 8 ‘Isiliva ngesami legolide ngelami,’ kutsho
UTHIXO uSomandla. 9 ‘Inkazimulo yale indlu yakhathesi izakuba nkulu kuleyendlu
yakuqala,’ kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla. ‘Njalo indawo le ngizayipha ukuthula,’ kutsho
UTHIXO uSomandla.”

Izibusiso Zabantu Abangcolisiweyo

10 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngom-
nyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuHagayi umphrofethi lisithi:
11 “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla uthi: ‘Buza abaphristi ukuthi umthetho
uthini: 12 Nxa umuntu ethwele inyama engcwele ngomphetho wesigqoko sakhe,
umphetho lowo uthinte isinkwa loba inyama ephekiweyo, iwayini, amafutha loba
okunye ukudla, kuba ngcwele na?’ ”
Abaphristi baphendula bathi, “Hatshi.”
13 UHagayi wasesithi, “Nxa umuntu ongcoliswe yikuthinta isidumbu ethinta okunye
kwalezizinto, kuyangcola na?”
“Ye,” kwaphendula abaphristi, “kuyangcola.”
14 UHagayi wasesithi, “ ‘Kunjalo-ke emehlweni ami ngabantu laba langesizwe lesi,’
kutsho UTHIXO. ‘Lokho abakwenzayo loba abakunikelayo lapho kungcolile.
15 Khathesi cabangani kuhle ngalokhu kusukela ngalolusuku kusiya phambili,
khumbulani ukuthi izinto zazinjani kungakabekwa elinye ilitshe phezu kwelinye
ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 16 Kwakusithi lapho umuntu efika enqunjini yezilinganiso
ezingamatshumi amabili, kwakulezilitshumi kuphela. Kuthi lapho umuntu eye efat-
shini lewayini ukuba akhe izilinganiso ezingamatshumi amahlanu, kwakulezinga-
matshumi amabili kuphela. 17 Wonke umsebenzi wezandla zenu ngawutshaya
ngomkhuhlane, ngesikhwekhwe langesiqhotho, kodwa kaliphendukelanga kimi,’
kutsho UTHIXO. 18 ‘Kusukela lamhla kusiya phambili, kusukela ngalolusuku lwamat-
shumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, cabangani kuhle ngosuku ok-
wabekwa ngalo isisekelo sethempeli LIKATHIXO. Cabangani kuhle: 19 Kuselenhlanyelo
eseleyo esiphaleni na? Kuze kube khathesi, ivini lomkhiwa, iphomegranathi
lesihlahla se-Oliva asikatheli izithelo.
Kusukela ngalolusuku kusiya phambili ngizalibusisa.’ ”

UZerubhabheli Lisongo Eliluphawu LUKATHIXO

20 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika ngokwesibili kuHagayi ngosuku lwamatshumi ama-
bili lane lwenyanga lisithi: 21 “Tshela uZerubhabheli umbusi wakoJuda ukuthi
ngizanyikinya amazulu lomhlaba. 22 Ngizagenqula izihlalo zobukhosi ngichithe
amandla emibuso yezizweni. Ngizagenqula izinqola zempi labagadi bazo; amabhiza
labagadi bawo bazakuwa, ngamunye ngenkemba yomfowabo.
23 ‘Ngalolosuku,’ kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla, ‘ngizakuthatha wena nceku yami
Zerubhabheli ndodana kaSheyalithiyeli,’ kutsho UTHIXO, ‘njalo ngizakwenza ube
njengesongo eliluphawu lwami, ngoba sengikukhethile,’ kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.”

UZakhariya

Ubizo Lokubuyela KuTHIXO

1 Ngenyanga yesificaminwemibili yomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO
lafika kumphrofethi uZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido lisithi:
2 "UTHIXO wazondiswa kakhulu ngokhokho benu. 3 Ngakho tshela abantu uthi:
Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla: 'Buyelani kimi,' kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla,
'lami ngizabuya kini,' utsho njalo UTHIXO uSomandla. 4 Lingabi njengabokhokho
benu, okwatsho kubo abaphrofethi bamandulo, bathi: Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
uSomandla, uthi: 'Phendukani ezindleleni zenu zobubi lezenzo zenu ezimbi.' Kodwa
kabafunanga ukulalela loba ukukunanza okwakutshiwo, kutsho UTHIXO. 5 Bangaphi
manje okhokho benu na? Bona abaphrofethi kambe baphila okungapheliyo
na? 6 Kodwa amazwi ami lemithetho yami engangilaye ngakho izinceku zami
abaphrofethi kakuzange kuze kubafice yini okhokho benu?
Kwayikhona bephenduka besithi, 'UTHIXO uSomandla wenzile kithi okufanele
izindlela zethu lezenzo njengalokho amisa ukukwenza.' "

Indoda Iphakathi Kwezihlahla Zomethile

7 Ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lane ngenyanga yetshumi lanye, inyanga uSheb-
hathi, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kumphrofethi uZa-
khariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido.
8 Ebusuku ngafikelwa ngumbono, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulendoda egade
ibhiza elibomvu! Yayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile edongeni. Ngemva kwayo
kwakulamanye amabhiza, elibomvu, eliyinsundu lelimhlophe.
9 Ngayibuza ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami na?"
Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yaphendula yathi, "Ngizakutshengisa ukuthi kuyini."
10 Kwasekusithi leyondoda eyayimi ezihlahleni zomethile yachaza yathi, "Laba yibo
UTHIXO abathumileyo ukuba bahambe emhlabeni wonke."
11 Basebebika engilosini KATHIXO eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile bathi,
"Sesiwuhambile wonke umhlaba safumana ukuthi ilizwe lihlezi kuhle phakathi
kokuthula."
12 Ingilosi KATHIXO yasisithi, "THIXO Somandla, koze kube nini ulokhu ugodla
isihawu sakho phezu kweJerusalema lamadolobho akoJuda olokhu uwathukuthelele
yonke iminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa?" 13 Ngakho UTHIXO wasekhuluma
amazwi omusa, aduduzayo kuleyongilosi eyayikhuluma lami.
14 Kwasekusithi ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yathi, "Memezela leli ilizwi: Nanku
akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: 'Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema leZiyoni,
15 kodwa ngizondile ngalezozizwe ezihlezi zanaba zaziba. Ngangithukuthele kancane
kodwa zawengezelela lowo monakalo.'
16 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: 'Ngizabuya eJerusalema ngilomusa,
khonapho indlu yami izakwakhiwa kutsha. Intambo yesilinganiso izakwelulwa
eJerusalema,' kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
17 Memezela njalo uthi: Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: 'Amadolobho
ami azaphinda njalo aphuphume ngenotho, njalo UTHIXO uzaphinda ayiduduze
iZiyoni, ayikhethe iJerusalema.' "

Impondo Ezine Labakhandi Abane

18 Ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo ami, phambi kwami kwakulempondo ezine!
19 Ngabuza ingilosi leyo eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu?"

Yaphendula yathi, “Lezi yizo impondo ezachitha uJuda, lo-Israyeli leJerusalema.”
20 UTHIXO wasengitshengisa abakhandi abane. 21 Ngabuza ngathi, “Laba bazekwenzani na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Lezi yimpondo ezachitha uJuda ukuze angabikhona ovusa ikhanda, kodwa abakhandi balande ukuxegisa amadolo abo, bazilahlele phansi impondo lezi ezezizwe ezaphakamisa impondo zazo phezu kwelizwe lakoJuda ukuchitha abantu balo.”

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Indoda Elentambo Yokulinganisa

1 Ngaphakamisa amehlo, phambi kwami kwakulomuntu ophethe intambo yokulinganisa! 2 Ngabuza ngathi, “Uya ngaphi na?”
Wangiphendula wathi, “Ngiyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi ibanzi njalo inde kanganani.”
3 Ingilosi leyo eyayikhuluma lami yasisuka, kweza enye ingilosi iyihlangabeza
4 yathi kuyo: “Gijima utshele ijaha leliyana uthi, ‘IJerusalema izakuba lidolobho elingelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi babantu lezifuyo phakathi kwalo. 5 Mina ngokwami ngizakuba ngumduli womlilo olizungezileyo,’ kutsho UTHIXO, ‘njalo ngizakuba yinkazimulo ngaphakathi kwalo.’
6 Wozani! Wozani! Balekani kulelolizwe lasenyakatho,” kutsho UTHIXO, “ngoba ngilichithachithile kuyo yonke imimoya yomine yezulu,” kutsho UTHIXO.
7 “Woza, yeyi wena Ziyoni! Balekani lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseBhabhiloni!”
8 Ngoba lokhu kutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: “Ngemva kokuba Olodumo esengithumile ukumelana lezizwe eziliphangileyo ngoba loba ngubani oke alithinte lina uthinta igugu lakhe 9 ngempela ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kubo ukuze izigqili zabo zibaphange. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uSomandla nguye ongithumileyo.
10 Memeza ujabule, we Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni. Ngoba ngiyeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwenu,” kutsho UTHIXO. 11 “Izizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa LOTHIXO ngalelolanga njalo zizakuba ngabantu bami. Ngizahlala phakathi kwenu njalo lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uSomandla ungithumile kini. 12 UTHIXO uzamthatha uJuda njengelifa abe yisabelo sakhe elizweni elingcwele njalo uzaphinda ayikhethe iJerusalema. 13 Pholani lithule phambi KUKATHIXO, bantu lonke, ngoba uphakamile waphuma endaweni yakhe engcwele.”

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Izembatho Ezihlanzekileyo ZomPhristi Omkhulu

1 Yase ingitshengisa uJoshuwa umphristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosi KATHIXO, loSathane emi kwesokunene sakhe ephikisana laye. 2 UTHIXO wathi kuSathane, “UTHIXO uyakukhuza, Sathane! UTHIXO oyikhethileyo iJerusalema, uyakukhuza! Umuntu lo kasisikhuni esihwatshwe sibhebha na?”
3 UJoshuwa wema phambi kwengilosi egqoke ezingcolileyo. 4 Ingilosi yasisithi kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo, “Mkhululeni izigqoko lezi ezingcolileyo.”
Yasisithi kuJoshuwa, “Uyabona, sengisisusile isono sakho, yikho sengizakugqokisa izigqoko ezinhle kakhulu.”
5 Ngasengisithi, “Mthwaliseni iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe.” Basebemthwalisa iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda, bamgqokisa njalo, ingilosi KATHIXO ilokhu imi khonapho.

6 Ingilosi kaTHIXO yasimupha umlayo lo uJoshuwa, yathi: 7 “Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO uSomandla: ‘Nxa uzahamba ngezindlela zami ugcine izimiso zami, laphoke uzabusa indlu yami, uwaphathe lamaguma ami, njalo mina ngizakupha indawo phakathi kwalaba abemiyo lapha.

8 Lalela, wena mphristi omkhulu Joshuwa, kanye labakhula bakho abahlezi phambi kwakho, abangamadoda ayisitshengiselo sezinto ezizayo: Ngizaletha inceku yami iHlumela. 9 Uyabona, ilitshe engilimise phambi kukaJoshuwa! Kulamehlo ayisikhombisa phezu kwelitshe lilinye, njalo ngizagubha umbhalo kulo,’ kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla, ‘njalo ngizasisusa isono salelilizwe ngelanga elilodwa zwi.

10 Ngalelolanga lowo lalowo wenu uzamema umakhelwane wakhe ukuthi ahlale ngaphansi kwevini lomkhiwa wakhe,’ kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.”

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Uluthi Lwesibane Lwegolide Lezihlahla Ze-oliva Ezimbili

1 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yabuya njalo yazangivusa njengomuntu evuswa ebuthongweni. 2 Yangibuza yathi, “Ubonani na?”

Ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona uluthi lwesibane olwenziwe ngokugcweleyo negolide, lulomganu phezulu lezibane eziyisikhombisa lezimbobo zezibane eziyisikhombisa. 3 Njalo kulezihlahla zama-oliva ezimbili eduze kwalo, esinye ngakwesokunene komganu, esinye kwesokhohlo.”

4 Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?”

5 Yaphendula yathi, “Kawukwazi ukuthi yizinto bani lezi?”

Ngathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami.”

6 Yasisithi kimi, “Nanti ilizwi likaTHIXO kuZerubhabheli, ‘Hatshi ngempi kumbe ngamandla, kodwa ngoMoya wami,’ kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.

7 Uvele uyini, wena ntaba enkulu? KuZerubhabheli uzakuba ngumhlabathi owendlalekileyo. Khonapho usezaletha ilitshe lokuphetha abantu bememeza besithi, ‘Nkulunkulu libusise! Nkulunkulu libusise!’ ”

8 Kwasekufika ilizwi likaTHIXO kimi lisithi: 9 “Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zisibekile isisekelo saleli ithempeli; izandla zakhe zizaliqedisa ukulakha. Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi uTHIXO uSomandla ungithumile kini.

10 Ngubani oludelelayo usuku lwezinto ezincane? Amehlo kaTHIXO ayisikhombisa agcwala umhlaba wonke jikelele azathokozelela ukubona intambo yokuqondisa esandleni sikaZerubhabheli?”

11 Ngasengiyibuza ingilosi, ngathi, “Lezi zihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo phezu koluthi lwesibane ngezani?”

12 Ngayibuza futhi ngathi, “Amahlumela la amabili om’oliva eceleni kwezinti ezimbili zegolide okumpompoza kuzo amafutha aligolide zona ziyini?”

13 Yaphendula yathi, “Kawuzazi ukuthi ziyini na?”

Ngathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami.”

14 Yasisithi, “Laba yibo ababili abagcotshiweyo ukukhonza iNkosi yomhlaba wonke.”

5

Umqulu Wencwadi Ondizayo

1 Ngaphinde ngakhangela, phambi kwami kwakulomqulu wencwadi ondizayo!

2 Yangibuza yathi, “Ubonani na?”

Ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona umqulu wencwadi ondizayo, omude izingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lobubanzi obulitshumi lanhlanu.”

3 Yasisithi kimi, “Lesi yisithuko esizakwehlela lonke ilizwe; ngoba ithi incwadi
kwelinye icele layo, amasela wonke azaxotshwa elizweni, ibisisithi ngakwelinye
icele, wonke lowo ofunga ngamanga uzaxotshwa elizweni. 4 UTHIXO uSomandla
uthi, ‘Ngizayithumezela ingene endlini yesela lasendlini yalowo ofunga ngebizo lami.
Umqulu lo uzahlala endlini yakhe, uchithize izigodo zayo kanye lamatshe.’ ”

Owesifazane Phakathi Kwesilulu

5 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasisondela yathi kimi, “Vusa amehlo ubone ukuthi
kuyini lokhuyana okuvelayo.”
6 Ngabuza ngathi, “Kuyini?”
Yaphendula yathi, “Yisilulu sokulinganisa.” Yengeza yathi, “Lobu yibubi babantu
elizweni lonke leli.”
7 Kwasekusibukulwa isiciko sesilulu leso, kwabonakala phakathi kuhlezi owesi-
fazane! 8 Yathi, “Lobu yibubi,” yasimfuqela phakathi esilulwini wavala ngesiciko
emlonyeni wesilulu.
9 Ngasengikhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulabesifazane ababili belem-
piko ezigcwele umoya! Babelempiko ezifana lezengabuzane, baphakamisa isilulu
saba phakathi kwezulu lomhlaba.
10 Ngabuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngathi, “Basisa ngaphi isilulu lesi na?”
11 Yaphendula yathi, “Basisa elizweni laseBhabhiloni ukuyasakhela indlu khonale.
Nxa isiphelile isilulu sizahlaliswa kuhle khonale endaweni yaso.”

6

Izinqola Zokulwa Ezine

1 Ngaphinde ngaphakamisa amehlo njalo phambi kwami kwakulezinqola zempi
ezine ziqhamuka okhalweni lwezintaba ezimbili, izintaba zethusi! 2 Inqola yakuqala
yayilamabhiza abomvu, eyesibili ilamnyama, 3 eyesithathu amhlophe, eyesine
alamabala, wonke elamandla. 4 Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngathi,
“Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?”
5 Ingilosi yangiphendula yathi, “Le yimimoya emine yasezulwini, ephumayo
ekumeni phambi kukaThixo womhlaba wonke. 6 Le elamabhiza amnyama iqonda
elizweni elisenyakatho, eyawamhlophe iqonda entshonalanga, kuthi eyawamabala
iqonda eningizimu.”
7 Kwathi lawomabhiza alamandla esephuma ayesadalala ezama ukuya kuwo wonke
umhlaba. Yathi kuwo, “Hambani kuwo wonke umhlaba.” Lakanye aya kuwo wonke
umhlaba.
8 Yase ingibiza yathi, “Uyabona, lawana aqonda elizweni elisenyakatho asenike
uMoya wami ukuphumula elizweni lasenyakatho.”

Umqhele KaJoshuwa

9 Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lathi: 10 “Thatha isiliva legolide kwabathunjiweyo
uHelidayi loThobhiya loJedaya asebebuyile eBhabhiloni. Hamba ngalelolanga
endlini kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya. 11 Thatha isiliva legolide wenze umqhele
uwethese umphristi omkhulu uJoshuwa indodana kaJozadaki. 12 Umtshele ukuthi
nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: ‘Nansi indoda obizo layo liHlumela,
njalo uzahluma endaweni yakhe akhe ithempeli LIKATHIXO. 13 Nguye ozakwakha
ithempeli LIKATHIXO, njalo uzagqokiswa ubukhosi, futhi uzahlala esihlalweni sakhe
sobukhosi. Njalo uzakuba ngumphristi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. Lokhu kokubili
kuzahambelana kuhle.’ 14 Umqhele uzaphiwa uHelidayi, loThobhiya, loJedaya kanye
loHeni indodana kaZefaniya njengesikhumbuzo ethempelini LIKATHIXO. 15 Labo

abasekudeni bazakuza bazakwelekelela ukwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO njalo lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uSomandla ungithumile kini. Lokhu kuzakwenzeka nxa limlalela ngokukhuthala UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu."

7

Ukwahlulela Kuhle Lesihawu, Kungesikuzila

1 Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuZakhariya
ngelanga lesine lenyanga yesificamunye, inyanga ethiwa nguKhisilevu. 2 Abantu
baseBhetheli babethume uShareza loRegemi-Meleki, kanye lamadoda asuka kubo
ukuyancenga UTHIXO uSomandla 3 ngokucela abaphristi bendlu KATHIXO uSomandla
labaphrofethi ukuthi, "Ngilile yini njalo ngizile ukudla ngenyanga yesihlanu njenga-
lokhu engihlala ngikwenza okweminyaka eminengi na?"
4 Laselifika ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla kimi lisithi: 5 "Buza bonke abantu
belizwe kanye labaphristi uthi, 'Lapho lalizila ukudla lilila ngenyanga yesihlanu
leyesikhombisa okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa esidlule kambe lalizilela
mina ngeqiniso na? 6 Njalo nxa lalisidla, linatha, angithi lalizikholisela lina na?
7 Kawasiwo yini la amazwi amenyezelwa NGUTHIXO ngabaphrofethi bamandulo
lapho iJerusalema lamadolobho aseduzane ayelokuthula ephumelela, leNegebi kanye
lamaqaqa asentshonalanga kwakhiwe kuhle na?' "
8 Laphinde lafika njalo ilizwi LIKATHIXO kuZakhariya lathi: 9 "Nanku okutshiwo
NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: 'Yahlulelani ngobuqotho; litshengise isihawu lozwelo
omunye komunye. 10 Lingamcindezeli umfelokazi noma intandane, lowezizweni
noma umyanga. Lingakhumbulelani okubi ezinhliziyweni zenu.'
11 Kodwa bala ukulalela; baqholoza bafulathela njalo bagcika indlebe zabo.
12 Benza inhliziyo zabo zaba lukhuni njengelitshe kabaze balalela umlayo loba
amazwi KATHIXO uSomandla ayewathumile ngoMoya ngabaphrofethi bamandulo.
Yikho UTHIXO uSomandla wathukuthela kabuhlungu.
13 'Ngababiza, kodwa kabalalelanga; yikho labo sebememeza kangibalalelanga,'
kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla. 14 'Ngabachithachitha ngesivunguzane baya ezizweni
zonke lapho ababa yizihambi khona. Ilizwe lasala selilihlane nje kungasahlaleki kulo
futhi kungasedluleki khona. Balenza lajujuka kanjalo ilizwe elihle laba yinkangala.' "

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Inkosi Ithembisa Ukubusisa IJerusalema

1 Lafika njalo kimi ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla.
2 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: "Ngilobukhwele kabi ngeZiyoni; ngiyat-
sha ngobukhwele ngayo."
3 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: "Ngizabuyela eZiyoni ngihlale eJerusalema. Lapho-
ke iJerusalema izathiwa nguMuzi weQiniso, lentaba KATHIXO uSomandla izabizwa
ngokuthi yiNtaba eNgcwele."
4 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: "Kuzakwenzakala njalo ukuthi
amaxhegu lezalukazi bahlale nje ezitaladini zeJerusalema, ngulowo lodondolo
lwakhe esandleni ngenxa yokuluphala. 5 Izitalada zedolobho zizaphithizela abafana
lamantombazana bezidlalela khona."
6 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: "Kungabonakala njengesimanga
kwabayinsalela yalababantu ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kambe kungabonakala njenges-
imanga kimi na?" kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
7 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: "Ngizabasindisa abantu bami
emazweni asempumalanga lasemazweni asentshonalanga. 8 Ngizababuyisela

bayehlala eJerusalema; bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngizathembeka njalo ngibe
lokulunga kubo njengoNkulunkulu wabo."
9 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Lina okwamanje eliwezwayo
amazwi la akhulunywa ngabaphrofethi ababekhona kubekwa isisekelo sendlu
kaThixo uSomandla, qinisani izandla zenu ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe. 10 Mandulo kwe-
sikhathi leso kwakungekho imbadalo ngomsebenzi womuntu loba owenyamazana.
Umuntu loba engubani wayengazihambeli loba azenzele okwakhe ekhululekile
ngenxa yezitha, ngoba abantu ngasengibaxabanise labomakhelwane babo. 11 Kodwa
khathesi kangisayikwenza kulaba abayinsalela njengalokho engakwenzayo endulo,"
kutsho uThixo uSomandla.
12 "Inhlanyelo izakhula kuhle, ivini lizakhupha izithelo zalo, umhlabathi uzakhulisa
amabele, lamazulu azakwehlisa amazolo awo. Zonke lezizinto ngizazinika njengelifa
kwabayinsalela yalababantu. 13 Njengoba beliyinto eqalekisiweyo phakathi kwez-
izwe, wena Juda lo-Israyeli, ngakho ngizalisindisa libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi, kodwa
qinisani izandla zenu."
14 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Kanjengalokhu ngasengimisile
ukwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwenu angaze ngatshengisa uzwelo lapho okhokho
benu bangizondisa," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, 15 "yikho manje sengimisile ukwenza
ubuhle njalo eJerusalema lakoJuda. Lingesabi. 16 Nanzi izinto okumele lizenze:
Khulumani iqiniso omunye komunye, njalo lehlulelane ngeqiniso langokuqonda
emithethwandaba yenu; 17 lingakheli umakhelwane wenu amacebo amabi, njalo
lingaze lathanda ukufunga ngokungamanga. Konke lokhu ngiyakuzonda," kutsho
uThixo.
18 Ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla laphinda labuya kimi.
19 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi, "Amazilo awenyanga yesine, leyesih-
lanu, leyesikhombisa kanye leyetshumi azakuba yizikhathi zokuthokoza lokujabula,
abe yimikhosi yokuthaba koJuda. Ngakho-ke thandani iqiniso lokuthula."
20 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: "Abantu abanengi lezakhamizi za-
madolobho amanengi basezakuza, 21 njalo izakhamizi zedolobho leli zizakuya
kwezakuleliyana zifike zithi, 'Kasihambe khathesi lokhu siyoncenga uThixo, simfune
uThixo uSomandla. Mina sengihamba.' 22 Kuzakuthi abantu abanengi lezizwe
ezilamandla zizakuza eJerusalema ukuzafuna uThixo uSomandla bezocela kuye."
23 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Ngalezonsuku amadoda alitshumi
aphuma kuzozonke izindimi lezizwe azagagadlela umphetho wengubo yomJuda
oyedwa athi, 'Wothi sihambe lawe ngoba sesizwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulani.' "

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Ukwahlulelwa Kwezitha Zika-Israyeli Isiqalekiso

1 Isiphrofethi:
Ilizwi likaThixo liqophe ilizwe laseHadiraki
lize liyokweyama phezu kweDamaseko
ngoba amehlo abantu lawezizwana zonke zika-Israyeli
akuThixo
2 laphezu kweHamathi layo, engcelelane layo,
laphezu kweThire leSidoni, lokuba nje zilobungcitshi.
3 IThire isizakhele inqaba;
isibuthelele isiliva kwangathi luthuli;
legolide njengomhlabathi wemigwaqweni.
4 Kodwa uThixo uzayemuka inotho yayo
achithe lamandla ayo asolwandle,

kuthi yona iqedwe ngumlilo.
5 I-Ashikheloni izakubona lokho yesabe;
iGaza izathuthumela izwe ubuhlungu,
le-Ekroni layo, ngoba ithemba layo lizabuna.
IGaza izabhujelwa yinkosi yayo
le-Ashikheloni isale ingaselamuntu.
6 Abezizwe bazayithatha i-Ashidodi bahlale kuyo,
njalo ngizakuqeda ukuzigqaja kwamaFilistiya.
7 Ngizathatha igazi emilonyeni yabo,
okuyikudla okungavunyelwayo ngikukhuphe emazinyweni abo.
Labo abaseleyo bazakuba ngabakaNkulunkulu wethu
njalo babengabakhokheli koJuda,
le-Ekroni izakuba njengamaJebusi.
8 Kodwa ngizayivikela indlu yami
kulabo abangabaphangi.
Kakusayikuphinda kwenzeke ukuthi umncindezeli achithe abantu bami,
ngoba manje sengihlezi ngiqaphele.

Ukuza KweNkosi YaseZiyoni

9 Thokoza kakhulu, wena Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni!
Memeza, Ndodakazi yaseJerusalema!
Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe,
iza ilungile ilensindiso,
imnene, ihamba igade ubabhemi,
iphezu kwenkonyane, inkonyane kababhemi.
10 Ngizazisusa izinqola zempi ko-Efrayimi
lamabhiza empi eJerusalema,
ledandili lempi lizakwephulwa.
Izamemezela ukuthula phakathi kwezizwe.
Umbuso wayo uzasukela elwandle usiya elwandle,
njalo kusukela eMfuleni kusiya emaphethelweni omhlaba.
11 Wena pho, ngenxa yegazi lesivumelwano lawe,
ngizakhulula izibotshwa zakho emgodini ongelamanzi.
12 Buyelani enqabeni yenu, lina zibotshwa ezilethemba;
sengihle ngibika ukuthi
ngizalibuyisela izibusiso ngokuphindwe kabili.
13 Ngizamgoba uJuda njengalokhu ngigoba idandili lami
besengigcwalisa ngo-Efrayimi.
Ngizawahlokoza amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni,
avukele amadodana akho, wena Grisi,
ngikwenze ube njengenkemba yebutho.

UTHIXO Uzaqhamuka

14 Kulapho-ke UTHIXO azaqhamuka ngaphezu kwabo;
umtshoko wakhe uzabenyezela njengonyezi.
UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzatshaya icilongo;
uzahaluzela ngeziphepho zaseningizimu,
15 njalo UTHIXO uSomandla uzabavikela.
Bazabhubhisa njalo banqobe ngamatshe ezavutha.
Bazanatha baklabalale njengabadakwe liwayini;
bazagcwala lona njengomganu

osetshenziswa kuchelwa amagumbi e-alithare.
16 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo uzabasindisa ngalelolanga
njengoba bengumhlambi wezimvu zakhe.
Bazakhazimula elizweni lakhe
njengamatshe aligugu acecise umqhele.
17 Yeka ukukhanga kwabo lobuhle abazakuba yibobona!
Isivuno esihle sizatshwaphulula izinsizwa,
lewayini elitsha lithokozise izintombi.

10

UTHIXO Uzamnakekela UJuda

1 Celani KUTHIXO izulu ngesikhathi sentwasahlobo;
nguye UTHIXO owenza amayezi aleziphepho.
Unika imikhizo yezulu ebantwini,
lezihlahla zeganga ebantwini bonke.
2 Izithombe zikhuluma inkohliso,
izangoma zibona imibono yamanga;
zikhuluma amaphupho amanga;
ziphe induduzo engesulutho.
Kungakho abantu bephumputheka njengezimvu
bahlupheke ngoba bengelamelusi.

3 "Ulaka lwami luyavutha kubelusi,
njalo ngizabajezisa abaholi;
ngoba UTHIXO uSomandla uzawunakekela
umhlambi wezimvu zakhe, indlu kaJuda,
abenze babe njengebhiza elilesithunzi empini.
4 Ilitshe lekhoneni lizavela kuJuda,
kuye kuzavela isikhonkwane sethente,
kuye kuzavela idandili lokulwa impi,
kuye kuzavela bonke ababusi.
5 Ndawonye bazakuba njengamaqhawe alamandla empini
enyathelela izitha zawo odakeni lwemigwaqo.
Bazakulwa ngoba UTHIXO ephakathi kwabo,
babanqobe abagadi bamabhiza.

6 Ngizayiqinisa indlu kaJuda,
ngisindise indlu kaJosefa.
Ngizababuyisa ngoba ngilesihawu kubo.
Bazakuba sengathi kangizange ngibakhalale,
ngoba NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo
njalo ngizabaphendula.
7 Abako-Efrayimi bazakuba njengamaqhawe,
lezinhliziyo zabo zizajabula kungathi banathe iwayini.
Abantwababo bazakubona lokho bathokoze;
inhliziyo zabo zizathokoza KUTHIXO.
8 Ngizabamema
ngibabuthe ndawonye.
Ngempela ngizabahlenga;
bazakuba banengi njengakuqala.

9 Lanxa ngibahlakazile phakathi kwezizwe,
kodwa bazangikhumbula khonale emazweni akude.
Bona kanye labantwababo bazaphila,
njalo bazabuya.
10 Ngizababuyisa basuke eGibhithe
ngibaqoqe e-Asiriya.
Ngizabaletha eGiliyadi leLebhanoni,
kuze kungasabi lendawo ebaneleyo.
11 Bazadabula phakathi kolwandle lokuhlupheka;
ulwandle oluphuphumayo luzadediswa
lezinziki zonke zeNayili zizakoma qha.
Ukuzikhukhumeza kwe-Asiriya kuzakwehliswa
lentonga yobukhosi yaseGibhithe izaphela.
12 Ngizabaqinisa kuThixo,
bona bazahamba ngebizo lakhe,”
kutsho uThixo.

11

1 Vula iminyango yakho, wena Lebhanoni,
ukuze umlilo uqhunqise imisedari yakho!
2 Lila, wena sihlahla sephayini, ngoba imisedari isiwile;
ngoba izihlahla zobukhosi ziqhunqile!
Lilani, mi-okhi yaseBhashani;
igusu elivitshileyo selicakazelwe phansi!
3 Lalela ukulila kwabelusi;
amadlelo abo amahle asetshabalalisiwe!
Lalela ukubhonga kwezilwane;
ihlathi elihle leJodani liqhunqile!

Abelusi Ababili

4 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uNkulunkulu wami, uthi: “Sana emadlelweni umhlambi wezimvu zokuhlatshwa. 5 Abathengi bazo bayazihlaba bangajeziswa. Labo abazithengisayo bathi, ‘Makadunyiswe uThixo, senginothile!’ Abelusi bazo ngokwabo labo kabaziyekeli. 6 Ngoba kangisayikuba lozwelo ebantwini belizwe,” kutsho uThixo. “Ngulowo lalowo ngizamnikela kumakhelwane wakhe lenkosini yakhe. Bazalincindezela ilizwe, kodwa kangiyikubalamulela ezandleni zabo.”

7 Ngakho ngizafaka emadlelweni izimvu ezasezikhethelwe ukuya esilaheni, ikakhulu lezo ezaziphathwa kabuhlungu. Ngasengithatha ingwegwe ezimbili ngabiza enye ngokuthi nguThandeka kwathi enye ngathi nguNhlanganiso, ngasengizelusa izimvu. 8 Ngenyanga eyodwa ngaxotsha abelusi abathathu.

Izimvu zanengeka ngami, lami zangidina 9 ngathi, “Kangisayikuba ngumelusi wenu. Yekela efayo ife, lebhubhayo ibhubhe. Yekela lezo eziseleyo zidlane inyama yazo.”

10 Ngasengithatha ingwegwe yami ethiwa nguThandeka ngayephula, ngidiliza isivumelwano engangisenzile lezizwe zonke. 11 Sadilizwa ngalelolanga, yikho abadubekayo emhlambini ababengikhangele bakwazi ukuthi lokho kwakulilizwi likaThixo.

12 Ngabatshela ngathi, “Nxa libona kufanele, ngiphani iholo lami; nxa njalo kungenjalo, yekelani.” Yikho basebengiholisa inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu.

13 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Iphosele kumbumbi,” imali engaka ababengilinganisele yona! Ngasengizithatha lezonhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaziphosela kumbumbi wembiza endlini kaTHIXO.
14 Ngasengiqamula ingwegwe yami yesibili ethiwa nguNhlanganiso, ngiqamula ubuzalwane phakathi kukaJuda lo-Israyeli.
15 UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Thatha futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha. 16 Ngoba ngizamisa umelusi welizwe leli ongezukunanza ngezilahlekileyo, angawadingi amazinyane, angawelaphi alimeleyo, angawaphi ukudla aphilayo, kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo, adlithize lamangqina azo.
17 Maye kumelusi oyisithutha,
ohlamukela izifuyo!
Sengathi angadliwa yinkemba
igalele engalweni lelihlweni lakhe lakwesokunene!
Sengathi ingalo yakhe ingahle yome qha,
ilihlo lakhe langakwesokunene lihle life kokuphela!”

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Izitha ZeJerusalema Mazibhujiswe Isiqalekiso

1 Isiphrofethi: ilizwi LIKATHIXO mayelana lo-Israyeli.

UTHIXO owachayayo amazulu, obeka isisekelo somhlaba, njalo owenza umphefumulo womuntu phakathi kwakhe, uthi: 2 “Ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe njengenkezo ezadakisa bonke abantu abakhelene layo. UJuda uzavinjezelwa laye njengeJerusalema. 3 Ngalelolanga, lapho izizwe zonke zomhlaba sezihlangene ukulwa laye, ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe lidwala elingagudlukiyo elezizwe zonke. Bonke abazama ukulitshedisa bazazilimaza. 4 Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza wonke amabhiza ethuke labagadi bawo bahlanye,” kutsho UTHIXO. “Indlu kaJuda ngizahlala ngiyiqaphele, kodwa ngizaphumputhekisa wonke amabhiza ezizwe. 5 Lapho abakhokheli bakoJuda bazakuthi ezinhliziyweni zabo, ‘Abantu baseJerusalema baqinile, ngoba UTHIXO uSomandla unguNkulunkulu wabo.’
6 Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza abakhokheli bakoJuda babe njengebhodo phezu kwezikhuni, njengobhaqa oluvuthayo phakathi kwezithungo. Bazathungela ngapha langapha kutshe bonke abantu abakhelene labo, kodwa iJerusalema izasala imi injalo endaweni yayo.
7 UTHIXO uzasindisa imizi yakoJuda kuqala ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lolwezakhamizi zaseJerusalema lungabi lukhulu kulolukaJuda. 8 Ngalelolanga UTHIXO uzabavikela labo abahlala eJerusalema, kuze kuthi lobuthakathaka kakhulu phakathi kwabo uzakuba njengoDavida, lendlu kaDavida izakuba njengoNkulunkulu, njengeNgilosi kaTHIXO ihamba phambi kwabo. 9 Ngalelolanga ngizaphuma ngiyebhubhisa zonke izizwe ezihlasela iJerusalema.”

Ukulilela Lowo Abamgwazayo

10 “Ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida laphezu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema umoya womusa lobubele. Bazakhangela kimi, mina abamgwazayo, bangililele njengomuntu elilela umntanakhe ozelwe yedwa, bamkhalele kabuhlungu njengomuntu ekhalela indodana yakhe elizibulo. 11 Ngalelolanga isililo eJerusalema sizakuba sikhulu njengesililo sikaHadadi-Rimoni emagcekeni aseMegido. 12 Ilizwe lizalila, yilesosizwana sisodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; isizwana sendlu kaDavida labafazi babo, isizwana sendlu kaNathani labafazi babo, 13 isizwana sendlu kaLevi labafazi babo, isizwana sikaShimeyi labafazi babo, 14 lazozonke izizwana labafazi bazo.”

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Ukuhlanjululwa Ezonweni

1 “Ngalelolanga umthombo uzavulelwa indlu kaDavida labakhileyo eJerusalema,
ukubahlanza izono lokungcola.
2 Ngalelolanga ngizawasusa amabizo ezithombe elizweni ukuze zingakhunjulwa
njalo,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla. “Ngizabasusa abaphrofethi kanye lomoya wokung-
cola phakathi kwelizwe. 3 Nxa ezabe elokhu ekhona ophrofethayo, uyise lonina
abamzalayo bazakuthi kuye, ‘Kumele ufe ngoba usukhulume amanga ngegama
LIKATHIXO.’ Uzakuthi ephrofitha abazali bakhe ngokwabo bazamgwaza.
4 Ngalelolanga ngulowo lalowo umphrofethi uzaba lamanhloni ngombono
wakhe wokuphrofetha. Akayikwembatha isivunulo somphrofethi esoboya ezama
ukukhohlisa. 5 Uzakuthi, ‘Kangisuye umphrofethi, ngingumlimi; umhlabathi uy-
ilapho okulokuphila kwami kusukela ebutsheni bami’ 6 Aluba ebuzwa kuthiwe,
‘Ngawani amanxeba la asemzimbeni wakho?’ Uzaphendula athi, ‘Ngamanxeba
engawazuza endlini yabangane bami.’

Umelusi Utshayiwe, Izimvu Zahlakazwa

7 Vuka, wena nkemba, vukela umelusi wami,
uvukele umuntu osekhwapheni lami!”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
“Tshaya umelusi,
izimvu zizahlakazeka,
njalo ngizaphendula isandla sami ngitshaye ezincinyane.
8 Kulolonke ilizwe,” kutsho uTHIXO,
“ezimbili kwezintathu zizatshaywa zife;
kodwa ingxenye yesithathu izasala kulo.
9 Le ingxenye yesithathu ngizayifaka emlilweni;
ngizabancibilikisa ngibacenge njengesiliva
ngibahlolisise njengegolide.
Bazalibiza ibizo lami,
lami ngizabaphendula;
ngizakuthi, ‘Bangabantu bami,’
labo bazakuthi, ‘UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu wethu.’ ”

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UTHIXO Uyeza Njalo Uyabusa

1 Usuku LUKATHIXO luyeza mhla impango yenu izakwabiwa phakathi kwenu.
2 Ngizaqoqa zonke izizwe eJerusalema zilwe layo, idolobho lizathunjwa, izindlu
ziguduzwe, abesifazane badlwengulwe. Ingxenye yedolobho izathunjwa isiwe
ebugqilini, kodwa abaseleyo edolobheni kabayikubuthwa bathathwe. 3 Kuzakuthi
kunjalo uTHIXO uzaphuma alwe lalezozizwe, njengokulwa kwakhe nxa kulilanga
lempi. 4 Ngalelolanga inyawo zakhe zizakuma phezu kwentaba yama-Oliva,
empumalanga kweJerusalema njalo intaba yama-Oliva izadabuka phakathi kusuka
empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga, kudaleke isigodi esikhulu, ingxenye yentaba
isudukele enyakatho, enye ingxenye yentaba iye enyakatho kuthi enye ingxenye
isondele eningizimu. 5 Lizabaleka ngesigodi sami sentaba ngoba sihamba size siyofika
e-Azeli. Lizabaleka njengalokho elakwenza libalekela ukuzamazama komhlaba
ngezinsuku zika-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda. Lapho-ke uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami
uzakuza elabo bonke abangcwele bakhe.

6 Mhlalokho akuyikuba lokukhanya, kumbe ukuqanda loba ungqwaqwane.
7 Kuzakuba lusuku olungajayelekanga, olungelamini njalo olungelabusuku, usuku olwaziwa NGUTHIXO. Ukuhlwa kungafika kuzavela ukukhanya.
8 Ngalolosuku amanzi aphilisayo azageleza esuka eJerusalema, ingxenye iyethela olwandle lwempumalanga kuthi eyinye ithele entshonalanga, ehlobo kanye lebusika.
9 UTHIXO uzakuba yinkosi kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ngalolosuku kuzakuba LOTHIXO oyedwa, lebizo lakhe libe yilo lodwa ibizo.
10 Ilizwe lonke kusukela eGebha kusiya eRimoni eningizimu kweJerusalema lizakuba njenge-Arabha. Kodwa iJerusalema izaphakanyiswa ihlale isendaweni yayo, kusukela eNtubeni kaBhenjamini kusiya eNtubeni Yokuqala, eNtubeni yaseJikweni, njalo kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli kusiya esikhamelweni sewayini.
11 Kuzakuba yindawo ehlala abantu, kayisayikuphinde njalo ibhidlizwe lanini. IJerusalema izahlala ivikelekile.
12 Lesi yiso isifo UTHIXO azatshaya ngaso zonke izizwe ezalwa leJerusalema. Inyama yabo izabola bona belokhu besazihambela ngezinyawo zabo, amehlo abo azabolela ezingoxweni zawo, lezindimi zabo zizabolela emilonyeni yabo. 13 Ngalelolanga abantu bazakwehliselwa NGUTHIXO ukwethuka okwesabekayo. Ngulowo uzaxhakalaza isandla somunye, bahlaselane. 14 UJuda laye uzakulwa eJerusalema. Inotho yazo zonke izizwe eziseduze izabuthwa, inqwaba yegolide lesiliva kanye lezigqoko.
15 Isifo esifana lalesi sizakwehlela amabhiza, imbongolo, amakamela labobabhemi lazozonke izinyamazana ezizabe zikulezozihonqo.
16 Kuzakuthi bonke abayinsalela kulezozizwe ezahlasela iJerusalema, bazakhuphuka umnyaka ngomnyaka ukuyakhonza Inkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla lokuthakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. 17 Nxa bezakuba khona abesinye isizwe emhlabeni abangayikuya eJerusalema ukuyakhonza Inkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla, labo kabayikunelwa lizulu. 18 Aluba abantu baseGibhithe bengayi ukuyakhonza, kabayikuzuza izulu. UTHIXO uzabehlisela isifo asehlisela lezozizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. 19 Lesi sizakuba yisijeziso seGibhithe lesijeziso sazo zonke izizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo.
20 Ngalolosuku kuzalotshwa ukuthi “Kungcwele KUTHIXO” ezinsimbini ezikhencezayo zamabhiza, lezimbiza zokupheka endlini KATHIXO zizakuba njengemiganu engcwele ephambi kwe-alithari. 21 Yiphi layiphi imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda izaba ngcwele KUTHIXO uSomandla, njalo bonke abafikayo ukuza kwenza umhlatshelo bazathatha ezinye zezimbiza bapheke ngazo. Njalo ngalolosuku kakusayikuba lomKhenani endlini KATHIXO uSomandla.

UMalaki

1 Isiphrofethi, Ilizwi LIKATHIXO ku-Israyeli ngoMalaki.

U-Israyeli Uthandabuza Uthando LukaNkulunkulu

2 "Ngilithandile," kutsho UTHIXO.
"Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Usithande njani?' "
UThixo uthi, "U-Esawu wayengasimfowabo kaJakhobe na? Yebo uJakhobe ngimthandile, 3 kodwa u-Esawu ngimzondile, futhi ngenze izintaba zakhe zaba lugwadule lelifa lakhe ladliwa ngamakhanka asenkangala."
4 U-Edomi angathi, "Kungaze kube sinyathezelwe phansi kodwa sizawavuselela amanxiwa."
Kodwa nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: "Bangakha, kodwa ngizadiliza. Bazakuthiwa Yilizwe Elibi, abantu abazahlala bethukuthelelwe NGUTHIXO. 5 Lizakubona ngawenu amehlo lithi, 'Umkhulu UTHIXO, angale kwem-ingcele yako-Israyeli!' "

Ukwephula Isivumelwano Ngemihlatshelo Engcolileyo

6 "Indodana iyamesaba uyise, lenceku iyayesaba inkosi yayo. Aluba nginguyihlo kungaphi pho ukwesatshwa kwami? Aluba ngiyinkosi kungaphi ukuhlonitshwa kwami na?" kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
"Yini, hawu baphristi, eleyisa ibizo lami.
Kodwa lingabuza lithi, 'Sileyise ngani ibizo lakho?'
7 Libeka ukudla okungcolileyo e-alithareni lami.
Kodwa lingabuza lithi, 'Sikungcolise kanjani wena na?'
Ngokuthi itafula LIKATHIXO liyeyiseka. 8 Nxa liletha izifuyo eziyiziphofu ukuba ngumhlatshelo, kambe kakukubi lokho na? Nxa lisenza umhlatshelo ngezifuyo eziyizilima loba ezilezifo, kakukubi lokho na? Ake lizame ukukunika umbusi wenu! Angalithabela lina na? Angalithanda kambe lina yini?" kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
9 "Ngakho-ke ncengani uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe lobubele kithi. Ngeminikelo enjalo ephuma ezandleni zenu, kambe angalamukela?" kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
10 "Oh, sekuze kungathi omunye wenu angavala iminyango yethempeli ukuze lingabi lilokhu libasa imililo engelamsebenzi e-alithareni lami! Kangithokozi ngani lina," kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla, "njalo kangiyikwamukela umnikelo wezandla zenu.
11 Ibizo lami lizaba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe, kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kusiya ekutshoneni kwalo. Ezindaweni zonke impepha leminikelo ehlanzekileyo izalethwa ebizweni lami, ngoba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe," kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
12 "Kodwa liyalingcolisa ngoba lithi, 'Itafula kaThixo ingcolisiwe,' lokudla okukulo, 'Kuyadeleleka.' 13 Njalo lichila amakhala ngokweyisa lithi, 'Kuyasidina thina lokhu!' " Kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
"Nxa liletha izifuyo ezilimeleyo kumbe ezigulayo lizozinikela zibe yimihlatshelo, lithi ngizemukele yini ezandleni zenu?" uyabuza UTHIXO. 14 "Uqalekisiwe umkhohlisi olenqama enhle emhlambini wakhe, athembise ukunikela ngayo, kodwa abesenikela ngesifuyo esilesici kuThixo. Ngoba ngiyinkosi enkulu," kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla, "njalo ibizo lami kufanele lesatshwe phakathi kwezizwe."

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Ukukhuzwa KwabaPhristi

1 “Manje-ke nanku owenu umlayo, lina baphristi. 2 Nxa lingalaleli, njalo nxa
lingalungisi inhliziyo zenu ukuhlonipha ibizo lami,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla,
“ngizaletha isiqalekiso phezu kwenu, njalo ngiziqalekise izibusiso zenu. Yebo, kuvele
nje sengiziqalekisile ngoba kalizimiselanga ezinhliziyweni zenu ukungesaba.
3 Ngenxa yenu ngizabakhalimela abantwabenu; ngizalihuqa ebusweni ngomswane
wemihlatshelo yemikhosi yenu lithathwe linjalo lisiya ekuthunjweni. 4 Ngalokho
lizakwazi ukuthi ngilithumele lesi isixwayiso ukuze isivumelwano sami loLevi
siqhubeke,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla. 5 “Isivumelwano sami wayelaso, isivumel-
wano sokuphila lokuthula, izinto engamupha zona; lokhu kwakuswela inhlonipho,
lakanje wangihlonipha walesaba ibizo lami. 6 Imfundiso eqotho yayisemlonyeni
wakhe njalo kakufunyanwanga lutho oluyinkohliso ezindebeni zakhe. Wahamba
lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula abanengi ababesesonweni.
7 Ngoba izindebe zomphristi kumele zilonde ulwazi, abantu badinge kuye uku-
fundiswa ngoba uyisithunywa sikaTHIXO uSomandla. 8 Kodwa seliphambukile
endleleni, kwathi njalo ngokufundisa kwenu lenza abanengi bakhubeka; lisephule
isivumelwano loLevi,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla. 9 “Ngakho sengenze ukuthi leyiswe
njalo liyangiswe phambi kwabantu bonke, ngoba kalilandelanga izindlela zami
kodwa latshengisa ukubandlulula ekusebenziseni umthetho.”

Ukwephula Isivumelwano Ngokwehlukana

10 KasilaBaba munye thina sonke na? Kasidalwanga nguNkulunkulu munye na?
Pho singcoliselani isivumelwano sabokhokho bethu na ngokungathembani thina
ngokwethu?
11 UJuda ukhohlisile. Kwenziwe amanyala ko-Israyeli laseJerusalema: uJuda
useyitshaphazile indlu engcwele uTHIXO ayithandayo, ngokutshada lendodakazi
kankulunkulu wabezizwe. 12 Leyondoda ekwenzayo lokho, lokuba ingubani,
sengathi uTHIXO angayisusa emathenteni kaJakhobe lanxa iletha iminikelo kuTHIXO
uSomandla.
13 Enye into eliyenzayo nansi: Ligcwalisa i-alithari likaTHIXO ngezinyem-
bezi. Liyakhala libubula ngoba kasayinanzi iminikelo yenu, njalo kasayamukeli
ngokuthokoza ezandleni zenu. 14 Liyabuza lithi, “Kungani na?” Kungenxa yokuthi
uTHIXO umi njengomfakazi phakathi kwakho lomfazi wobutsha bakho, ngoba
umkhohlisile yena eyingxenye yakho, umfazi wesivumelwano sakho somtshado.
15 UTHIXO kabenzanga baba munye na? Enyameni lemphefumulweni bangabakhe.
Kungani bemunye? Ngoba wayedinga inzalo ekholwayo kuNkulunkulu. Ngakho
ziqaphele emphefumulweni wakho, ungaze wamkhohlisa umfazi wobutsha bakho.
16 “Ngiyakuzonda ukuchitha umtshado,” kutsho uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
uqhubeka esithi, “njalo ngiyayizonda indoda evala ngolaka kumkayo umkayo
njengalokhu izivala ngesivunulo,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
Ngakho ziqaphele wena emphefumulweni wakho, ungaze wakhohlisa.

Ukwephula Isivumelwano Ngokungahluleli Kuhle

17 Selimdinile uTHIXO ngamazwi enu.
Lingabuza lithi, “Simdinise kanjani?”
Ngokuthi, “Bonke abenza ububi balungile emehlweni kaTHIXO, njalo uyathokoza
ngabo,” loba ngokuthi, “Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wokwahlulela kuhle na?”

3

1 “Ngizathuma isithunywa sami esizangilungisela indlela. Kuzakuthi masinyane
uThixo elimdingayo uzakuza ethempelini lakhe; isithunywa sesivumelwano, elisi-
langazelelayo sizakuza,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla.

2 Kodwa ngubani na ongalumela usuku lokuza kwaso? Ngubani ongema nxa
eqhamuka na? Ngoba sizakuba njengomlilo womcengi wensimbi kumbe njengesepa
yomgezisi. 3 Sizahlala njengomcengi lomhlambululi wesiliva; sizahlambulula abaLevi
sibacenge njengesiliva legolide. Kulapho-ke UTHIXO azakuba lawo amadoda azaletha
iminikelo ngokulunga, 4 kuthi-ke iminikelo kaJuda leyeJerusalema yamukeleke
KUTHIXO, njengezinsukwini ezedlulayo, njengeminyakeni yekadeni.
5 "Ngakho ngizasondela kini ukuzakwahlulela. Ngizaphangisa ukufakaza okubi
ngezangoma, ngeziphingi, labafungela amanga, lalabo abadlelezela izisebenzi
ngomholo wazo, labo abancindezela abafelokazi lezintandane, abangahluleli kuhle
abezizweni, kodwa abangangesabiyo mina," kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

Ukwephula Isivumelwano Ngokugodla Okwetshumi

6 "Mina THIXO kangiguquki. Ngalokho lina, bazukulu bakaJakhobe, kalibhu-
jiswanga. 7 Kulokhu kwasukela esikhathini sabokhokho benu laphambuka emilay-
weni yami kalaze layigcina. Buyani kimi, lami ngizabuya kini," kutsho UTHIXO
uSomandla.
"Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Sibuyele kanjani na?'
8 Umuntu angamphanga uNkulunkulu na? Lina liyangiphanga.
Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Sikuphanga kanjani na?'
Ngokwetshumi langeminikelo. 9 Liphiwe isiqalekiso, isizwe sakini sonke ngoba
liyangiphanga. 10 Lethani konke okwetshumi esiphaleni ukuze kube lokudla
endlini yami." Uthi UTHIXO uSomandla, "Ngilingani kulokhu libone ingabe
kangikuwavula amasango ezulu ngithulule izibusiso elizaze liswele ukuthi lizithele
ngaphi. 11 Ngizaxotsha izibungu ukuze zingadli amabele enu, lamavini emasimini
enu kawayikukhithiza izithelo zawo," kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla. 12 "Lapho izizwe
zonke zizakuthi libusisiwe, ngoba elenu lizakuba yilizwe elibukekayo," kutsho UTHIXO
uSomandla.

U-Israyeli Ukhuluma Kabuhlungu NgoThixo

13 Uthi UTHIXO, "Selikhuluma amazwi abuhlungu ngami.
Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Kuyini okubi esikutshiloyo ngawe na?'
14 Lithe lina, 'Kakusizi ngalutho ukukhonza uNkulunkulu. Sazuzani ngokulan-
dela izimiso zakhe, saziphatha njengabalilayo phambi KUKATHIXO uSomandla na?
15 Kodwa manje isiqholo sithi singobusisiweyo. Ngeqiniso izigangi ziyaphumelela,
kanye lalabo abamhwedelayo uNkulunkulu kabenziwa lutho.' "

Insalela Ethembekileyo

16 Kwathi labo ababemesaba UTHIXO bakhulumisana, UTHIXO walalela, wezwa.
Umqulu wencwadi yesikhumbuzo walotshwa phambi kwakhe mayelana lalabo
ababemesaba UTHIXO ababehlonipha ibizo lakhe.
17 Uthi UTHIXO uSomandla, "Bazakuba ngabami, ngosuku mhla ngibenza inotho
yami eligugu. Ngizabayekela, njengoba indoda yayibe lesihawu ixolele indodana
yayo eyincedisayo. 18 Njalo lizawubona umahluko phakathi kwabalungileyo lababi,
phakathi kwalabo abamkhonzayo uNkulunkulu lalabo abangamkhonziyo."

4

Usuku LUKATHIXO

1 "Ngeqiniso luyeza usuku; luzavutha njengesithando somlilo. Zonke iziqholo
njalo zonke izixhwali zizakuba ngamabibi, njalo lolosuku oluzayo luzabathungela
ngomlilo," kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla. "Kakuyikusala mpande loba gatsha kubo.
2 Kodwa lina elilesabayo ibizo lami, ilanga lokulunga lizaphuma lilokusiliswa
emaphikweni alo. Njalo lizaphuma liqolotshe njengamathole evulelwe esibayeni

sawo. 3 Lapho-ke lizabanyathezela phansi ababi; bazakuba ngumlotha ngaphansi
kwezinyawo zenu ngosuku lolo engizazenza ngalo lezizinto,” kutsho uTHIXO uSo-
mandla.
4 “Khumbulani umthetho wenceku yami uMosi, izimiso kanye lemithetho en-
gamupha yona eHorebhi ingeyawo wonke ama-Israyeli.
5 Khangelani, ngizalithumela umphrofethi u-Elija lungakafiki lolosuku olukhulu
olwesabekayo LUKATHIXO. 6 Uzaguqulela inhliziyo zaboyise ebantwaneni babo,
lezinhliziyo zabantwana ziguqukele kuboyise; kungenjalo ngizakuza ngilitshaye
ilizwe ngesiqalekiso.”

Ivangeli
LikaMatewu

Usendo LukaJesu Khristu

1 Umbhalo wosendo lukaJesu Khristu indodana kaDavida, indodana ka-
Abhrahama:

2 U-Abhrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka,
u-Isaka uyise kaJakhobe,
uJakhobe uyise kaJuda labafowabo,
3 uJuda uyise kaPherezi loZera, unina owayenguThamari,
uPherezi uyise kaHezironi,
uHezironi uyise kaRamu,
4 uRamu uyise ka-Aminadabi,
u-Aminadabi uyise kaNashoni,
uNahishoni uyise kaSalimoni,
5 uSalimoni uyise kaBhowazi, unina owayenguRahabi,
uBhowazi uyise ka-Obhedi, unina owayenguRuthe,
u-Obhedi uyise kaJese,
6 uJese uyise wenkosi uDavida.

UDavida wayenguyise kaSolomoni, unina owayeke waba ngumka-Uriya,
7 uSolomoni uyise kaRehobhowami,
uRehobhowami uyise ka-Abhija,
u-Abhija uyise ka-Asa,
8 u-Asa uyise kaJehoshafathi,
uJehoshafathi uyise kaJehoramu,
uJehoramu uyise ka-Uziya,
9 u-Uziya uyise kaJothamu,
uJothamu uyise ka-Ahazi,
u-Ahazi uyise kaHezekhiya,
10 uHezekhiya uyise kaManase,
uManase uyise ka-Amoni,
u-Amoni uyise kaJosiya,
11 uJosiya owayenguyise kaJekhoniya labafowabo ngesikhathi bethunjwe eBhab-
hiloni.

12 Emva kokuthunjwa eBhabhiloni:
uJekhoniya wayenguyise kaSheyalithiyeli,
uSheyalithiyeli uyise kaZerubhabheli,
13 uZerubhabheli uyise ka-Abhiyudi,
u-Abhiyudi uyise ka-Eliyakhimu,
u-Eliyakhimu uyise ka-Azori,
14 u-Azori uyise kaZadokhi,
uZadokhi uyise ka-Akhimu,
u-Akhimu uyise ka-Elihudi,
15 u-Elihudi uyise ka-Eliyazari,
u-Eliyazari uyise kaMathani,

uMathani uyise kaJakhobe,
16 uJakhobe uyise kaJosefa, umkaMariya, owazala uJesu obizwa ngokuthi
nguKhristu.

17 Ngokunjalo-ke, kwakulezizukulwane ezilitshumi lane sezizonke kusukela
ku-Abhrahama kusiya kuDavida, ezilitshumi lane kusukela kuDavida
kusiya ekuthunjweni yiBhabhiloni njalo ezilitshumi lane kusukela
ekuthunjweni kusiya kuKhristu.

Ukuzalwa KukaJesu Khristu

18 UJesu Khristu wazalwa kanje: Unina uMariya wayethembise ukuthi uzakwendela
kuJosefa kodwa kwathi bengakahlangani wabonakala esezithwele kwenziwe ngo-
Moya oNgcwele. 19 Ngoba umkakhe uJosefa wayeyindoda elungileyo emthethweni,
njalo engafuni ukumyangisa ebantwini, wacabanga ukumala ngasese.
20 Uthe esekucabangile lokhu, kwafika kuye ingilosi yeNkosi ephutsheni yathi,
"Josefa ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukuthatha uMariya ukuba abe ngumkakho
ngoba lokhu akhulelwe ngakho kuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. 21 Uzabeletha indodana
ozayetha ibizo uthi nguJesu ngoba uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo."
22 Konke lokhu kwenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke okwatshiwo yiNkosi ngomphro-
fethi ukuthi: 23 "Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwa izale indodana, bayibize ngokuthi
ngu-Emanuweli"* (okutsho ukuthi, "uNkulunkulu ulathi").
24 UJosefa esevukile ebuthongweni wenza lokho ingilosi yeNkosi eyayimlaye khona,
wamthatha uMariya waba ngumkakhe. 25 Kodwa kazange embathe laye waze
wabeletha indodana. Wayetha ibizo wathi nguJesu.

2

Izazi Zethekelela UKhristu

1 UJesu esezelwe eBhethilehema laseJudiya ngesikhathi sokubusa kwenkosi
uHerodi, kwafika eJerusalema iZazi zivela empumalanga, 2 zabuza zathi, "Ungaphi
lowo ozalelwe ukuba yinkosi yamaJuda na? Sibone inkanyezi yakhe empumalanga
ngakho size ukuzamkhonza."
3 Kwathi inkosi uHerodi isikuzwile lokhu yakhathazeka, kanye leJerusalema lonke.
4 Kwathi esebizele ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu bonke labafundisi bomthetho,
wababuza ukuthi uKhristu wayezazalelwa ngaphi. 5 Baphendula bathi, "EBhethile-
hema laseJudiya, ngoba lokhu yikho okwalotshwa ngumphrofethi ukuthi:
6 'Kodwa wena Bhethilehema, elizweni lakoJuda,
kawumncinyane kulabo bonke ababusi bakoJuda;
ngoba kuzavela umbusi kuwe,
ozakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami bako-Israyeli.'*"
7 UHerodi wasezibiza iZazi ngasese wadingisisa kuzo isikhathi inkanyezi eyaphuma
ngaso ngqe. 8 Wabathuma eBhethilehema wathi, "Hambani liyemdinga umntwana.
Lingamfumana lingazise masinyane ukuze lami ngihambe ngiyemkhonza."
9 Sezizwile okwatshiwo yinkosi, zasuka zahamba, inkanyezi leyo ezaziyibonile
empumalanga yahamba phambi kwazo yaze yayakuma lapho umntwana ayekhona.
10 Zathi ziyibona inkanyezi zagcwala intokozo. 11 Zangena endlini zambona umnt-
wana lonina uMariya, zakhothama zamkhonza. Zasezivula impahla zazo eziligugu
zamkhunga ngezipho zegolide lempepha lemure. 12 Kwathi ngoba zixwayisiwe
ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi, zaqonda elizweni lakibo ngenye indlela.

* **1:23** 1.23 U-Isaya 7.14 * **2:6** 2.6 UMikha 5.2

Ukubalekela EGibhithe

13 Kwathi sezihambile, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuJosefa ngephupho. Yathi,
“Vuka uthathe umntwana lonina libalekele eGibhithe. Lihlale khonale ngize
ngilitshele ngoba uHerodi uzamdinga umntwana efuna ukumbulala.”
14 Ngakho wavuka wathatha umntwana lonina ebusuku waya eGibhithe 15 lapho
abahlala khona uHerodi waze wafa. Ngakho kwagcwaliseka lokho iNkosi eyayikut-
shilo ngomphrofethi ukuthi, “Indodana yami ngayikhupha eGibhithe.”†
16 Kwathi ukuba uHerodi ananzelele ukuthi iZazi zazimphicile wazonda kakhulu,
wasekhupha umlayo wokuthi kubulawe bonke abantwana abangabafana eBhethile-
hema lasemangweni wonke oseduze, bonke ababeleminyaka emibili kusehla,
kuhambelana lesikhathi leso ayesitshelwe yiZazi. 17 Ngakho lokho okwakutshiwo
ngumphrofethi uJeremiya kwagcwaliseka ukuthi:
18 “Ilizwi lizwakala eRama,
ukukhala lesililo esikhulu,
uRasheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe njalo
wala ukududuzwa,
ngoba kabasekho.”‡

Ukubuyela ENazaretha

19 UHerodi esefile, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala ngephupho kuJosefa eseGibhithe
20 yathi, “Sukuma uthathe umntwana lonina liye elizweni lako-Israyeli ngoba labo
ababefuna ukubulala umntwana sebefile.”
21 Ngakho wasukuma wathatha umntwana lonina waya elizweni lako-Israyeli.
22 Kodwa wathi ngokuzwa ukuthi u-Akhelasi wayebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikayise
uHerodi wesaba ukuya khona. Kwathi esexwayisiwe ephutsheni wahamba wayahlala
eGalile, 23 edolobheni elalithiwa yiNazaretha. Ngalokho kwagcwaliseka okwatshiwo
ngabaphrofethi ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngoweNazaretha.

3

UJohane UMbhaphathizi Ulungisa Indlela

1 Ngalesosikhathi kwafika uJohane uMbhaphathizi etshumayela enkangala yaseJ-
udiya 2 esithi, “Phendukani ngoba umbuso wezulu ususondele.” 3 Nguye lo
okwakhulunywa ngaye ngumphrofethi u-Isaya kwathiwa:
“Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala lithi,
‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela,
yenzani izindlela zayo ziqonde.’*”
4 Izigqoko zikaJohane zazenziwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhal-
weni lwakhe. Ukudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju lwenyosi zeganga. 5 Abantu
baphuma baya kuye bevela eJerusalema lakulo lonke elaseJudiya lemangweni wonke
waseJodani. 6 Bevuma izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye emfuleni uJodani.
7 Kodwa wathi ebona abaFarisi labaSadusi abanengi besiza lapho ayebhaphathizela
khona wathi kubo, “Lina nzalo yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi libalekele
ulaka oluzayo na? 8 Thelani izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. 9 Njalo
lingacabangi ukuthi lingazitshela ukuthi, ‘Silo-Abhrahama ongubaba wethu.’ Mina
ngilitshela ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela u-Abhrahama
abantwana. 10 Ihloka selivele selisezimpandeni zezihlahla njalo zonke izihlahla
ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle zizaganyulwa, ziphoselwe emlilweni.
11 Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi okutshengisa ukuphenduka. Kodwa ngemva
kwami kuza olamandla kulami njalo kakungilinganga ukuthwala amanyathela

† **2:15** 2.15 UHosiya 11.1 ‡ **2:18** 2.18 UJeremiya 31.15 * **3:3** 3.3 U-Isaya 40.3

akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo. 12 Isitsha sakhe sokwela
sisesandleni sakhe njalo uzathanyela isiza sakhe, abuthele amabele akhe wonke
esiphaleni, kuthi amakhoba awatshise ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo."

Ukubhaphathizwa KukaJesu

13 UJesu weza eJodani evela eGalile ukuba abhaphathizwe nguJohane. 14 Kodwa
uJohane wazama ukwenqaba ngokuthi, "Yimi engidinga ukubhaphathizwa nguwe,
kanti pho ungeza njani kimi?"
15 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Yekela kube njalo okwakhathesi ngoba kufanele
ukuba sikwenze lokhu ukuze sigcwalise konke ukulunga." Ngakho uJohane
wasevuma.
16 Masinyane nje uJesu eqeda kubhaphathizwa waphuma emanzini. Khonokho
nje izulu lavuleka, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu usehla njengejuba njalo usehlela
phezu kwakhe. 17 Ilizwi elavela ezulwini lathi, "Lo yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo;
ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo."

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Ukulingwa KukaJesu ENkangala

1 UJesu wasekhokhelwa nguMoya wamusa enkangala ukuthi ayelingwa
nguSathane. 2 Emva kokuzila ukudla okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku
obungamatshumi amane wayeselambile. 3 Umlingi weza kuye wathi, "Nxa
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu tshela amatshe la aphenduke abe yisinkwa."
4 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa
kuphela kodwa ngelizwi lonke eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu.'*"
5 USathane wasemthatha wamusa emzini ongcwele, wamisa engqongweni
yethempeli. 6 Wathi kuye, "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele phansi.
Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
'Uzalaya izingilosi zakhe ngawe,
zikuqage ngezandla zazo,
ukuze ungatshayeki ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.'†"
7 UJesu wamphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi, 'Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho.'‡"
8 Waphinda njalo uSathane wamusa entabeni ephakemeyo kakhulu, wamtshengisa
yonke imibuso yomhlaba lokucwebezela kwayo. 9 Wathi, "Ngizakunika konke lokhu
nxa ungangikhothamela, ungikhonze."
10 UJesu wathi kuye, "Suka kimi Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Khonza iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho njalo usebenzele yena yedwa.'§"
11 USathane wasemtshiya, izingilosi zabuya zazomkhonza.

UJesu Uqalisa Ukutshumayela

12 UJesu wathi esizwa ukuthi uJohane wayesevalelwe entolongweni, wabuyela
eGalile. 13 Wasuka eNazaretha wayahlala eKhaphenawume eyayisokhunjini lomfula
emangweni wakoZebhuluni lakoNafithali, 14 ukugcwalisa lokho okwatshiwo ngom-
phrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi:
15 "Lizwe likaZebhuluni lelizwe likaNafithali,
iNdlela eya oLwandle, phetsheya kweJodani,
iGalile yabeZizweni,
16 abantu ababehlezi emnyameni
sebebone ukukhanya okukhulu;

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* **4:4** 4.4 UDutheronomi 8.3 † **4:6** 4.6 AmaHubo 91.11-12 ‡ **4:7** 4.7 UDutheronomi 6.16 § **4:10** 4.10 UDutheronomi 6.13

kulabo abahlezi elizweni lethunzi lokufa,
ukukhanya sekufikile."*
17 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa ukutshumayela esithi, "Phendukani
ngoba umbuso wezulu ususondele."

Ukubizwa Kwabafundi Bakuqala

18 Kwathi uJesu ehamba okhunjini loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona izelamani
ezimbili, uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreya. Babephosela
umambule olwandle ngoba bengabagoli benhlanzi. 19 UJesu wathi, "Wozani
lingilandele,†ngizalenza abagoli babantu." 20 Masinyane nje batshiya omambule babo
bamlandela.
21 Esuka lapho wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakhobe indodana kaZebhediya
lomfowabo uJohane. Babephakathi kwesikepe loyise uZebhediya, belungisa omam-
bule babo. UJesu wababiza, 22 baphanga batshiya isikepe kanye loyise bamlandela.

UJesu Usilisa Abagulayo

23 UJesu wahamba kulolonke iGalile efundisa emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela
izindaba ezinhle zombuso, esilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane ebantwini. 24 Udumo
lwakhe lwagcwala kulolonke elase-Asiriya, abantu baletha kuye bonke ababegula
belezifo ezehlukeneyo, labo ababesebuhlungwini obukhulu, ababephethwe ngamadi-
moni, ababelezithuthwane lababeyizilima, bonke wabasilisa. 25 Amaxuku amakhulu
ayevela eGalile, eDekhapholisi, eJerusalema, eJudiya lasemangweni ongaphetsheya
kweJodani amlandela.

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Intshumayelo Yasentabeni

1 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wakhwela entabeni wahlala phansi. Abafundi bakhe beza
kuye.

Izibusiso

2 Waseqalisa ukubafundisa esithi:
3 "Babusisiwe abampofu emoyeni
ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo.
4 Babusisiwe labo abakhalayo
ngoba bazakududuzwa.
5 Babusisiwe abathobekileyo
ngoba bazakuba zindlalifa zomhlaba.
6 Babusisiwe labo abalambela labomela ukulunga
ngoba bazakusuthiswa.
7 Babusisiwe abalesihawu
ngoba bazakuhawukelwa.
8 Babusisiwe abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni
ngoba bazabona uNkulunkulu.
9 Babusisiwe abagcina ukuthula
ngoba bazathiwa ngamadodana kaNkulunkulu.
10 Babusisiwe abahlukunyezwayo ngenxa yokulunga,
ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo.
11 Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belithuka, belihlukumeza njalo beligcona ngobubi
bonke ngenxa yami. 12 Thokozani lijabule ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu ezulwini,
njengoba bahlukunyezwa ngaleyondlela ababephambi kwenu."

* **4:16** 4.16 U-Isaya 9.1-2 † **4:19** 4.19 UJesu ebabiza ukuthi bamlandele, wayebabizela ukuthi bazidele, balingise impilo yakhe.

Itswayi Lokukhanya

13 “Lina lilitswayi lomhlaba. Kodwa nxa itswayi lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu balo,
lingavuselelwa njani na? Kaliselamsebenzi ngaphandle kokuthi lichithelwe phandle
linyathelwe ngabantu.
14 Lina liyikukhanya kwezwe. Idolobho elakhelwe entabeni kalisitheki. 15 Njalo
abantu kabalumathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha. Kodwa basibeka
phezu koluthi lwaso ukuze sikhanyisele bonke abasendlini. 16 Ngokunjalo, yenzani
ukukhanya kwenu kukhanye phambi kwabantu ukuze babone izenzo zenu ezinhle
baze badumise uYihlo osezulwini.”

Ukugcwalisa Umthetho

17 “Lingacabangi ukuthi ngilande ukuzadiliza uMthetho kumbe abaPhrofethi.
Kangilandanga ukuzediliza kodwa ukuzogcwalisisa. 18 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
kuze kunyamalale izulu lomhlaba kakuyikususwa lutho eMthethweni, loba libadlana
kumbe lichatshana elilotshiweyo, kuze kupheleliswe konke. 19 Loba ngubani
owephula owodwa nje wale imilayo emincinyane, afundise abanye ukwenzanjalo
uzathiwa mncinyane embusweni wezulu kodwa loba ngubani olandela njalo afundise
imilayo le njengokuba, uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wezulu. 20 Ngakho ngiyalitshela
ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kwedlule okwabaFarisi labafundisi
bomthetho, ngempela kalizukuwungena umbuso wezulu.”

Ukubulala Umuntu

21 “Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo, ‘Ungabulali; lowo obulalayo uzak-
wahlulelwa.’* 22 Kodwa ngilitshela ngithi loba ngubani ozondela umfowabo loba
udadewabo uzakwahlulelwa emthethwandaba. Njalo lowo othi kumfowabo loba
kudadewabo, ‘*Raca,*’ okutsho ukuthi ‘Silimandini,’ uzathonisiswa emphakathini.
Njalo lowo othi, ‘Wena siwula!’ uzakuba sengozini yomlilo wesihogo.
23 Ngakho-ke, nxa uletha isipho sakho e-alithareni ubusukhumbula ukuthi um-
fowenu kumbe udadewenu ulesikhwili lawe, 24 tshiya khonapho isipho sakho phambi
kwe-alithari. Qala uyebuyisana laye umfowenu kumbe udadewenu andubana ubuye
uzonikela umnikelo wakho.
25 Phangisa uqedelane lalowo okumangalelayo lisahamba lisiya emthethwandaba
funa akunikele kumahluleli ozakunikela kumlindijele ukuthi akuphosele entolong-
weni. 26 Ngilitshela iqiniso, kawusoze uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana
lokucina lwemali.”

Ukuphinga

27 “Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Ungaphingi.’† 28 Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi lowo
okhangela owesifazane amfise usephinge laye enhliziyweni yakhe. 29 Nxa ilihlo
lakho lokunene likwenzisa isono, likopole, ulikhuphe ulilahlele khatshana. Kungcono
kuwe ukuthi ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba
wakho wonke uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo. 30 Njalo nxa isandla sakho sokunene
sikwenzisa isono, siqume usiphosele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekelwe
ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uye esihog-
weni somlilo.”

Ukwehlukana

31 “Kwathiwa, ‘Lowo owehlukana lomkakhe kamuphe incwadi yokuquma umt-
shado.’‡ 32 Kodwa mina ngilitshela ngithi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle
kokuba ehlobongile, umenza afebe, njalo lowo othatha umfazi ohlukene lomkakhe
uyaphinga.”

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* **5:21** 5.21 U-Eksodasi 20.13 † **5:27** 5.27 U-Eksodasi 20.14 ‡ **5:31** 5.31 UDutheronomi 24.1

Izifungo

33 “Njalo selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabendulo, ‘Ungephuli isifungo sakho kodwa
gcwalisa izifungo zakho ozenzileyo eNkosini.’ 34 Kodwa mina ngithi, lingafungi
loba sokutheni, kumbe ngezulu ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu; 35 loba
ngomhlaba ngoba uyisinyathelo sakhe loba ngeJerusalema ngoba lidolobho leNkosi
enkulu. 36 Njalo ungafungi ngekhanda lakho ngoba ungeke wenze lalunye unwele
lube mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama. 37 Okumele likutsho yikuthi ‘Yebo’ kumbe
‘Hatshi’; okunye okungasilokhu kuvela komubi.”

Ilihlo Ngelihlo

38 “Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Ilihlo ngelihlo njalo izinyo ngezinyo.’§ 39 Kodwa
mina ngiyalitshela ngithi, lingamelani lomuntu omubi. Nxa omunye angakutshaya
esihlathini sokunene, muphe njalo esinye isihlathi. 40 Njalo nxa omunye efuna
ukukumangalela ukuze akuthathele isigqoko sakho, myekele athathe lejazi lakho
njalo. 41 Nxa omunye ekubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe ikhilomitha elilodwa,
hamba laye abe mabili. 42 Muphe lowo ocela kuwe njalo ungamfulatheli lowo ofuna
ukweboleka kuwe.”

Ukuthanda Izitha

43 “Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho, uzonde isitha
sakho.’* 44 Kodwa mina ngilitshela ukuthi, thandani izitha zenu, libakhulekele
labo abalihlukuluzayo, 45 ukuze libe ngamadodana kaYihlo osezulwini. Wenza
ilanga lakhe liphume kwababi labalungileyo njalo anise izulu kwabalungileyo
lakwabangalunganga. 46 Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuza mvuzo
bani na? Kabenzi njalo na labathelisi? 47 Nxa libingelela abafowenu bodwa, kuyini
elikwenzayo okwedlula abanye na? Kabenzi lokho labahedeni na? 48 Ngakho wobani
ngabapheleleyo njengalokhu uYihlo osezulwini ephelele.”

6

Ukupha Abaswelayo

1 “Qaphelani ukuthi lingenzi izenzo zokulunga phambi kwabantu ukuze balibone.
Nxa lisenza njalo kaliyikuba lomvuzo ovela kuYihlo ezulwini.
2 Ngakho nxa lisipha abaswelayo, lingamemezeli indawo yonke njengokwenziwa
ngabazenzisi emasinagogweni lasezitaladini ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu. Ngilit-
shela iqiniso, sebewemukele owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. 3 Kodwa nxa lina lisipha
abaswelayo isandla senu sokhohlo kasingakwazi lokho esikwenzayo esokunene,
4 ukuze ukupha kwenu kube sensitha. Ngakho uYihlo obona okwenziwa ensitha
uzalipha umvuzo wenu.”

Umkhuleko

5 “Nxa likhuleka lingabi njengabazenzisi ngoba bona bathanda ukukhuleka bemi
emasinagogweni lasemakhoneni ezitalada ukuze babonwe ngabantu. Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. 6 Nxa likhuleka,
ngenani ezindlini zenu, livale iminyango beselikhuleka kuYihlo ongabonakaliyo.
Ngakho uYihlo obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu. 7 Njalo nxa
likhuleka lingenzi ubugabazi, linqongoloza njengabahedeni ngoba bacabanga ukuthi
bazezwakala ngenxa yamazwi abo amanengi. 8 Lingabi njengabo ngoba uYihlo
uyakwazi elikuswelayo loba lingakakuceli kuye.”

Umkhuleko WeNkosi

9 “Kumele likhuleke kanje:

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§ **5:38** 5.38 U-Eksodasi 21.24; ULevi 24.20; UDutheronomi 19.21 * **5:43** 5.43 ULevi 19.18

‘Baba wethu osezulwini,
kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho,
10 umbuso wakho kawuze,
intando yakho kayenziwe emhlabeni
njengalokhu isenziwa ezulwini.
11 Siphe lamuhla isinkwa sethu sansukuzonke.
12 Njalo usithethelele izono zethu,
njengoba lathi sibathethelela abasonelayo.
13 Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni,
kodwa usisindise komubi.’
14 Ngoba nxa libathethelela abayabe belonile, uYihlo osezulwini laye uzalithethelela.
15 Kodwa nxa lingabathetheleli abantu izono zabo, uYihlo kayikulithethelela lani izono zenu.”

Ukuzila Ukudla

16 “Lapho lizila ukudla, lingabonakali linyukubele njengalokhu okwenziwa ngabazenzisi ngoba bakhangeleka bedanile ebusweni babo ukuze abantu babone ukuthi bazilile. Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. 17 Kodwa lina nxa lizila, gcobani amafutha emakhanda enu, ligeze ubuso benu, 18 ukuze kungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi lizilile, kodwa kuYihlo kuphela ongabonakaliyo njalo yena obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu.”

Inotho Ezulwini

19 “Lingazibutheleli inotho emhlabeni lapho okubhubhisa khona inondo lokuthomba njalo lapho okugqekeza khona amasela. 20 Kodwa zibutheleleni inotho ezulwini lapho kungabhujiswa khona linondo lokuthomba njalo lapho okungagqekezi khona amasela. 21 Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona kulapho inhliziyo yakho ezakuba khona.
22 Ilihlo liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya. 23 Kodwa nxa amehlo akho engahlambulukanga umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ubumnyama. Nxa ukukhanya okungaphakathi kwakho kungumnyama, pho mkhulu kanganani lowomnyama!
24 Kakulanceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeyise enye. Lingezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemali.”

Linganqineki

25 “Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba lizanathani; kumbe ngemizimba yenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga ukwedlula ukudla na, lomzimba ukwedlula izigqoko na? 26 Khangelani izinyoni zasemoyeni; kazihlanyeli, kazivuni kumbe ukubuthela eziphaleni kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyazipha ukudla. Lina kaliqakathekanga ukwedlula zona na? 27 Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na?
28 Kanti lizihluphelani ngezigqoko na? Ake libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani. Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. 29 Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. 30 Nxa kuyiyo indlela uNkulunkulu ahlobisa ngayo utshani beganga, obukhona namuhla kodwa kusasa sebuphoselwa emlilweni, pho lina kazukuligqokisa ngcono yini, lina bokukholwa okuncinyane? 31 Ngakho lingazihluphi lisithi, ‘Sizakudlani?’ kumbe ‘Sizanathani?’ loba ‘Sizavunulani na?’ 32 Ngoba abezizweni bagijimela zonke lezizinto kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyakwazi ukuthi liyazidinga. 33 Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso wakhe lokulunga kwakhe, kuzakuthi-ke zonke lezizinto liziphiwe lazo. 34 Ngakho

lingazihluphi ngelakusasa ngoba ikusasa lizazinqinekela lona. Usuku lunye ngalunye lulenhlupho zalo oluzaneleyo.”

7

Ukwahlulela Abanye

1 “Lingahluleli funa lani lahlulelwe. 2 Ngoba ngaleyondlela elahlulela ngayo abanye lani lizakwahlulelwa ngayo, langalesosilinganiso elisisebenzisayo lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso.
3 Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlweni lomfowenu unganqinekeli ukhuni olukwelakho ilihlo na? 4 Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi, ‘Wothi ngikukhuphe uvava oluselihlweni lakho,’ wena ulokhu ulokhuni kwelakho ilihlo? 5 Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho ukuze ubone kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlweni lomfowenu.
6 Linganiki izinja okungcwele, lingaphoseli imiceciso ezingulubeni, ngoba lingakwenza lokhu zizayinyathela ngezinyawo ziphinde ziphenduke ziyidabudabule.”

Celani, Dingani, Qoqodani

7 “Celani lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani lizavulelwa. 8 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqodayo uzavulelwa umnyango.
9 Ngubani kini bobaba okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa ayiphe ilitshe na? 10 Loba ithi icela inhlanzi yena ayiphe inyoka? 11 Nxa lina elibabi likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo, pho uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha kangakanani izipho ezinhle labo abacela kuye! 12 Kuzozonke izinto, yenzani kwabanye lokho elifuna bakwenze kini, ngoba lokhu yikho okugoqela uMthetho labaPhrofethi.”

Amasango Anciphileyo Labanzi

13 “Ngenani ngesango elincinyane ngoba isango elikhulu lendlela ebanzi iholela ekubhujisweni njalo abanengi bangena ngalo. 14 Kodwa isango elincinyane lendlela yalo encinyane iholela ekuphileni, njalo balutshwana abayifumanayo.”

Isihlahla Lezithelo Zaso

15 “Qaphelani abaphrofethi bamanga abeza kini bezigqokise isikhumba semvu kodwa ngaphakathi bezimpisi ezifohlozayo. 16 Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo. Abantu bayawakha na amavini esihlahleni sameva kumbe amakhiwane edolofiyeni na? 17 Kanjalo-ke, sonke isihlahla esihle sithela izithelo ezinhle kodwa isihlahla esibi sithela ezimbi. 18 Isihlahla esihle ngeke sithele izithelo ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasingethele izithelo ezinhle. 19 Zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle ziyaganyulwa ziphoselwe emlilweni. 20 Ngakho-ke, lizabazi ngezithelo zabo.”

Abafundi Bamanga Labeqiniso

21 “Kakusibo bonke abathi kimi, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi’ abazangena embusweni wezulu, kodwa ngulowo kuphela owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini. 22 Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiphrofithanga ngebizo lakho, njalo ngebizo lakho sakhupha amadimoni, senza lezimangaliso na?’ 23 Lapho-ke, ngizabatshela kakuhle ngithi, ‘Ngivele kangilazi. Sudulukani kimi, lina benzi bobubi!’ ”

Umakhi Ohlakaniphileyo Loyisiwula

24 “Ngakho lowo owezwayo amazwi ami la awenze unjengendoda ehlakaniphileyo eyakhela indlu yayo edwaleni. 25 Latheleka izulu, izifula zagcwala, wavunguza umoya watshaya phezu kwaleyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga ngoba yayigxiliswe isisekelo sayo edwaleni. 26 Kodwa lowo owezwayo amazwi ami la angawenzi unjengendoda

eyisiwula eyakhela indlu yayo etshebetshebeni. 27 Latheleka izulu, izifula zagcwala,
umoya wavunguza watshaya phezu kwendlu leyo yawa yabhidlika."
28 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma lezizinto, amaxuku abantu amangaliswa yiku-
fundisa kwakhe, 29 ngoba wafundisa njengomuntu olamandla, hatshi njengabafundisi
babo bomthetho.

8

Indoda Eyayilobulephero

1 Kwathi esehlile entabeni amaxuku abantu amlandela. 2 Indoda eyayilobulephero
yeza yaguqa phambi kwakhe yathi, "Nkosi nxa uthanda ungangenza ngihlambuluke."
3 UJesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta wathi, "Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka!"
Masinyane nje yasila ebulepherweni bayo. 4 UJesu wasesithi kuyo, "Zwana,
ungatsheli muntu ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi, unikele ngesipho
esamiswa nguMosi njengobufakazi ebantwini."

Ukholo LweNduna YeKhulu

5 UJesu esengenile eKhaphenawume, kwafika kuye induna yekhulu izocela uncedo.
6 Yathi, "Nkosi, inceku yami ilele phansi endlini, yome umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini
obukhulu."
7 UJesu wathi kuyo, "Ngizakuza ngizeyisilisa."
8 Induna yekhulu yaphendula yathi, "Kakungilingananga ukuthi ungeza ungene
ngaphansi kophahla lwami. Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje kuphela, inceku yami
izasila. 9 Ngoba mina ngokwami ngingumuntu ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho
angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi, 'Hamba,' ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, 'Buya,'
lakanye abuye. Ngithi encekwini yami, 'Yenza lokhu,' ikwenze."
10 UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wamangala wathi kulabo ababemlandela, "Ngilitshela
iqiniso, kangikamboni loyedwa ko-Israyeli olokukholwa okukhulu kangaka. 11 Ngithi
kini abanengi bazavela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale edilini lo-Abhrahama,
lo-Isaka loJakhobe embusweni wezulu. 12 Kodwa abanini bombuso bazaxotshelwa
phandle emnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo."
13 UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu, "Hamba! Kuzakwenziwa njengalokhu
ukholwa ukuthi kuzakwenziwa." Inceku yayo yahle yasila ngalesosikhathi.

UJesu Usilisa Abanengi

14 Kwathi lapho uJesu esengenile endlini kaPhethro, wabona uninazala kaPhethro
elele embhedeni ephethwe ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho. 15 Wamthinta esandleni
umkhuhlane wahle waphuma kuye, wavuka waqala ukumphakela.
16 Sekuntambama abanengi ababelamadimoni balethwa kuye wayikhupha imi-
moya ngelizwi njalo wasilisa bonke abagulayo. 17 Lokhu kwakugcwalisa okwakhu-
lunywa ngomphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi:
"Wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu
wathwala izifo zethu."*

Ubunzima Bokulandela UJesu

18 Wathi uJesu ebona amaxuku abantu abanengi bembuthanele, wathi
akuchaphelwe ngaphetsheya ngakuleliyana icele lechibi. 19 Kwasekusiza kuye
umfundisi womthetho wathi, "Mfundisi, ngizakulandela ungaze uye ngaphi."
20 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezi-
dleke, kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda layo."
21 Omunye umfundi wathi kuye, "Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale ngihambe ngiyengcwaba
ubaba."

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* **8:17** 8.17 U-Isaya 53.4

22 Kodwa uJesu wamtshela wathi, “Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo bangcwabe abafileyo babo.”

UJesu Uthulisa Isiphepho

23 UJesu wasengena esikepeni abafundi bakhe bamlandela. 24 Masinyane nje kwaphakama isiphepho esesabekayo echibini, amagagasi atshaya phezu kwesikepe. Kodwa uJesu wayelele. 25 Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, sihlenge, Sesigalula!”

26 Waphendula wathi, “Lina bokukholwa okuncinyane, kungani lisesaba kangaka?” Wasephakama wawukhuza umoya kanye lamagagasi, kwasekuthula cwaka.

27 Amadoda amangala abuza athi, “Ngumuntu bani lo? Oze alalelwe ngumoya kanye lamagagasi!”

Ukusiliswa Kwamadoda Amabili Alamadimoni

28 Wathi ekufikeni kwakhe ngakwelinye icele emangweni wamaGadarini wahlangabezwa ngamadoda amabili ayelamadimoni eqhamuka emathuneni. Ayelodlakela, kungasadluli muntu ngaleyondlela. 29 Amemeza athi, “Ufunani kithi, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha ukuzasihlupha singakafiki isikhathi esimisiweyo na?”

30 Bucwala kwawo umhlambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla. 31 Amadimoni amncenga uJesu athi, “Nxa usikhupha, sithumele emhlambini wengulube.”

32 Wathi kuwo, “Hambani!” Aphuma ayangena engulubeni, umhlambi wonke waphaphatheka waqonda eliweni wangena echibini, wafela emanzini. 33 Labo ababezelusile baphaphatheka baqonda edolobheni bayabika konke lokhu, besitsho lalokho okwenzakala kulawomadoda ayelamadimoni. 34 Khonapho idolobho lonke laphuma ukuyahlangana loJesu. Bathi sebembonile bamncenga ukuba asuke emangweni wakibo.

9

UJesu Usilisa Umuntu Owome Umhlubulo

1 UJesu wangena esikepeni wachaphela ngasedolobheni lakibo. 2 Amanye amadoda aletha kuye indoda eyayome umhlubulo ilele ecansini. UJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi kweyome umhlubulo, “Woba lesibindi, ndodana; izono zakho sezithethelelwe.”

3 Bekuzwa lokho abanye abafundisi bomthetho bahleba bodwa bathi, “Umuntu lo uyahlambaza!”

4 Esazi imicabango yabo uJesu wathi kubo, “Kungani licabanga izinto ezimbi ezinhliziyweni zenu na? 5 Yikuphi okulula ukuthi, ‘Izono zakho sezithethelelwe’ kumbe ukuthi, ‘Sukuma uhambe’? 6 Kodwa ngifuna lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni.” Wasesithi kweyome umhlubulo, “Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho uhambe uye ekhaya.” 7 Indoda yasukuma yaqonda ekhaya. 8 Ixuku labantu lathi likubona lokhu lesaba kakhulu; lamdumisa uNkulunkulu owayenike amandla la ebantwini.

Ukubizwa KukaMatewu

9 Kwathi uJesu eseqhubeka esuka lapho, wabona indoda eyayithiwa nguMatewu ihlezi endaweni yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuyo “Ngilandela,” uMatewu wahle wasukuma wamlandela.

10 Kwathi uJesu esidla endlini kaMatewu kweza abathelisi abanengi lezoni bonke bezokudla laye kanye labafundi bakhe. 11 Kuthe abaFarisi bekubona lokho babuza abafundi bakhe bathi, “Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi lezoni na?”

12 UJesu wakuzwa lokho wathi, “Abaphililleyo kabayidingi inyanga kodwa idingwa ngabagulayo. 13 Kodwa hambani liyefunda ukuthi kutshoni lokhu ukuthi, ‘Ngoba

ngifuna isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo.'*Ngoba kangilandanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni."

UJesu Ubuzwa Ngokuzila

14 Kwasekufika abafundi bakaJohane bambuza bathi, "Kungani thina labaFarisi sizila kodwa abafundi bakho kabazili?"
15 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Izethekeli zomyeni zingalila kanjani esesekhona phakathi kwazo na? Sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo; kulapho-ke ezizazila khona.
16 Kakho umuntu othungela isichibi selembu elitsha elingakafinyeli esigqokweni esidala, ngoba isichibi sizadonsa esigqokweni ukudabuka kuqhele ngamandla.
17 Futhi abantu kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala. Bangenzenjalo imigodla izadabuka, iwayini lichitheke lemigodla ihle iguge iphele. Kodwa, bathela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emitsha besekulondolozeka kuhle kokubili."

Intombazana Efileyo Lomfazi Ogulayo

18 Wathi esakhuluma lokhu kwafika umbusi waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, "Indodakazi yami isanda kufa. Kodwa ngicela uzebeka isandla sakho phezu kwayo, izaphila." 19 UJesu wasuka wahamba laye kanye labafundi bakhe.
20 Khonokho owesifazane owayehlutshwa ngumopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili weza ngemva kwakhe wabamba umphetho wesembatho sakhe. 21 Wazitshela wathi, "Nxa ngingathinta nje isembatho sakhe kodwa lokhu, ngizasila."
22 UJesu wanyemukula wambona. Wathi kuye, "Mana isibindi ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile." Lakanye owesifazane lowo wasila ngalesosikhathi.
23 UJesu wathi esengenile endlini yombusi wesinagogu wabona ababetshaya imihubhe kanye lexuku elalixokozela, 24 wathi kubo, "Phumani. Intombazana kayifanga kodwa ilele." Kodwa bamhleka usulu. 25 Ixuku labantu selikhutshelwe phandle, wangena wayibamba ngesandla intombazana yaphakama. 26 Indaba yesehlakalo lesi yamemetheka kuwo wonke umango wakuleyondawo.

UJesu Usilisa Isiphofu Lesimungulu

27 Kwathi uJesu esuka lapho amadoda ayiziphofu amabili amlandela ememeza esithi, "Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavida!"
28 Esengenile endlini iziphofu lezo zeza kuye wazibuza wathi, "Liyakholwa na ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu?"
Zamphendula zathi, "Yebo Nkosi."
29 Wasezithinta amehlo wathi kuzo, "Kuzakwenziwa kini njengokukholwa kwenu"; 30 zasiliswa zabona. UJesu waziqonqosela wathi, "Akungabi lomuntu ozakwazi ngalokhu." 31 Kodwa zasuka lapho zafakaza ngaye indawo yonke yelizwe lelo.
32 Ekuphumeni kwalezoziphofu, kwalethwa kuJesu indoda eyayiledimoni iy-isimungulu. 33 Kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe indoda leyo eyayiyisimungulu yakhu-luma. Ixuku labantu lamangala, abantu bathi, "Akukaze kubonakale okunje ko-Israyeli."
34 Kodwa abaFarisi bathi, "Amadimoni uwakhupha ngenkosi yamadimoni."

Izisebenzi Zimbalwa

35 UJesu wangena kuwo wonke amadolobho lemizi efundisa emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle ezombuso njalo eselapha zonke izifo lemikhuhlane.
36 Wathi ebona amaxuku abantu wawazwela usizi ngoba ayehlukuluzekile njalo ephelelwe, enjengezimvu ezingelamelusi. 37 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Isivuno sinengi kodwa izisebenzi zimbalwa. 38 Ngakho celani iNkosi yokuvuna ukuba ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yokuvuna."

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* **9:13** 9.13 UHosiya 6.6

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UJesu Uthumela Abalitshumi Lambili

1 UJesu wabizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wabapha amandla
okukhupha imimoya emibi lokusilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane.

2 Amabizo abafundi abalitshumi lambili ayeyila:

Owokuqala wayenguSimoni, othiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreya;
uJakhobe indodana kaZebhediya loJohane umfowabo;
3 uFiliphu, uBhatholomewu;
uThomasi, uMatewu umthelisi;
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uLabhewu osibongo sakhe sasinguThediyasi;
4 uSimoni umZilothi loJudasi Iskariyothi onguye owamnikelayo.

5 Laba abalitshumi lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya wathi, "Lingayi phakathi
kwabeZizwe futhi lingangeni lakuliphi idolobho lamaSamariya. 6 Kodwa hambani
liyebutha izimvu ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli. 7 Ekuhambeni kwenu, litshumayele
lelilizwi: 'Umbuso wezulu ususondele.' 8 Silisani abagulayo, livuse abafileyo,
lihlambulule abalobulephero, likhuphe amadimoni. Lamukelisiwe kungelambadalo
ngakho lani phanini kungelambadalo.
9 Lingaphathi igolide loba isiliva loba ithusi emixhakeni yamabhanti enu;
10 lingathwali izikhwama ekuhambeni kwenu loba isigqoko sokuntshintsha, loba
amanye amanyathela kumbe olunye udondolo ngoba osebenzayo kufanele aphiwe
okokuziphilisa. 11 Loba yiliphi idolobho kumbe umuzi elingena kuwo, dingani
umuntu ofaneleyo ukuba lihlale endlini yakhe kokuphela lize lisuke khona. 12 Akuthi
nxa lingena kulowomuzi, liwunxusele ukuthula. 13 Nxa lowomuzi ufanele, ukuthula
kwenu akube kuwo, kodwa nxa lingemukelwa aginyeni amazwi enu okuthula.
14 Nxa engekho olamukelayo kumbe olalela amazwi enu, sukani kulowomuzi kumbe
idolobho lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu. 15 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kuzakuba
ngcono elizweni leSodoma leGomora ngelanga lokwahlulelwa kulokuzakwehlela
lelodolobho.
16 Ngilithuma linjengezimvu phakathi kwempisi. Ngakho qaphani njengezinyoka
kodwa libemsulwa njengamajuba. 17 Libalimuke abantu; bazalimangalela
ezinkundleni zamacala, balibhaxabule emasinagogweni abo. 18 Ngenxa yami
lizamiswa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi ukuze libe ngofakazi kubo lakwabeZizwe.
19 Kodwa nxa belibopha lingazihluphi ngokuthi lizakuthini lokuthi likutsho kanjani.
Ngalesosikhathi lizakwambulelwa okumele likutsho, 20 ngoba akuzukuba yini elikhu-
lumayo kodwa kuzakuba nguMoya kaYihlo ozabe ukhuluma ngani.
21 Umuntu uzanikela umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele umntanakhe;
abantwana bazahlamukela abazali babo bababulale. 22 Bonke abantu bazalizonda
ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa.
23 Nxa lihlukuluzwa endaweni ethile, balekelani kwenye. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
kaliyikuqeda ukuwahambela wonke amadolobho ako-Israyeli iNdodana yoMuntu
ingakafiki.
24 Umfundi ungaphansi kombalisi wakhe, lenceku ingaphansi kwenkosi yayo.
25 Kwenele kumfundi ukuba njengombalisi wakhe, lenceku ukuba njengenkosi yayo.
Nxa umninimuzi kungathiwa nguBhelizebhubhi pho kuzathiwani ngabendlu yakhe
na?
26 Ngakho lingabesabi. Ngoba kakukho okuthukuziweyo okungayi kubekwa
obala, lokufihliweyo okungayikwaziwa. 27 Lokhu engilitshela khona emnyameni

kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni kwemini, okunyenyezwa ezindlebeni zenu kumemezeleni
lisophahleni lwezindlu. 28 Lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kodwa bengeke
babulale umphefumulo. Kodwa yesabani lowo ongabhubhisa kokubili, umphefumulo
lomzimba esihogweni. 29 Intaka ezimbili kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi na? Kodwa
kayikho leyodwa yazo ewela phansi ingavunyelwanga nguYihlo. 30 Kwala zona
inwele zamakhanda enu zibaliwe. 31 Ngakho lingesabi; liligugu elidlula intaka
ezinengi.
32 Loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba
ezulwini. 33 Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi kwabantu lami ngizamphika phambi
kukaBaba ezulwini.
34 Lingakhumbuli ukuthi ngilethe ukuthula emhlabeni. Kangilandanga ukuzeletha
ukuthula kodwa inkemba. 35 Ngoba ngize ukuxabanisa
‘indoda loyise,
indodakazi lonina
umalukazana loninazala,
36 izitha zomuntu zizakuba ngabendlu yakhe.’*
37 Lowo othanda uyise loba unina kulami kangifanelanga; lowo othanda indodana
yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe kulami kangifanelanga; 38 njalo lowo ongathathi
isiphambano sakhe angilandele kangifanelanga. 39 Loba ngubani ozuza impilo yakhe
izamlahlekela njalo lalowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayizuza.
40 Lowo olamukelayo wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo
ongithumileyo. 41 Loba ngubani owamukele umphrofethi ngoba engumphrofethi
uzazuza umvuzo womphrofethi njalo lalowo owamukela umuntu olungileyo ngoba
engumuntu olungileyo uzakwamukela umvuzo womuntu olungileyo. 42 Njalo nxa
ekhona onika iloba yinkezo yamanzi aqandayo komunye walaba abancinyane
ongumfundi wami, ngilitshela iqiniso, lowomuntu akayikulahlekelwa ngumvuzo
wakhe.”

11

UJesu LoJohane UMbhaphathizi

1 UJesu wathi eseqedile ukulaya abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wasuka
kuleyondawo ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emadolobheni aseGalile.
2 UJohane esentolongweni wathi esizwa ukuthi uKhristu wayesenzani, wathuma
abafundi bakhe 3 ukuba bayembuza bathi, “Unguye yini ozayo kumbe silindele
omunye na?”
4 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Buyelani liyebikela uJohane lokhu elikuzwayo le-
likubonayo ukuthi 5 iziphofu zenziwa zibone, abaqhugezelayo bayahamba, abalob-
ulephero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli liyat-
shunyayelwa kubayanga. 6 Ubusisiwe umuntu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami.”
7 Kwathi abafundi bakaJohane sebesuka, uJesu waqala ukukhuluma labantu
ngoJohane esithi: “Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na? Umhlanga owazunguzwa
ngumoya na? 8 Nxa kungayisikho, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na?
Hatshi, labo abagqoka izigqoko ezinhle basezigodlweni zamakhosi. 9 Pho laphuma
lisiyabonani na? Umphrofethi? Yebo, ngiyalitshela, odlula umphrofethi. 10 Lo nguye
okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi:
‘Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho,
esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.’*
11 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, phakathi kwabo bonke abazelwe ngabesifazane
akukaveli loyedwa omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhaphathizi ikanti lowo ongomncinyane

* **10:36** 10.36 UMikha 7.6 * **11:10** 11.10 UMalaki 3.1

kakhulu embusweni wezulu mkhulu kulaye. 12 Kusukela ensukwini zikaJohane uMbhaphathizi kuze kube khathesi, umbuso wezulu wala uqhubeka ngamandla ngoba abantu abalamandla bawubambile. 13 Ngoba bonke abaPhrofethi kanye loMthetho baphrofitha kwaze kwafika uJohane. 14 Ngakho nxa likwamukela lokhu, ungu-Elija okwathiwa uyeza. 15 Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe.

16 Kambe ngingasifanisa lani isizukulwane lesi na? Banjengabantwana abahlezi emikambo bememeza abanye besithi:

17 'Salitshayela umhubhe,
kodwa kaligidanga;
salihlabelela ingoma yesililo
kodwa kalililanga.'

18 Ngoba uJohane wafika engadli njalo enganathi basebesithi, 'Uledimoni,' 19 INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla, yanatha, bathi, 'Nansi isidli lesidakwa, umngane wabathelisi lezoni.' Kodwa, ukuhlakanipha kuziveza ukuthi kuqondile ngemisebenzi yakho."

Maye Kuleyomizi Engaphendukanga

20 UJesu waseqalisa ukuwasola amadolobho lawo lapho izimangaliso zakhe eziningi ezazenziwe khona ngoba kabazange baphenduke: 21 "Maye kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eThire leSidoni, ngabe kudala baphenduka begqoke izigqoko zamasaka, bazibhuqa lemlotheni. 22 Kodwa ngiyalitshela, kuzakuba ngcono eThire leSidoni ngosuku lokwahlulelwa kulalokho okuzalehlela lina. 23 Lawe Khaphenawume, kambe uzaphakanyiselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona phansi uye eHadesi. Ngoba aluba izimangaliso ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eSodoma ngabe ikhona lanamuhla. 24 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono elizweni leSodoma ngelanga lokwahlulelwa kulakuwe."

Ukuphumula Kwabakhatheleyo

25 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wathi, "Ngiyakubonga Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo, wazambulela abantwana abancinyane. 26 Yebo Baba, lokhu kwaba yikuthanda kwakho.

27 Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho oyaziyo iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ngaphandle kweNdodana lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo.

28 Wozani kimi lina lonke elikhatheleyo lelisindwayo, ngizaliphumuza. 29 Zithwaliseni ijogwe lami, lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene futhi ngithobekile enhliziyweni njalo lizazuza ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. 30 Ngoba ijogwe lami lilula, lomthwalo wami kawusindi."

12

INkosi YeSabatha

1 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula phakathi kwamasimu amabele kulilanga leSabatha. Abafundi bakhe basebelambile, basebekhwebula izikhwebu zamabele badla. 2 AbaFarisi bakubona lokhu, bathi kuye, "Khangela! Abafundi bakho benza okuphambene lomthetho ngeSabatha."

3 Waphendula wathi, "Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida lapho yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? 4 Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu, yena labakhula bakhe, badla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo, into eyayingavunyelwa ngomthetho ukuba bayenze, kodwa ivunyelwe abaphristi kuphela. 5 Kumbe kalifundanga yini eMthethweni ukuthi ngeSabatha abaphristi ethempelini bayalungcolisa lolusuku

kodwa kabalacala. 6 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi lowo omkhulu kulethempeli ukhona lapha. 7 Kube lalikwazile ukuthi amazwi la atshoni, ‘Ngifuna isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo’*belingasoze libalahle abangelacala. 8 Phela iNdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi yeSabatha.”

9 Esuka lapho wayangena esinagogweni labo, 10 khonapho kulendoda eyayitshwabhene isandla. Kwathi ngoba bedinga indlela yokubeka uJesu icala bambuza bathi, “Kuyavunyelwa emthethweni ukusilisa ngeSabatha na?”

11 Wathi kubo, “Nxa omunye wenu engaba lemvu esuka iwele egodini ngeSabatha, kazukuyibamba ayikhuphe na? 12 Pho umuntu uligugu elinganani kulemvu! Yikhoke, kusemthethweni ukwenza okuhle ngeSabatha.”

13 Wasesithi kuleyondoda, “Yelula isandla sakho.” Ngakho yaselula sahle sabuyela ngokupheleleyo, sesiqinile njengesinye. 14 Kodwa abaFarisi basuka lapho bayakwakha icebo lokuthi bangambulala njani uJesu.

Inceku KaNkulunkulu Ekhethiweyo

15 UJesu esekunanzelele lokho wasuka kuleyondawo. Abanengi bamlandela, wasilisa bonke abagulayo babo, 16 ebalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi ukuthi ungubani. 17 Lokhu kwakuyikugcwalisa lokho okwakukhulunywe ngumphrofethi uIsaya ukuthi:

18 “Nansi inceku yami engiyikhethileyo,
yona engiyithandayo, engithokoza ngayo;
ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu kwayo,
izamemezela ukulunga phakathi kwezizwe.
19 Kayiyikuphika inkani loba imemeze;
kakho ozalizwa ilizwi layo emigwaqweni.
20 Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayiyikuwephula
lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayiyikuyicima,
ize ilethe ukunqoba kokulunga.
21 Izizwe zizabeka ithemba lazo ebizweni layo.”†

UJesu LoBhelizebhubhi

22 Basebeletha kuye indoda eyayiledimoni, iyisiphofu njalo iyisimungulu. UJesu wayisilisa yakwazi ukukhuluma lokubona. 23 Bonke abantu bamangala bathi, “Kambe lo angabe eyiNdodana kaDavida na?”

24 Kodwa kwathi abaFarisi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, “Ngamandla kaBhelizebhubhi inkosi yamadimoni amenza enelise ukuxotsha amadimoni.”

25 UJesu wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo, “Loba yiwuphi umbuso odabuke phakathi kwawumi njalo idolobho kumbe indlu edabuke phakathi kayimi. 26 Nxa uSathane exotsha uSathane, wehlukene phakathi. Pho umbuso wakhe ungema kanjani? 27 Nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi, pho abalandeli benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho bazakuba ngabahluleli benu. 28 Kodwa nxa ngixotsha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.

29 Umuntu angangena kanjani endlini yesiqhwaga aphange impahla zaso ngaphandle kokuba aqale asibophe isiqhwaga leso? Lapho-ke usengayiphanga indlu yaso.

30 Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami, lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza. 31 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ngithi imihlobo yonke yezono lezithuko izathethelelwa, kodwa ukuthuka uMoya akuyi kuthethelelwa. 32 Lowo okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo othuka uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa kulesisikhathi kumbe esizayo.

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* **12:7** 12.7 UHosiya 6.6 † **12:21** 12.21 U-Isaya 42.1-4

33 Ungenza isihlahla sibe sihle lezithelo zaso zizakuba zinhle loba ungenza isihlahla
sibe sibi lezithelo zaso zizakuba zimbi ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngezithelo zaso.
34 Lina nzalo yezinyoka, lingakukhuluma kanjani okuhle lina libabi na? Ngoba
lokho okusenhliziyweni yikho umlomo okukhulumayo. 35 Umuntu olungileyo uveza
izinto ezinhle azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe njalo lomuntu omubi ukhihliza izinto
ezimbi azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe. 36 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi umuntu munye
ngamunye uzaziphendulela ngosuku lokwahlulelwa ngawo wonke amazwi ayize
awakhulumayo. 37 Ngoba lizakhululwa ngamazwi enu njalo lizalahlwa ngamazwi
enu.”

Isibonakaliso SikaJona

38 Abanye abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho basebesithi kuye, “Mfundisi, sifuna
ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe.”
39 Waphendula wathi, “Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo sicela isi-
bonakaliso! Kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso somphrofethi
uJona. 40 NjengoJona owahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu esiswini
senhlanzi enkulu, kanjalo iNdodana yoMuntu izahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku
obuthathu phansi komhlabathi. 41 Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma kanye lalesi
sizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka ekutshu-
mayeleni kukaJona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona uselapha. 42 INdlovukazi
yaseNingizimu izavuka mhla wokwahlulelwa kanye lalesi sizukulwane isilahle;
ngoba yeza ivela emaphethelweni omhlaba izolalela uSolomoni; pho manje omkhulu
kuloSolomoni usekhona.
43 Nxa umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini, uyazula enkangala udinga ukuphumula
kodwa uyakuswela. 44 Ubususithi, ‘Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma kuyo.’ Uthi
ufika uthole leyondlu ingelamuntu, ithanyelwe yahlanzeka, konke kumi kuhle.
45 Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya eyisikhombisa exhwale okudlula wona,
ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni. Kuzakuba
njalo kulesisizukulwane esixhwalileyo.”

Unina KaJesu Labafowabo

46 UJesu elokhu esakhuluma lamaxuku abantu, unina labafowabo babemi phandle
befuna ukukhuluma laye. 47 Omunye wamtshela wathi, “Unyoko labafowenu bemi
phandle, bafuna ukukhuluma lawe.”
48 Wamphendula wathi, “Ngubani umama njalo ngobani abangabafowethu na?”
49 Wakhomba abafundi bakhe wathi, “Nampa abangumama labangabafowethu.
50 Loba ngubani owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini ungumfowethu, ungudadewethu
njalo ngumama.”

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Umzekeliso Womhlanyeli

1 Ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wayahlala eceleni kwechibi. 2 Amaxuku
abantu aminyezelana kuye waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso, abantu bonke
bona babemi okhunjini. 3 Wasebatshela izinto ezinengi esebenzisa imizekeliso, wathi,
“Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe. 4 Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo,
eyinye yawela endleleni, izinyoni zafika zayidobha yonke. 5 Eyinye yawela okhetheni
lapho okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yaphanga yamila ngoba umhlabathi
wawungatshoni. 6 Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile yahanguleka yabuna ngoba
yayingelampande. 7 Eyinye yawela phakathi kwameva, asuka akhula ayiminya
inhlanyelo. 8 Eyinye inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini omuhle lapho eyathela khona
izithelo eziphindwe okungabalikhulu, kumbe okungamatshumi ayisithupha loba

okungamatshumi amathathu ukudlula leyo eyayihlanyelwe. 9 Lowo olendlebe kezwe.”

10 Abafundi beza kuye bambuza bathi, “Kungani ukhuluma ebantwini ngemizekeliso na?”

11 Waphendula wathi, “Ulwazi lwemfihlakalo yombuso wezulu luphiwe lina hatshi bona. 12 Lowo olakho, uzaphiwa kwengezelelwe abesesiba lokunengi kakhulu. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. 13 Lokhu yikho okungenza ngikhulume kubo ngemizekeliso:

Ngoba loba bekhangele kababoni;
loba belalele kabezwa njalo kabaqedisisi.
14 Kubo isiphrofethi sika-Isaya siyagcwaliseka, esokuthi:
‘Lizahlala lisizwa kodwa lingaqedisisi;
lizahlala libona kodwa lingabonisisi.
15 Ngoba inhliziyo zalababantu sezaba lukhuni;
kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo
njalo sebawavala amehlo abo.
Funa babone ngamehlo abo,
bezwe ngezindlebe zabo,
baqedisise ngezinhliziyo zabo,
baphenduke bese ngibasilisa.’*

16 Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu ngoba ayabona lezindlebe zenu ziyezwa. 17 Ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamadoda alungileyo balangazela ukukubona lokhu elikubonayo kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo kodwa kabakuzwanga.

18 Lalelani-ke lizwe ukuthi utshoni umzekeliso womhlanyeli: 19 Nxa umuntu esizwa ilizwi ngombuso kodwa engabambisisi, omubi uyeza ahwithe lokho obekuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Yiyo le inhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa endleleni. 20 Inhlanyelo eyawela okhetheni ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi aphange alamukele ngentokozo. 21 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kalampande, nxa okwesikhatshana kuphela. Nxa kufika uhlupho lokuhlukunyezwa ngenxa yelizwi uphanga akhubeke. 22 Inhlanyelo eyawela phakathi kwameva ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi kodwa lisuke landelwe yizinhlupheko zale impilo lenkohliso yenotho, lingabe lisaba lezithelo. 23 Kodwa leyonhlanyelo eyawela emhlabathini ovundileyo ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi alizwisise. Lo nguye othela izithelo ezinengi ngekhulu, ngamatshumi ayisithupha loba ngamatshumi amathathu okudlula lokho okwahlanyelwayo.”

Umzekeliso Wokhula

24 UJesu wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, “Umbuso wezulu unjengomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakhe. 25 Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi wonke umuntu elele, isitha sakhe seza sahlanyela ukhula phakathi kwengqoloyi, sahamba. 26 Kwathi ingqoloyi isikhahlele yabumba izikhwebu, ukhula lalo lwavela.

27 Izinceku zomninisivini zeza kuye zathi, ‘Nkosi, kanti kawuhlanyelanga yini inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakho na? Pho ukhula luvele ngaphi?’

28 Waphendula wathi, ‘Kwenziwe yisitha lokhu.’

Zambuza izinceku zathi, ‘Uyafuna yini ukuthi siyelusiphuna na?’

29 Waphendula wathi, ‘Hatshi, ngoba lizakuthi lisiphuna ukhula liqabuke selisiphuna amabele kanye lalo. 30 Kuyekeleni kukhule ndawonye kuze kube yisikhathi sokuvuna. Lapho-ke, ngizakuthi kubavuni, Qalani ngokuqoqa ukhula lilubophe izinyanda ukuba lutshiswe, beseliqoqa amabele liwalethe esiphaleni sami.’ ”

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* **13:15** 13.15 U-Isaya 6.9-10

Umzekeliso Wentanga Yemastadi Lemvubelo

31 Wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, “Umbuso wezulu ufana lentanga yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye indoda yayihlanyela ensimini yayo. 32 Lanxa incinyane kulentanga yenhlanyelo zonke, kodwa ithi ingakhula ibe yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke, izinyoni zezulu zibuye, zithole ukuphumula ezingatsheni zaso.”

33 Waphinda wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, “Umbuso wezulu ufana lemvubelo eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa lempuphu enengi, yabila yagcwala inhlama yonke.”

34 UJesu wakhuluma zonke lezizinto exukwini labantu ngemizekeliso; kazange akhulume lutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso. 35 Ngakho kwagcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi:

“Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemizekeliso,
ngizakutsho izinto ezifihliweyo selokhu kwadatshulwa umhlaba.”†

Umzekeliso Wokhula Uyachasiswa

36 Wasesuka exukwini waya endlini. Abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi, “Sichazele umzekeliso wokhula ensimini.”

37 Waphendula wathi, “Lowo owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yoMuntu. 38 Insimu ngumhlaba njalo inhlanyelo enhle imele abantu bombuso. Ukhula lungabantu bomubi 39 njalo isitha esiluhlanyelayo nguSathane. Isivuno siyikuphela kwesikhathi njalo abavuni yizingilosi.

40 Njengalokhu ukhula lusitshunwa lutshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi. 41 Indodana yoMuntu izathuma izingilosi zayo, zikhuphe konke okuyizikhubekiso embusweni wayo, labo bonke abenza ububi. 42 Zizabaphosela esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo. 43 Lapho-ke, abalungileyo bazakhazimula njengelanga embusweni kaYise wabo. Lowo olendlebe, kezwe.”

Umzekeliso Wenotho Efihliweyo Lowephareli

44 “Umbuso wezulu unjengenotho efihliweyo esivandeni. Kwathi indoda isiyitholile yayifihla njalo, kwathi ngoba iphakathi kokuthokoza, yahamba yayathengisa konke eyayilakho yayathenga lesosivande.

45 Njalo umbuso wezulu ufana lomthengi edinga amaphareli amahle. 46 Kwathi esefumene elinye elalilentengo ephezulu wahamba wayathengisa konke ayelakho walithenga.”

Umzekeliso Womambule

47 “Futhi umbuso wezulu ufana lomambule owehliselwa phansi echibini wagola zonke inhlobo zezinhlanzi. 48 Wathi usugcwele, abagoli bezinhlanzi bawudonsela okhunjini. Basebehlala phansi, baqoqela ezitsheni zonke inhlanzi ezinhle kodwa ezimbi bazilahla. 49 Lokhu yikho okuzakwenzakala ekupheleni kwesikhathi. Izingilosi zizakuza zehlukanise ababi kwabalungileyo, 50 zibaphosele esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo, lapho okuzakuba khona lokukhala kanye lokugedla kwamazinyo.”

51 UJesu wababuza wathi, “Selizizwisisile zonke lezizinto na?”

Bathi, “Yebo.”

52 Wathi kubo, “Ngakho wonke umfundisi womthetho osephenduke waba ngumfundi wombuso wezulu unjengomnini wendlu okhupha esiphaleni sakhe amagugu amatsha lamadala.”

Umphrofethi Ongeladumo

53 UJesu eseqedile imizekeliso le wasuka lapho wahamba. 54 Wafika edolobheni lakibo waqalisa ukufundisa abantu esinagogweni labo, bamangala. Babuza bathi,

† **13:35** 13.35 AmaHubo 78.2

“Indoda le yayithatha ngaphi inhlakanipho le lamandla la ayisimangaliso kangaka?
55 Kanti lo kayisiyo indodana yombazi na? Ibizo likanina kasuMariya na, labafowabo
kakusiJakhobe, uJosefa, uSimoni loJudasi na? 56 Odadewabo kabakho lapha kanye
lathi na? Pho indoda le yazizuza ngaphi izinto zonke lezi?” 57 Bakhubeka ngaye.

Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo, “Umphrofethi kaladumo edolobheni lakibo lasendlini
yakwabo.”

58 Kasenzanga izimangaliso ezinengi khona ngenxa yokusilela kwabo ekukholweni.

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UJohane Umbhaphathizi Uqunywa Ikhanda

1 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wezwa imibiko ngoJesu, 2 wasesithi ezincekwini
zakhe, “Lo nguJohane uMbhaphathizi; usevukile kwabafileyo! Yikho izimangaliso
zisenziwa nguye.”

3 UHerodi wayembophile uJohane, wamfaka insimbi, wamphosela entolongweni
ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkamfowabo uFiliphu, 4 ngoba uJohane wayelokhu esithi
kuye, “Kungaphandle komthetho ukuthi umthathe.” 5 UHerodi wayefuna ukumbulala
uJohane kodwa wayesesaba abantu ngoba babesithi ungumphrofethi.

6 Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kukaHerodi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yasinela
izethekeli, yamjabulisa kakhulu uHerodi 7 waze wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyipha
loba yini eyayingayicela. 8 Isicetshiswe ngunina yathi, “Ngipha ikhanda likaJohane
uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini.” 9 Inkosi yadana kakhulu kodwa kwathi ngenxa
yezifungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo yalaya ukuba isicelo leso senziwe,
10 uJohane wahle waqunywa ikhanda entolongweni. 11 Ikhanda lakhe lalethwa
lisemganwini laphiwa intombazana eyalithwalela kunina. 12 Abafundi bakaJohane
beza bathatha isidumbu sakhe bayasingcwaba. Basebehamba bayatshela uJesu.

UJesu Upha Izinkulungwane Ezinhlanu Ukudla

13 UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokho okwenzakalayo wathi nyelele ngesikepe waya
endaweni engelabantu. Amaxuku athi ekuzwa lokhu asuka emadolobheni amlandela
ngenyawo. 14 UJesu uthe esehla esikepeni wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu walizwela
usizi ngakho wasesilisa abagulayo babo.

15 Kwathi selithambeme abafundi beza kuye bathi, “Le yindawo ekhatshana
kakhulu njalo sekuntambama. Wothi lababantu bahambe ukuze bayozithengela
ukudla emizini.”

16 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakudingeki ukuthi bahambe. Bapheni lina ukudla.”

17 Baphendula bathi, “Thina esilakho lapha yizinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.”

18 Wathi, “Kuletheni lapha.” 19 Waselaya abantu ukuthi bahlale phansi phezu
kotshani. Wathatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini
wabonga, wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi, bazinika abantu.
20 Bonke badla basutha, abafundi bakhe babutha okuseleyo bagcwalisa izitsha
ezilitshumi lambili. 21 Inani lalabo abadlayo lalingaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane
ezinhlanu kungabalwa abesifazane labantwana.

UJesu Uhamba Phezu Kwamanzi

22 Masinyane nje uJesu wathi abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni bamandulele
ngakwelinye iphetsheya, yena esavalelisana labantu. 23 Esebakhulule, waya ewatheni
lwentaba ukuyakhuleka eyedwa. Sekuhlwile ngalobobusuku wayekhonale eyedwa,
24 kodwa isikepe sasesihambe umango ukusuka okhunjini, siyaluziswa ngamagagasi
ngoba sasiphikisana lomoya.

25 Kwathi ngomlindo wesine ebusuku uJesu waya kubo ehamba phezu kwechibi.
26 Kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kwechibi besaba kakhulu. Bakhala
ngokwesaba bathi, “Lithonga.”
27 Kodwa uJesu waphanga wathi kubo, “Manini isibindi! Yimi. Lingesabi.”
28 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, nxa kunguwe, tshono ukuba ngize kuwe
phezu kwamanzi.”
29 Wathi, “Woza.”
Khonapho uPhethro wasephuma esikepeni, wahamba phezu kwamanzi weza
kuJesu. 30 Kodwa wathi ebona umoya wesaba, kwathi eseqala ukutshona wakhala
wathi, “Nkosi, akungisize!”
31 Khonokho uJesu welula isandla sakhe wambamba. Wathi kuye, “Wena olokholo
oluncinyane, kungani uthandabuzile?”
32 Bonela ukungena esikepeni umoya wathula. 33 Kwathi labo ababesesikepeni
bamkhonza bathi, “Ngempela uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”
34 Bathi sebechaphile, bafikela eGenesaretha. 35 Kwathi amadoda akuleyondawo
semnanzelele uJesu athumela ilizwi kuwo wonke umango wakulelo dolobho. Abantu
baletha bonke abagulayo babo kuye 36 bamncenga ukuthi avumele labo abagulayo
ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo abamthintayo
basiliswa.

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Okuhlanzekileyo Lokungahlanzekanga

1 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho beza kuJesu bevela
eJerusalema bambuza bathi, 2 “Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala
na? Kabagezi izandla zabo bengakadli!”
3 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungani lina lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa
yamasiko enu na? 4 Phela uNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko’*njalo
‘Lowo othuka uyise loba unina ufanele ukubulawa.’† 5 Kodwa lina lithi nxa umuntu
esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise kumbe unina kuphawulelwe uNkulunkulu,
6 akasamelanga ahloniphe uyise lonina ngakho. Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu. 7 Lina bazenzisi! U-Isaya wayeqinisile aze
aphrofithe ngani esithi:

8 ‘Lababantu bangidumisa ngezindebe zabo,
kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikhatshana lami.
9 Bangikhonza ngeze;
imfundiso yabo yimithetho yabantu.’‡”

10 UJesu wabizela ixuku labantu kuye wathi, “Lalelani lizwisise. 11 Lokho okungena
emlonyeni womuntu ‘kakumngcolisi’ kodwa lokho okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe
yikho ‘okumngcolisayo.’ ”
12 Abafundi basebesiza kuye bambuza bathi, “Uyakwazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi
kubakhubile ukuzwa lokhu?”
13 Waphendula wathi, “Zonke izihlahla ezingahlanyelwanga nguBaba osezulwini
zizasitshunwa lezimpande zazo. 14 Bayekeleni; ngabakhokheli abazimpumputhe.
Nxa impumputhe ihola impumputhe zombili zizawela egodini.”
15 UPhethro wathi, “Sichasisele umzekeliso lowo.”
16 UJesu wababuza wathi, “Lilokhu lingelakuqedisisa na? 17 Kaliboni yini ukuthi
noma yini engena emlonyeni iya esiswini besekuphuma emzimbeni? 18 Kodwa
lezozinto eziphuma emlonyeni womuntu zivela enhliziyweni yizo ezenza umuntu

* **15:4** 15.4 U-Eksodasi 20.12; UDutheronomi 5.16 † **15:4** 15.4 U-Eksodasi 21.17; ULevi 20.9 ‡ **15:9** 15.9 U-Isaya 29.13

angcole. 19 Ngoba enhliziyweni kuphuma imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ukufeba,
ukuhlobonga, ubusela, ukufakaza amanga, ukunyeya lokuhlambaza. 20 Lokhu yikho
okwenza umuntu angcole, kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumenzi
angcole."

Ukholo Lowesifazane WaseKhenani

21 Esuka kuleyondawo uJesu waya emangweni waseThire leSidoni. 22 Umfazi
ongumKhenani wakuleyondawo weza kuye ezokhala esithi, "Nkosi, Ndodana ka-
Davida, ake ungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ithwele nzima, ihlutshwa ngamadi-
moni."
23 UJesu kazange amphendule. Ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bamkhuthaza
bathi, "Mxotshe, nangu uselokhu ememeza esilandela."
24 Waphendula wathi, "Ngathunywa kuphela ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli."
25 Owesifazane lowo weza waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, "Nkosi, ake ungisize."
26 Waphendula uJesu wathi, "Kakulunganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana
usiphosele izinja."
27 Owesifazane wathi, "Yebo Nkosi, angithi izinja ziyayidla imvuthu eziwa etafuleni
yabaninizo."
28 UJesu wasephendula wathi, "Nkosazana, ulokukholwa okukhulu! Isicelo sakho
sesamukelwe." Indodakazi yakhe yahle yasila ngalesosikhathi.

UJesu Usuthisa Izinkulungwane Ezine

29 UJesu wasuka lapho wehla egudlana loLwandle lwaseGalile. Wasekhwela
entabeni wahlala phansi. 30 Kweza kuye amaxuku amakhulu abantu eletha
abaqhulayo, iziphofu, izigoga, izimungulu labanye abanengi, bababeka phambi
kwakhe; wabasilisa. 31 Abantu bamangala ukubona izimungulu sezikhuluma, izigoga
sezitshwaphulukile, abaqhugezelayo sebezihambela leziphofu sezibona. Bamdumisa
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
32 UJesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi, "Ngibazwela usizi lababantu; sebehlale lami
insuku ezintathu bengadlanga lutho. Angifuni kubakhulula belambile funa bayathe
endleleni."
33 Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, "Singakuthatha ngaphi ukudla okwaneleyo
endaweni ekhatshana kanje ukuba sisuthise ixuku elingaka na?"
34 UJesu wabuza wathi, "Lilezinkwa ezingaki?"
Bathi, "Eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi ezincane ezimbalwa."
35 Wasetshela ixuku labantu ukuba lihlale phansi. 36 Wasethatha lezozinkwa
eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi, kwathi esebongile, wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi,
labo bazinika abantu. 37 Bonke badla basutha. Ngemva kwalokho abafundi
babutha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha eziyisikhombisa. 38 Inani lalabo abadlayo
lalizinkulungwane ezine kungabalwa abafazi labantwana. 39 UJesu eselikhulule
ixuku labantu, wangena esikepeni waya emangweni waseMagadani.

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Abafuna Isibonakaliso

1 AbaFarisi labaSadusi beza kuJesu bamlinga ngokumcela ukuthi abatshengise
isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini.
2 Waphendula wathi, "Nxa kufika ukuhlwa lithi, 'Umkhathi uzakuba muhle
ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu,' 3 ekuseni lithi, 'Lamuhla kuzaqubuka isiphepho
ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu njalo kugubuzele.' Liyakwazi ukuchaza umumo

womkhathi kodwa kalenelisi ukuchaza izibonakaliso zesikhathi. 4 Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo sifuna isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona." UJesu wasebatshiya wahamba.

Imvubelo YabaFarisi LabaSadusi

5 Bathi sebekhuphukele ngaphetsheya kwechibi, abafundi babekhohliwe ukuza lesinkwa. 6 UJesu wathi kubo, "Limukani. Liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi."

7 Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, "Kungenxa yokuba kasizanga lesinkwa."

8 UJesu wakwazi abakukhulumayo wasebuza wathi, "Lina elilokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana ngokungabi lasinkwa na? 9 Lilokhu lingaqedisisi yini? Kalikhumbuli na izinkwa ezinhlanu ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezingaki? 10 Kumbe izinkwa eziyisikhombisa ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezine lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezigcweleyo ezingaki? 11 Kungani lingezwisisi ukuthi bengingakhulumi lani ngesinkwa? Kodwa qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi." 12 Basebezwisisa ukuthi wayengabatsheli ukuqaphela imvubelo esetshenziswa esinkweni kodwa ukunanzelela imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi.

Ubufakazi BukaPhethro NgoKhristu

13 Kwathi uJesu esefike emangweni waseKhesariya Filiphi wabuza abafundi bakhe wathi, "Abantu bathi iNdodana yoMuntu ingubani na?"

14 Baphendula bathi, "Abanye bathi nguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi nguElija; abanye njalo bathi nguJeremiya loba omunye nje wabaphrofethi."

15 Wabuza wathi, "Lina-ke, lithi ngingubani?"

16 USimoni Phethro waphendula wathi, "UnguKhristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo."

17 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ubusisiwe wena Simoni, ndodana kaJona ngoba lokhu kawukwambulelwanga ngumuntu wegazi lenyama kodwa nguBaba osezulwini. 18 Ngakho ngiyakutshela ukuthi unguPhethro*njalo phezu kwalelidwala ngizakwakha ibandla lami, futhi amasango eHadesi akayikulehlula. 19 Ngizakupha izihluthulelo zombuso wezulu; loba yini oyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezulwini njalo loba yini oyithukululayo emhlabeni izathukululwa lasezulwini." 20 Waseqonqosela abafundi bakhe ukuba bangatsheli muntu ukuthi wayenguKhristu.

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokufa Kwakhe

21 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa ukuchazela abafundi bakhe ukuthi kumele aye eJerusalema ayehlupheka ngezinto ezinengi ezandleni zabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho njalo lokuthi kumele abulawe, kuthi ngelanga lesithathu avuswe kwabafileyo.

22 UPhethro wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa ukumkhuza wathi, "Ngeke kwenzeke Nkosi! Lokhu kakusoze kwafa kwenzeka kuwe!"

23 UJesu waphendula wathi kuPhethro, "Suka emva kwami Sathane! Uyisikhubekiso kimi; engqondweni yakho kawulazo izinto zikaNkulunkulu kodwa ucabanga ezabantu."

24 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Nxa ekhona ofuna ukungilandela, kazidele athathe isiphambano sakhe angilandele. 25 Ngoba lowo ofuna ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela kodwa lowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayizuza. 26 Kuzamsiza ngani umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe na? Kambe umuntu angaphani esikhundleni sempilo yakhe na?

* **16:18** 16.18 Ibala lesiGrikhi elithi Phethro litsho idwala.

27 Phela iNdodana yoMuntu izakuza ngobukhosi bukaYise kanye lezingilosi zakhe,
ibisisipha umvuzo emuntwini munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzileyo.
28 Ngilitshela iqiniso, abanye abemiyo khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakay-
iboni iNdodana yoMuntu isiza embusweni wayo.”

17

Ukukhazimuliswa KukaJesu

1 Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha, uJesu wathatha uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane
umfowabo kaJakhobe wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa
khona. 2 Bekhona lapho waguquka isimo emehlweni abo. Ubuso bakhe bakhaz-
imula njengelanga lezigqoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. 3 Khonokho
kwasekubonakala uMosi lo-Elija bekhuluma loJesu.
4 UPhethro wathi kuJesu, “Nkosi, kuhle kithi ukuba lapha. Nxa uthanda
ngizakwakha izihonqo ezintathu, esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija.”
5 Wathi elokhe esakhuluma, iyezi elikhazimulayo labagubuzela, ilizwi elavela
eyezini lathi, “Le yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo.
Ilaleleni!”
6 Abafundi bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso, besaba. 7 Kodwa
uJesu weza wabathinta. Wathi, “Sukumani. Lingesabi.” 8 Bathi bevusa amehlo
kabasabonanga muntu ngaphandle kukaJesu.
9 Bathi sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya wathi, “Lingatsheli muntu ngalokhu
elikubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize ivuswe kwabafileyo.”
10 Abafundi bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija
kumele aqale afike?”
11 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso, u-Elija uyeza azolungisa kutsha izinto
zonke. 12 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ngithi u-Elija uvele sewafika njalo kabamazanga
kodwa bazenzela kuye konke ababekufuna. INdodana yoMuntu bazayihlukuluza
ngaleyondlela.” 13 Lapho-ke abafundi basebezwisisa ukuthi wayekhuluma labo
ngoJohane uMbhaphathizi.

Ukusiliswa Komfana Owayeledimoni

14 Bathi sebefike exukwini labantu, indoda ethile yamqonda uJesu yaguqa phambi
kwakhe. 15 Yathi, “Nkosi, ake uhawukele indodana yami. Ilezithuthwane njalo
iyahlupheka kakhulu. Kanengi iwela emlilweni kumbe emanzini. 16 Ngiyilethile
kubafundi bakho kodwa behlulekile ukuyisilisa.”
17 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo lesonakeleyo.
Ngizahlala lani kuze kube nini na? Ngizalibekezelela kuze kube nini na? Mletheni
lapha kimi umfana lowo.” 18 UJesu walikhuza idimoni laphuma emfaneni wahle
wasila ngalesosikhathi.
19 Abafundi basebesiza kuJesu ngasese bambuza bathi, “Kungani sehlulekile
ukulikhupha idimoni na?”
20 Waphendula wathi, “Ngoba ukholo lwenu luncinyane. Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi nxa lingaba lokukholwa loba kukuncinyane njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi
entabeni le, ‘Suduluka lapha uye laphayana’ izasuduluka. Kakukho kini okungasoze
kwenzeke. [21 Kodwa uhlobo olunje aluphumi ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko lokuzila
ukudla.]”*

Ukuphrofitha Kwesibili KukaJesu Mayelana Lokufa Kwakhe

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* **17:21** 17.21 Imibhalo ekholekayo yekuqaleni lobunye ubufakazi bendulo kabulayo livesi UMakho 9.29.

22 Bathi sebebuthene eGalile wathi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni
zabantu. 23 Bazayibulala, kuthi ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa kwabafileyo.”
Abafundi badabuka kakhulu.

Umthelo WeThempeli

24 UJesu labafundi bakhe sebefikile eKhaphenawume, abaqoqi bomthelo wa-
madrakhima amabili beza kuPhethro babuza bathi, “Umfundisi wenu kawuhlawuli
yini umthelo wethempeli?”
25 Wathi, “Yebo, uyawuthela.”
Kwathi uPhethro engena endlini, uJesu nguye owakhuluma kuqala, wabuza wathi,
“Ucabangani kambe Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba ayithatha kubani inkongozelo
lemithelo, emadodaneni abo na loba kwabanye abantu?”
26 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Kwabanye abantu.”
UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile. 27 Kodwa ukuze
singabakhubi, yana echibini uphosele iwuka yakho khona. Ubothatha inhlanzi
yokuqala ozayibamba, uvule umlomo wayo uzafumana khona uhlamvu lwemali
engamadrakhima amane. Uyithathe ubaphe ibe ngumthelo wami lowenu.”

18

Omkhulu Kulabo Bonke Embusweni Wezulu

1 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu babuza bathi, “Ngubani omkhulu kulabo
bonke embusweni wezulu na?”
2 Wabiza umntwana omncinyane wamisa phakathi kwabo. 3 Wasesithi, “Ngiqinisile
ngithi kini, ngaphandle kokuba liguquke libe njengabantwana abancinyane, kalisoze
lafa langena embusweni wezulu. 4 Ngakho lowo ozithobayo njengomntwana lo nguye
omkhulu kulabo bonke embusweni wezulu. 5 Njalo lowo owamukela umntwana
omncane njengalo ebizweni lami wamukela mina.”

Ukukhubekisa

6 “Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuthi
enze isono, kungabangcono kuye ukuthi kulengiswe entanyeni yakhe inkalakatha
yembokodo yokuchola agaluliswe enzikini yolwandle. 7 Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa
yezinto ezenza abantu benze isono! Izinto ezinjalo zivele ziyafika kodwa maye
kulowomuntu ezifika ngaye! 8 Nxa isandla sakho loba unyawo lwakho kukwenzisa
isono, kuqume ukulahle. Kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni uyingini kumbe
ugogekile kulokuba lezandla zombili kumbe inyawo zombili uphoselwe emlilweni
ongapheliyo. 9 Nxa ilihlo lakho likwenzisa isono, likopole ulilahle. Kungcono kuwe
ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe
esihogweni somlilo.”

Umzekeliso Wemvu Elahlekileyo

10 “Nanzelelani ukuthi lingeyisi lamunye walaba abancinyane. Ngoba ngilitshela
ukuthi izingilosi zabo zezulu zihlezi zibona ubuso bukaBaba ezulwini. [11 INdodana
yoMuntu yalanda ukusindisa okwakulahlekile.]*
12 Kambe likhumbulani? Nxa indoda ilezimvu ezilikhulu, enye iqambuke kwezinye,
kayiyikuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemu-
nye ezintabeni iyedinga leyo eqambukileyo? 13 Ithi ingayithola, ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi, iyathokoza ngaleyo ukwedlula lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye ezingazange zilahleke. 14 Ngokufanayo, uYihlo osezulwini
kafisi ukuthi lamunye walaba abancinyane abhubhe.”

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* **18:11** 18.11 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

Umfowenu Owenza Isono Kuwe

15 “Nxa umfowenu ekona, yana kuye umtshengise isiphambeko sakhe lilodwa
lobabili. Nxa ekulalela usumzuzile umfowenu. 16 Kodwa nxa engakulaleli, biza
omunye loba ababili ukuze ‘indaba yonke ivele obala ilabofakazi ababili loba
abathathu.’† 17 Nxa esala ukubalalela, tshela ibandla, nxa esala ukulilalela lalo
ibandla mthatheni njengomhedeni kumbe njengomthelisi.
18 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, loba yini eliyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezul-
wini njalo lokho elikuthukululayo emhlabeni kuzathukululwa lasezulwini.
19 Njalo ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa ababili kini emhlabeni bevumelana loba
ngalutho bani abalucelayo bazalwenzelwa nguBaba osezulwini. 20 Ngoba lapho
okuhlangana khona ababili loba abathathu ngebizo lami, ngizabe ngikhona lami.”

Umzekeliso Wenceku Engelasihawu

21 UPhethro weza kuJesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, umfowethu loba udadewethu
ngizamthethelela kangaki nxa elokhu engona na? Kuze kube kasikhombisa na?”
22 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngithi hatshi kasikhombisa kodwa okwezikhathi
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.
23 Ngakho umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyayifuna ukuqeda izikwelede zayo
lezinceku zayo. 24 Yathi isiqalisa ukuthonisa kwalethwa kuyo indoda eyayilesik-
welede samathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. 25 Kwathi ngoba ingelamandla
okuhlawula inkosi yalaya ukuthi yona, umkayo, abantwana lakho konke eyayilakho
kuthengiswe ukuze kuqedwe umlandu.
26 Inceku yaguqa phambi kwenkosi yayincenga yathi, ‘Ake ungibekezelele,
ngizahlawula konke.’ 27 Inkosi yenceku leyo yayizwela usizi, yayithethelela, yawesula
umlandu yayiyekela yahamba.
28 Kodwa leyo yonela ukuphuma, yafumana eyinye inceku eyayilesikwelede sayo
samadenari alikhulu. Yayibamba ngomphimbo, yayiklinya, yathi ngolaka, ‘Hlawula
isikwelede sami!’
29 Leyonceku layo yawa ngamadolo yayincenga yathi, ‘Ake ungibekezelele, ngiza-
kuhlawula.’
30 Kodwa yona yala. Endaweni yalokho, yahamba yenza ukuba leyondoda
iphoselwe entolongweni ize iqale ihlawule isikwelede. 31 Kwathi ezinye izinceku
sezibonile okwakwenzakele, zathukuthela kakhulu zayaceba enkosini ngalokho
okwenzakeleyo.
32 Inkosi yayibiza leyonceku, yathi, ‘Wena nceku embi. Ngikuthethelele, ngasesula
sonke isikwelede sakho ngoba ungincengile. 33 Kungani pho ungazwelanga omunye
wakho isihawu njengalokhu ngenzile kuwe?’ 34 Inkosi yayo yathukuthela kakhulu,
yayinikela kubaphathi bejele ukuthi bayihlukuluze ize isihlawule sonke isikwelede.
35 Yiyo le indlela uBaba osezulwini azaphatha ngayo lowo lalowo wenu nxa
lingathetheleli abazalwane kuphuma enhliziyweni.”

19

Ukuchitha Umtshado

1 UJesu eseqedile ukutsho lezizinto, wasuka eGalile waya emangweni waseJudiya
ngaphetsheya kweJodani. 2 Walandelwa ngamaxuku amakhulu abantu, wabasilisa
khona lapho.
3 Abanye abaFarisi beza kuye ukuzamlinga. Bambuza bathi, “Kusemthethweni yini
ukuthi indoda ilahle umkayo loba kungasiphi isizatho?”

† **18:16** 18.16 UDutheronomi 19.15

4 Waphendula wathi, “Kalikubalanga yini ukuthi ekuqaleni uMdali ‘wabenza
baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane,’* 5 wathi, ‘Ngalesi isizatho indoda izatshiya uyise
lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo, kuthi laba ababili bazakuba nyamanye?’† 6 Ngakho
kabasebabili, kodwa sebenyamanye. Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile
akungehlukaniswa muntu.”
7 Babuza bathi, “Kungani pho uMosi walaya ukuthi indoda imuphe umkayo incwadi
yokuquma umtshado ibisimxotsha?”
8 UJesu waphendula wathi, “UMosi walivumela ukuthi lilahle omkenu ngobu-
lukhuni bezinhliziyo zenu. Kodwa kwakungenjalo ekuqaleni. 9 Ngilitshela ukuthi
lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle kokuba ehlobongile, athathe omunye umfazi,
uyaphinga.”
10 Abafundi bathi kuye, “Nxa kumi kanjalo phakathi kwendoda lomkayo kungcono
ukungathathi.”
11 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Akusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi, kodwa
labo kuphela abaliphiweyo. 12 Ngoba abanye bangabathenwa ngenxa yokuthi
bazalwa benjalo, abanye benziwa ngabantu njalo abanye bakudela ukutshada ngenxa
yombuso wezulu. Lowo ongakwamukela lokho kakwemukele.”

Abantwana Abancane LoJesu

13 Kwasekulethwa abantwana abancinyane kuJesu ukuba ababeke izandla
lokubakhulekela. Kodwa abafundi babakhuza labo ababalethayo.
14 UJesu wathi, “Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba umbuso
wezulu ungowabanjengalaba.” 15 Esebabekile izandla wasuka lapho wahamba.

Insizwa Enothileyo

16 Kweza enye insizwa kuJesu yabuza yathi, “Mfundisi, ngingenzani okulungileyo
ukuze ngizuze ukuphila okungapheliyo na?”
17 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ungibuzelani ngokulungileyo na? Munye kuphela
olungileyo. Nxa ufuna ukungena ekuphileni, landela imilayo.”
18 Insizwa yabuza yathi, “Yiphi na?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “ ‘Ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungatshontshi, ungafakazeli
amanga, 19 hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko,’‡njalo ‘thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba
uzithanda wena.’§”
20 Insizwa yathi, “Yonke le ngiyigcinile. Pho ngisaswelani na?”
21 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ufuna ukuthi uphelele, thengisa yonke inotho
yakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya
ungilandele.”
22 Kwathi insizwa ikuzwa lokho, yasuka idanile ngoba yayilenotho enengi kakhulu.
23 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kunzima emuntwini
onothileyo ukuthi angene embusweni wezulu. 24 Njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi kungaba
lula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo
angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.”
25 Kwathi abafundi sebekuzwile lokhu bamangala kakhulu babuza bathi, “Pho
ngubani ongasindiswa na?”
26 UJesu wabakhangela wathi, “Ngokwabantu, lokhu kakwenzeki kodwa ngoNku-
lunkulu zonke izinto ziyenzeka.”
27 UPhethro wamphendula wathi, “Sesitshiye konke ukuze sikulandele! Pho
sizazuzani na?”

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* **19:4** 19.4 UGenesisi 1.27 † **19:5** 19.5 UGenesisi 2.24 ‡ **19:19** 19.19 U-Eksodasi 20.12-16; UDutheronomi 5.16-20 § **19:19** 19.19 ULevi 19.18

28 UJesu wathi kubo, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, emhlabeni omutsha, lapho
iNdodana yoMuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lina elingilandelayo lani lizahlala
ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilitshumi lambili, lahlulele izizwana ezilitshumi lambili
zako-Israyeli. 29 Njalo bonke labo abatshiye izindlu zabo, loba abafowabo, loba
odadewabo kumbe uyise loba unina kumbe abantwana loba amasimu ngenxa
yami bazakwamukeliswa okwandiswe ngekhulu njalo bazakudla ilifa lokuphila
okungapheliyo. 30 Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina njalo
abanengi abangabokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala."

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Umzekeliso Wezisebenzi Esivinini

1 "Ngoba umbuso wezulu unjengomlimi owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu wayaqhatsha
amadoda okusebenza esivinini sakhe. 2 Wathembisa ukubaholisa idenari okwalolo-
suku wasebathumela esivinini sakhe.
3 Waphuma njalo ngehola lesificamunwemunye ekuseni wabona abanye bezimele
nje emsikeni bengenzi lutho. 4 Wabatshela wathi, 'Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini
sami, ngizaliholisa okufaneleyo.' 5 Ngakho bahamba.
Wabuye waphuma emini sekubanga ihola lesithathu emini wenza okufanayo.
6 Sekusondele ihola lesihlanu waphuma wafumana abanye bezimele nje khonapho.
Wababuza wathi, 'Kungani belilokhu limi lapha ilanga lonke lingenzi lutho na?'
7 Bamphendula bathi, 'Ngoba kakho osiqhatshileyo.'
Wathi kubo, 'Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini sami.'
8 Kwathi sekuntambama, umninisivini wathi enduneni yezinceku, 'Biza izinceku
uziphe iholo lazo, uqalise ngabokucina usehla usiya kwabokuqala.'
9 Izinceku ezaqhatshwa sekubanga ihola lesihlanu ntambama zeza ngamunye
zaphiwa idenari. 10 Kwathi sekufike labo abaqhatshwa kuqala balindela ukuphiwa
okwedlulayo. Kodwa ngamunye wabo waphiwa idenari. 11 Bonela ukuyamukela
baqalisa ukumsola umnininsimu besithi, 12 'Lababantu abaqhatshwe ekucineni
basebenze ihola elilodwa kuphela kodwa usubalinganise lathi thina esithwale
kanzima ngomsebenzi sitshiswa lilanga usuku lonke.'
13 Kodwa waphendula omunye wabo wathi, 'Mnakwethu, angikudlelezeli ngalutho.
Kawuvumanga yini ukusebenzela idenari? 14 Thatha umholo wakho uhambe. Mina
ngithanda ukupha indoda leyo eqhatshwe muva okulingana lalokho engikunike
khona. 15 Kangilalungelo na lokwenza loba yini engiyithandayo ngemali yami?
Kumbe ulomhawu ngokuphana kwami na?'
16 Ngakho owokucina uzakuba ngowokuqala, lowokuqala abe ngowokucina."

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokufa Kwakhe Njalo

17 Kwathi uJesu esesiya eJerusalema wathatha abafundi abalitshumi lambili
wema labo eceleni wathi kubo, 18 "Sesisiya eJerusalema lapho iNdodana yoMuntu
ezanikelwa khona kubaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela uk-
ufa, 19 bayinikele kwabeZizwe ukuba iyangiswe, itshaywe njalo ibethelwe. Ngosuku
lwesithathu izavuswa kwabafileyo!"

Isicelo Somzali Wesifazane

20 Kwasekufika unina wamadodana kaZebhediya kuJesu elamadodana akhe
waguqa phansi wacela ukuthi enzelwe umusa.
21 UJesu wabuza wathi, "Kuyini okufunayo?"
Yena wathi, "Tshono ukuthi omunye wala amadodana ami amabili uzahlala
kwesokunene sakho kuthi omunye laye ahlale kwesokhohlo sakho embusweni
wakho."

22 UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na inkezo engizayinatha?”
Bathi, “Yebo singayinatha.”
23 UJesu wathi kubo, “Yebo lizanatha kuyo inkezo yami kodwa ukuhlala kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo kwami kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi ngezalabo abazilungiselwe nguBaba.”
24 Kwathi abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazithukuthelela lezozelamani. 25 UJesu wasebabizela ndawonye wathi, “Liyakwazi ukuthi ababusi beZizwe bazibusa kalukhuni, kuthi lezikhulu zazo zikhonye phezu kwazo. 26 Kakunjalo kini. Kodwa loba ngubani ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe yinceku yenu, 27 lalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yinceku yenu, 28 njengalokhu iNdodana yoMuntu ingezanga ukuzokhonzwa kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi.”

Iziphofu Ezimbili Zenziwa Zibone

29 Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe sebesuka eJerikho ixuku elikhulu labantu lamlandela. 30 Amadoda amabili ayiziphofu ayehlezi eceleni komgwaqo athi esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesedlula khonapho amemeza athi, “Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!”
31 Ixuku labantu lawakhuza lathi kawathule kodwa amemeza ngamandla athi, “Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!”
32 UJesu wema wawabiza, wawabuza wathi, “Lifuna ukuba ngilenzeleni?”
33 Aphendula athi, “Nkosi, sifuna ukuthi sibone.”
34 UJesu wawazwela isihawu wawathinta emehlweni. Masinyane nje ahle abona asemlandela.

21

UJesu Uza EJerusalema NjengeNkosi

1 Bathi sebesondela eJerusalema, bafika eBhethifage eNtabeni yama-Oliva, uJesu wathuma abafundi ababili, 2 wathi kubo, “Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, khonapho lizabona inkonyane kababhemi lobabhemi ebotshelwe khonapho. Libakhulule libuye labo kimi. 3 Nxa kungaba lozalibuza, limtshele ukuthi iNkosi yiyo ebafunayo, uzahle abayekele bahambe masinyane.”
4 Lokhu kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi:
5 “Tshela iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ukuthi,
‘Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe,
imnene igade ubabhemi,
iphezu kwenkonyane, inkonyane kababhemi.’*”
6 Abafundi bahamba benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguJesu. 7 Baletha inkonyane kababhemi lobabhemi, bendlala amajazi abo phezu kwabobabhemi ukuze uJesu ahlale phezu kwawo. 8 Ixuku elikhulu lendlala amajazi alo endleleni, kukanti abanye bephula ingatsha ezihlahleni bazendlala endleleni. 9 Amaxuku ayehamba phambi kwakhe lalawo ayelandela amemeza athi,
“Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!”†

“Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo!”

“Hosana ezulwini eliphezulu!”
10 Kwathi uJesu esengenile eJerusalema, umuzi wonke wanyakazela, abantu babuzana bathi, “Kanti ngubani lo?”

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* **21:5** 21.5 UZakhariya 9.9 † **21:9** 21.9 AmaHubo 118.26

11 Amaxuku aphendula athi, “Lo nguJesu, umphrofethi waseNazaretha eGalile.”

UJesu EThempelini

12 UJesu wangena egumeni lethempeli wabaxotsha bonke ababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula alabo ababentshintshela abanye izimali
13 lezihlalo zabathengisa amajuba. Wathi kubo, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi, ‘Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yokukhuleka,’‡kodwa lina seliyenza ‘ubhalu lwabaphangi.’§”
14 Iziphofu labaqhugezelayo beza kuye ethempelini wabasilisa. 15 Kodwa kwathi
abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho bebona izimanga ayezenza labantwana bememeza egumeni lethempeli besithi, “Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida,” banengeka.

16 Bambuza bathi, “Uyabezwa nje abantwana laba ukuthi bathini?”*

Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Yebo, kalikaze lifunde ukuthi,

‘Ezindebeni zabantwana lensane
wena Nkosi uyimisile indumiso’?”

17 Wasebatshiya waphuma edolobheni waya eBhethani lapho alala khona.

Isihlahla Somkhiwa Siyabuna

18 Ekuseni kakhulu esebuyela edolobheni wezwa eselambile. 19 Wabona isihlahla
somkhiwa eceleni kwendlela, waqambukela kuso kodwa wathola kungelalutho kuso ngaphandle kwamahlamvu nje. Wasesithi kuso, “Ungaphindi uthele izithelo lanini!” Khonapho nje isihlahla sahle sabuna.

20 Abafundi bathi bekubona lokhu bamangala kakhulu. Babuza bathi, “Kwenzeke kanjani ukuthi isihlahla somkhiwa sibune masinyane kangaka?”

21 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi nxa lilokukholwa njalo lingathandabuzi, kalisoze lenze okwenziwe kulesi isihlahla somkhiwa kuphela kodwa njalo lingathi kule intaba, ‘Suka, uziphosele olwandle,’ lakanye kuzenzeka. 22 Nxa likholwa, lizaphiwa loba yini eliyicelayo ngomkhuleko.”

Kubuzwa Ngemvelo Yamandla KaJesu

23 UJesu wangena ethempelini, kwathi elokhu efundisa abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu beza kuye. Bambuza bathi, “Izinto lezi uzenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani okunike amandla la?”

24 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo owodwa. Lingangiphendula, ngizalitshela ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezizinto. 25 Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane lwavela ngaphi na? Lwavela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?”

Bangunguna bodwa ngalokho bathi, “Nxa singathi, ‘Lwavela ezulwini,’ uzakuthi, ‘Pho kungani lingazange limkholwe na?’ 26 Kodwa singathi, ‘Lwavela ebantwini,’ sesaba abantu ngoba bonke uJohane bamthatha njengomphrofethi.”

27 Ngakho bamphendula uJesu bathi, “Kasikwazi.”

Ngakho wasesithi, “Lami kangiyikulitshela ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngamandla bani.”

Umzekeliso Wamadodana Amabili

28 “Likhumbulani kambe? Kwakulendoda eyayilamadodana amabili. Yaya kweyokuqala yathi, ‘Ndodana, lamuhla hamba uyesebenza esivinini.’

29 Yaphendula yathi, ‘Kangisoze ngiye mina,’ kodwa yaphinde yazisola yahamba.

30 Uyise wasesiya kwenye indodana watsho okufanayo. Yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizahamba, baba,’ kodwa kayihambanga.

31 Yiphi phakathi kwawo womabili eyenza lokho okwakufunwa nguyise na?”

Baphendula bathi, “Ngeyakuqala.”

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‡ **21:13** 21.13 U-Isaya 56.7 § **21:13** 21.13 UJeremiya 7.11 * **21:16** 21.16 AmaHubo 8.2

UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi abathelisi lezifebe bazangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu kuqala kulani. 32 Ngoba uJohane weza kini ukuzalitshengisa indlela yokulunga kodwa kalimkholwanga ikanti abathelisi lezifebe bamkholwa. Kwathi lokuba selikubonile konke lokhu kalimkholwanga.”

Umzekeliso Wabalimi Esivinini

33 “Zwanini omunye umzekeliso: Kwakukhona umnini wesiqinti owahlanyela isivini. Wasihonqolozela ngomduli, wagebha isikhamelo sewayini phakathi, wasesakha isilindo. Waseqhatshisa isivini leso kubalimi wasuka wathatha uhambo. 34 Kuthe sekufika isikhathi sokuvuna wathuma izinceku zakhe kulabobalimi ukuyathatha izithelo.

35 Abalimi bazibamba izinceku zakhe; eyinye bayitshaya, eyinye bayibulala kwathi eyesithathu bayikhanda ngamatshe. 36 Wasethuma ezinye izinceku kubo, ezinengi kulezakuqala, njalo abalimi baziphatha ngendlela efanayo. 37 Ekucineni wasethumela indodana yakhe kubo. Wathi, ‘Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.’

38 Kodwa kwathi abalimi beyibona indodana batshelana bathi, ‘Lo yindlalifa. Wozani simbulale sithathe ilifa lakhe.’ 39 Ngakho bamdumela bamphosela ngaphandle kwesivini bambulala.

40 Ngakho-ke nxa umninisivini esesiza uzabathini abalimi labo na?”

41 Baphendula bathi, “Uzababonisa into yamehlo, abeseqhatshisa isivini sakhe kwabanye abalimi abazamnika ingxenye yakhe yezithelo ngesikhathi sokuvuna.”

42 UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalibalanga yini emibhalweni ukuthi:

‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lensika;
iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu,
njalo kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu?’†

43 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu lizawuthathelwa uphiwe abantu abazathela izithelo zawo. 44 Lowo ozawela phezu kwalelilitshe uzavadlaka kodwa lowo elizawela phezu kwakhe uzafihlizwa.”

45 Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi besizwa imizekeliso kaJesu, bakwazi ukuthi wayekhuluma ngabo. 46 Badinga indlela yokumbopha kodwa besaba ixuku labantu ngoba abantu bambona njengomphrofethi.

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Umzekeliso Wedili Lomthimba

1 UJesu wakhuluma kubo njalo ngemizekeliso wathi: 2 “Umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyalungisela indodana yayo idili lomthimba. 3 Yathuma izinceku zayo kulabo ababenxusiwe edilini ukuba beze kodwa bala ukuza.

4 Yaphinda yathuma ezinye izinceku yathi, ‘Batsheleni labo abanxusiweyo ukuthi sengililungisile idili. Ngihlabe inkabi lenkomo ezinonisiweyo, konke sekulungile. Wozani edilini lomthimba.’

5 Kodwa kabakunanzanga lokho, bazihambela, omunye waya ensimini yakhe, omunye emsebenzini wakhe. 6 Abanye bazibamba izinceku zayo, bazihlukuluza bazibulala. 7 Inkosi yathukuthela. Yathumela impi yayo yababhuqa labobabulali yatshisa idolobho labo.

8 Yasisithi ezincekwini zayo, ‘Idili lomthimba selilungile kodwa labo engibanxusileyo bebengasafanele ukuza. 9 Hambani liye emahlanganweni ezindlela linxuse loba ngubani elimbonayo.’ 10 Ngakho izinceku zangena ezitaladini zabutha bonke abantu ezababonayo, abalungileyo lababi, indlu yomthimba yagcwala izethekeli.

† **21:42** 21.42 AmaHubo 118.22-23

11 Kodwa kwathi inkosi ingena ukuzabona izethekeli, yananzelela khonapho indoda
eyeyingavunulanga izigqoko zomthimba. 12 Yabuza yathi, ‘Mngane, ungene njani
lapha ungelazigqoko zomthimba?’ Indoda yatsha amathe.
13 Inkosi yasitshela izinceku zayo yathi, ‘Mbopheni izandla lezinyawo limphosele
ngaphandle ebumnyameni, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwa-
mazinyo.’
14 Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo.”

Ukuthela KuKhesari

15 Lapho-ke abaFarisi basuka baphuma bayaceba ukuthi bambambe ngamazwi
akhe. 16 Bathuma abafundi babo kuye behamba lamaHerodiya. Bathi, “Mfundisi,
siyazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho lokuthi ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokweqiniso.
Kawusuye uthathekile ngoba kawulani lokuthi bangobani. 17 Sitshele-ke, uthini
ngalokhu? Kusemthethweni na ukuthela kuKhesari kumbe hatshi?”
18 UJesu ngokwazi inhloso yabo embi wathi, “Lina bazenzisi, lenzani lizama ukun-
githiya na? 19 Ake lingitshengise uhlamvu lwemali okuthelwa ngayo.” Bamlethela
idenari, 20 wasebabuza wathi, “Ngumfanekiso kabani lo? Njalo luphawu lukabani
lolu?”
21 Baphendula bathi, “NgokukaKhesari.”
Wasesithi kubo, “Phanini uKhesari okungokukaKhesari loNkulunkulu okun-
gokukaNkulunkulu.”
22 Bathi besizwa lokhu bamangala. Ngakho basuka kuye bahamba.

Ukuthathana Ekuvukeni Kwabafileyo

23 Ngalelolanga abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, beza kuye
belombuzo. 24 Bathi, “Mfundisi, uMosi wasitshela wathi, nxa indoda ingafa
ingazalanga mntwana, umfowabo kamthathe umfelokazi amzalele abantwana.
25 Kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa phakathi kwethu. Wathatha owakuqala
wasesifa, kwathi ngoba engazuzanga mntwana watshiyela umkakhe umfowabo.
26 Kwaphinda lokho kowesibili lowesithathu njalo kwaze kwaba ngowesikhombisa.
27 Ekucineni wafa lowomfazi. 28 Pho-ke, ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani
phakathi kwabayisikhombisa njengoba bonke babemthethe?”
29 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Liyalahleka ngoba kaliyazi imibhalo lamandla
kaNkulunkulu. 30 Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo abantu kabayikuthatha loba bendiswe;
bazakuba njengezingilosi ezulwini. 31 Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo,
kalibalanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu akutsho kini ukuthi, 32 ‘NginguNkulunkulu ka-
Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe’*? KasuNkulunkulu
wabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo.”
33 Kwathi amaxuku abantu esizwa lokhu amangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe.

Umlayo Omkhulu Kulayo Yonke

34 AbaFarisi sebezwile ukuthi uJesu wayesebathulisile abaSadusi, bahlangana
ndawonye. 35 Omunye wabo owayeyisazi somthetho wamlinga ngombuzo wathi,
36 “Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo omkhulu kulayo yonke eMthethweni?”
37 UJesu waphendula wathi, “ ‘Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo
yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo yakho yonke.’† 38 Yiwo
owokuqala njalo odlula yonke imilayo. 39 Owesibili unjengawo: ‘Thanda umakhel-
wane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena.’‡ 40 Wonke uMthetho labaPhrofethi kweyeme
kuyonale imilayo emibili.”

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* **22:32** 22.32 U-Eksodasi 3.6 † **22:37** 22.37 UDutheronomi 6.5 ‡ **22:39** 22.39 ULevi 19.18

UKhristu UyiNdodana Kabani?

41 Kwathi abaFarisi behlangene ndawonye uJesu wababuza wathi, 42 “Licabangani
ngoKhristu? Uyindodana kabani?”
Baphendula bathi, “Yindodana kaDavida.”
43 Wathi kubo, “Kungani pho uDavida wathi ekhuluma ngoMoya umbiza athi
‘Nkosi’? Ngoba uthi,
44 ‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
“Hlala ngakwesokunene sami
ngize ngibeke izitha zakho
ngaphansi kwenyawo zakho.” ’§
45 Pho, nxa uDavida esithi kuye, ‘Nkosi,’ angaba yindodana yakhe njani?” 46 Kakho
loyedwa owaba lelizwi lokumphendula. Kwathi-ke kusukela ngalolosuku kakho
owaqunga isibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

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Izixwayiso Eziyisikhombisa

1 UJesu wasesithi emaxukwini abantu lakubafundi bakhe: 2 “Abafundisi bomthetho
labaFarisi bahlezi esihlalweni sikaMosi. 3 Ngakho kumele libalalele lenze konke
abalitshela khona. Kodwa lingakwenzi abakwenzayo, ngoba kabakulandeli lokho
abakutshumayelayo. 4 Baqoqa imithwalo enzima bayetshate emahlombe abantu
kodwa bona bengafuni lokulokotha bayithwale.
5 Konke abakwenzayo bakwenzela ukuba babonwe ngabantu, benza imicwatsho
yabo yemibhalo ibe banzi lezintshaka zezigqoko zabo zibe zinde; 6 bathanda izin-
dawo eziphezulu emadilini lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni, 7 bathanda
ukubingelelwa emisikeni lokuthi abantu bababize ngokuthi ‘Rabi.’
8 Kodwa lina nxa lingabizwa kuthiwe ‘Rabi,’ ngoba munye kuphela oyiNkosi yenu
njalo lina lonke liyizinini. 9 Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi ‘baba,’ ngoba
liloYihlo oyedwa, yena osezulwini. 10 Njalo lingabizwa ngokuthi bafundisi, ngoba
liloMfundisi oyedwa, uKhristu. 11 Omkhulu kulani lonke phakathi kwenu uzakuba
yinceku yenu. 12 Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lalowo ozithobayo
uzaphakanyiswa.”

Inhlupheko Eziyikhombisa Kubafundisi Bomthetho LakubaFarisi

13 “Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakubaFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Livalela abantu
umbuso wezulu. Lina ngokwenu kalingeni liphinde livimbele labo abazama
ukungena. [14 Maye kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi!
Liphanga izindlu zabafelokazi, beselizenzisa lisenza imikhuleko emide, ngalokho
lizakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa okukhulu.]*
15 Maye kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lidabula ilizwe
lihambe laphezu kolwandle lidinga ukuphendula oyedwa zwi, lithi selimzuzile
limphendule abe yindodana yesihogweni okuphindwe kabili kulani.
16 Maye kini, baholi abayiziphofu! Lithi, ‘Nxa umuntu efunga ngethempeli kakutsho
lutho; kodwa nxa umuntu efunga ngegolide lethempeli usezibophile ngesifungo
sakhe.’ 17 Lina ziphofundini! Yikuphi okukhulu kulokunye: igolide kumbe
ithempeli elenza igolide libengcwele? 18 Lithi njalo, ‘Nxa umuntu efunga nge-alithare,
akusilutho; kodwa nxa umuntu efunga ngesipho esikulo usezibophile ngesifungo
sakhe.’ 19 Lina ziphofu zabantu! Yikuphi okudlula okunye: isipho langabe i-
alithari elenza isipho sibe ngcwele? 20 Ngakho lowo ofunga nge-alithare ufunga

§ **22:44** 22.44 AmaHubo 110.1 * **23:14** 23.14 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

ngalo langakho konke okukulo. 21 Njalo lowo ofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo njalo
langaye lowo ohlala kulo. 22 Njalo lalowo ofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlezi phezu kwaso.
23 Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, bazenzisi! Linika okwetshumi
okweziyoliso zenu, iminti ledili lekhamini. Kodwa liyekethise izinto ezimqoka em-
thethweni, eziyikulunga, isihawu kanye lokwethembeka. Bekufanele lithi likwenza
lokhu lingawuyekethisanga umthetho. 24 Lina baholi abayiziphofu! Liyacenga
ukukhupha ubuyane kodwa liginye ikamela.
25 Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Ligezisa
inkezo lomganu ngaphandle kodwa ngaphakathi kugcwele ubuhwaba lokuzisuthisa.
26 MFarisi oyisiphofu! Qala uhlambulule ingaphakathi yenkezo lomganu, ukuze
ingaphandle layo ihlambuluke.
27 Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Linjengamathuna
aconjiweyo, akhanya ebukeka ngaphandle, kodwa ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo
abantu abafileyo lakho konke okungcolileyo. 28 Kanjalo, ngaphandle libonakala
ebantwini linjengabalungileyo, kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi.
29 Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lakhela
abaphrofethi amathuna njalo licecise amathuna abalungileyo. 30 Beselisithi, 'Ngabe
saphila ngezinsuku zabokhokho bethu sasingeyikuhlanganyela labo ekuchitheni igazi
labaphrofethi.' 31 Ngalokho yini elipha ubufakazi bokuthi liyisizukulwane salabo
ababulala abaphrofethi. 32 Nanko-ke, wohlani liqedise lesosono sabokhokho benu!
33 Lina zinyoka! Lina nzalo yezinhlangwana! Lizaphepha kanjani ukuba lilahlelwe
esihogweni na? 34 Ngakho ngilithumela abaphrofethi lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo
labafundisi. Abanye babo lizababulala libabethele; abanye lizababhaxabula emasi-
nagogweni enu, lilandelelane labo kuleli laleliyana idolobho. 35 Ngakho-ke, lonke
igazi elilungileyo elachithwayo emhlabeni kusukela egazini lika-Abheli owayelungile
kusiya egazini likaZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya elambulala phakathi laphakathi
kwethempeli le-alithari lizakwehliselwa phezu kwenu. 36 Ngilitshela iqiniso, konke
lokhu kuzakuba phezu kwalesi isizukulwane.
37 Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi, ubakhande ngamatshe
labo abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa ndawonye abantwabakho,
njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa
wena wawungathandi. 38 Khangela, indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. 39 Ngoba
ngiyalitshela, kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi, 'Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo
likaThixo.'†"

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Ukubhidlizwa KweThempeli Lezibonakaliso Zokucina Kwesikhathi

1 UJesu wathi esuka ethempelini esehamba abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi kake
ananzelele izakhiwo zalo. 2 Wathi, "Liyazibona na zonke lezizinto? Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi akulalitshe lapha elizasala liphezu kwelinye; wonke azabhidlizwa."
3 Kwathi uJesu ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi bakhe beza kuye ngasese bathi,
"Sitshele, kuzakwenzakala nini lokhu na, njalo kuzakuba lesibonakaliso bani sokuza
kwakho lokuphela kwesikhathi na?"
4 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa muntu. 5 Ngoba
abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami besithi, 'NginguKhristu,' bakhohlise abanengi.
6 Lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga azo, kodwa lingaze lethuka. Izinto ezinjalo

† **23:39** 23.39 AmaHubo 118.26

zizakwenzeka, kodwa ukucina kulokhu kuseza. 7 Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. Kuzakuba lendlala lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni ezitshiyeneyo. 8 Konke lokhu kuyikuqalisa kobuhlungu bokuhelelwa.

9 Lapho lizanikelwa ukuba lihlutshwe njalo libulawe, futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa yami. 10 Ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazadela ukukholwa banikelane njalo bazondane, 11 kuvele abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi abazakhohlisa abantu abanengi. 12 Ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi luzaphola, 13 kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. 14 Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa kuwo wonke umhlaba njengobufakazi kuzozonke izizwe, besekufika ukuphela.

15 Nxa libona kumi endaweni engcwele ‘amanyala aletha incithakalo,’* okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi uDanyeli, ofundayo kezwisise. 16 Lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni. 17 Akungabikhona osophahleni lwendlu ozakwehla phansi ukuyathatha ulutho endlini. 18 Lowo osemasimini kangabuyeli ngekhaya ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe. 19 Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! 20 Khulekelani ukuba ukuphaphatheka kwenu kungabi sebusika loba ngeSabatha. 21 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazange kube khona kulokhu kwadabuka umhlaba kuze kube manje, njalo kakusoze kube khona futhi.

22 Aluba lezinsuku bezingaphungulwanga, kakho obezaphepha, kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezinsuku zizaphungulwa. 23 Nxa ngalesosikhathi omunye esithi kini, ‘Khangela, nangu uKhristu!’ loba ‘Ulaphaya!’ lingakukholwa lokho. 24 Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga bazavela benze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu ukukhohlisa kanye labakhethiweyo, nxa lokho kungenzeka. 25 Zwanini, sengihle ngalitshela mandulo kwesikhathi.

26 Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu elitshela esithi, ‘Nanguyana, laphayana egangeni,’ lingayi khona loba athi, ‘Nangu lapha ezindlini ezingaphakathi,’ lingaze lakukholwa lokho. 27 Ngoba njengombane osuka empumalanga uhle ubonakale lasentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yoMuntu. 28 Lapho okulesidumbu khona kulapho amanqe abuthana khona.

29 Masinyane ngemva kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku,
‘ilanga lizafiphala
lenyanga kayiyikukhanya;
izinkanyezi zizakuwa esibhakabhakeni,
izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.’†

30 Kulesosikhathi isibonakaliso seNdodana yoMuntu sizavela emkhathini, kuthi zonke izizwe zomhlaba zilile. Zizabona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngamayezi esibhakabhakeni, ilamandla lobukhosi obukhulu. 31 Njalo izathumela izingilosi zayo zitshaya icilongo ngomsindo omkhulu, beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emagumbini womane omhlaba, kusukela ngapha kwamazulu kusiya ngale kwawo.

32 Manje-ke, fundani lesisifundo esihlahleni somkhiwa: Amahlumela aso angaqalisa ukuba buthakathaka lamahlamvu aso ahlume, lihle lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. 33 Kanjalo-ke, nxa lingabona zonke lezizinto, lazi ukuthi sekusondele, khonapho emnyango. 34 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto. 35 Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini.”

Usuku Lehola Kakwaziwa

36 “Kodwa kakho olwaziyo lolosuku lehola, loba izingilosi zasezulwini, kumbe iNdodana, kodwa uBaba kuphela. 37 Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini zikaNowa,

* **24:15** 24.15 UDanyeli 9.27; 11.31; 12.11 † **24:29** 24.29 U-Isaya 13.10; 34.4

kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. 38 Ngoba ensukwini ezandulela
uzamcolo, abantu babesidla, benatha, bethatha njalo besenda, kwaze kwafika usuku
uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini; 39 futhi babengazi lutho ngalokho okwakuzak-
wenzeka uzamcolo waze wafika wabatshabalalisa. Kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweN-
dodana yoMuntu. 40 Kuzakuthi amadoda emabili esensimini, eyodwa izathathwa,
eyinye isale. 41 Kuzakuthi abesifazane bebabili bechola ngembokodo, oyedwa
uzathathwa omunye asale.
42 Ngakho, lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaluphi usuku.
43 Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Kube umninindlu wayekwazile ukuthi isela lizafika
ngasiphi isikhathi sobusuku ngabe walinda kaze avumela ukuthi indlu yakhe
igqekezwe. 44 Ngakho lani hlalani lilindile, ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika
ngesikhathi leso elizabe lingayikhumbuleli sona.
45 Ngubani kambe oyinceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo umninimuzi ayibeke
esikhundleni sokukhangela izisebenzi zalapha ekhaya ukuthi azinike ukudla kwazo
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? 46 Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi ezayifica isenza
njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo. 47 Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe
yonke impahla yayo. 48 Kodwa cabanga mhlawumbe inceku leyo ikhohlakele njalo
ingazitshela ithi, ‘Inkosi yami isesekhatshana ukubuya,’ 49 ibisiqalisa ukutshaya
ezinye izinceku njalo lokudla inatha lezidakwa. 50 Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngo-
suku engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi inceku engasaziyo. 51 Izayiqumaquma,
iyiphe indawo kanye labazenzisi, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla
kwamazinyo.”

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Umzekeliso Wezintombi Ezilitshumi

1 “Kulesosikhathi umbuso wezulu uzakuba njengezintombi ezigcweleyo ezilitshumi
ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuyahlangabeza umyeni. 2 Ezinhlanu zazo
zaziyiziwula, ezinhlanu zihlakaniphile. 3 Eziyiziwula zathatha izibane zazo, kodwa
kazithathanga amafutha. 4 Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zathwala imbodlela zamafutha
kanye lezibane zazo. 5 Umyeni waphuza ukufika zonke zaze zawozela zajunywa
yibuthongo.
6 Phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezelwa kwathiwa, ‘Nangu umyeni! Phumani
limhlangabeze!’
7 Zasezivuka zonke izintombi zalumathisa izibane zazo. 8 Lezo ezaziyiziwula
zathi kwezihlakaniphileyo, ‘Ake lisiphe lathi amanye amafutha enu; izibane zethu
sezicitsha.’
9 Zaphendula ezihlakaniphileyo zathi, ‘Hatshi, kakulamafutha angasanela thina
lani. Hambani liye kulabo abathengisa amafutha liyezithengela awenu.’
10 Kodwa kwathi besayathenga amafutha umyeni wafika. Izintombi ezazizilungise-
lele zangena laye edilini lomthimba. Umnyango wasuvalwa.
11 Ngemva kwesikhathi ezinye lazo zatsho sezifikile. Zathi, ‘Nkosi! Nkosi! Ake
usivulele umnyango!’
12 Kodwa waphendula wathi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kangilazi.’
13 Ngakho lindani ngoba kalilwazi usuku loba ihola.”

Umzekeliso Wamathalenta

14 “Njalo unjengendoda eyathatha uhambo, yabiza izinceku zayo yazigcinisa
impahla yayo. 15 Oyedwa yamupha amathalenta amahlanu emali, omunye amabili
omunye njalo ithalenta elilodwa, ngulowo kusiya ngamandla akhe. Yasisuka ingena
uhambo lwayo. 16 Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yahle yasuka

yayayisebenzisa leyomali yazuza amanye amahlanu. 17 Yenza njalo laleyo eyayiphiwe
amabili, yazuza amanye amabili. 18 Kodwa indoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa
yasuka yemba igodi emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosi yayo.
19 Ngemva kwesikhathi eside umnini walezozinceku wabuya wafisa ukwazi ukuthi
babehambise njani ngaleyomali. 20 Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu
yaletha amanye amahlanu. Yathi, 'Nkosi, wangethemba ngamathalenta amahlanu.
Khangela, sengizuze amanye amahlanu.'
21 Umnini wayo waphendula wathi, 'Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembek-
ileyo! Uthembekile ezintweni ezilutshwane; ngizakugcinisa izinto ezinengi. Woza
uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakho!'
22 Indoda eyayilamathalenta amabili layo yeza. Yathi, 'Nkosi, wangethemba
ngamathalenta amabili; khangela, sengizuze amanye amabili.'
23 Umniniyo waphendula wathi, 'Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo!
Uthembekile ngezinto ezilutshwane; ngizakugcinisa izinto ezinengi. Woza uzojabula
kanye lenkosi yakho!'
24 Kwasekusiza leyondoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa. Yathi, 'Nkosi, bengikwazi
ukuthi uyindoda elukhuni, evuna lapho engahlanyelanga khona njalo ibuthe lapho
engazange ihaze khona inhlanyelo. 25 Yikho ngesaba ngasuka ngayafihla ithalenta
lakho emhlabathini. Khangela, nanku okungokwakho.'
26 Inkosi yaphendula yathi, 'Wena nceku embi lelivila! Utsho ukuthi wazile ukuthi
ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona njalo ngibuthe lapho engingahazanga
khona inhlanyelo? 27 Kube imali yami uyifake ebhanga, ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni
kwami ngiyizuze isizele.
28 Mthatheleni ithalenta lelo liliphe lowo olamathalenta alitshumi. 29 Ngoba lowo
olakho uzaphiwa okunye njalo abesesiba lokunengi. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho
alakho uzakwemukwa. 30 Manje-ke, iphoseni ngaphandle inceku engelamsebenzi,
ebumnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo.' "

Izimvu Lembuzi

31 "Nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isisiza ngenkazimulo yayo, ikanye lezingilosi zonke,
izahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi ilenkazimulo yasezulwini. 32 Zonke izizwe
zizabuthaniswa phambi kwayo, ibe isisahlukanisa abantu omunye komunye njen-
gomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu embuzini. 33 Izabeka izimvu ngasekwesokunene
kwayo lembuzi ngakwesokhohlo.
34 Lapho-ke iNkosi izakuthi kulabo abangakwesokunene sayo, 'Wozani, lina
elibusiswe nguBaba; thathani ilifa lenu, umbuso owalungiselwa lina kusukela
ekudalweni komhlaba. 35 Ngoba ngangilambile, langinika ulutho oludliwayo, ngan-
gomile langipha okunathwayo, ngangiyisihambi langinxusela endlini, 36 ngangiswele
izembatho langigqokisa, ngangigula langonga, ngangisentolongweni lazongibona.'
37 Abalungileyo bazamphendula bathi, 'Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile sakupha
ukudla na, kumbe womile sakunathisa? 38 Sakubona nini uyisihambi sakunxusela
endlini na, kumbe uswele izembatho sakugqokisa? 39 Sakubona nini ugula kumbe
usentolongweni seza sazakubona na?'
40 INkosi izaphendula ithi, 'Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba yini elayenzela loba
ngomncinyane kanganani walaba abazalwane bami, lakwenzela mina.'
41 INkosi izakuthi kulabo abakwesokhohlo sayo, 'Xekani kimi lina eliqalekisiweyo
liye emlilweni ongapheliyo owalungiselwa uSathane lezingilosi zakhe. 42 Ngoba
ngangilambile, kalingiphanga lutho lokudla, ngangomile kalingiphanga lutho
lokunatha, 43 ngangiyisihambi kalinginxuselanga endlini, ngangiswele izembatho
kalingigqokisanga, ngangigula njalo ngisentolongweni kalizange lingethekelele.'

44 Labo bazaphendula bathi, ‘Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile kumbe womile
kumbe uyisihambi kumbe ungelazigqoko kumbe ugula noma usentolongweni asaze
sakunceda na?’
45 Izaphendula ithi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, loba kuyini elingakwenzelanga
oyedwa nje omncinyane kulabo bonke walaba, kalikwenzelanga mina.’
46 Bazasuka baye ekujezisweni kwaphakade, kodwa abalungileyo baye ekuphileni
okungapheliyo.”

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Icebo Elibi NgoJesu

1 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma zonke lezi izinto, wathi kubafundi bakhe,
2 “Njengoba lisazi, sekusele insuku ezimbili ukuba iPhasika lifike, njalo iNdodana
yoMuntu izanikelwa ukuba ibethelwe.”
3 Abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu basebeqoqana egumeni lomphristi
omkhulu owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, 4 baceba ukubopha uJesu ngasese bambulale.
5 Bathi, “Kakungabi ngesikhathi somkhosi funa kube lesiphithiphithi ebantwini.”

UJesu Uyagcotshwa EBhethani

6 Kwathi uJesu eseBhethani endlini yendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni owayelob-
ulephero, 7 kweza kuye owesifazane ephethe imbodlela yamakha adula kakhulu
wawathela ekhanda likaJesu owayeyeme etafuleni.
8 Abafundi bathi bekubona lokho bacasuka. Basebebuza bathi, “Adlaliselwani kanje
na? 9 Amakha la abengathengiswa ngemali ephezulu leyomali iphiwe abampofu.”
10 UJesu esekunanzelele lokhu wathi kubo, “Limkhathazelani owesifazane lo na?
Wenze into enhle kimi. 11 Abampofu lizahlala lilabo kokuphela, kodwa kalisoze
libe lami kokuphela. 12 Uthe ethululela amakha la emzimbeni wami ubesenzela
ukungilungiselela ukungcwatshwa. 13 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi langaphi lapho
okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli leli emhlabeni wonke, lokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulun-
ywa, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.”

UJudasi Uvuma Ukunikela UJesu

14 Kwathi omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lowo owayethiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi,
waya kubaphristi abakhulu 15 wabuza wathi, “Lizangiphani nxa ngimnikela kini?”
Base bembalela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. 16 Kusukela
khonapho uJudasi wadinga ithuba lokuba amnikele.

Isidlo SeNkosi

17 Ngosuku lokuqala loMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo abafundi beza kuJesu
bambuza bathi, “Ufuna senzele ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle iPhasika na?”
18 Waphendula wathi, “Ngenani edolobheni komunye umuntu limtshele lithi,
‘UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami esimisiweyo sesiseduze. Ngizakudla iPhasika
labafundi bami endlini yakho.’ ” 19 Ngakho abafundi benza njengokulayelwa kwabo
nguJesu balungisa iPhasika.
20 Kwathi kusihlwa, uJesu wayehlezi eyeme etafuleni elabalitshumi lambili.
21 Kwathi besidla wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela.”
22 Badana kakhulu basebesithi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho mina Nkosi?”
23 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo odle kanye lami emganwini uzanginikela.
24 INdodana yoMuntu kwenzakala kuyo njengoba kulotshiwe ngayo. Kodwa maye
kulowomuntu ozanikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Bekungaba ngcono kuye ngabe
wayengazalwanga.”
25 Wasesithi uJudasi, lowo owayezamnikela, “Pho kawutsho mina, Rabi?”

UJesu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, nguwe okutshoyo.”
26 Bathi besadla uJesu wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasihlephula wasipha abafundi
bakhe esithi, “Thathani lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.”
27 Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile, wabanika esithi, “Nathani kuyo, lonke.
28 Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwe abanengi ekuthethelelweni kwezono.
29 Ngiyalitshela, angisayikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo sevini, kusukela manje kuze
kube yilolosuku lapho engizakunatha khona kabutsha lani embusweni kaBaba.”
30 Bathi sebehlabele ihubo baphuma baya eNtabeni yama-Oliva.

UJesu Ubonisa Ngokuphika KukaPhethro

31 UJesu wasebatshela wathi, “Ngabona lobubusuku lizakwenyela ngami, ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi:
‘Ngizatshaya umelusi
izimvu zomhlambi zizahlakazeka.’*
32 Kodwa ngemva kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalile.”
33 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Loba bonke bangaze benyele ngenxa yakho, mina
kimi ngezake kwenzeke.”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso ukuthi ngabona lobubusuku,
iqhude lingakakhali uzangiphika kathathu.”
35 Kodwa uPhethro wala wagomela wathi, “Loba kungenzeka ukuba ngife lawe,
ngeke lanini ngikuphike.” Abanye abafundi labo batsho njalo.

EGetsemane

36 UJesu wasehamba labafundi bakhe endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi
kubo, “Hlalani lapha, mina ngisaya laphayana ukuyakhuleka.” 37 Wathatha uP-
hethro lamadodana kaZebhediya womabili wahamba labo, waseqala ukuhlulukelwa
lokukhathazeka. 38 Wasesithi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami ugajelwa lusizi kuze kuthi
ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde lami.”
39 Wahamba ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi wathi mbo ngobuso wakhuleka wathi,
“Baba, nxa kungenzeka, sengathi inkezo le ingasuswa kimi. Kodwa akungabi
yintando yami, kodwa kube yintando yakho.”
40 Wasephenduka kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele. Wabuza uPhethro wathi,
“Lina madoda kambe kulehlule ukulinda kanye lami okwehola elilodwa nje?
41 Lindani likhuleke ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda kodwa
umzimba ubuthakathaka.”
42 Wahamba njalo okwesibili wakhuleka wathi, “Baba wami, nxa kungenzeki
ukuthi linkezo isuswe ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, intando yakho mayenziwe.”
43 Wathi esebuya wabafica njalo sebelele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. 44 Ngakho
wasebatshiya waphinda wahamba njalo wayakhuleka okwesithathu ephinda into
yinye.
45 Wasebuyela kubafundi wathi kubo, “Lilele, liyaphumula na? Khange-
lani, isikhathi sesisondele, iNdodana yoMuntu isizanikelwa ezandleni zezoni.
46 Phakamani! Kasihambeni! Nangu usesiza onginikelayo.”

Ukubotshwa KukaJesu

47 Wathi esakhuluma, uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili wafika. Wayehamba
lexuku elikhulu lihlomile ngezinkemba lezinduku lithunywe ngabaphristi abakhulu
labadala babantu. 48 Omnikelayo wayelungisile labo isiboniso wathi: “Lowo
engizamanga nguye; mbopheni.” 49 UJudasi wahle waqonda kuJesu wathi, “Sabona,
Rabi!” wamanga.
50 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mfowethu, yenza lokho okulandileyo.”

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* **26:31** 26.31 UZakhariya 13.7

Asesondela amadoda, amdumela uJesu ambopha. 51 Khonapho omunye
wabaphelekezeli bakaJesu wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagadla encekwini yomphristi
omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe.
52 UJesu wathi kuye, "Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo, ngoba bonke
abakhokha inkemba bazakufa ngenkemba. 53 Ucabanga ukuthi ngingaze ngacela
kuBaba, masinyane nje angiphe amaviyo alitshumi lambili ezingilosi? 54 Kodwa phela
ibingagcwaliseka kanjani imibhalo ethi kumele kwenzeke ngale indlela na?"
55 Khonapho uJesu wathi exukwini labantu, "Kanti ngikhokhela umvukela yini
lize lihlome ngezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba na? Insuku zonke ngangih-
lala emagumeni ethempeli ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibophanga. 56 Kodwa lokhu
kwenzeke ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaphrofethi." Khonapho abafundi bonke
bamtshiya babaleka.

UJesu Phambi KweSanihedrini

57 Labo abambophayo uJesu bamusa kuKhayifasi, umphristi omkhulu, lapho
okwasekubuthene khona abafundisi bomthetho labadala. 58 Kodwa uPhethro
wayemlandela ehambela khatshana waze wayangena egumeni lomphristi omkhulu.
Wangena wahlala phansi lamanxusa efuna ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala.
59 Abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi bamanga ngoJesu
ukuze bambulale. 60 Kodwa babuswela, lanxa abanengi ofakazi bamanga bavela.
Ekucineni ababili beza phambili 61 bathi, "Umfokazi lo wathi, 'Ngilamandla oku-
lidiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ngiphinde ngilakhe kutsha ngezinsuku ezintathu.' "
62 Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma wathi kuJesu, "Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini
kanti lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?" 63 Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu
ethule.
Umphristi omkhulu wathi kuye, "Ngiyakulaya, ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo
ngithi: Sitshele ingabe unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu."
64 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Yebo, kunjengoba usitsho. Kodwa ngithi kini
lonke: Ngesikhathi esizayo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu ihlezi kwesokunene
sikaMninimandla isehla ngamayezi ezulwini."
65 Khonapho umphristi omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi, "Uyahlambaza!
Sisafunelani abanye ofakazi na? Khangelani, manje selikuzwile ukuhlambaza.
66 Lithini ngakho?"
Baphendula bathi, "Ufanele ukufa."
67 Basebemkhafulela emehlweni njalo bamdutshuza ngenqindi. Abanye bamakala
68 bathi, "Phrofitha kithi, wena Khristu. Ngubani okutshayileyo?"

UPhethro Ulandula UJesu

69 UPhethro wayehlezi phandle egumeni, kwasekusiza kuye intombazana ey-
incekukazi yathi kuye, "Lawe njalo wawuloJesu waseGalile."
70 Kodwa walandula phambi kwabo bonke. Wathi, "Angikwazi lokho okhuluma
ngakho."
71 Wasesuka ephuma entubeni lapho abonwa khona ngenye intombazana eyathi
ebantwini khonapho, "Umfokazi lo wayeloJesu waseNazaretha."
72 Walandula njalo efunga esithi, "Kangiyazi indoda leyo!"
73 Ngemva kwesikhatshana labo ababemi khonapho baya kuPhethro bathi, "Ngem-
pela ungomunye wabo ngoba indlela okhuluma ngayo iyakuceba."
74 Wasekhihliza iziqalekiso phezu kwakhe wafunga kubo wathi, "Angimazi mina
lowomuntu!"

Masinyane iqhude lakhala. 75 UPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi elakhulunywa ngu-
Jesu esithi: “Iqhude lingakakhali uzangilandula kathathu.” Waphumela ngaphandle
wakhala kabuhlungu.

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UJudasi Uyazibophela

1 Ekuseni ngovivi bonke abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu benza isinqumo
sokumbulala uJesu. 2 Bambopha, bamqhuba, bamnikela kuPhilathu umbusi.
3 Kwathi uJudasi, owayemnikele, esebona ukuthi uJesu wayesegwetshiwe, wad-
abuka ngokuzisola, wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu
kubaphristi abakhulu labadala. 4 Wathi, “Ngenze isono, ngoba nginikele igazi
elingelacala.”
Baphendula bathi, “silani lalokho thina? Lokho kungumlandu wakho.”
5 Ngakho uJudasi wayiphosela ethempelini leyomali wahamba. Wasuka lapho
wayazibophela.
6 Abaphristi abakhulu bazidobha inhlamvu zemali lezo bathi, “Kungaphandle kom-
thetho ukufaka imali le esitsheni somnikelo ngoba yimali yegazi.” 7 Ngakho basebe-
misa ukuyisebenzisa ukuthenga isiqinti sombumbi sibe yindawo yamangcwaba
abantu bezizweni. 8 Yikho yabizwa ngokuthi yiNsimu yeGazi kuze kube namuhla.
9 Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya umphrofethi ukuthi: “Bathatha
inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu, intengo eyamiswa ngaye ngabantu
bako-Israyeli, 10 bazisebenzisa ukuthenga insimu yombumbi, njengokulaywa kwami
yiNkosi.”*

UJesu Ephambi KukaPhilathu

11 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wamiswa phambi kombusi, umbusi wasebuza wathi,
“Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?”
“Njengoba usitsho,” kuphendula uJesu.
12 Wayesithi nxa ethonisiswa ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala angaze aphendula.
13 UPhilathu wasembuza wathi, “Awubuzwa yini ubufakazi abakwethesa bona?”
14 Kodwa uJesu wathula, kazaphendula lamlandu munye, okwamangalisa umbusi
kakhulu.
15 Kwakungumkhuba wakhe umbusi ukuthi ngomkhosi akhulule isibotshwa
esikhethwe lixuku labantu. 16 Ngalesosikhathi kwakulesibotshwa esasigange kubi,
sithiwa nguJesu isibongo saso singuBharabhasi. 17 Kuthe abantu sebebuthene
uPhilathu wababuza wathi, “Lifuna ngilikhululele wuphi na, uBharabhasi loba uJesu
othiwa nguKhristu?” 18 Ngoba wayesazi ukuthi kwakungenxa yomhawu okwenza
banikela uJesu kuye.
19 Kwathi uPhilathu esahlezi esihlalweni sakhe sokwahlulela, umkakhe
wamthumela ilizwi wathi: “Ungayingeni indaba yomuntu lowo ongelacala, ngoba
lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu ngaye emaphutsheni.”
20 Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labadala bakhuthaza abantu ukuthi bacele uBharab-
hasi, bathi uJesu kabulawe.
21 Wabuza umbusi wathi, “Lifuna ngilikhululele wuphi phakathi kwalaba ababili
na?”
Baphendula bathi, “UBharabhasi.”
22 UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Pho ngenzeni ngoJesu othiwa nguKhristu?”
Bonke bamphendula bathi, “Mbethele!”
23 UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yindaba? Woneni?”

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* **27:10** 27.10 UZakhariya 11.12-13; UJeremiya 19.1-13; 32.6-9

Kodwa bamemeza ngamandla bathi, “Mbethele!”
24 Kwathi uPhilathu esebona ukuthi akusela enye indlela, kwasekuzavuka
isiyaluyalu, wathatha amanzi wageza izandla zakhe phambi kwexuku wathi,
“Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu. Ngumlandu wenu!”
25 Bonke abantu bamphendula bathi, “Yekela igazi lakhe libe phezu kwethu laphezu
kwabantwabethu!”
26 Wasebakhululela uBharabhasi. Wathi uJesu katshaywe, wasemnikeza ukuba
abethelwe.

Amabutho Aklolodela UJesu

27 Amabutho ombusi asemthatha uJesu amngenisa ePhritoriyamu, inkundla
yombusi, wabuthanelwa liviyo lonke lamabutho. 28 Bamkhulula izigqoko zakhe
bamgqokisa ijazi elibomvu, 29 basebeseluka umqhele wameva bamethesa wona.
Bamphathisa intonga kwesokunene sakhe baguqa phambi kwakhe bamklolodela.
Bathi, “Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda!” 30 Bamkhafulela, bamthathela lowomqwayi bamt-
shaya bemphindaphinda ekhanda. 31 Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula ijazi bamgqokisa
ezakhe. Basebemqhuba besiya mbethela.

Ukubethelwa Kwakhe

32 Bathi sebephumela ngaphandle bahlangana lendoda yaseKhureni, ethiwa nguSi-
moni, bayibamba ngamandla ukuthi ithwale isiphambano. 33 Bafika endaweni ethiwa
kuseGoligotha (okutsho ukuthi “Indawo yoKhakhayi”). 34 Khonapho uJesu bamupha
iwayini ukuba anathe, lixutshaniswe lenyongo; kodwa wonela ukulinambitha
wasesala ukulinatha. 35 Kwathi sebembethele behlukaniselana izigqoko zakhe
ngokwenza inkatho. 36 Bahlala phansi bamlinda khonapho. 37 Phezu kwekhanda
lakhe babeka umbhalo wecala lakhe owawusithi,

Lo nguJesu, iNkosi yamaJuda.

38 Izigebenga ezimbili zabethelwa kanye laye, esinye ngakwesokunene sakhe,
esinye ngakwesokhohlo. 39 Labo ababesedlula lapho babemhlambaza, benikina
amakhanda besithi, 40 “Wena ozadiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu,
zisindise! Yehla esiphambanweni nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!” 41 Ngokunjalo
abaphristi abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye labadala bamklolodela. 42 Bathi,
“Wasindisa abanye, kodwa uyehluleka ukuzisindisa yena! UyiNkosi yako-Israyeli!
Kehle manje esiphambanweni ukuze simkholwe. 43 Uthembele kuNkulunkulu.
UNkulunkulu kamsindise phela manje nxa emfuna, ngoba wathi, ‘NgiyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu.’ ” 44 Ngaleyondlela izigebenga ezazibethelwe kanye laye lazo zam-
thethisa ngenhlamba.

Ukufa KukaJesu

45 Kusukela emini kwaze kwaba lihola lesithathu emini ubumnyama bembesa lonke
ilizwe. 46 Ngehola lesithathu emini uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, *“Eloyi,
Eloyi, lamasabakithani?”*† (okutsho ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami,
kungani usungidelile na?”).
47 Kwathi abanye kwababemi lapho bekuzwa lokho bathi, “Ubiza u-Elija.”
48 Masinyane omunye wabo wagijima wathatha isipontshi. Wasicwilisa phakathi
kwewayini elimunyu, wasixhuma oluthini wasidlulisela kuJesu ukuthi anathe.
49 Abanengi bathi, “Myekele. Ake sibone ingabe u-Elija uzakuza azomsindisa.”
50 UJesu esephindile ukumemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, umoya wakhe waphuma.
51 Ngalesosikhathi ikhetheni lethempeli laqhekezeka kabili kusukela phezulu
kusiya phansi. Umhlaba wazamazama lamatshe aqhekezeka. 52 Amathuna avuleka,
izidumbu zabantu abanengi abangcwele abafayo zavuswa kwabafileyo. 53 Baphuma

† **27:46** 27.46 AmaHubo 22.1

emathuneni, kwathi ngemva kokuvuka kukaJesu kwabafileyo baya edolobheni elingcwele bavela ebantwini abanengi.
54 Kwathi ukuba induna yekhulu kanye lalabo ababelinde uJesu bebona ukuzamazama komhlaba kanye lakho konke okwakwenzakele, besaba kakhulu, bababaza bathi, “Ngempela ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!”
55 Kwakulabesifazane abanengi, bebukele bebucwala. Babelandele uJesu besuka eGalile ukuthi banakekele izinswelo zakhe. 56 Phakathi kwabo kwakuloMariya Magadalini, loMariya unina kaJakhobe loJosefa kanye lonina wamadodana kaZebhediya.

Ukungcwatshwa KukaJesu

57 Kwathi ilanga selithambeme, kwafika indoda enothileyo yase-Arimathiya, eyayibizwa ngokuthi nguJosefa, yena owayesengumfundi kaJesu. 58 Waya kuPhilathu wayacela isidumbu sikaJesu, uPhilathu walaya ukuba asiphiwe. 59 UJosefa wasithatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu elihlanzekileyo lelineni, 60 wayasibeka ethuneni lakhe elitsha ayeligubhe edwaleni. Wagiqela ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni wethuna wasehamba. 61 UMariya Magadalini lomunye uMariya babehlezi khonapho malungana lethuna.

Abalindi Ethuneni

62 Ngosuku olulandelayo, oluza ngemva kosuku lokuLungisela, abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi baya kuPhilathu. 63 Bathi, “Nkosi, siyakhumbula ukuthi esaphila umkhohlisi loyana wathi yena, ‘Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu ngizavuka kwabafileyo.’ 64 Ngakho yenza ukuthi ithuna lilindwe kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu. Engxenye abafundi bakhe bangeza bantshontshe isidumbu sakhe, batshele abantu ukuthi usevukile kwabafileyo. Inkohliso le ingabambi kakhulu kuleyakuqala.”
65 UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Thathani abalindi. Hambani liyevikela ithuna njengokubona kwenu.” 66 Basebehamba ukuyalinda lokuqinisa ithuna ngokubeka uphawu phezu kwelitshe njalo bamisa abalindi.

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Ukuvuka Ekufeni

1 Ngemva kweSabatha, ekuseni ngovivi losuku lokuqala lweviki, uMariya Magadalini lomunye uMariya baya ethuneni besiyakhangela.
2 Kwaba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu ngoba ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yaya ethuneni yaligiqela ilitshe eceleni yahlala phezu kwalo. 3 Ukubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, lezigqoko zayo zimhlophe nke njengongqwaqwane. 4 Abalindi besaba baze bathuthumela baba njengabafileyo.
5 Ingilosi yathi kwabesifazane, “Lingesabi, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe. 6 Kakho lapha; usevukile kwabafileyo njengoba watsho. Wozani libone indawo abelele kuyo. 7 Hambani masinyane liyetshela abafundi bakhe lithi: ‘Usevukile kwabafileyo, uselandulele ukuya eGalile. Kulapho elizambona khona.’ Mina sengilitshelile manje.”
8 Ngakho abesifazane basuka ngokuphangisa ethuneni, besesaba kodwa begcwele intokozo, bagijima ukuyatshela abafundi bakhe. 9 Khonokho uJesu wahlangana labo. Wathi, “Salibonani.” Beza kuye, bamnamathela ngezandla ezinyaweni zakhe bamkhonza. 10 UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Lingesabi. Hambani liyetshela abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalile; kulapho abazangibona khona.”

Umbiko Wabalindi

11 Kwathi abesifazane sebehambile besendleleni, abanye babalindi bangena edolobheni bayabika kubaphristi abakhulu ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. 12 Kwathi

abaphristi abakhulu sebehlangene labadala babopha icebo, bafumbathisa abalindi
imali ezwayo, 13 babatshela bathi, “Libokuthi, ‘Abafundi bakhe beze ebusuku
bamntshontsha thina silele.’ 14 Nxa lelilizwi lifika kumbusi, sizamsuthisa ukuze lani
lingangeni enkathazweni.” 15 Ngakho amabutho ayithatha imali enza njengokulaywa
kwawo. Yikho indaba le seyandiswa yakhula phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube
lamuhla.

Umlayo Omkhulu

16 Abafundi abalitshumi lanye basuka baya eGalile, baqonda entabeni uJesu ayethe
baye kuyo. 17 Bathi ukumbona bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza. 18 UJesu
weza kubo wathi, “Wonke amandla ezulwini lasemhlabeni aphiwe mina. 19 Ngakho
hambani lenze abafundi ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni likaBaba, leleN-
dodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele, 20 njalo libafundise ukulalela konke engililaye ngakho.
Ngempela ngilani kokuphela, kuze kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi.”

Ivangeli
LikaMakho

UJohane Umbhaphathizi Ulungisa Indlela

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli ngoJesu Khristu, indodana kaNkulunkulu. 2 Kulotshiwe
kumphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi:
“Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho,
esizalungisa indlela yakho”*:
3 “ilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala,
‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela,
yenzeleni izindledlana eziqondileyo.’†”
4 Kwasekufika uJohane Umbhaphathizi, etshumayela emangweni wasenkangala ub-
haphathizo lokuphenduka ukuze kuthethelelwe izono. 5 Umango wonke waseJudiya
kanye labantu bonke baseJerusalema baphuma baya kuye. Bevuma izono zabo,
babhaphathizwa nguye eMfuleni uJodani. 6 UJohane wayevunula izigqoko ezazen-
ziwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe, esidla intethe
loluju lwezinyosi zeganga. 7 Intshumayelo yakhe yayisithi: “Ngemva kwami kuzafika
omunye ozaba lamandla kulami, imichilo yamanyathela akhe akungilinganange
ukuthi ngikhothame ngiyithukulule. 8 Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa yena
uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.”

Ukubhaphathizwa Lokulingwa KukaJesu

9 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu weza evela eNazaretha eseGalile wabhaphathizwa nguJo-
hane kuJodani. 10 UJesu ephuma emanzini wabona izulu livuleka uMoya usehlela
phezu kwakhe unjengejuba. 11 Kwafika ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi: “Wena
uyiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngawe.”
12 Masinyane uMoya wamthumela enkangala, 13 wahlala khona enkangala insuku
ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane. Wayehlala lezinyamazana zeganga,
izingilosi zazomnakekela.

UJesu Uqala Ukutshumayela

14 UJohane esevalelwe entolongweni, uJesu waya eGalile ememezela izindaba
ezinhle zikaNkulunkulu. 15 Wathi, “Isikhathi sesifikile. Umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ususeduze. Phendukani likholwe izindaba ezinhle!”

Ukubizwa Kwabafundi Bokuqala

16 Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba okhunjini loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona uSimoni
lomfowabo u-Andreya bephosa umambule olwandle ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi.
17 Wathi kubo, “Wozani lingilandele, ngizalenza abagoli babantu.” 18 Bahle batshiya
omambule babo bamlandela.
19 Wathi esehambile elinye ibanga wabona uJakhobe indodana kaZebhediya
elomfowabo uJohane besesikepeni, belungisa omambule babo. 20 Wahle wababiza,
batshiya uyise uZebhediya esikepeni kanye lezisebenzi bamlandela.

UJesu Ukhupha Umoya Omubi

21 Baya eKhaphenawume, kwathi iSabatha selifikile, uJesu waya esinagogeni waqal-
isa ukufundisa. 22 Abantu bamangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe ngoba wayefundisa
njengomuntu olamandla, hatshi njengabafundisi bomthetho. 23 Khonokho nje indoda

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* **1:2** 1.2 UMalaki 3.1 † **1:3** 1.3 U-Isaya 40.3

eyayisesinagogeni labo eyayiphethwe ngumoya omubi yamemeza yathi, 24 “Ufunani
kithi, Jesu waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuza sibhubhisa na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi
ungubani, ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!”
25 UJesu wakhwaza wathi kuye “Thula! Phuma kuye!” 26 Umoya omubi
wayidlukuza ngamandla indoda waphuma kuyo uklabalala.
27 Abantu bamangala baze babuzana bathi, “Kuyini lokhu? Yikufundisa okutsha
njalo okulamandla! Ngoba ulaya imimoya emibi imlalele.” 28 Izindaba ngaye
zamemetheka ngokuphangisa kuwo wonke umango waseGalile.

UJesu Usilisa Abanengi

29 Bonela ukusuka esinagogeni bahamba loJakhobe loJohane baya emzini kaSimoni
lo-Andreya. 30 Uninazala kaSimoni wayelele phansi ephethwe ngumkhuhlane,
basebetshela uJesu ngaye. 31 Ngakho wasesiya kuye, wambamba isandla wasemvusa.
Umkhuhlane waphuma kuye, wahle waqalisa ukubaphakela.
32 Ngaleyontambama ilanga selitshonile abantu baletha kuJesu bonke abagulayo
labaphethwe ngamadimoni. 33 Idolobho lonke lagcwala emnyango, 34 uJesu wasilisa
abanengi ababelezifo ezehlukeneyo. Njalo wakhupha amadimoni amanengi, kodwa
kaze awavumela amadimoni ukuthi akhulume ngoba ayemazi ukuthi ungubani.

UJesu Ukhuleka Ekusithekeni

35 Ekuseni kakhulu, kusesempondozankomo, uJesu wavuka, waphuma endlini
waya endaweni esekusithekeni, lapho akhuleka khona. 36 USimoni labakhula bakhe
bahamba ukuyamdinga, 37 sebembonile, bathi, “Abantu bonke bayakudinga!”
38 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kasiyeni kwenye indawo, emizini eseduze ukuze
ngiyetshumayela lakhona. Yikho engakulandayo.” 39 Kanjalo walibhoda lonke
elaseGalile etshumayela emasinagogweni abo njalo ekhupha amadimoni.

UJesu Usilisa Indoda Elobulephero

40 Kweza kuye indoda eyayilobulephero yamncenga iguqe phansi ngamadolo yathi,
“Nxa uthanda ungangihlambulula.”
41 UJesu eyizwela isihawu welula isandla sakhe wayibamba indoda. Wathi,
“Ngiyathanda. Hlanzeka!” 42 Masinyane ubulephero baphela, wahlambuluka.
43 UJesu wahle wathi kahambe, wamqonqosela wathi, 44 “Zwana, ungatsheli muntu
ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikela umhlatshelo wokuh-
lanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube yibufakazi kubo.” 45 Kodwa
wasuka wahle wavula isifuba sakhe wayisakaza indaba. Ngenxa yalokho uJesu
wayengabe esangena obala edolobheni, kodwa wasehlala ngaphandle endaweni
eziyinkangala. Loba kunjalo abantu babelokhu bethululeka besiza kuye beqhamuka
inxa zonke.

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UJesu Usilisa Umuntu Oyisilima

1 Ngemva kwezinsukwana, uJesu esengenile njalo eKhaphenawume, abantu bezwa
ukuthi wayesebuyile ekhaya. 2 Bathi cwi ndawonye kwaze kwasweleka indawo
langasemnyango, watshumayela ilizwi kubo. 3 Kwafika amadoda amane ethwele
eyayome umhlubulo. 4 Kwathi ngoba bengafinyeleli kuJesu ngenxa yexuku, bavula
isikhala ephahleni malungana loJesu, emva kokuphendla ngaso, behlisela umendlalo
owawulele indoda eyome umhlubulo. 5 Kwathi uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi
endodeni eyome umhlubulo, “Ndodana, izono zakho sezithethelelwe.”

6 Khonapho kwakuhlezi abanye abafundisi bomthetho, benakana besithi,
7 “Umuntu lo ukhulumeleni kanjalo? Uyahlambaza! Ngubani ongathethelela izono
ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa?”
8 Masinyane uJesu wakwazi emoyeni wakhe ukuthi yilokho ababekucabanga
ezinhliziyweni zabo, wasesithi kubo, “Kungani linakana izinto ezinje ezinhliziyweni
zenu? 9 Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi kowome umhlubulo: ‘Izono zakho sezithethelelwe,’
loba ukuthi, ‘Phakama, thatha icansi lakho uhambe’? 10 Kodwa ukuze lazi
ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla emhlabeni ukuthethelela izono.” Wathi
kowome umhlubulo, 11 “Ngiyakutshela, phakama, thatha icansi lakho uye ekhaya.”
12 Waphakama wathatha icansi lakhe waphuma wahamba bonke bemkhangele.
Lokho kwamangalisa umuntu wonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu besithi, “Kasikaze
sikubone okunje!”

Ukubizwa KukaLevi

13 UJesu waphinde wayahambahamba eduzane lechibi. Ixuku elikhulu labantu
leza kuye, wasebafundisa. 14 Wathi elokhu ehambahamba wabona uLevi indodana
ka-Alifewu ihlezi endaweni yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela,” ULevi
wasukuma wamlandela.
15 Kwathi uJesu esidla okwakusihlwa endlini kaLevi kwakulabathelisi abanengi
“lezoni” zisidla laye kanye labafundi bakhe, ngoba babebanengi ababemlandela.
16 Kuthe abafundisi bomthetho ababe ngabaFarisi bembona esidla “lezoni” labathelisi
babuza abafundi bakhe bathi, “Wenzelani ukudla labathelisi kanye ‘lezoni’?”
17 Wathi ekuzwa lokho uJesu wathi kubo, “Abaphilayo kabamdingi umelaphi,
kodwa abagulayo bayamdinga. Kangilandanga ukuzobiza abalungileyo, kodwa
izoni.”

UJesu Ubuzwa Ngokuzila

18 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakaJohane labaFarisi babezila. Abanye abantu beza
babuza uJesu bathi, “Kungani abafundi bakaJohane labafundi babaFarisi bezila,
kodwa abakho kabazili?”
19 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni zingazila kanjani eseselazo na?
Zingeke, nxa elokhu eseselazo. 20 Kodwa sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa
kuzo, zizazila mhlalokho-ke.
21 Kakho othungela isichibi selembu elitsha esigqokweni esidala. Nxa ekwenza
lokho, isichibi esitsha sizadonsa esidala, ukudabuka kuqhele ngamandla. 22 Njalo
kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emidala. Angakwenza lokho
iwayini lizaziqhekeza izikhumba kuthi iwayini kanye lemigodla leyo yezikhumba
kuhle konakale. Hatshi, uthela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emitsha.”

INkosi YeSabatha

23 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayedabula emasimini amabele, kwathi abafundi bakhe
belokhu behamba bakha izikhwebu zamabele. 24 AbaFarisi bathi kuye, “Khangela,
bakwenzelani ukwephula umthetho ngokwenza lokhu ngeSabatha na?”
25 Waphendula wathi, “Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida labakhula bakhe
lapho basebelambile sebeswele? 26 Ngezinsuku zika-Abhiyatha umphristi omkhulu
wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu wadla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo, esivunyelwe
ukudliwa ngabaphristi kuphela. Futhi wasabela abakhula bakhe.”
27 Wasesithi kubo, “ISabatha lenzelwa abantu, hatshi ukuthi umuntu wenzelwa
iSabatha. 28 Yikho iNdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi njalo yeSabatha.”

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UJesu Usilisa NgeSabatha

1 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu wangena esinagogweni, kukhona lapho indoda elesandla
esitshwabheneyo. 2 Abanye babo babedinga izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho
bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa ngeSabatha. 3 UJesu wathi endodeni yesandla
esitshwabheneyo, "Sukuma ume phambi kwabo bonke."
4 UJesu wasebabuza wathi, "Kuyini okusemthethweni ngeSabatha; ukwenza okuhle
loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukubulala?" Kodwa bathula zwi.
5 Wabakhangela ngolaka, ehlutshwa yibuqholo bezinhliziyo zabo, wasesithi ku-
leyondoda, "Yelula isandla sakho." Yaselula, isandla sesilunge saphelela. 6 AbaFarisi
basebephuma bayacebisana lamaHerodiya ukuthi bangambulala njani uJesu.

Amaxuku Alandela UJesu

7 UJesu wasuka labafundi bakhe baya ngasechibini, ixuku elikhulu labalandela
lisuka eGalile. 8 Bathi ngokuzwa konke ayekwenza abantu abanengi beza kuye
besuka eJudiya, eJerusalema, e-Idumiya lemimangweni engaphetsheya kweJodani
lezindaweni zeThire leSidoni. 9 Ngenxa yobunengi babantu watshela abafundi bakhe
ukuba bamlungisele isikepe esincane ukuze angaminyezelwa ngabantu. 10 Phela
wayesesilise abanengi, yikho labo ababelezifo babeminyezela befuna ukumthinta.
11 Kwakusithi imimoya emibi ingambona iguqe phambi kwakhe imemeze ithi,
"UyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu." 12 Kodwa wayiqonqosela ukuthi ingaze yakhuluma
ukuthi ungubani.

Ukukhethwa Kwabapostoli Abalitshumi Lambili

13 UJesu wakhwela waya ewatheni lwentaba wabiza labo ayebafuna, beza kuye.
14 Wakhetha abalitshumi lambili ukuthi babelaye ukuze abathume ukuyatshumayela
15 lokuthi babelamandla okuxotsha amadimoni.

16 Yilaba abalitshumi lambili abakhethayo:

uSimoni (ametha ibizo wathi nguPhethro),
17 uJakhobe indodana kaZebhediya lomfowabo uJohane (laba wabetha ibizo wathi
bango Bhowanegesi, okutsho ukuthi Amadodana Omdumo),
18 u-Andreya,
uFiliphu,
uBhatholomewu,
uMatewu,
uThomasi,
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu,
uThediyasi,
uSimoni umZilothi
19 loJudasi Iskariyothi onguye owamnikelayo.

UJesu LoBhelizebhubhi

20 UJesu wangena kwenye indlu kwaphinda njalo kwabuthana kuye ixuku, yena
labafundi bakhe baze behluleka ukudla. 21 Kwathi abendlu yangakwabo bekuzwa
lokho bamlanda ukuyambuyisa ngoba bathi, "usephambene."
22 Kwathi abafundi bomthetho abehla bevela eJerusalema bathi, "Ungenwe
nguBhelizebhubhi! Ukhupha amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni."
23 Ngakho uJesu wasebabiza wakhuluma labo ngemizekeliso wathi, "Kambe
uSathane angamkhupha kanjani uSathane? 24 Nxa umbuso udabuke phakathi,
uvukelana, lowombuso ngeke ume. 25 Nxa indlu ingabambananga, ivukelana,
leyondlu ngeke ime. 26 Njalo nxa uSathane eziphikisa, edabuke phakathi, ngeke
ame; useyatshabalala. 27 Ngempela, akakho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, abuthe

impahla zaso ngaphandle kokuthi aqale asibophe lesosiqhwaga, andubana aphange
indlu yaso. 28 Ngeqiniso ngithi kini, abantu bazakuthethelelwa zonke izono lokuh-
lambaza kwabo, 29 kodwa loba ngubani othuka uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa;
ulecala lesono saphakade."
30 Wakutsho lokhu ngoba babesithi, "Ulomoya omubi."

Unina KaJesu Labafowabo

31 Kwasekufika unina kaJesu labafowabo. Bema phandle bathuma omunye umuntu
ukuyambiza. 32 Abantu abanengi babehlezi bemhanqile, basebemtshela bathi,
"Unyoko labafowenu baphandle bayakudinga."
33 Wabuza wathi, "Ngobani abangumama labafowethu na?"
34 Wasekhangela labo ababehlezi laye bemhanqile wathi, "Nampa abangumama
labangabafowethu! 35 Loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu ungumfowethu,
ungudadewethu njalo ngumama."

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Umzekeliso Womhlanyeli

1 UJesu waphinda njalo wafundisa okhunjini lwesiziba. Ixuku labantu elaqoqana
labuthana kuye laba likhulu kakhulu waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso
siphakathi kwamanzi, kodwa abantu bonke bona bethe gwaqa okhunjini ekucineni
kwamanzi. 2 Wabafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemizekeliso, ekufundiseni kwakhe
wathi: 3 "Lalelani! Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe. 4 Kwathi
eyihaza inhlanyelo, enye yawela endleleni, kwafika izinyoni zayidobha. 5 Eyinye
yawela okhetheni lapho okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yamila masinyane
ngoba umhlabathi wawungatshoni. 6 Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile, yahanguka
yabuna ngoba yayingelampande. 7 Enye inhlanyelo yawela emeveni asuka akhula
aminya leyonhlanyelo yaze yehluleka ukuthela izikhwebu. 8 Eyinye inhlanyelo
yawela emhlabathini omuhle. Yamila, yakhula, yathela amabele yanda ngamatshumi
amathathu, ayisithupha ngitsho langekhulu."
9 UJesu wasesithi, "Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe."
10 Kwathi eseyedwa, abalitshumi lambili labanye ababeseduze laye bambuza
mayelana lemizekeliso leyo. 11 Wabatshela wathi, "Imfihlakalo yombuso kaNku-
lunkulu seliyambulelwe. Kodwa kulabo abangaphandle konke kukhulunywa ngem-
izekeliso 12 ukuze,
'bazahlala bebona kokuphela
kodwa bengabonisisi, njalo bahlale besizwa
kodwa bengaqedisisi funa baphenduke bathethelelwe!'*"
13 UJesu wasesithi kubo, "Kaliwuzwisisi na umzekeliso lo? Pho lizawuzwa
kanjani loba yiwuphi umzekeliso? 14 Umlimi uhlanyela ilizwi. 15 Abanye abantu
bafana lenhlanyelo esendleleni okuhlanyelwe khona ilizwi. Bonela ukuthi balizwe
uSathane uyafika alithathe ilizwi elihlanyelwe kubo. 16 Abanye, njengenhlanyelo
eyahlanyelwa okhetheni bayalizwa ilizwi bahle balamukele ngentokozo. 17 Kodwa
ngenxa yokuthi kabalampande bema okwesikhatshana kuphela. Kungafika uhlupho
loba ukuhlukuluzwa komhlaba baphanga bawe. 18 Kunjalo abanye, njengenhlanyelo
ehlanyelwe emeveni, bayalizwa ilizwi; 19 kodwa ukuphisekela izinto zalumhlaba,
inkohliso yenotho kanye lezinkanuko zezinye izinto konke kuyeza kuliminyanise
ilizwi, kulenze lingatheli. 20 Abanye, njengenhlanyelo ehlanyelwe emhlabathini
omuhle, bayalizwa ilizwi, balamukele, bathele izithelo, bedlule okwakuhlanyelwe
ngamatshumi amathathu, ayisithupha loba ngekhulu."

* **4:12** 4.12 U-Isaya 6.9-10

Isibane Oluthini

21 Wathi kubo, “Uyalumathisa isibane usifake ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe
ngaphansi kombheda na? Kawusibeki oluthini lwaso yini? 22 Ngoba loba yini
efihliweyo kumele yambulwe, lalokho okuthukuziweyo kumele kuvezwe obala.
23 Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe.”
24 Waqhubeka wathi, “Kuqapheliseni lokho elikuzwayo. Ngaleso isilinganiso
elisisebenzisayo lizalinganiselwa ngaso kumbe kuze kwedlulise. 25 Lowo olakho
uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa.”

Umzekeliso Wenhlamvu Ekhulayo

26 Waphinda wathi, “Umbuso wezulu ufana lalokhu. Indoda ihaza inhlanyelo
emhlabathini. 27 Ebusuku lemini ingabe ilele loba ikhangele inhlanyelo iyamila
ikhule loba yona ingakwazi ukuthi kwenzeka njani. 28 Umhlabathi uyiwo wodwa
uthela amabele, kuqala ikhaba kuze isikhwebu besekusiza inhlamvu ezikhwetshini.
29 Kuthi amabele angavuthwa iwavune ngesikela ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile.”

Umzekeliso Wentanga Yemastadi

30 Waphinde wathi, “Sizakuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani, kumbe siza-
sebenzisa umzekeliso bani ukuwuchaza? 31 Unjengentanga yemastadi encinyane
kulazo zonke intanga ezihlanyelwa emhlabathini. 32 Kodwa nxa ihlanyeliwe iyakhula
ibe yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke esivandeni, sibe lengatsha ezinkulu ezihlalwa
emthunzini waso yizinyoni zezulu.”
33 UJesu walikhuluma ilizwi kubo ngemizekeliso eminengi enjalo ukuze bazwisise.
34 Kazange atsho ulutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso. Kodwa nxa wayeyedwa
labafundi bakhe wachaza konke.

UJesu Uthulisa Isiphepho

35 Ngalelolanga sekuntambama wathi kubafundi bakhe, “Kasihambeni sichaphele
ngaphetsheya.” 36 Batshiya ixuku, bahamba laye esikepeni enjalo. Zazikhona njalo
ezinye izikepe zihamba laye. 37 Kwaqubuka isiphepho esesabekayo, amagagasi
atshaya esikepeni kwaze kwangathi sesitshona. 38 UJesu wayengemuva ezilalele
emendlalweni obuthakathaka. Abafundi bamvusa bathi, “Awu, mfundisi kawunanzi
yini nxa sigalula?”
39 Waphakama wawukhuza umoya wathi emagagasini, “Thulani lithi cwaka!”
Ngakho umoya wadeda, kwasekuthula cwaka.
40 Wathi kubafundi bakhe, “Kungani lisesaba kangaka? Lilokhu lingakholwa na?”
41 Babethuthumela babuzana bathi, “Ungubani lo na? Kambe aze alalelwe
ngumoya lamagagasi!”

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Ukusiliswa Kwendoda Eyayilamadimoni

1 Bawela ichibi bafika emangweni wamaGerazini. 2 Kwathi uJesu ephuma
esikepeni, kwaqhamuka indoda elomoya omubi ivela emathuneni yamhlangabeza.
3 Indoda le yayihlala emathuneni, kungaselamuntu ongayibopha loba langeketane.
4 Ngoba yayihlezi ibotshiwe izandla lenyawo, kodwa iqamule amaketane lezinsimbi
ezinyaweni zayo. Kwakungekho muntu owayelamandla okuyinqoba. 5 Ubusuku
lemini yayihlaba umkhosi isemathuneni lasezintabeni, izisike ngamatshe.
6 Yathi ibona uJesu esesebucwala, yagijima yafika yazilahla phansi ngamadolo
phambi kwakhe. 7 Yaklabalala ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, “Ufunani ngami, Jesu,
Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngegama likaNkulunkulu ungangihlukuluzi!”
8 Ngoba uJesu wayesethe kuyo, “Phuma kuyo indoda le, wena moya omubi!”
9 UJesu waseyibuza wathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho?”

Yaphendula yathi, “Ibizo lami nguLigiyoni, ngoba sibanengi.” 10 Yamncenga uJesu
futhifuthi ukuthi angabaxotshi kulowomango.
11 Umhlambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla ewatheni lwentaba eduzane.
12 Amadimoni amncenga uJesu athi, “Sithumele ezingulubeni; sivumele singene
kuzo.” 13 Wawavumela, omoya ababi baphuma bayangena ezingulubeni. Umhlambi
wazo, owawungaba zinkulungwane ezimbili, wagijima usehlela eliweni lodonga
wangena echibini wagalula.
14 Labo ababezelusile babaleka bayabika lokho edolobheni kanye lasemaphandleni,
yikho abantu baqubuka bayabona lokho okwakwenzakele. 15 Bathi befika kuJesu
bayibona indoda eyayikade ilamadimoni ngobunengi bawo, ihlezi khonapho, igqokile
njalo ingqondo isibuyile, besaba kakhulu. 16 Labo ababekubonile kusenzakala bat-
shela abantu okwenzakalayo endodeni eyayilamadimoni, balandisa njalo langezin-
gulube. 17 Abantu basebemncenga uJesu ukuthi asuke emangweni wakibo.
18 Kwathi uJesu esengena esikepeni indoda leyo eyayikade ilamadimoni yamncenga
ukuthi ahambe layo. 19 UJesu kayivumelanga, kodwa wathi kuyo, “Hamba ekhaya
kwabakini ubatshele ukuba iNkosi ikwenzele okunganani, lokuthi ibe lesihawu
kuwe.” 20 Ngakho indoda yasihamba yabatshela eDekhapholisi konke uJesu
ayeyenzele khona. Bonke abantu bamangala.

Intombazana Efileyo Lomfazi Ogulayo

21 Kwathi lapho uJesu esewele njalo ngesikepe waya ngakuleliyana iphet-
sheya lechibi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu ekhonapho eceleni kwechibi.
22 Kwasekufika omunye wabaphathi besinagogu okwakuthiwa nguJayirosi, wathi
ebona uJesu wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. 23 Wamncenga kakhulu wathi, “Indodakazi
yami encinyane iyafa. Ngicela ubuye uzobeka izandla zakho phezu kwayo ukuze isile
njalo iphile.” 24 UJesu wahamba laye.
Ixuku elikhulu lamlandela laminyezela. 25 Kwakulowesifazane
khonapho owayephethwe yikopha sekumhluphe iminyaka elitshumi lambili.
26 Wayesehlupheke kakhulu loba wayeselatshwa ngabelaphi, njalo esechithe konke
ayelakho, kodwa ekubeni abe ngcono kwakusiya phambili. 27 Wathi esezwile
ngoJesu, weza ngemva kwakhe phakathi kwexuku labantu wabamba isembatho
sakhe, 28 ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Nxa ngingathinta izigqoko zakhe kodwa nje,
ngizasila.” 29 Masinyane nje ukopha kwakhe kwaphela njalo wezwa emzimbeni
wakhe ukuthi wayesekhululekile ekuhluphekeni kwakhe.
30 Khonokho uJesu wananzelela ukuthi amandla ayephumile kuye. Waphendukela
exukwini labantu wabuza wathi, “Ngubani othinte izigqoko zami?”
31 Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, “Lawe uyababona abantu beminyezelana
kuwe, kodwa uyabuza uthi, ‘Ngubani ongithintileyo?’ ”
32 Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethalaza ukuze abone ukuthi ngubani okwenzileyo
lokho. 33 Ngakho owesifazane owayekwazi okwasekwenzakele kuye weza wazilahla
ezinyaweni zakhe eqhaqhazela ngokwesaba wahle wafakaza iqiniso. 34 Wathi kowe-
sifazane, “Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula ukhululeke
ekuhluphekeni kwakho.”
35 UJesu elokhu esakhuluma kweza amanye amadoda ephuma endlini kaJayirasi,
umphathi wesinagogu. Athi, “Indodakazi yakho isifile. Kambe usamhluphelani
umfundisi na?”
36 Akaze akunaka lokho ababekutsho uJesu, wasetshela induna yesinagogu wathi,
“Ungesabi, kholwa nje kuphela.”
37 Kavumelanga muntu ukuba amlandele ngaphandle kukaPhethro, loJakhobe
loJohane umfowabo kaJakhobe. 38 Bathi befika emzini wenduna yesinagogu uJesu

wabona isiphithiphithi abantu bekhala benqongoloza. 39 Wangena wathi kubo,
“Ngesani isiphithiphithi sonke lesi lomkhosi wonke lo? Umntwana kafanga, kodwa
ulele.” 40 Kodwa bamhleka usulu.
Esebakhuphele phandle bonke wathatha uyise womntwana lonina kanye labafundi
ayelabo wangena lapho umntwana ayekhona. 41 Wambamba ngesandla wathi
kuye, *“Thalitha khumi!”* (okutsho ukuthi, “Ntombazana, ngithi kuwe, sukuma!”)
42 Masinyane intombazana yasukuma yahambahamba (wayemdala okweminyaka
elitshumi lambili). Lokhu kwabamangalisa baphela amandla. 43 Wabaqonqosela
wathi bangazisi muntu ngalokho, wasesithi kabamuphe ukudla untombazana.

6

Umphrofethi Ongeladumo

1 UJesu wasuka lapho waya edolobheni lakibo, ehamba labafundi bakhe. 2 Kwathi
ngeSabatha wafundisa esinagogweni, abanengi abamuzwayo bamangala.
Babuzana bathi, “Indoda le yazithatha ngaphi izinto zonke lezi? Yinhlakanipho
enganani le ayiphiwayo aze akwazi lokwenza imimangaliso! 3 Kanti angithi nguye
yini umbazi lo? Kayisindodana kaMariya yini le, umnewabo kaJakhobe, loJosefa,
loJuda loSimoni? Odadewabo angithi bakhona khonapha?” Lokho kwenza bamsola.
4 UJesu wathi kubo, “Umphrofethi kalalo udumo kuphela edolobheni lakibo,
phakathi kwezihlobo zakhe lendlini yakwabo.” 5 Wayengeke enze izimangaliso
khona, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla ebantwini abalutshwana abagulayo ukuba
abasilise. 6 Njalo wamangaliswa yikusilela kwabo ekukholweni.

UJesu Uthumela Abalitshumi Lambili

UJesu wasenquma efundisa imizi ngemizi. 7 Wabiza abalitshumi lambili beza kuye,
wabathumela ngababili wabapha amandla phezu kwemimoya emibi.
8 Imilayo yakhe yayiyile: “Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo ngaphandle kwentonga,
lingathwali isinkwa, isikhwama loba yimali emabhantini enu. 9 Ligqoke amanyathela
kodwa lingathwali esinye isigqoko. 10 Lapho lingena endlini ethile, hlalani khona
lize lisuke kulelodolobho. 11 Nxa indawo ethile ingalamukeli loba ingalilaleli, dlulani
kuleyondawo lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi bokubalahla.”
12 Basuka bahamba betshumayela ukuthi abantu kabaphenduke. 13 Bakhupha
amadimoni amanengi njalo bagcoba abantu abanengi abagulayo ngamafutha babasil-
isa.

UJohane Umbhaphathizi Uqunywa Ikhanda

14 Inkosi uHerodi yezwa ngalokhu, ngoba ibizo likaJesu laselisaziwa kakhulu.
Abanye babesithi, “UJohane uMbhaphathizi uvukile kwabafileyo, yikho amandla
amangalisayo esebenza kuye.”
15 Abanye bathi, “Ungu-Elija.”
Kwabuye njalo abanye bathi, “Ungumphrofethi, njengomunye wabaphrofethi
basendulo.”
16 Kodwa kwathi uHerodi ekuzwa lokhu wathi, “UJohane, indoda engayiquma
ikhanda usevukile kwabafileyo!”
17 Ngoba uHerodi yena ngokwakhe wayekhuphe ilizwi lokuthi uJohane abanjwe,
wathi kabotshwe aphoselwe entolongweni. Wakwenza lokho ngenxa kaHerodiyasi,
umfazi womfowabo uFiliphu ayesemthethe. 18 Ngoba uJohane wayelokhu es-
ithi kuHerodi, “Kawuvunyelwa ukuthi uthathele umfowenu umfazi.” 19 Ngakho
uHerodiyasi wahlala elesikhwili loJohane efuna ukumbulala. Kodwa waswela indlela
yokumbulala, 20 ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane emvikela, ngokumazi ukuthi

wayeyindoda elungileyo njalo engcwele. Nxa wayemuzwa uJohane, wayedideka kakhulu, kodwa ethanda ukumlalela.

21 Ekucineni lafika elingaliyo. Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kwakhe uHerodi
wenza idili lezikhulu zakhe labalawuli bempi kanye labakhokheli abaziwayo eGalile.
22 Kuthe indodakazi kaHerodiyasi isifikile yagida kamnandi yathokozisa uHerodi
lezethekeli zakhe edilini.

Inkosi yasisithi entombazaneni, “Ngicela loba yini, ngizakupha.” 23 Wamthembisa
wafunga wathi, “Loba yini oyicelayo ngizakupha kungaze kube yingxenye yombuso
wami.”

24 Yaphuma intombazana yayakuthi kunina, “Kambe ngiceleni?”

Waphendula wathi, “Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi.”

25 Masinyane intombazana yatheleka enkosini isilesicelo leso, yathi: “Ngifuna
ukuthi ungiphe khathesi nje ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini.”

26 Inkosi yakhathazeka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo zayo langenxa
yezethekeli zayo kayithandanga ukusala isicelo. 27 Ngakho yahle yathumela umbulali
ukuba alethe ikhanda likaJohane. Yahamba indoda yamquma ikhanda uJohane
entolongweni, 28 yaliletha ikhanda lisemganwini. Yalethula entombazaneni, yona
yalipha unina. 29 Bathi bekuzwa lokho abafundi bakaJohane beza bathatha isidumbu
bayasingcwaba ethuneni.

UJesu Upha Izinkulungwane Ezinhlanu Ukudla

30 Abapostoli babuthana kuJesu bambikela konke ababekwenzile labakufundisayo.
31 Kwathi ngoba kwakufika abantu abanengi kakhulu abanye besuka baze baswele
ithuba lokudla, wathi kubo, “Ngilandelani lodwa siye endaweni ethuleyo ukuze
siphumule.”

32 Yikho bahamba bebodwa ngesikepe baya endaweni esithekileyo. 33 Kodwa
abanengi abababonayo besuka babananzelela babaxhuma begijima ngezinyawo
bevela kuwo wonke amadolobho babaqalela ukuyafika. 34 UJesu uthe esehla
esikepeni wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu wabazwela usizi ngoba babenjengezimvu
ezingelamelusi. Ngakho wasebafundisa izinto ezinengi.

35 Ngalesi isikhathi kwasekusemini kakhulu, ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye
bathi, “Le yindawo esesikhaleni, njalo sekusemini kakhulu. 36 Tshela abantu
bahambe ukuze baziyele emadolobheni lasemizini bayezithengela abangakudla.”

37 Kodwa waphendula wathi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.”

Bathi kuye, “Lokho kungathatha umholo wendoda owenyanga eziyisificaminwembili! Uthi sihambe siyochitha imali engako sithenge isinkwa sibaphe badle?”

38 Wabuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki na? Ake liyokhangela.”

Sebezibonile bathi, “Zinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.”

39 UJesu wasebalaya ukuthi bahlalise bonke abantu phansi etshanini ngamaxuku.
40 Yikho bahlala phansi ngamaxuku alikhulu. Abanye ngamatshumi amahlanu.
41 Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini, wabonga,
wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba bazabele abantu.
Waphinda wabehlukanisela inhlanzi zombili. 42 Bonke badla basutha, 43 abafundi
basebebutha imvuthu zezinkwa lenhlanzi bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili.
44 Abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

UJesu Uhamba Phezu Kwamanzi

45 Masinyane uJesu wenza ukuthi abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni bahambe
bamandulele eBhethisayida, yena esavalelisana labantu. 46 Esehlukene labo, waya
ewatheni lwentaba ukuyakhuleka.

47 Kwathi sekuhlwile isikepe sasiphakathi laphakathi kwechibi, yena eyedwa
emhlabathini. 48 Wabona abafundi begwedla ngamandla emagagasini ngoba umoya
wawuphambana labo. Kwathi ngomlindo wesine ebusuku waya kubo ehamba phezu
kwechibi. Wayengathi usesedlula kubo 49 kodwa bathi bembona ehamba phezu
kwesiziba bacabanga ukuthi lithonga. Bahlaba umkhosi 50 ngoba bonke bambona
besaba.
Masinyane wabakhulumisa wathi, "Manini isibindi! Yimi. Lingesabi."
51 Wasengena kubo esikepeni umoya wahle wathula. Bamangala kakhulu, 52 ngoba
babengazwisisanga ngezinkwa; inhliziyo zabo zazilukhuni.
53 Bathi sebechaphile, bafikela eGenesaretha bamisa khonapho. 54 Bonela
ukuphuma esikepeni abantu bahle bamnanzelela uJesu. 55 Bagijima indawana
yonke kulowomango bethwala abagulayo ngamacansi bebasa kuzozonke indawo
ababemzwela khona. 56 Loba wayengaze aye ngaphi, emizini, emadolobheni
loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo ezindaweni zokuthengisela. Bamncenga
ukuthi abavumele bathinte nje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo
abamthintayo basila.

7

Ukuhlanzeka Lokungahlanzeki

1 AbaFarisi labanye abafundisi bomthetho ababesuka eJerusalema babuthana
kuJesu 2 babona abanye abafundi bakhe besidla ukudla ngezandla ezazin-
gahlanzekanga, okutsho ukuthi zazingagezwanga. 3 (AbaFarisi labaJuda bonke
kabadli bengagezanga izandla zabo ngokomthetho, belandela isiko labadala. 4 Nxa
bevela emsikeni kabadli bengaqalanga bageza. Balandela amasiko amanengi,
njengokugezisa amankomitsho, indiwo lamagedlela.)
5 Ngakho abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bambuza uJesu bathi, "Kungani abafundi
bakho bengalandeli amasiko abadala kulokudla ukudla kwabo ngezandla 'ezin-
gahlanzekanga na'?"
6 Waphendula wathi, "U-Isaya wayeqinisile aze aphrofithe ngani lina bazenzisi;
njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
'Lababantu bangidumisa ngezindebe zabo,
kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikhatshana lami.
7 Bangikhonza ngeze;
imfundiso yabo yimithetho kuphela evela ebantwini.'*
8 Seliyekele imilayo kaNkulunkulu labambelela emasikweni abantu."
9 Wasesithi kubo, "Lilendledlana yenu yokufuqela eceleni imilayo kaNkulunkulu
ukuze lilandele amasiko enu! 10 Phela uMosi wathi, 'Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko'†njalo,
'Lowo othuka uyise loba unina kumele abulawe.'‡ 11 Kodwa lina lithi nxa
umuntu esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise kumbe unina liKhobhani (okutsho
ukuthi yisipho esabelwe uNkulunkulu), 12 beselisithi angamenzeli lutho uyise loba
unina. 13 Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngamasiko enu eliwedlulisela
kuzizukulwane zenu. Futhi lenza izinto ezinengi ezinjalo."
14 UJesu waphinda wabiza ixuku labantu wathi, "Lalelani kimi lonke, lizwisise
lokhu. 15 Kakulalutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamenza 'angahlanzeki' ngokun-
gena kuye. Kodwa yilokho okuphuma phakathi komuntu okuyikho okumenza
'angahlanzeki.' [16 Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe.]"§

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* **7:7** 7.7 U-Isaya 29.13 † **7:10** 7.10 U-Eksodasi 20.12; UDutheronomi 5.16 ‡ **7:10** 7.10 U-Eksodasi 21.17; ULevi 20.9 § **7:16** 7.16 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

17 Esesukile exukwini labantu wangena endlini abafundi bakhe bambuza
ngomzekeliso lo. 18 Wabuza wathi, “Kaliqedisisi ngani na? Kalikuboni yini ukuthi
kakulalutho olungena emuntwini lusuka ngaphandle olungamenza ‘angahlanzeki’?
19 Ngoba kalungeni enhliziyweni yakhe kodwa luya esiswini sakhe luphinde luphume
emzimbeni wakhe.” (Ngokutsho lokhu uJesu waphawula ukuthi konke ukudla
kuhlanzekile.)
20 Waqhubeka wathi: “Okuphuma phakathi komuntu yikho okumngcolisayo.
21 Ngoba okusuka ngaphakathi, okusuka enhliziyweni, kuphuma imicabango emibi,
ukuhlobonga, ubusela, ukubulala, ukufeba, 22 ubuhwaba, umona, ubuqili, ukux-
hwala, umhawu, ukugcona, ubuqholo lobuthutha. 23 Zonke lezi izono ziphuma
ngaphakathi zenze umuntu angcole.”

Ukholo lomfazi WomSirofenikhe

24 UJesu wasuka kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseThire. Wangena endlini
kodwa kafunanga ukuthi kwaziwe; kodwa wayengeke azifihle ukuthi ukhona.
25 Owesifazane owayelendodakazi yakhe encinyane eyayilomoya omubi wonela
ukuzwa ngaye weza wayazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. 26 Umfazi lo wayengumGrikhi,
owazalelwa eFenikhe yaseSiriya. Wancenga uJesu ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endo-
dakazini yakhe.
27 Wamtshela wathi kuye, “Qala wekele abantwana badle basuthe, ngoba kakulun-
ganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana usiphosele izinja.”
28 Wathi owesifazane, “Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa izinja lazo ezingaphansi kwetafula
ziyadla imvuthuluka.”
29 UJesu wamtshela wathi, “Ngenxa yempendulo enhle kangaka usungahamba;
idimoni seliphumile endodakazini yakho.”
30 Owesifazane wabuyela ekhaya wafumana umntanakhe elele embhedeni, idimoni
selihambile.

Ukusiliswa Kwendoda Eyisacuthe, Eyisimungulu

31 UJesu wasesuka endaweni yeThire wadabula eSidoni waze wayafika oLwandle
lwaseGalile wehla waya emangweni waseDekhapholisi. 32 Khonale abantu bam-
lethela indoda eyayiyisacuthe isehluleka lokukhuluma, bamcela ukuthi abeke isandla
sakhe phezu kwayo.
33 UJesu wayisusela eceleni kwexuku labantu wasefaka iminwe yakhe ezindlebeni
zaleyondoda. Wasekhafula wathinta ulimi lwayo indoda. 34 Wakhangela ezulwini
wakhokha umoya wathi kuyo, *“Efifatha!”* (okutsho ukuthi, “Vuleka!”). 35 Ngalokhu
indlebe zendoda zavuleka, ulimi lwayo lwatshwaphuluka yahle yaqalisa ukukhuluma
kuhle.
36 UJesu wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu. Kodwa wathi ngokwenza njalo
baqhubeka ngamandla befakaza ngakho. 37 Abantu bamangala baphela amandla.
Bathi, “Konke asekwenzile kuhle. Uyenza futhi lezacuthe zizwe, lezimungulu
zikhulume.”

8

UJesu Usuthisa Abazinkulungwane Ezine

1 Ngalezonsuku kwaphinde kwabuthana elinye ixuku labantu. Kwathi ngoba
bengelalutho lokudla uJesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi kubo, 2 “Ngilosizi ngalaba
abantu; sebebe lami okwensuku ezintathu, kodwa bengadli lutho. 3 Ngingababuyisela
emakhaya belambile bazayatha endleleni ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana.”
4 Abafundi bakhe baphendula bathi, “Kodwa kungaphi endaweni emi yodwa kanje
umuntu angathola khona izinkwa ezanele ukubapha?”

5 UJesu wababuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki na?”
Bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa.”
6 Wasetshela ixuku labantu ukuthi lihlale phansi. Wathi esezithethe izinkwa
eziyisikhombisa njalo esebongile, wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba
baqhubele abantu. Lakanye benza khonokho. 7 Njalo babelenhlanzi ezincane ezim-
balwa, wazikhulekela lazo wathi abafundi bazabele abantu. 8 Abantu badla basutha.
Ngemva kwalokho abafundi badobha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha eziyisikhombisa.
9 Ababekhona kwakungamadoda azinkulungwane ezine. Esebabuyisele emakhaya,
10 wangena esikepeni labafundi bakhe baya emangweni waseDalimanutha.
11 AbaFarisi beza baqalisa ukumbuza uJesu. Bamlinga ngokuthi kabatshengise
isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. 12 Wakhokha umoya ngamandla wathi, “Kungani
isizukulwane lesi sicela isibonakaliso? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, kakulasibonakaliso
esizakuphiwa lesisizukulwane.” 13 Wasesuka kubo wabuyela esikepeni wachaphela
ngakwelinye iphetsheya.

Imvubelo YabaFarisi LoHerodi

14 Abafundi bakhohlwa ukuza lesinkwa ngaphandle kwesisodwa ababelaso
esikepeni. 15 UJesu wabaxwayisa wathi, “Limukani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi
lekaHerodi.”
16 Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, “Utsho ngoba singelasinkwa.”
17 UJesu wakunanzelela ababekukhuluma, wasebabuza wathi, “Kungani likhuluma
ngokungabi lasinkwa na? Lilokhu lingaboni njalo lingazwisisi na? Inhliziyo zenu
sezintunyile na? 18 Kungani lithi lilamehlo lehluleke ukubona, lilezindlebe lehluleke
ukuzwa? Kalikhumbuli yini? 19 Ngize ngihlephunele abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu
izinkwa ezinhlanu labutha izitsha ezingaki zemvuthu?”
Bathi, “Ezilitshumi lambili.”
20 “Ngize ngihlephunele abazinkulungwane ezine izinkwa eziyisikhombisa labutha
imvuthu kwaba yizitsha ezingaki na?”
Baphendula bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa.”
21 Wasesithi kubo, “Lilokhu lingezwisisi yini?”

Ukusiliswa Kwesiphofu EBhethisayida

22 Bafika eBhethisayida, abanye abantu baletha indoda eyayiyisiphofu bancenga
uJesu ukuba ayibeke izandla. 23 Wasithatha isiphofu leso wasibamba ngesandla
wasiholela ngaphandle komuzi. Esekhafulele emehlweni aso wasibeka izandla uJesu
wabuza wathi, “Kukhona okubonayo na?”
24 Sathalaza sathi, “Ngibona abantu; bakhangeleka njengezihlahla ezihambaham-
bayo.”
25 UJesu waphinde wabeka izandla zakhe emehlweni ayo indoda leyo. Amehlo ayo
avuleka, yabona kuhle, isibona zonke izinto kakuhle. 26 UJesu wayibuyisela ekhaya
layo wathi, “Ungayi edolobheni ukuyakhuluma ngale indaba.”

Ubufakazi BukaPhethro NgoKhristu

27 UJesu labafundi bakhe baya emizini eduze leKhesariya Filiphi. Besendleleni
wababuza wathi, “Kambe abantu bathi ngingubani?”
28 Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi unguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi
ungu-Elija; njalo abanye bathi ungomunye wabaphrofethi.”
29 Wasebabuza wathi, “Kodwa lina-ke? Lithi ngingubani?”
UPhethro waphendula wathi, “UnguKhristu.”
30 UJesu wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye.

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokufa Kwakhe

31 Waqalisa ukubafundisa ngokuthi iNdodana yoMuntu imele ihlupheke
kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho,
njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe kuthi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu ivuke njalo.
32 Wakukhuluma kamhlophe lokho, uPhethro wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa
ukumkhuza.
33 Kodwa waphenduka wakhangela abafundi bakhe, wasemkhuza uPhethro wathi,
"Suka emuva kwami, Sathane! Kawunakani ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa
ngezinto zabantu."

Indlela Yesiphambano

34 Wasebiza ixuku labantu kanye labafundi bakhe wathi, "Nxa umuntu efuna
ukungilandela, kumele azidele athathe isiphambano sakhe angilandele. 35 Ngoba
yilowo ofuna ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, kodwa olahlekelwa yimpilo
yakhe ngenxa yami kanye levangeli uzayilondoloza. 36 Kumsizani umuntu ukuzuza
wonke umhlaba, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? 37 Loba, kuyini
umuntu angakunika kube yinhlawulo yomphefumulo wakhe na? 38 Nxa umuntu
eyangeka ngami kanye lamazwi ami kulesi isizukulwane esifebayo lesonayo, iN-
dodana yoMuntu izakuyangeka ngaye nxa isifika enkazimulweni kaYise lezingilosi
ezingcwele."

9

1 Wasesithi kubo, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi abanye abemiyo lapha kabayikukuzwa
ukufa bengakawuboni umbuso kaNkulunkulu ufika ngamandla."

Ukuguquka Isimo

2 Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane
wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa khona. Bekhona lapho
waguquka isimo emehlweni abo. 3 Izigqoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya,
zaba mhlophe okungazake kwenziwe muntu emhlabeni. 4 Khonapho kwabonakala
u-Elija loMosi bekhuluma loJesu.
5 UPhethro wathi kuJesu, "Rabi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo
ezintathu esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija." 6 (Wayengazi ukuthi athini,
babesesaba kakhulu.)
7 Kwabuya iyezi labagubuzela, ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi, "Lo yiNdodana
yami, engiyithandayo. Ilaleleni!"
8 Khonokho nje bathi bayakhangela kababe besabona muntu eduze kwabo
ngaphandle kukaJesu.
9 Bathi sebesehla entabeni uJesu wabanika imilayo yokuthi bangatsheli muntu
ngabakubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize iqale ivuke kwabafileyo. 10 Indaba le
bayigcina ezifubeni zabo, bebuzana ukuthi, "ukuvuka kwabafileyo" kwakusitshoni.
11 Bambuza bathi, "Kungani abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija kumele afike
kuqala?"
12 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngeqiniso u-Elija uza kuqala abuyisele izinto
zonke esimeni sazo. Kungani pho kulotshiwe ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu imele
ihlupheke kakhulu yaliwe? 13 Kodwa ngiyalitshela, u-Elija usefikile, sebemenze konke
ababekufisa kuye njengoba kulotshiwe ngaye."

Ukusiliswa Komfana Olomoya Omubi

14 Bathi befika kwabanye abafundi babona bebuthanelwe ngabantu abanengi
kulabafundisi bomthetho bephikisana labo. 15 Abantu bonke bonela ukubona uJesu
bamangala kakhulu bamgijimela besiyambingelela.
16 Wabuza wathi, "Kuyini eliphikisana labo ngakho na?"

17 Kwaphendula indoda ethile exukwini yathi, “Mfundisi, ngikulethele indodana
yami ilomoya oyenza ibe yisimungulu. 18 Uthi ungayibamba uyilahlele phansi. Isuka
ibhubhudle amagwebu, igedle amazinyo, yome qha umzimba. Ngibacelile abafundi
bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe umoya, kodwa behluleka.”
19 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo, ngizahlala lani
kuze kube nini na? Ngilibekezelele kuze kube nini? Mletheni kimi umfana.”
20 Basebemletha kuye. Umoya wonela ukumbona uJesu wamlahla phansi umfana
wazigiqagiqa ekhihliza amagwebu ngomlomo.
21 UJesu wabuza uyise womfana wathi, “Sekulesikhathi esingakanani enje um-
fana?”
Wathi, “Kusukela ebuntwaneni. 22 Kuhlezi kumphosela emlilweni loba emanzini
kufuna ukumbulala. Kodwa nxa kukhona ongakwenza ake usihawukele usisize.”
23 UJesu wathi, “Uthi ‘engingakwenza?’ Yonke into iyeneliseka kulowo okholwayo.”
24 Masinyane uyise womfana wamemeza wathi, “Ngiyakholwa; ake ungisize
ngehlule ukungakholwa kwami!”
25 UJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku laligijimela kuye wawukhuza umoya omubi
wathi, “Wena moya oyisacuthe lesimungulu, ngiyakulaya mina, ngithi phuma kuye
ungaphindi ungene kuye futhi.”
26 Umoya waklabalala, wamgiqa phansi umfana, waphuma emva kokumhlukuluza
okukhulu. Umfana wathi daca, waba njengesidumbu, abanengi bathi, “Usefile.”
27 Kodwa uJesu wambamba ngesandla wamdonsa wamisa ngezinyawo wema.
28 UJesu esesukile wayangena endlini abafundi bakhe bambuza ngasese bathi,
“Kungani sehlulekile ukuwuxotsha na?”
29 Waphendula wathi, “Lolu uhlobo luphuma ngomkhuleko kuphela.”

UJesu Ukhuluma Okwesibili Ngokufa Kwakhe

30 Basuka kuleyondawo badabula eGalile. UJesu kazange afune ukuthi kube khona
owaziyo ukuthi babengaphi, 31 ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe. Wathi kubo,
“INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. Bazayibulala, kuthi ngemva
kwensuku ezintathu izavuka.” 32 Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi wayesitshoni njalo
besaba ukumbuza ngakho.

Ngubani Omkhulu Kulabo Bonke?

33 Bafika eKhaphenawume. Wathi esendlini wababuza wathi, “Beliphikisana ngani
endleleni?” 34 Kodwa bathula zwi ngoba endleleni babephikisana ngokuthi ngubani
omkhulu kulabanye bonke.
35 Wahlala phansi uJesu wabiza abalitshumi lambili wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona ofuna
ukuba ngowokuqala, kabe ngosekucineni, abe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.”
36 Wathatha umntwana omncinyane wamisa phakathi kwabo. Wamthatha wa-
manga wathi kubo, 37 “Yilowo owamukela oyedwa walababantwana abancinyane
ebizweni lami wamukela mina; njalo lowo ongamukelayo kemukeli mina, kodwa
wamukela lowo owangithumayo.”

Ongaphikisani Lathi Umi Lathi

38 UJohane wathi, “Mfundisi, sibone indoda ikhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho,
sayenqabela ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu.”
39 UJesu wathi, “Lingamaleli. Kakho ongenza umangaliso ngebizo lami aphinde
masinyane ajike akhulume okubi ngami, 40 ngoba lowo ongamelani lathi ukanye
lathi. 41 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lowo olipha inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami ngoba
lingabakaKhristu ngempela akayikulahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.”

Ukwenzisa Isono

42 “Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuba
enze isono, bekungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi aphoselwe olwandle ebotshelwe ilitshe
elikhulu entanyeni yakhe. 43 Nxa isandla sakho sikwenza wone, siqume. Kungcono
kuwe ukuthi ungene ekuphileni ungungini kulokuya esihogweni ulezandla ezimbili,
lapho umlilo wakhona ongacitshiyo, [44 lapho
‘impethu yakhona engafiyo
lomlilo wakhona ongacitshiyo.’]*
45 Njalo nxa unyawo lwakho lukwenzisa isono, luqume. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi
ungene ekuphileni uyisilima kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, [
46 lapho
‘impethu zakhona ezidlayo zingafi
lomlilo ongacitshiyo.’]†
47 Njalo nxa ilihlo lakho likwenza wone, likopole liphume. Kungcono kuwe
ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili
kodwa uphoselwe esihogweni, 48 lapho
‘impethu zakhona ezidlayo zingafi,
lomlilo ongacitshiyo.’‡
49 Umuntu wonke uzakuvuvuzelwa itswayi ngomlilo.
50 Itswayi lilungile, kodwa nxa lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu balo, ungalivuselela
njani na? Wobani letswayi ngaphakathi kwenu, lihlalisane ngokuthula.”

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Ukuchitha Umtshado

1 UJesu wasesuka kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseJudiya langaphetsheya
kweJodani. Njalo kweza kuye amaxuku abantu, kwathi njengenjayelo yakhe
wabafundisa.
2 Abanye abaFarisi beza bamlinga ngokumbuza bathi, “Kusemthethweni yini
ukuthi indoda imale umfazi wayo na?”
3 Waphendula wathi, “UMosi walilaya wathini?”
4 Bathi, “UMosi wayivumela indoda ukuthi ibhale incwadi yokuquma umtshado
ibisimxotsha.”
5 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kwakungenxa yokuthi zazilukhuni inhliziyo zenu
okwenza uMosi walibhalela umthetho lo. 6 Kodwa ekuqaleni kwendalo uN-
kulunkulu ‘wabenza baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane.’* 7 ‘Ngalesisizatho indoda
izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane lomfazi wayo, 8 kuthi labo bobabili babe nya-
manye.’†Yikho kabasebabili, sebemunye. 9 Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuh-
langanisile akungehlukaniswa muntu.”
10 Bathi sebengenile endlini njalo, abafundi bambuza uJesu ngalokhu.
11 Waphendula wathi, “Loba ngubani olahla umfazi wakhe athathe omunye umfazi
uyafeba kuye. 12 Laye nxa elahla indoda yakhe endele kwenye, uyafeba.”

Abantwana Abancinyane LoJesu

13 Abantu babeletha abantwana abancinyane kuJesu ukuze ababeke izandla, kodwa
abafundi babakhuza. 14 UJesu wathi ekubona lokho wacaphuka. Wathi kubo, “Yeke-
lani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabavaleli, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ungowabanjengalaba. 15 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso
kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane kayikungena kuwo.” 16 Wasebathatha
abantwana ebaphatha, wababeka izandla wababusisa.

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* **9:44** 9.44 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu. † **9:46** 9.46 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu. ‡ **9:48** 9.48 U-Isaya 66.24 * **10:6** 10.6 UGenesisi 1.27 † **10:8** 10.8 UGenesisi 2.24

Ijaha Elalinothile

17 UJesu wathi esesuka ehamba, indoda yagijimela kuye yafika yazilahla ngamadolo
phambi kwakhe. Yabuza yathi, “Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa
lokuphila kwaphakade na?”
18 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ungibizelani ngokuthi ngilungile na? Kakho olungi-
leyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela. 19 Uyayazi imilayo: ‘Ungabulali, ungafebi,
ungebi, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga, ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.’‡”
20 Wachaza wathi, “Mfundisi zonke lezi izinto ngiyazigcina kusukela ngisesengum-
fana.”
21 UJesu wamkhangela wamthanda. Wathi, “Usilela ngento eyodwa. Hamba
uyethengisa konke olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini.
Ubusubuya ungilandele.”
22 Isizwa lokhu indoda yathelwa ngamanzi. Yasukuma yahamba isidanile ngoba
yayinothile kakhulu.
23 UJesu wathalaza wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Koba nzima kakhulu ukuthi
isinothi singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu!”
24 Abafundi bamangaliswa ngamazwi akhe lawo. Kodwa uJesu waphinda wathi,
“Bantwana, kunzima kanganani ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu! 25 Kulula
ukuba ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuba umuntu onothileyo angene
embusweni kaNkulunkulu.”
26 Abafundi bamangala okwedlulayo, bathi omunye komunye, “Pho ngubani
ongasindiswa na?”
27 UJesu wabakhangela wathi, “Ngokwabantu kakwenzeki, kodwa hatshi ngoNku-
lunkulu; zonke izinto ziyenzakala ngoNkulunkulu.”
28 UPhethro wathi kuye, “Sesitshiye konke ukuba sikulandele!”
29 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi kakho osetshiye ikhaya
kumbe abafowabo, loba odadewabo, kumbe unina loba uyise, loba umntwana kumbe
amasimu ngenxa yami levangeli 30 ozakwehluleka ukwamukeliswa okuphindwe
ngekhulu kuso lesi isikhathi samanje: amakhaya, abafowabo, odadewabo, onina,
abantwana lamasimu, kwengezwe ukuhlukunyezwa, lasesikhathini esizayo, ukuphila
kwaphakade. 31 Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, abokucina
babe ngabokuqala.”

UJesu Ufanisa Ukufa Kwakhe Njalo

32 Babesendleleni besiya eJerusalema, uJesu ekhokhele, abafundi bedidekile,
kwathi labo ababelandela babesesaba. Waphinda njalo wathatha abalitshumi
lambili wabadonsela eceleni wabatshela lokho okwakuzakwenzakala kuye. 33 Wathi,
“Sesisiya eJerusalema, iNdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa kubaphristi abakhulu laba-
fundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa bayinikele kwabeZizwe, 34 abazayiyangisa,
bayikhafulele, bayitshaye njalo bayibulale. Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu izavuka.”

Isicelo SikaJakhobe LoJohane

35 Kwathi uJakhobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebhediya, beza kuye. Bathi,
“Mfundisi, sifuna ukuthi usenzele loba yini esiyicelayo.”
36 Wababuza wathi, “Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?”
37 Baphendula bathi, “Wothi omunye wethu ahlale ngakwesokunene kwakho, kuthi
omunye kwesokhohlo ebukhosini bakho.”
38 UJesu wathi, “Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na inkezo engiyinathayo
kumbe libhaphathizwe ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, na?”
39 Baphendula bathi, “Singakwenza.”

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‡ **10:19** 10.19 U-Eksodasi 20.12-16; UDutheronomi 5.16-20

UJesu wathi kubo, “Lizayinatha inkezo engiyinathayo njalo libhaphathizwe
ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, 40 kodwa ukuhlala kwesokunene kumbe
kwesokhohlo kwami kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi ngezalabo
abazilungiselweyo.”
41 Kwathi abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazondela uJakhobe loJohane. 42 UJesu
wababizela ndawonye wathi, “Liyakwazi ukuthi labo abangababusi kwabeZizwe
bababusa kalukhuni, lezinduna zabo ezinkulu zitshengisa amandla phezu kwabo.
43 Akunjalo kini. Kodwa lowo othanda ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kumele abe
yinceku yenu, 44 lalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yisigqili senu lonke. 45 Ngoba
leNdodana yoMuntu kayibuyelanga ukuzokhonzwa, kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela
impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi.”

Isiphofu UBhatholomewu Uvulwa Amehlo

46 Basebefika eJerikho. Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe kanye lexuku elikhulu sebe-
suka edolobheni, indoda eyisiphofu, uBhathimewu (kutsho indodana kaThimewu)
yayihlezi eceleni kwendlela icela. 47 Yathi isizwa ukuthi kwakunguJesu wase-
Nazaretha yamemeza yathi, “Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!”
48 Abanengi bayikhuza bathi kayithule, kodwa yaqhubeka yamemeza ngamandla
isithi, “Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!”
49 UJesu wema wathi, “Mbizeni.”
Basebeyibiza indoda eyisiphofu bathi, “Thokoza ndoda! Phakama! Uyakubiza.”
50 Walahla ijazi lakhe phansi wasukuma weza kuJesu.
51 UJesu wambuza wathi, “Ufuna ngikwenzeleni na?”
Indoda eyisiphofu yathi, “Rabi, ngifuna ukuthi ngibone.”
52 UJesu wathi, “Hamba-ke, ukukholwa kwakho sekukusilisile.” Masinyane yahle
yabona yasilandela uJesu endleleni.

11

Ukungena Ngobukhosi EJerusalema

1 Bathi sebesondele eJerusalema bafika eBhethifage leBhethani eNtabeni yama-
Oliva. UJesu wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili 2 wathi kubo, “Yanini emzini ophambi
kwenu, okuzakuthi nxa lingena kuwo lizabona inkonyane kababhemi engakaze
igadwe muntu ibotshelwe khonapho. Ikhululeni liyilethe lapha. 3 Nxa kungaba
lozalibuza ukuthi, ‘Likwenzeleni lokho na?’ limtshele ukuthi, ‘INkosi iyalifuna,
izalibuyisa masinyane.’ ”
4 Bahamba bathola inkonyane kababhemi phandle maqondana lomnyango ibot-
shelwe. Bayikhulula, 5 abantu ababemi khonapho babuza bathi, “Lenzani, liyikhu-
lulelani inkonyane leyo na?” 6 Baphendula njengoba uJesu wayebatshelile, abantu
basebebayekela bahamba. 7 Sebelilethile ithole kuJesu bendlala amajazi abo phezu
kwalo uJesu waseligada. 8 Abantu abanengi bendlala amajazi abo endleleni, kukanti
abanye bendlala ingatsha abaziqamula emasimini. 9 Labo ababehamba phambili
lalabo ababelandela bamemeza besithi,
“Hosana!”*

“Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo leNkosi!”

10 “Ubusisiwe umbuso ozayo okababa wethu uDavida!”

“Hosana ezulwini eliphezulu!”

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* **11:9** 11.9 AmaHubo 118.25-26

11 UJesu wangena eJerusalema waya ethempelini. Wathalaza wakhangela konke,
kodwa kwathi ngoba kwasekuhlwile wehlela eBhethani labalitshumi lambili.

UJesu Uhlambulula IThempeli

12 Ngelanga elilandelayo bathi besuka eBhethani uJesu wayeselambile. 13 Wabona
bucwadlana isihlahla somkhiwa sihlumile amahlamvu, wasondela ukuyabona ingabe
sasilezithelo yini. Wafika wabona kungamahlamvu kuphela ngoba kwakungasiso
isikhathi sezithelo zomkhiwa. 14 Wasesithi esihlahleni, "Akungabi lamuntu lanini
ozaphinda adle izithelo zakho." Abafundi bakhe bamuzwa esitsho lokho.
15 Bathi befika eJerusalema uJesu wangena egumeni lethempeli wafika wabaxotsha
labo ababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula abantshintshi
bezimali lezihlalo zababethengisa amajuba, 16 kaze avumela muntu ukungenisa
okuthengiswayo ezindlini zethempeli. 17 Wathi esabafundisa wathi, "Kakulotshwanga yini ukuthi: 'Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yokukhuleka ezizweni
zonke'†? Kodwa lina seliyenze 'ubhalu lwabaphangi.'‡"
18 Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho bakuzwa lokhu basebeqalisa
ukudinga indlela yokumbulala, ngoba babemesaba ngoba ixuku lonke lalimangaliswa
yikufundisa kwakhe.
19 Kusihlwa baphuma edolobheni.

Umkhiwa Obunileyo

20 Ekuseni babehambahamba basebebona isihlahla somkhiwa esasibunile kusukela
empandeni. 21 UPhethro wakhumbula wasesithi kuJesu, "Rabi, khangela! Isihlahla
somkhiwa owasiqalekisayo sibunile!"
22 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Woba lokholo kuNkulunkulu. 23 Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi nxa omunye esithi entabeni le, 'Suka, ziphosele olwandle,' engelakuthandabuza enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa ukuthi lokho akutshoyo kuzakwenzakala,
kuzakwenziwa kuye. 24 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi loba kuyini elikucelayo
ngomkhuleko, kholwani ukuthi selikwamukele, sekuzakuba ngokwenu. 25 Njalo nxa
lisima likhuleka, nxa lilesikhwili komunye, mthetheleleni, ukuze uYihlo ezulwini
alithethelele izono zenu. [26 Kodwa nxa lingathetheleli, loYihlo osezulwini kazukulithethelela izono zenu.]"§

Amandla KaJesu Ayathandabuzisa

27 Bafika njalo eJerusalema, kwathi uJesu ezihambela emagumeni ethempeli kweza
kuye abaphristi abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye labadala. 28 Bambuza
bathi, "Konke lokhu ukwenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani owakupha amandla
okwenza lokhu?"
29 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngizalibuza umbuzo owodwa. Lingangiphendula
ngizalitshela ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezizinto. 30 Ukubhaphathiza
kukaJohane, kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini? Ngitshelani!"
31 Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, Singathi, " 'Kwakuvela ezulwini,' uzabuza athi,
'Kungani lingazange limkholwe?' 32 Kodwa singathi, 'Kwakuvela ebantwini' … "
(Besaba abantu ngoba bonke babesithi ngeqiniso uJohane wayengumphrofethi.)
33 Ngakho bamphendula uJesu bathi, "Kasikwazi."
UJesu wathi, "Lami kangisalitsheli ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla."

12

Umzekeliso Wabaqhatshi Besivini

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† **11:17** 11.17 U-Isaya 56.7 ‡ **11:17** 11.17 UJeremiya 7.11 § **11:26** 11.26 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

1 Wasekhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso wathi, “Indoda yahlanyela isivini. Yakha
umduli yasihonqolozela, yemba igodi lesihluzo yasisakha umphotshongo wesilindo.
Yasiqhatshisa isivini kubalimi abathile yona yasuka yathatha uhambo. 2 Ngesikhathi
sokuvuna yathuma isisebenzi kubaqhatshi besivini ukuthi siyothatha ingxenye
yezithelo zesivuno. 3 Kodwa basidumela basitshaya basixotsha singaphathanga
lutho. 4 Yathuma esinye isisebenzi kubo; leyondoda bayitshaya ekhanda bayiphatha
kubi. 5 Yaphinde yathuma esinye njalo isisebenzi, leso bahle basigongoda basibulala.
Yathuma ezinye ezinengi; ezinye zazo bazitshaya, ezinye bazibulala.
6 Kwasekusele oyedwa wokuthuma, indodana, ayeyithanda. Wayithuma ekucineni
kwabo bonke esithi, ‘Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.’
7 Kodwa abaqhatshi besivini batshelana bathi, ‘Lo yindlalifa. Wozani, simbulale,
ilifa libe ngelethu.’ 8 Ngakho bamthatha bambulala bamphosela ngaphandle
kwesivini.
9 Kambe kuyini azakwenza umnini wesivini na? Uzakuza afike ababulale labo
baqhatshi besivini, isivini leso asinike abanye abalimi. 10 Kalibalanga yini umbhalo
lo othi:
‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni;
11 iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu,
kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu’*?”
12 Basebedinga iqinga lokumbopha ngoba babesazi ukuthi wayekhulume umzeke-
liso lowo eqonde bona. Kodwa besaba ixuku labantu; basebemtshiya bahamba.

Ukuthela KuKhesari

13 Muva basebethumela abanye babaFarisi lamaHerodiya kuJesu ukuthi bambambe
ngamazwi akhe. 14 Beza kuye bathi, “Mfundisi, siyakwazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho.
Kawuguqulwanga ngabantu ngoba kawulandeli ukuthi bangobani; kodwa ufundisa
indlela kaNkulunkulu mayelana leqiniso. Kulungile yini ukuthela kuKhesari, kumbe
hatshi? 15 Sithele yini kumbe hatshi?”
Kodwa uJesu wayekubona ukuzenzisa kwabo, wathi, “Lizamelani ukungithiya
na? Ake lingiphe idenari ngibone.” 16 Baluletha uhlamvu lolo, wasebabuza wathi,
“Ngumfanekiso kabani lo? Lombhalo ngokabani?”
Baphendula bathi, “NgokaKhesari.”
17 UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Phanini uKhesari okukaKhesari loNkulunkulu okun-
gokukaNkulunkulu.”
Bamangala kakhulu ngaye.

Ukuthathana Lokuvuka Ekufeni

18 Kwasekusithi abaSadusi abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, beza kuye
belombuzo. 19 Bathi, “Mfundisi, uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda
angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana, leyondoda kayimthathe umfelokazi
izalele umfowabo abantwana. 20 Manje-ke, kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa.
Owokuqala wathatha wasesifa engazalanga. 21 Owesibili wamthatha umfelokazi
waphinda laye wafa engelamntwana. Kwabanjalo lakowesithathu. 22 Iqiniso yikuthi
kakho kubo bonke beyisikhombisa owaba labantwana. Ekucineni kwafa yena umfazi.
23 Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani njengoba bonke boyisikhombisa
babemthethe?”
24 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kalilahleki yini ngoba lingayazi imibhalo loba
amandla kaNkulunkulu? 25 Nxa abafileyo sebevuka kabayikuthatha loba bende; baza-
kuba njengezingilosi ezulwini. 26 Mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalibalanga yini

* **12:11** 12.11 AmaHubo 118.22-23

encwadini kaMosi, emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebha umlilo ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wathi kuye, 'NginguNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu
kaJakhobe'†? 27 KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo. Lilahlekile
kakhulu!"

Umlayo Omkhulu Kulayo Yonke

28 Omunye wabafundisi bomthetho wafika wabezwa bephicana ngamazwi.
Ngokubona ukuthi uJesu wayebaphe impendulo enhle, wabuza wathi, "Phakathi
kwayo yonke imilayo yiwuphi oqakatheke okudlula yonke?"
29 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Oqakatheke kakhulu yilo: 'Zwana, wena Israyeli,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye. 30 Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo yakho
yonke langamandla akho wonke.'‡ 31 Owesibili yilo: 'Thanda umakhelwane wakho
njengoba uzithanda.'§Kawukho umlayo omkhulu kulale."
32 Indoda yaphendula yathi, "Utsho kuhle, mfundisi. Uqondile nxa usithi uNku-
lunkulu munye, kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakhe. 33 Ukumthanda ngenhliziyo
yakho yonke, ngokuzwisisa konke kwakho langamandla akho wonke, lokuthanda
umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena kuqakathekile kulayo yonke
iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo."
34 UJesu wathi ebona ukuthi uphendule kuhle wathi kuye, "Kawukho khatshana
kombuso kaNkulunkulu." Kusukela kulesosikhathi kakusabanga khona owaba
lesibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

UKhristu UyiNdodana Kabani

35 Kwathi uJesu efundisa emagumeni ethempeli wabuza wathi, "Kungani aba-
fundisi bomthetho besithi uKhristu uyindodana kaDavida na? 36 UDavida yena
ngokwakhe ekhuluma ngoMoya oNgcwele wathi:
'INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
"Hlala ngakwesokunene sami
ngize ngibeke izitha zakho
ngaphansi kwenyawo zakho."*'
37 UDavida yena ngokwakhe umbiza athi 'Nkosi.' Pho-ke angaba yindodana yakhe
kanjani?"
Ixuku labantu elikhulu lamlalela ngokuthokoza.

Ukulimukisa NgabaFundisi BoMthetho

38 Wathi elokhu efundisa, uJesu wathi, "Libananzelele abafundisi bomthetho.
Bathanda ukuhambahamba becece ngezembatho ezinde eziphephezelayo lokube
bebingelelwa emisikeni, 39 futhi bathatha izihlalo eziphakemeyo emasinagogweni
lezindawo zabahlonitshwa emadilini. 40 Bahuquluza izindlu zabafelokazi njalo
bazibonakalisa ngokwenza imikhuleko emide. Abantu abanjalo bazajeziswa kabuh-
lungu."

Umnikelo Womfelokazi

41 UJesu wahlala phansi malungana lendawo yokunikela wakhangela inengi lifaka
imali yalo esitsheni somnikelo ethempelini: Izikhulu ezinengi zazifaka imali ezwayo.
42 Kodwa kweza umfelokazi ongumyanga wafaka okuzinhlamvana kwethusi okubili
okulingana lengxenyana yendibilitshi.
43 Esebizele kuye abafundi bakhe uJesu wathi kubo, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
umfelokazi lo ongumyanga ufake okunengi esitsheni somnikelo kulabo bonke.

† **12:26** 12.26 U-Eksodasi 3.6 ‡ **12:30** 12.30 UDutheronomi 6.4-5 § **12:31** 12.31 ULevi 19.18 * **12:36** 12.36 AmaHubo 110.1

44 Bona bonke baphe ngokwenotho yabo, kodwa yena, ebuyangeni bakhe ufake konke
abelakho ukuthi kumphilise.”

13

Ukubhidlizwa KweThempeli Lezibonakaliso Zokucina Kwesikhathi

1 Wathi esuka ethempelini omunye wabafundi wathi kuye, “Khangela, Mfundisi!
Amatshe anganani! Bona ubuhle bezindlu!”
2 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Liyazibona yini zonke lezi izindlu ezinkulu kangaka?
Kakuyikusala litshe phezu kwelinye; wonke azaphoselwa phansi.”
3 Kwathi uJesu ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva malungana lethempeli uPhethro,
loJakhobe, loJohane lo-Andreya bambuza ngasese bathi, 4 “Sitshele, zizakwenzakala
nini izinto lezi? Njalo kuzakuba lesibonelo bani ukuthi sezizagcwaliseka?”
5 UJesu wathi kubo: “Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa muntu. 6 Banengi abazakuza
ngebizo lami, besithi, ‘Nginguye,’ bakhohlise abanengi. 7 Nxa lisizwa ngezimpi
lamahungahunga ngezimpi, lingaze lethuka. Lezozinto kumele zenzakale, kodwa
ukucina kulokhu kuseza. 8 Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso.
Kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni ezinengi, lezindlala. Lezi ziyikuqala
kokuhelelwa.
9 Libohlala liqaphele. Bazalimangalela ezinkundleni zamacala njalo balibhaxabule
emasinagogweni abo. Ngenxa yami lizamiswa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi libe
ngofakazi kubo. 10 Njalo ivangeli kufanele liqale litshunyayelwe ezizweni zonke.
11 Lapho libotshwa njalo lilethwa emthethwandaba lingaze lazihlupha ngokuthi
lizakuthini phambi kwabo. Khulumani ingqe yini eliyiphiwa ngalesosikhathi, ngoba
kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa nguMoya oNgcwele.
12 Umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele umntanakhe.
Abantwana bazahlamukela abazali babo bababulalise. 13 Bonke abantu bazalizonda
ngenxa yami, kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa.
14 Kodwa nxa libona ‘amanyala aletha incithakalo’*kumi lapho okungesik-
wakhona, ofundayo kezwisise, lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ez-
intabeni. 15 Akungabikhona osephahleni lwendlu yakhe ozakwehla loba angene
endlini ukuthatha ulutho. 16 Akungabi loyedwa osensimini ozabuyela emuva
ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe. 17 Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku
kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! 18 Khulekani ukuthi lokhu kun-
genzakali ebusika, 19 ngoba lezo zizakuba yizinsuku zokuhlukuluzeka okungakaze
kube khona kwasekuqaleni, lapho uNkulunkulu adala umhlaba, kuze kube manje,
njalo kakuzukubuye kube khona.
20 Nxa iNkosi yayingaziphungulanga lezinsuku, kwakungeyi kuphepha muntu.
Kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, eyabakhethayo, iziphungulile. 21 Ngalesosikhathi
nxa umuntu esithi kini, ‘Khangelani, nangu uKhristu!’ loba ‘Khangelani, nanguya,’
lingamkholwa. 22 Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga bazavela benze
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ukukhohlisa abakhethiweyo, nxa lokho kungenzeka.
23 Ngakho lilimuke; sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili.
24 Kodwa ngalezonsuku, kulandela lokho kuhlukuluzeka,
‘ilanga lizafiphala,
lenyanga kayiyikukhanya;
25 izinkanyezi zizakuwa esibhakabhakeni,
lezisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.’†

* **13:14** 13.14 UDanyeli 9.27; 11.31; 12.11 † **13:25** 13.25 U-Isaya 13.10; 34.4

26 Ngalesosikhathi abantu bazayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza emayezini ila-
mandla amakhulu lobukhosi. 27 Izathuma izingilosi zayo ziqoqe abakhethiweyo
bayo kumagumbi womane omhlaba, kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba kusiya
emikhawulweni yamazulu.
28 Manje-ke, fundani lesisifundo esihlahleni somkhiwa: Amahlumela aso an-
gaqalisa ukuba buthakathaka lamahlamvu aso ahlume, lihle lazi ukuthi ihlobo
selisondele. 29 Kanjalo-ke nxa lingabona lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi ukuthi seku-
sondele, khonapho emnyango. 30 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula
zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto. 31 Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi ami
kawayikwedlula lanini.”

Usuku Lesikhathi Kakwaziwa

32 “Kodwa kakho olwaziyo lolosuku lehola, loba izingilosi zasezulwini, kumbe
iNdodana, kodwa uBaba kuphela. 33 Lindani! Qaphelani! Kalikwazi ukuthi
sizafika nini lesosikhathi. 34 Kunjengomuntu ezathatha uhambo: utshiya indlu yakhe
ayinikele izisebenzi zakhe ukuba ziyilinde, yileso sabelwe owaso umsebenzi, atshele
lowo olinda emnyango ukuthi aqaphele.
35 Ngakho lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi umninindlu uzabuya nini, mh-
lawumbe kusihlwa, kumbe phakathi kwamabili, loba inkukhu sezikhala kumbe
emathathakusa. 36 Nxa efika masinyane, akangalifici lilele. 37 Engikutshoyo kini
ngikutsho emuntwini wonke: ‘Lindani!’ ”

14

UJesu Uyagcotshwa EBhethani

1 Kwasekusele insuku ezimbili kuphela ukuba ufike uMkhosi wePhasika loMkhosi
weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho babedinga
indlela ecatshileyo yokubopha uJesu ukuze bambulale. 2 Kodwa bathi, “Kakungabi
ngesikhathi somkhosi, funa abantu benze isiphithiphithi.”
3 Kwathi eseBhethani eyeme etafuleni emzini wendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni
owayelobulephero, owesifazane weza ephethe imbodlela yamakha adulayo kakhulu,
enziwe ngenadi elipheleleyo. Wayivula imbodlela wathela amakha ekhanda likaJesu.
4 Abanye balabo ababekhona bacaphuka babuzana bathi, “Udlaliselani amakha
la? 5 Abengathengiswa ngokudlula umholo womnyaka wonke imali leyo iphiwe
abampofu.” Bamkhuza ngokumkhahlameza kakhulu.
6 UJesu wathi, “Myekeleni. Limkhathazelani kanti? Wenze into enhle kimi.
7 Abampofu lizahlala lilabo, yikho lingabasiza noma yisiphi isikhathi elisifunayo.
Kodwa kalisoze libe lami kokuphela. 8 Wenze lokho abe lamandla okukwenza.
Uthele amakha emzimbeni wami mandulo ukulungisela ukungcwatshwa kwami.
9 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba kungaphi okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli emhlabeni
wonke, lokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.”
10 Yikho uJudasi Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili waya kubaphristi
abakhulu ukuyanikela uJesu kubo. 11 Bathokoza kakhulu bekuzwa lokhu, bathembisa
ukumupha imali. Yikho walindela ithuba lokumnikela.

Isidlo SeNkosi

12 Ngelanga lokuqala loMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, lapho
kwakungumkhuba ukwenza umhlatshelo wezinyane lePhasika, abafundi bakaJesu
bambuza bathi, “Ufuna ukuthi seyekwenza ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle
iPhasika na?”
13 Ngakho wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe wabatshela wathi, “Yanini edolob-
heni, kuzakuthi indoda ezabe ithwele isigubhu samanzi izalihlangabeza. Ilandeleni.

14 Libokuthi kumninindlu ezangena kuyo, ‘UMfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu
yezethekeli lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika labafundi bami?’ 15 Izalitshengisa
ikamelo laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo. Senzeleni amalungiselelo khonapho.”
16 Abafundi basuka baya edolobheni bafica izinto zimi njengoba uJesu wayetshilo.
Yikho basebelungisela iPhasika.
17 Kwathi kusihlwa uJesu wafika labalitshumi lambili. 18 Bathi beyeme etafuleni
besidla wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela, odla lami
khonapha.”
19 Badana, bathi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho mina?”
20 Waphendula wathi, “Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, omunye otsheba lami
isinkwa emganwini. 21 Indodana yoMuntu izahamba njengokulotshiweyo ngayo.
Kodwa maye kuleyondoda enikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Kwakungaba ngcono kuyo
aluba yayingazalwanga.”
22 Bathi belokhu besidla uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wabonga, wasihlephula, wasipha
abafundi bakhe esithi, “Sithatheni; lo ngumzimba wami.”
23 Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile, wabanika, bonke banatha kuyo.
24 Wathi kubo, “Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwa abanengi. 25 Ngilitshela
iqiniso ukuthi angisayikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo sevini njalo, kuze kube
yilolosuku lapho engizakunatha khona kabutsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu.”
26 Bathi sebehlabele ihubo, baphuma baya eNtabeni yama-Oliva.

UJesu Ubonisa Ngokuphika KukaPhethro

27 UJesu wabatshela wathi, “Lonke lizachitheka, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
‘Ngizatshaya umelusi,
izimvu zihlakazeke.’*
28 Kodwa ngemva kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalile.”
29 UPhethro walandula wathi, “Loba bonke bengahlakazeka, mina kangisoze
ngikwenze.”
30 UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso ukuthi lamuhla lokhu,
ngobusuku balamuhla, iqhude lingakakhali kabili, wena ngokwakho uzangiphika
kathathu.”
31 Kodwa uPhethro waphika wagomela wathi, “Loba kungabe ngifanele ngife lawe,
kangisoze ngikuphike.” Bonke abanye labo batsho khona lokho.

EGetsemane

32 Baya endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, “Hlalani
lapha mina ngisayakhuleka.” 33 Wathatha uPhethro, uJakhobe loJohane wasuduluka
labo, waseqala ukuhlulukelwa kakhulu lokukhathazeka. 34 Wathi kubo, “Umphefu-
mulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde.”
35 Wahamba ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi wakhuleka ukuthi aluba kungenzeka
lelohola lingedlula kuye. 36 Wathi, “*Abha*, Baba, konke kuyeneliseka kuwe. Ake ususe
inkezo le kimi. Kodwa kakungabi yintando yami, kodwa kube yintando yakho.”
37 Wasephenduka kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele. Wathi kuPhethro, “Simoni,
ulele? Wehlulekile ukulinda ihola elilodwa kuphela? 38 Lindani likhuleke ukuze
lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda, kodwa umzimba ubuthakathaka.”
39 Waphinda wahamba wayakhuleka umkhuleko munye. 40 Wathi ekubuyeni
wabafica njalo sebelele, ngoba ubuthongo babubaphethe. Baswela ukuthi bathini
kuye.

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* **14:27** 14.27 UZakhariya 13.7

41 Esebuya okwesithathu wathi kubo, “Lilokhu lilele liphumula? Sekwanele!
Isikhathi sesifikile. Khangelani, iNdodana yoMuntu isinikelwe ezandleni zezoni.
42 Phakamani! Kasihambeni! Nangu usesiza onginikelayo.”

Ukubotshwa KukaJesu

43 Esakhuluma, uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wafika. Wayehamba lexuku
behlomile ngezinkemba lezinduku, bethunyiwe ngabaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho kanye labadala.
44 Umthengisi wayelungise isiboniso sokubatshengisa wathi: “Lowo engizamanga
nguye; limbophe lihle lihambe laye elindiwe.” 45 UJudasi wahle waqonda ku-
Jesu wathi, “Rabi!” wamanga. 46 Amadoda ahle amdumela uJesu ambopha.
47 Kwasekusithi omunye owayemi khonapho wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagalela
inceku yomphristi omkhulu wayiquma indlebe yayo.
48 UJesu wathi, “Ngingumkhokheli womvukela yini, selingaze lize lihlomile
ngezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? 49 Bengilani insuku zonke ngifundisa
emagumeni ethempeli, kodwa kalingibophanga. Kodwa iMibhalo kufanele
igcwaliseke.” 50 Khonokho bonke bamtshiya babaleka.
51 Ijaha elalingagqokanga lutho ngaphandle kwelembu lelineni lalimlandela uJesu.
Balibamba, 52 kodwa labaleka laze latshiya isembatho salo.

Phambi KoMphakathi ISanihedrini

53 UJesu bamthatha bamusa kumphristi omkhulu, kwathi bonke abaphristi
abakhulu, labadala labafundisi bomthetho babuthana ndawonye. 54 UPhethro
wamlandela ehambela khatshana, waze wayangena egumeni lomphristi omkhulu.
Wahlala khonapho labalindi esotha umlilo.
55 Abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi obumlahlayo
uJesu ukuze bambulale, kodwa babuswela. 56 Abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye,
kodwa amazwi abo kawavumelananga.
57 Kwasekusukuma abanye bethula lobu ubufakazi bamanga ngaye, bathi,
58 “Samuzwa esithi, ‘Ngizalibhidliza ithempeli leli, elakhiwe ngabantu ngakhe
elinye ngezinsuku ezintathu, elizabe lingasakhiwanga ngumuntu.’ ” 59 Lakulokhu
kabuvumelananga ubufakazi babo.
60 Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma phambi kwabo wabuza uJesu wathi,
“Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini kanti lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?”
61 Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule njalo kazange aphendule.
Umphristi omkhulu waphinde wambuza wathi, “Unguye uKhristu, iNdodana
yoBusisiweyo na?”
62 UJesu wathi, “Nginguye. Njalo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu ihlezi kwesokunene
salowo Olamandla isehla ngamayezi ezulu.”
63 Umphristi omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wabuza wathi, “Sisabadingelani
abanye ofakazi? 64 Selikuzwile ukuhlambaza. Lithini manje?”
Bonke bamlahla bathi ufanele ukufa. 65 Abanye basebeqalisa ukumkhafulela; bam-
vala amehlo ngokumbopha, bamdutshuza ngenqindi bathi, “Phrofitha!” Abalindi
basebemthatha bayamtshaya.

UPhethro Ulandula UJesu

66 UPhethro wayengaphansi egumeni, enye yamantombazana ayeyizincekukazi
zomphristi omkhulu yeza khonapho. 67 Yathi ibona uPhethro esotha umlilo
yamkhangelisisa.
Yathi, “Lawe wawulomNazarini lowaya, uJesu.”

68 Walandula. Wathi, “Angikwazi njalo kangikuzwisisi lokho okhuluma ngakho.”
Wahle waphuma waya esangweni.
69 Kuthe intombazana leyo isimbona khona lapho yathi kwababemi lapho, “Indoda
le ingomunye wabo.” 70 Walandula njalo.
Ngemva kwesikhatshana ababemi lapho eduze kukaPhethro bathi, “Ngeqiniso
ungomunye wabo, ngoba ungumGalile.”
71 Watshinga uPhethro, waziqalekisa wabuye wafunga kubo wathi, “Kangiyazi
indoda le elikhuluma ngayo.”
72 Masinyane lakhala iqhude ngokwesibili. Khonapho uPhethro waselikhumbula
ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo kuye, ukuthi: “Iqhude lingakakhali kabili uzangiphika
kathathu.” Ngakho waphihlika wakhala.

15

UJesu Ephambi KukaPhilathu

1 Ekuseni kakhulu abaphristi abakhulu, labadala, labafundisi bomthetho kanye
leSanihedrini yonke bavumelana ngesinqumo sabo. Bambopha uJesu bamqhuba
bayamethula kuPhilathu.
2 UPhilathu wambuza wathi, “Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Usukutshilo lokho.”
3 Abaphristi abakhulu bamethesa amacala amanengi. 4 Ngakho uPhilathu wambuza
njalo wathi, “Kanti kungani ungaphenduli na? Khangela, bakubeka amacala
amanengi.”
5 Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule, uPhilathu wamangala.
6 Kwakungumkhuba ukuthi ngomkhosi kukhululwe isibotshwa esasizabe sicelwe
ngabantu. 7 Indoda eyayithiwa nguBharabhasi yayisentolongweni kanye labahlamuki
ababebulele abantu kulowomvukela. 8 Ixuku labantu leza kuPhilathu ukuthi
abenzele leyo nhlalayenza.
9 “Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhululele inkosi yamaJuda na?” UPhilathu wabuza, 10 esazi
ukuthi kwakungenxa yomhawu okwenza abaphristi abakhulu banikela uJesu kuye.
11 Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu badunga abantu babakhuthaza ukuthi bacele uPhi-
lathu abakhululele uBharabhasi.
12 UPhilathu wasebabuza wathi, “Pho ngithini ngalo elimbiza ngokuthi uyinkosi
yamaJuda na?”
13 Bamemeza bathi, “Mbethele!”
14 UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yindaba? Woneni?”
Kodwa bamemeza ngamandla bathi, “Mbethele!”
15 UPhilathu wasebakhululela uBharabhasi ngoba wayefuna ukusuthisa ixuku
labantu. Wathi uJesu katshaywe, ngemva kwalokho wasebapha ukuba bambethele.

Amabutho Ahoza UJesu

16 Amabutho amqhuba uJesu amusa esigodlweni (kutshiwo iPhrethoriyamu) base-
bebiza iviyo lonke lamabutho laqoqana ndawonye. 17 Bamgqokisa ijazi eliyibubende,
basebeseluka umqhele wameva bamethesa wona. 18 Basebememeza besithi kuye,
“Bayethe, nkosi yamaJuda!” 19 Bamtshaya ekhanda ngomqwayi baphindaphinda,
bamkhafulela. Baguqa phansi ngamadolo bamkhonza. 20 Sebemhozile, bamhlubula
ijazi eliyibubende bamgqokisa ezakhe izigqoko. Basebephuma laye bamqhuba ukuba
bayombethela.

Ukubethelwa

21 Indoda ethile yaseKhureni, eyayithiwa nguSimoni, uyise ka-Alekizanda loRufasi,
wayezedlulela khonapho evela emaphandleni, basebembamba ngamandla ukuthi

athwale isiphambano. 22 Baletha uJesu endaweni eyayithiwa yiGoligotha (okutsho
ukuthi, “Indawo yoKhakhayi”). 23 Basebemupha iwayini elihlanganiswe lemure,
kodwa wala ukulinatha. 24 Basebembethela. Bahlukanisa izigqoko zakhe basebe-
senza inkatho ukuze babone ukuthi ngulowo athathe kuphi.
25 Kwakulihola lesithathu isikhathi abambethela ngaso. 26 Umbhalo wecala lakhe
wawusithi:

INkosi yamaJuda.

27 Babethela kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye kwesokunene sakhe, omunye
kwesokhohlo. [28 Kwagcwaliseka umbhalo othi, “Wabalwa ndawonye lezephu-
lamthetho.”]* 29 Labo ababedlula lapho babemthuka benikina amakhanda abo
besithi, “Ehe! Wena ozadiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu, 30 yehla
esiphambanweni uzisindise!” 31 Ngaleyondlela labaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho bamklolodela behlekisana ngaye phakathi kwabo. Bathi, “Wasindisa
abanye, kodwa uyehluleka ukuzisindisa yena! 32 Ake kuthi uKhristu lo, iNkosi le
yako-Israyeli, yehle esiphambanweni ukuze sibone, sikholwe.” Lalabo ayebethelwe
kanye labo, labo babemhlambaza.

Ukufa KukaJesu

33 Ngehola lesithupha ubumnyama bembesa ilizwe lonke kwaze kwaba lihola
lesificamunwemunye. 34 Kwathi ngehola lesithathu emini uJesu wakhala ngelizwi
elikhulu wathi, *“Eloyi, Eloyi, lamasabakithani?”*† (okutsho ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu
wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyelani na?”).
35 Kwathi abanye balabo ababemi eduzane bekuzwa lokho bathi, “Zwanini, ubiza
u-Elija.”
36 Enye indoda yagcwalisa uzipho ngewayini elimunyu, yaluxhumela oluthini,
yasiluqhubela uJesu ukuthi anathe. Yasisithi, “Ake simyekele manje, kesibone ingabe
u-Elija uzakuza azomehlisa.”
37 Ngomkhosi omkhulu, uJesu waphefumula okokucina.
38 Ikhetheni lethempeli ladabuka kabili lisuka phezulu kusiya phansi. 39 Kwathi
induna yekhulu eyayimi khonapho phambi kukaJesu isizwa ukukhala kwakhe
njalo ikubonile ukuthi ufe kanjani yathi, “Ngeqiniso indoda le ibe iyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu!”
40 Abanye abesifazane babebukele bebucwala. Phakathi kwabo kwakuloMariya
Magadalini loMariya unina kaJakhobe omncinyane lokaJosefa loSalome. 41 Laba
abesifazane babemlandele bemsebenzela eseGalile. Labanye abesifazane abanengi
ababeze laye eJerusalema labo babekhona.

Ukungcwatshwa KukaJesu

42 Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela (kutsho usuku olwandulela iSabatha). Kwathi
sekuntambama 43 uJosefa wase-Arimathiya indoda elesithunzi eNkundleni, yona
ngokwayo eyayilindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu, yaqunga isibindi yaya kuPhilathu
yacela isidumbu sikaJesu. 44 UPhilathu wamangala ukuthi wayesefile. Wabiza
induna yekhulu wayibuza ukuthi uJesu wayesefile yini. 45 Wathi esezwile ngenduna
yekhulu ukuthi kwasekwenzakele, wamupha uJosefa isidumbu. 46 Ngakho uJosefa
wasethenga amalembu elineni, wathatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelineni wasibeka
ethuneni elaligujwe edwaleni. Wasegiqela ilitshe emlonyeni wethuna. 47 UMariya
Magadalini loMariya unina kaJosefa babona lapho abekwa khona.

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* **15:28** 15.28 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu. † **15:34** 15.34 AmaHubo 22.1

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Ukuvuka KukaJesu

1 Kwathi iSabatha seledlule, uMariya Magadalini, loMariya unina kaJakhobe
loSalome bathenga amakha ukuze bayeqhola ngawo isidumbu sikaJesu. 2 Ekuseni
kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, ilanga liphuma basebesendleleni besiya ethuneni,
3 babuzana bathi, “Ngubani ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni wethuna na?”
4 Kodwa bathi bayakhangela babona ilitshe, elalilikhulu kakhulu, seligiqelwe
eceleni. 5 Bathi bengena ethuneni babona ijaha ligqoke isembatho esimhlophe lihlezi
ngakwesokunene, bethuka kakhulu.
6 Lathi, “Lingaze lethuka. Lidinga uJesu umNazarini obebethelwe. Usevukile!
Kakho lapha. Bonani, nansi indawo lapho bebembeke khona. 7 Kodwa hambani
liyotshela abafundi bakhe loPhethro lithi, ‘Usehamba phambi kwenu ukuya eGalile.
Lizambona khonale, njengoba walitshela.’ ”
8 Ngokuthuthumela langokudideka, abesifazane baphuma bebaleka ethuneni.
Kabakhulumanga lutho lakubani ngoba babesesaba.*

[9 UJesu esevukile ekuseni ngelanga lokuqala evikini waqala wabonakala kuMariya
Magadalini yena lowo ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa. 10 Yena wahamba
wayabikela labo uJesu ayephile labo ababesesililweni sakhe. 11 Bathi besizwa ukuthi
uJesu uyaphila lokuthi uMariya wayembonile, kabazange bakukholwe.
12 Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo abafica
behamba kulelolizwe emaphandleni. 13 Labo babuyela bayabikela abanye, kodwa
labo kabazange babakholwe.
14 Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye besidla; wabakhuza
ngokungakholwa kwabo langobulukhuni benhliziyo zabo bengabakholwa labo
ababembonile ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe.
15 Wathi kubo, “Hambani emhlabeni wonke litshumayele ivangeli kukho konke
okwadalwayo. 16 Loba ngubani okholwayo abhaphathizwe uzasindiswa, kodwa lowo
ongakholwayo uzalahlwa. 17 Lezizibonakaliso zizabalandela labo abakholwayo: Nge-
bizo lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bazakhuluma ngendimi ezintsha; 18 bazadobha
izinyoka ngezandla zabo; bazakuthi banganatha okubulalayo kungaze kwabalimaza
lakancinyane; bazabeka izandla zabo phezu kwabantu abagulayo, basile.”
19 Ngemva kokuba iNkosi uJesu esekhulume labo, wenyukiselwa ezulwini,
wahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 20 Abafundi bahamba bayatshumayela
ezindaweni zonke iNkosi yasebenza labo yaqinisa ilizwi layo ngezibonakaliso
ezazilisekela.]

* **16:8** 16.8 Eminye imibhalo iphetha ngovesi 8 lo 9 njalo umbhalo owodwa ulovesi 8 (kodwa weqa uvesi 9-20): Ngakho baphanga babika zonke izeluleko lezo kuPhethro labanye ayelabo. Emva kwalokho uJesu ngokwakhe wabathuma ukuyatshumayela ivangeli elingcwele lelingapheliyo njalo elilensindiso yaphakade kusuka empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. Amen.

Ivangeli
LikaLukha

Isingeniso

1 Banengi asebazimisela ukuqoqa umlando wezinto esezigcwalisekile phakathi
kwethu, 2 njengokwedluliselwa kwazo kithi yilabo ababekhona ekuqaleni
bengabafakazi lezinceku zelizwi. 3 Ngakho-ke, njengoba mina ngokwami
sengichwayisisile konke kusukela ekuqaleni, lami ngikubone kufanele ukuthi
ngikulobele umlando oqondileyo, komkhulu ohloniphekayo uTheyofelasi 4 ukuze
wazi iqiniso lezinto lezo ozifundisiweyo.

Ukubikwa Kokuzalwa KukaJohane UMbhaphathizi

5 Ngesikhathi sikaHerodi inkosi yaseJudiya kwakulomphristi okwakuthiwa nguZa-
khariya, owaye ngowesigaba sika-Abhija, umkakhe u-Elizabethi laye wayen-
gowosendo luka-Aroni. 6 Bobabili babelungile emehlweni kaNkulunkulu beyilandela
yonke imilayo leziqondiso zeNkosi bengasoleki. 7 Kodwa babengelabantwana ngoba
u-Elizabethi wayeyinyumba njalo bobabili basebeluphele.
8 Kwenzakala ukuthi isigaba sikaZakhariya siyiso esasimiselwe umsebenzi
wethempeli ngalesosikhathi, 9 wadliwa yinkatho ngokomkhuba wobuphristi, ukuthi
angene ethempelini leNkosi ayetshisa impepha. 10 Kwathi isikhathi sokutshisa
impepha sesifikile, wonke amakholwa ayebuthene lapho ayekhuleka ephandle.
11 Kwasekubonakala kuye ingilosi yeNkosi imi ngakwesokunene kwe-alithari
lempepha. 12 UZakhariya wathi eyibona wethuka wesaba kakhulu. 13 Kodwa
ingilosi yathi kuye, “Ungesabi, Zakhariya; umkhuleko wakho usuzwakele. Umkakho
u-Elizabethi uzakuzalela indodana kufanele uyinike ibizo elithiwa nguJohane.
14 Uzakuba yintokozo lenjabulo kuwe njalo abanengi bazathokoza ngenxa yokuzalwa
kwakhe, 15 ngoba uzakuba mkhulu emehlweni eNkosi. Kakumelanga anathe iwayini
lanini loba yini ebilisiweyo enathwayo, njalo uzagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele
kusukela ekuzalweni kwakhe. 16 Uzaletha abantu bako-Israyeli abanengi eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wabo. 17 Uzahamba phambili kweNkosi ngomoya langamandla ka-
Elija, ukuguqulela inhliziyo zaboyise ebantwaneni babo labayiziqholo elwazini
lwabalungileyo, ukuqondisa abantu abalungiselelwe iNkosi.”
18 UZakhariya wabuza ingilosi wathi, “Ngingaba leqiniso lakho njani lokho?
Sengilixhegu njalo lomkami useluphele.”
19 Ingilosi yaphendula yathi, “NginguGabhuriyeli mina. Ngima phambi kukaNku-
lunkulu, ngithunywe ukuzokhuluma lawe ngikutshela ngalezi izindaba ezinhle.
20 Okwamanje uzakuba yisimungulu wehluleke ukukhuluma kuze kufike lolosuku
okuzakwenzakala ngalo lokhu, ngoba kawuzange uwakholwe amazwi ami, wona
azagcwaliseka ngesikhathi sawo esifaneleyo.”
21 Sonke lesisikhathi abantu babelokhu bemlindele uZakhariya sebemangele ukuthi
kungani wayethethe isikhathi eside kangako ethempelini. 22 Waphuma esesehluleka
ukukhuluma labo. Babona ukuthi wayebone umbono ethempelini ngoba wayelokhu
eqhweba ngezandla, kodwa esehluleka ukukhuluma.
23 Izopha lakhe seliphelile wabuyela ekhaya. 24 Ngemva kwalokhu umkakhe
u-Elizabethi wazithwala wasezifihla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, 25 esithi, “INkosi
ingenzele lokhu. Kulezi insuku ilutshengisile uthando Lwayo yasusa ihlazo lami
ebantwini.”

Ukubikwa Kokuzalwa KukaJesu

26 Ngenyanga yesithupha yokuzithwala kuka-Elizabethi, uNkulunkulu wathuma
ingilosi uGabhuriyeli eNazaretha, idolobho elaliseGalile, 27 ukuya entombini egcwe-
leyo eyayithembise ukutshada lendoda eyayithiwa nguJosefa, owesizukulwane sika-
Davida. Ibizo lentombi egcweleyo le kwakunguMariya. 28 Ingilosi yaya kuye yathi,
“Sabona wena othole umusa kakhulukazi INkosi ilawe.”
29 Amazwi ayo amhlupha kakhulu uMariya wamangala ukuthi kanti kwakuyikub-
ingelela bani lokhu. 30 Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye, “Ungesabi Mariya, uthole umusa
kuNkulunkulu. 31 Uzakhulelwa ubelethe indodana, uyethe ibizo uthi nguJesu.
32 Uzaba ngumuntu omkhulu abizwe ngokuthi yiNdodana yoPhezukonke. INkosi
uNkulunkulu izamupha isihlalo sikayise uDavida, 33 njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu
kaJakhobe laphakade; umbuso wakhe kawuyikuphela.”
34 UMariya wayibuza ingilosi wathi, “Lokho kuzakwenzakala njani njengoba mina
ngimsulwa ngingayazi indoda?”
35 Ingilosi yaphendula yathi, “UMoya oNgcwele uzakwehlela phezu kwakho,
lamandla akhe oPhezukonke azakusibekela. Ngakho ongcwele ozazalwa uza-
thiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 36 Lo-Elizabethi isihlobo sakho uzakuba lomnt-
wana ekuluphaleni kwakhe, yena okwakuthiwa yinyumba usesenyangeni yakhe
yesithupha. 37 Ngoba kakukho okwehlulayo kuNkulunkulu.”
38 UMariya waphendula wathi, “Ngiyincekukazi yeNkosi. Kakwenzeke kimi
njengoba utshilo.” Ingilosi yasisuka kuye.

UMariya Wethekelela U-Elizabethi

39 Ngalesosikhathi uMariya waphanga wenza amalungiselelo waya edolobheni
elizweni lamaqaqa eJudiya, 40 lapho angena khona emzini kaZakhariya wabingelela
u-Elizabethi. 41 Kwathi u-Elizabethi esizwa ukubingelela kukaMariya, umntwana
weqa esiswini sakhe, u-Elizabethi wagcwala ngoMoya oNgcwele. 42 Wakhuluma
ngelizwi eliphezulu wathi, “Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazane, njalo ubu-
sisiwe umntwana ozamzala! 43 Kodwa kungani ngithole umusa ongaka mina, ukuba
ngethekelelwe ngunina weNkosi yami? 44 Ngonele ukuzwa ukubingelela kwakho,
umntwana osesiswini sami weqa ngentokozo. 45 Ubusisiwe lowo osekholiwe ukuthi
lokho iNkosi ethe kuzakwenzeka kuye kuzagcwaliseka!”

Ingoma KaMariya

46 UMariya wathi:
“Umphefumulo wami uyayidumisa iNkosi
47 lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami,
48 ngoba ukunanzile
ukuzehlisa kwencekukazi yakhe.
Kusukela manje zonke izizukulwane zizakuthi ngibusisiwe,
49 ngoba uSomandla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu,
lingcwele ibizo lakhe.
50 Isihawu sakhe sifinyelela kulabo abamesabayo,
kulandela isizukulwane ngesizukulwane.
51 Uyenzile imisebenzi emikhulu ngengalo yakhe:
ubachithizile labo abaziqakisa ngemicabango yezinhliziyo zabo.
52 Uwethule amakhosi ezihlalweni zawo,
kodwa wabaphakamisa abantukazana.
53 Ubasuthisile abalambileyo ngezinto ezinhle,
kodwa abanothileyo ubaxotshe bengaphathanga lutho.
54 Uyisizile inceku yakhe u-Israyeli,

wakhumbula ukuba lesihawu
55 ku-Abhrahama lezizukulwane zakhe laphakade,
njengoba wakutsho kubokhokho bethu.”
56 UMariya wahlala lo-Elizabethi izinyanga ezazingaba ntathu wasebuyela ekhaya.

Ukuzalwa KukaJohane UMbhaphathizi

57 Kwathi isikhathi sika-Elizabethi sesiphelele esokubeletha wazala indodana.
58 Omakhelwane bakhe lezihlobo bezwa ukuthi iNkosi yayimzwele isihawu esikhulu
bathokoza kanye laye.
59 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili beza ukuzasoka umntwana, bafuna ukuthi
bamethe ibizo likayise uZakhariya, 60 kodwa unina wala wathi, “Hatshi! Kathiwe
nguJohane.”
61 Bathi kuye, “Kakho ebantwini bakini olebizo lelo.”
62 Bakhuluma ngezandla kuyise bedinga ukuthi yena uthanda ukuthi umnt-
wana aphiwe liphi ibizo. 63 Wacela isibhebhedu sokulobela, wamangalisa wonke
umuntu ngoba waloba ukuthi, “Ibizo lakhe nguJohane.” 64 Masinyane umlomo
wakhe wavuleka lolimi lwakhe lwatshwaphuluka, waqalisa ukukhuluma edumisa
uNkulunkulu. 65 Omakhelwane bonke bamangala kakhulu, kwathi elizweni lonke
lamaqaqa eJudiya abantu babekhuluma ngalezizinto. 66 Wonke owezwayo ngalokho
wamangala ebuza esithi, “Kambe uzakuba yini umntwana lo?” Ngoba isandla
seNkosi sasilaye.

Ingoma KaZakhariya

67 Uyise uZakhariya wagcwala ngoMoya oNgcwele waphrofitha wathi:
68 “Udumo kalube seNkosini, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
ngoba ubuyile ukuzahlenga abantu bakhe.
69 Iluphakamisile uphondo lwensindiso yethu
endlini yenceku yayo uDavida
70 (njengoba yatsho ngabaphrofethi bayo abangcwele ekadeni),
71 ukusindiswa ezitheni zethu
lesandleni sabo bonke abasizondayo,
72 ukuze atshengise isihawu kubokhokho bethu
lokukhumbula isivumelwano sakhe esingcwele,
73 isifungo asifunga kubaba wethu u-Abhrahama:
74 ukusikhulula esandleni sezitha zethu,
size siyikhonze singelakwesaba
75 ngobungcwele langokulunga phambi kwayo
ngazozonke insuku zethu.

76 Wena mntanami, uzathiwa ungumphrofethi woPhezukonke;
ngoba uzahamba phambili kweNkosi uyilungisele indlela,
77 ukunika abantu bayo ukwazi insindiso
ngokuthethelelwa kwezono zabo,
78 ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu,
ilanga liphuma lize kithi livela ezulwini,
79 likhanyise kulabo abahlezi ebumnyameni
lasethunzini lokufa,
ukukhokhelela inyawo zethu endleleni yokuthula.”
80 Umntwana wakhula waqina emoyeni; waphila enkangala waze wavela obala
ku-Israyeli.

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Ukuzalwa KukaJesu

1 Ngalezonsuku uKhesari Agastasi wakhupha isimemezelo sokuthi abantu ba-
balwe kulolonke ilizwe lombuso wamaRoma. 2 (Lokhu kwakuyikubalwa kwabantu
kokuqala okwenzakala uKhwirinu engumbusi wase-Asiriya.) 3 Wonke umuntu waya
edolobheni lakibo wayabhalisa.
4 UJosefa laye wahamba esuka edolobheni leNazaretha eseGalile waya eJudiya,
eBhethilehema idolobho likaDavida, ngoba wayengowendlu losendo lukaDavida.
5 Waya khona ukuyabhalisa eloMariya, owayesethembise ukwendela kuye, es-
ekhulelwe. 6 Bathi bekhonale safika isikhathi sokubelethwa komntwana, 7 wazibula
ngendodana. Wayigoqela ngamalembu, wayilalisa emkolweni wokudlela izifuyo
ngoba babengelandawo endlini yezihambi.

Abelusi Lezingilosi

8 Kwakulabelusi ababehlala emlageni eduze kwalapho, belinda imihlambi yabo
yezimvu ebusuku. 9 Ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kubo, inkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya
ibazingelezile, ngakho besaba kakhulu. 10 Kodwa ingilosi yathi kubo, “Lingesabi. Ngi-
zolitshela izindaba ezinhle ezizaletha intokozo enkulu ebantwini bonke. 11 Lamuhla
lizalelwe uMsindisi emzini kaDavida; unguKhristu iNkosi. 12 Lokhu kuzakuba
yisibonakaliso kini: Lizathola umntwana egoqelwe ngamalembu elele emkolweni.”
13 Masinyane kwaqhamuka ixuku lebandla lasezulwini lengilosi lidumisa uNku-
lunkulu lisithi,
14 “Udumo kuNkulunkulu emazulwini aphezulu,
lokuthula emhlabeni kulabo abathole umusa kuye.”
15 Kwathi izingilosi sezibatshiyile zabuyela ezulwini, abelusi bakhulumisana bathi,
“Kasihambeni siye eBhethilehema siyobona into le esiyenzakele, iNkosi esisitshele
ngayo.”
16 Bahle basuka ngokuphangisa, bafica uMariya loJosefa losane olwalulele emkol-
weni wokudlela izifuyo. 17 Bathi sebembonile umntwana, batshela abanengi
ngalokho ababekutshelwe mayelana lomntwana lo, 18 kwathi bonke abalizwayo
bamangaliswa yilokho abakuzwa ngabelusi. 19 Kodwa uMariya wazenza igugu zonke
lezizinto wazishicilela enhliziyweni yakhe. 20 Abelusi babuyela, bedumisa njalo
bebabaza uNkulunkulu ngezinto zonke ababezizwile njalo bazibona, zaba yikho
kanye ababekutsheliwe.
21 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, sekuyisikhathi sokuthi asokwe, wethiwa ibizo
elithi nguJesu, ibizo ayelithiwe yingilosi engakabunjwa esiswini.

UJesu Uyethulwa EThempelini

22 Kwathi lapho sesiphelile isikhathi sabo sokuhlanjululwa ngokomthetho
kaMosi, uJosefa loMariya bamusa eJerusalema ukuyamnikela eNkosini
23 (njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni weNkosi ukuthi, “Lonke izibulo lesilisa kumele
linikelwe eNkosini”*), 24 njalo kwenziwe umhlatshelo kulandelwa lokho okutshiwo
nguMthetho weNkosi othi: “amajuba amabili loba inkwilimba ezisesezincane
ezimbili.”†
25 Kwakukhona eJerusalema indoda eyayithiwa nguSimiyoni, yayilungile njalo
ikholwa. Yayilindele ukududuzwa kuka-Israyeli, njalo uMoya oNgcwele wawuphezu
kwayo. 26 Kwakwambuliwe kuye nguMoya oNgcwele ukuthi wayengayikufa engak-
aboni uKhristu weNkosi. 27 Waholwa nguMoya wangena emagumeni ethempeli.
Kwathi abazali sebemlethile umntwana uJesu ukumenzela lokho okwakufunwa

* **2:23** 2.23 U-Eksodasi 13.2, 12 † **2:24** 2.24 ULevi 12.8

ngumkhuba woMthetho, 28 uSimiyoni wamgona ngezingalo zakhe wadumisa uNkulunkulu esithi:
29 “Thixo, Nkosi, njengoba wavele wathembisa,
manje-ke iyekele ihambe ngokuthula inceku yakho.
30 Ngoba amehlo ami aseyibonile insindiso yakho,
31 oyilungisileyo phambi kwezizwe zonke,
32 ukukhanya kokwambulela abeZizwe
lokwenkazimulo yabantu bakho bako-Israyeli.”
33 Oyise lonina womntwana bamangala kakhulu ngalokho okwakukhulunywa ngaye. 34 USimiyoni wasebabusisa, wathi kuMariya unina: “Umntwana lo umiselwe ukuwa lokuvuka kwabanengi ko-Israyeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso esizagconwa, 35 ukwenzela ukuthi imicabango yabanengi ivele obala. Njalo inkemba izawugwaza umphefumulo wakho lawe.”
36 Kwakukhona njalo umphrofethikazi, u-Ana, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwana sika-Asheri. Wayesemdala kakhulu: wayephile lomkakhe okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ngemva kokwenda kwakhe, 37 wasesiba ngumfelokazi waze waba leminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane. Kazange lanini asuke ethempelini kodwa wayekhonza ubusuku lemini, ezila njalo ekhuleka. 38 Wabuya kubo ngalesosikhathi wabonga kuNkulunkulu, wakhuluma ngomntwana kubo bonke ababelindele ukuhlengwa kweJerusalema.
39 Kwathi lapho uJosefa loMariya sebekwenzile konke okwakufuneka ngoMthetho weNkosi babuyela eGalile, edolobheni lakibo elaseNazaretha. 40 Umntwana wakhula, waqina; wagcwala inhlakanipho, njalo umusa kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe.

Umfana UJesu EseThempelini

41 Iminyaka yonke abazali bakhe baya eJerusalema belanda uMkhosi wePhasika. 42 Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili baya emkhosini njengenjayelo. 43 Kwathi uMkhosi usuphelile, abazali bakhe sebebuyela ekhaya, umfana uJesu wasala eJerusalema, kodwa bona belibele. 44 Bazihambela ilanga lonke bona becabanga ukuthi ukhona edwendweni lwabo. Basebeqalisa ukumdinga phakathi kwezihlobo zabo labangane. 45 Bathi sebemswele babuyela eJerusalema bayamdinga. 46 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu bamfumana emagumeni ethempeli ehlezi phakathi kwabafundisi elalele njalo ebabuza imibuzo. 47 Wonke umuntu owamuzwayo wamangala ngokuzwisisa kwakhe kanye lempendulo zakhe. 48 Abazali bakhe bathi bembona bamangala kakhulu. Unina wathi kuye, “Ndodana, kungani usinqinekisa kangaka? Uyihlo lami besesikhathazekile sikudinga.”
49 Yena wabuza wathi, “Belivele lingidingelani kanti? Belingazi yini ukuthi bekumele ngibe sendlini kaBaba?” 50 Kodwa kabazwisisanga lokho ayekutsho kubo.
51 Wasehamba labo eNazaretha wahlala ebalalela. Kodwa unina wazenza igugu zonke lezi izinto enhliziyweni yakhe. 52 UJesu wakhula ngenhlakanipho, langomzimba langokuthandwa nguNkulunkulu labantu.

3

UJohane UMbhaphathizi Ulungisa Indlela

1 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaThibheriyasi Khesari ngesikhathi uPhontiyasi Philathu engumbusi eJudiya, uHerodi engumbusi eGalile, umfowabo uFiliphu engumbusi wase-Ithuriya leThrakhonithi, njalo loLisaniya engumbusi wase-Abhilene 2 ngesikhathi leso u-Anasi loKhayifasi bengabaphristi abakhulu, kwafika ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kuJohane indodana kaZakhariya esenkangala. 3 Wawuhamba

wonke umango waseJodani, etshumayela ubhaphathizo lokuphenduka ukuze izono
zithethelelwe. 4 Njengoba kulotshiwe encwadini yamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi:
“Ilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala,
‘Lungisani indlela kaThixo,
yenzani indlela zakhe ziqonde.
5 Zonke izigodi zizagcwaliswa,
izintaba zonke lamaqaqa kuzakwehliselwa phansi.
Izindlela zonke ezimazombe zizaqonda,
izindlela ezimakhilikithi zizakuba butshelezi.
6 Abantu bonke bazayibona insindiso kaNkulunkulu.’*”
7 UJohane wathi emaxukwini abantu ababuya ukuzobhaphathizwa nguye, “Lina
nzalo yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi libalekele ulaka oluzayo na? 8 Thelani
izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. Njalo lingaqali ukuzitshela ukuthi, ‘Silo-
Abhrahama ongubaba wethu.’ Ngoba ngilitshela ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNku-
lunkulu angamenzela u-Abhrahama abantwana. 9 Ihloka selivele selisezimpandeni
zezihlahla, njalo zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezilungileyo zizaganyulwa,
ziphoselwe emlilweni.”
10 Abantu bambuza bathi, “Pho kumele senzeni?”
11 UJohane waphendula wathi, “Leyondoda elamajazi amabili kayimuphe ongelalo
elinye lalowo olokudla kenze njalo.”
12 Labathelisi labo beza ukuzabhaphathizwa. Babuza bathi, “Mfundisi, kumele
senzeni?”
13 Wabatshela wathi, “Lingathelisi ledlulise okufunekayo.”
14 Abanye abebutho bambuza bathi, “Thina-ke senzeni?”
Waphendula wathi, “Lingancindezeli ukuthi liphiwe imali njalo lingabeki muntu
umlandu wamanga njalo lisuthiseke ngomholo wenu.”
15 Abantu babehlezi belindele njalo bonke babezibuza ezinhliziyweni zabo ingabe
uJohane wayenguye yini uKhristu. 16 UJohane wabaphendula bonke wathi, “Mina
ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi. Kodwa yena olamandla kulami uyeza, akungilinganga
ukuthukulula imichilo yamanyathela akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele
langomlilo. 17 Isitsha sakhe sokwela sisesandleni sakhe ukuba athanyele isiza
sakhe njalo abuthele amabele akhe esiphaleni, kodwa uzatshisa amakhoba ngomlilo
ongacitshekiyo.” 18 Waphinda walaya abantu ngamanye amazwi amanengi njalo
watshumayela kubo ivangeli.
19 Kodwa kwathi uJohane esekhuze uHerodi umbusi ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkam-
fowabo, langezinye izinto ezimbi ayezenzile, 20 uHerodi wakuhlanganisa lokhu
konke: Wamvalela uJohane entolongweni.

Ukubhaphathizwa KukaJesu Lembali Yosendo Lwakhe

21 Kwathi bonke abantu bebhaphathizwa, loJesu laye wabhaphathizwa. Wathi
ekhuleka izulu lavuleka 22 uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kuye elesimo sejuba. Kweza
ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi: “Wena uyiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza
kakhulu ngawe.”
23 UJesu wayeseleminyaka engaba ngamatshumi amathathu eqalisa umsebenzi
wakhe wokutshumayela. Kwakukhunjulwa ukuthi uyindodana kaJosefa,

indodana kaHeli, 24 indodana kaMathathi,
indodana kaLevi, indodana kaMeliki,
indodana kaJanayi, indodana kaJosefa,
25 indodana kaMathathiyasi, indodana ka-Amosi,

* **3:6** 3.6 U-Isaya 40.3-5

indodana kaNahumi, indodana ka-Esili,
indodana kaNagayi, 26 indodana kaMahathi,
indodana kaMathathiyasi, indodana kaSemeyini,
indodana kaJoseki, indodana kaJoda,
27 indodana kaJohanani, indodana kaResa,
indodana kaZerubhabheli, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli,
indodana kaNeri, 28 indodana kaMeliki,
indodana ka-Adi, indodana kaKhosamu,
indodana ka-Elimadami, indodana ka-Eri,
29 indodana kaJoshuwa, indodana ka-Eliyezeri,
indodana kaJorimu, indodana kaMathathi,
indodana kaLevi, 30 indodana kaSimiyoni,
indodana kaJuda, indodana kaJosefa,
indodana kaJonami, indodana ka-Eliyakhimu,
31 indodana kaMeleya, indodana kaMena,
indodana kaMathatha, indodana kaNathani,
indodana kaDavida, 32 indodana kaJese,
indodana ka-Obhedi, indodana kaBhowazi,
indodana kaSalimoni, indodana kaNashoni,
33 indodana ka-Aminadabi, indodana kaRamu,
indodana kaHezironi, indodana kaPherezi,
indodana kaJuda, 34 indodana kaJakhobe,
indodana ka-Isaka, indodana ka-Abhrahama,
indodana kaThera, indodana kaNahori,
35 indodana kaSerugi, indodana kaRewu,
indodana kaPhelegi, indodana ka-Ebha,
indodana kaShela, 36 indodana kaKhayinani,
indodana ka-Ariphazadi, indodana kaShemu,
indodana kaNowa, indodana kaLameki,
37 indodana kaMethusela, indodana ka-Enoki,
indodana kaJaredi, indodana kaMahalaleli,
indodana kaKhenani, 38 indodana ka-Enoshi,
indodana kaSethi, indodana ka-Adamu,
indodana kaNkulunkulu.

4

Ukulingwa KukaJesu

1 UJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wasuka evela eJodani wasekhokhelwa nguMoya
wamusa enkangala, 2 lapho alingwa khona nguSathane okwensuku ezingamatshumi
amane. Kadlanga lutho ngalezonsuku, ekupheleni kwazo, wayeselambile.
3 USathane wathi kuye, “Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshela ilitshe leli ukuthi
liphenduke libe yisinkwa.”
4 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa
kuphela.’*”
5 USathane wamholela endaweni ephakemeyo wamtshengisa ngesikhathi esifit-
shane yonke imibuso yomhlaba. 6 Wasesithi kuye, “Ngizakunika amandla lenkaz-
imulo yayo yonke ngoba kuphiwe mina njalo ngingapha loba ngubani engifuna
ukumupha. 7 Ungangikhonza konke kuzakuba ngokwakho.”
8 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho njalo usebenzele yena yedwa.’†”

* **4:4** 4.4 UDutheronomi 8.3 † **4:8** 4.8 UDutheronomi 6.13

9 USathane wamholela eJerusalema wayamisa engqongeni yethempeli. Wathi
kuye “Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele phansi usuka lapha. 10 Kalokho
kulotshiwe ukuthi:
‘Uzayala izingilosi zakhe ngawe
ukuthi zikulondoloze ngokunanzelela;
11 zizakuphakamisa ezandleni zazo,
ukuze ungatshayeki ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.’‡”
12 UJesu waphendula wathi “Kuthiwa khona, ‘Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho.’§”
13 Kwathi uSathane eseqedile ukumlinga konke wamtshiya walindela ukuzamlinga
njalo ngesinye isikhathi.

UJesu Uyaliwa ENazaretha

14 UJesu wabuyela eGalile elamandla kaMoya, izindaba ngaye zanda kuwo wonke
umango. 15 Wafundisa emasinagogweni abo, abantu bonke bamdumisa.
16 Waya eNazaretha lapho akhulela khona kwathi ngeSabatha waya esinagogweni
njengenjayelo yakhe. Wasukuma wabala. 17 Umqulu womphrofethi u-Isaya wed-
luliselwa kuye. Wawutshombulula wafumana indawo okulotshwe khona kwathiwa:
18 “Umoya kaThixo uphezu kwami,
ngoba uThixo ungigcobile ukuba
ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu.
Ungithumile ukuba ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo
lokusiliswa kweziphofu ukuthi zibone,
ukukhululwa kwabancindezelweyo,
19 lokumemezela umnyaka womusa kaThixo.”*
20 Wasewugoqa, wawubuyisela esikhonzini sebandla, wahlala phansi. Amehlo abo
bonke esinagogweni athi nhlo kuye, 21 waseqalisa ngokuthi kubo, “Lamhla umbhalo
usugcwalisekile lizizwela.”
22 Bonke bakhuluma kuhle ngaye bemangaliswa ngamazwi amnandi ayephuma
emlonyeni wakhe. Babuzana besithi, “Kanti lo kasindodana kaJosefa na?”
23 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngeqiniso lizasitsho kimi lesi isaga esithi: ‘Nyanga, zelaphe!
Yenza lapha edolobheni lakini lokho esizwa kuthiwa wakwenza eKhaphenawume.’ ”
24 Waqhubeka wathi, “Ngiqinisile ngithi kakulamphrofethi oyamukelekayo edolob-
heni lakibo. 25 Ngiyaqinisa kini ukuthi babebanengi abafelokazi ko-Israyeli nge-
sikhathi sika-Elija, lapho umkhathi wavaleka okweminyaka emithathu elengxenye
kwaba lendlala enzima elizweni lonke. 26 Kodwa u-Elija kazange athunywe
lakoyedwa wabo, ngaphandle komfelokazi waseZarefathi emangweni waseSidoni.
27 Babebanengi ko-Israyeli ababelobulephero ngesikhathi sika-Elisha umphrofethi,
kodwa munye kuphela phakathi kwabo owahlanjululwayo, uNamani waseSiriya.”
28 Bonke abantu ababesesinagogweni bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu.
29 Basukuma, bamtshovela phandle kwedolobho bamusa eliweni loqaqa okwak-
wakhelwe kulo idolobho beqonde ukumsunduzela phansi edongeni. 30 Kodwa
wasuka wahamba wadabula phakathi kwexuku labantu.

UJesu Ukhupha Umoya Omubi

31 Wasesiya eKhaphenawume, idolobho elaliseGalile, kwathi ngeSabatha wafundisa
abantu. 32 Bamangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe ngoba intshumayelo yakhe yayile-
sisindo.

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‡ **4:11** 4.11 AmaHubo 91.11-12 § **4:12** 4.12 UDutheronomi 6.16 * **4:19** 4.19 U-Isaya 61.1-2

33 Esinagogweni lapho kwakulendoda eyayiphethwe lidimoni, umoya ongcolileyo.
Yaklabalala ngelizwi layo lonke yathi, 34 “Hamba khatshana! Ufunani kithi, Jesu
waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuza sibhubhisa na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ungubani,
ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!”
35 UJesu wamkhuza wathi, “Thula! Phuma kuye!” Idimoni layilahla phansi indoda
phambi kwabo bonke laphuma lingayilimazanga indoda.
36 Bonke abantu bamangala kakhulu bakhulumisana besithi, “Yikufundisa bani
lokhu? Ulaya imimoya emibi ngegunya langamandla layo iphume!” 37 Zamemetheka
izindaba ngaye kuwo wonke umango walapho.

UJesu Uphilisa Abanengi

38 UJesu wasuka esinagogweni waya emzini kaSimoni. Uninazala kaSimoni
wayegula ebanjwe ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho onzima basebecela uJesu ukuthi
amsize. 39 Wasekhothamela kuye wakhuza umkhuhlane lowo wahle waphuma kuye.
Yena wathi lothu, waqalisa ukubaphakela.
40 Kwathi ilanga selitshona abantu baletha kuJesu bonke ababe lemikhuhlane eye-
hlukeneyo, wabasilisa ngokubeka izandla phezu kwalowo lalowo ngamunye. 41 Phezu
kwalokho amadimoni aphuma kwabanengi ememeza esithi, “Wena uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu!” Kodwa wawakhuza kazawavumela ukuthi akhulume ngoba ayemazi
ukuthi unguKhristu.
42 Emadabukakusa uJesu wasuka waya endaweni ethuleyo. Abantu babemdinga
bathi sebefike lapho ayekhona, bazama ukumvimba ukuthi angabatshiyi. 43 Kodwa
wathi, “Kumele ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu kwamanye
amadolobho, ngoba yikho engakulandayo.” 44 Waqhubeka etshumayela emasinagog-
weni aseJudiya.

5

Ukubizwa Kwabafundi Bokuqala

1 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu emi eduze kweChibi laseGenezaretha abantu beminyeze-
lana kuye belalela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, 2 wabona ekhunjini lechibi izikepe ezimbili
zitshiywe khonapho ngabagoli benhlanzi ababegezisa omambule babo. 3 Wangena
kwesinye isikepe esasingesikaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi akathi gudlu asuke kancane
okhunjini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa abantu ehlezi esikepeni.
4 Eseqedile ukukhuluma wathi kuSimoni, “Gwedla ungene enzikini uphosele
omambule bakho ukuze ubambe inhlanzi.”
5 USimoni waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku bonke, kodwa
kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabehlisa omambule.”
6 Kwathi sebenze njalo babamba inhlanzi ezaba zinengi kwaze kwaqalisa ukud-
abuka omambule. 7 Basebebiza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazo-
belekelela. Beza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza
bazigcwalisa zombili izikepe zathi phamu zaze zaqalisa ukutshona.
8 Kwathi uSimoni Phethro ekubona lokhu wazilahla phansi phambi kukaJesu
wathi, “Suka kimi, Nkosi; ngingumuntu oyisoni!” 9 Ngoba yena labakhula bakhe
babemangele ngenhlanzi ababezibambile, 10 kwamangalisa njalo uJakhobe loJohane
amadodana kaZebhediya, ababe phathisana loSimoni.
UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni, “Ungesabi; kusukela manje usuzagola abantu.”
11 Basebedonsela izikepe zabo okhunjini batshiya konke bamlandela.

Indoda Eyayilobulephero

12 Kwathi uJesu ekwelinye lamadolobho kweza indoda eyayigcwele ubulephero.
Yathi ibona uJesu yathi mbo phansi ngobuso yamncenga yathi, “Nkosi, nxa uthanda
ungangihlambulula.”
13 UJesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta indoda leyo. Wathi, “Ngiyathanda.
Hlambuluka!” Masinyane nje ubulephero bahle baphela.
14 UJesu waseyilaya wathi, “Ungatsheli muntu kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi
ubusunikela umhlatshelo wokuhlanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube
yibufakazi kubo.”
15 Kodwa udumo lwakhe lwanda ngamandla, yikho amaxuku abantu eza ukuza-
muzwa lokusiliswa emikhuhlaneni yabo. 16 Kodwa kanengi uJesu wayesithi nyelele
ayesithela ezindaweni ezithuleyo ayekhuleka.

UJesu Usilisa Umuntu Owome Umhlubulo

17 Ngelinye ilanga elokhu efundisa, kwakuhlezi khonapho abaFarisi labafundisi
bomthetho ababephuma emizini yonke yaseGalile abanye bevela eJudiya lase-
Jerusalema. Amandla eNkosi ayekhona kuye ukuze asilise abagulayo. 18 Kwafika
amanye amadoda ethwele indoda eyayome umhlubulo ngecansi efuna ukungena
laye endlini ambeke phambi kukaJesu. 19 Athi esehlulekile ngenxa yokuminyana
kwabantu, akhwela ephahleni, amehlisela phansi ngesikhala amuthi qithi phakathi
laphakathi kwabantu phambi kukaJesu.
20 Kwathi uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi, “Mngane, izono zakho sezi-
thethelelwe.”
21 AbaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona bathi, “Ungubani yena lo umuntu
okhuluma ehlambaza na? Ngubani ongathethelela izono ngaphandle kukaNku-
lunkulu kuphela?”
22 UJesu wayekwazi abakucabangayo wasebuza wathi, “Kungani linakana izinto
ezinje ezinhliziyweni zenu? 23 Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi, ‘Izono zakho sezithethelelwe,’
loba ukuthi, ‘Sukuma uhambe’? 24 Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ila-
mandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni.” Wasesithi kuyo indoda eyome umhlubulo,
“Sukuma, thatha icansi lakho uhambe uye ekhaya.” 25 Masinyane wathi lothu phambi
kwabo, wabutha ayekade elele phezu kwakho waya ekhaya edumisa uNkulunkulu.
26 Wonke umuntu wamangala, badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bamangala kakhulu bathi,
“Lamuhla sibone izimanga.”

Ukubizwa KukaLevi

27 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu waphuma wasebona umthelisi owayethiwa nguLevi
ehlezi endaweni yakhe yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela,” 28 uLevi
wasukuma watshiya konke wamlandela.
29 ULevi wasesenzela uJesu idili elikhulu endlini yakhe kukhona ixuku labathelisi
labanye besidla labo. 30 Kodwa abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho abeqembu labo
basola kubafundi bakhe bathi, “Lenzelani ukudla linathe labathelisi kanye lezoni
na?”
31 UJesu wabaphendula wathi, “Kakusibo abaphilayo abaswela umelaphi, kodwa
ngabagulayo. 32 Kangilandanga ukubiza abulungileyo, kodwa ukubiza izoni ukuba
ziphenduke.”

UJesu Ubuzwa Ngokuzila

33 Bathi kuye, “Abafundi bakaJohane bazila kanengi bekhuleka njalo labafundi
babaFarisi labo benza njalo, kodwa abakho bahlala besidla, benatha.”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungenzeka yini ukuzilisa izethekeli zomyeni
emthimbeni umyeni eseselazo na? 35 Kodwa sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni
ezasuswa kuzo; zizazila ngalezonsuku.”

36 Wabatshela umzekeliso lo: “Kakho odabula isichibi esigqokweni esitsha asithungele esigqokweni esidala. Angenzenjalo, uzakuba esesidabule isigqoko esitsha, ikanti isichibi sesitsha kasiyikufanela esidala. 37 Njalo kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emidala. Angenza njalo iwayini elitsha lizaziqhekeza izikhumba iwayini livuze kuthi lemigodla yezikhumba leyo ihle yonakale. 38 Hatshi, iwayini elitsha lithelwa emigodleni yezikhumba emitsha. 39 Njalo kakho othi eseqale wanatha iwayini elidala afune elitsha, ngoba uthi, ‘Elidala lingcono.’ ”

6

INkosi YeSabatha

1 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayedabula emasimini alamabele, abafundi bakhe basebekhwebula izikhwebu zamabele, bakha bazihlikihlela ezandleni, badla inhlamvu zakhona. 2 Abanye abaFarisi babuza bathi, “Kungani lisenza okungaphandle komthetho ngeSabatha na?”

3 UJesu wabaphendula wathi, “Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida lapho yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? 4 Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu wathatha isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo wadla lokho umthetho owawusithi kudliwe ngabaphristi kuphela. Futhi okunye wakupha abakhula bakhe.” 5 UJesu wasesithi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi yeSabatha.”

6 Ngelinye iSabatha waya esinagogweni wafundisa, khonapho kulendoda elesandla sokudla esitshwabheneyo. 7 AbaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho babedinga izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa ngeSabatha. 8 Kodwa uJesu wakwazi ababekucabanga, wasesithi endodeni yesandla esitshwabheneyo, “Sukuma ume phambi kwabantu bonke.” Lakanye yasukuma yema khonapho.

9 UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Ngiyalibuza, kuyini okusemthethweni ngeSabatha: ukwenza okuhle loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukuyibhubhisa?”

10 Wabakhangela wababhoda bonke, wasesithi endodeni leyo, “Yelula isandla sakho.” Yenza njalo, isandla sayo sasiliswa ngokupheleleyo. 11 Kodwa bazonda babheda basebecebisana ukuthi benzeni ngoJesu.

AbaPostoli Abalitshumi Lambili

12 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu waphuma waya ewatheni lwentaba esiya khuleka, waba khonale ubusuku bonke ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu. 13 Kwathi sokusile wasebiza abafundi bakhe wakhetha kubo abalitshumi lambili, wasebaphawula ngokuthi ngabapostoli:

14 uSimoni (owambiza ngokuthi Phethro), lomfowabo u-Andreya,
uJakhobe,
uJohane,
uFiliphu,
uBhatholomewu,
15 uMatewu,
uThomasi,
uJakhobe umfoka-Alifewu,
uSimoni owayethiwa ngumZilothi,
16 uJudasi umfokaJakhobe
loJudasi Iskariyothi, owaba ngumthengisi.

Izibusiso Lezixwayiso

17 Wehla labo bema esigcawini. Kwakubuthene ixuku elikhulu elabafundi bakhe njalo kulabantu abanengi bevela kulolonke elaseJudiya, leJerusalema lasemakhunjini

olwandle eThire leSidoni, 18 ababeze ukuzamuzwa lokuzakwelatshwa izifo zabo.
Labo ababehlutshwa yimimoya emibi basiliswa, 19 bonke abantu bazama ukumthinta
ngoba amandla ayephuma kuye ayebasilisa bonke.
20 Wakhangela abafundi bakhe wathi:
"Libusisiwe lina elimpofu,
ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngowenu.
21 Libusisiwe lina elilambileyo manje,
ngoba lizasuthiswa.
Libusisiwe lina elililayo manje,
ngoba lizahleka.
22 Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belizonda,
nxa belibandlulula njalo belichothoza,
bephika ibizo lenu besithi lingcolile,
ngenxa yeNdodana yoMuntu.
23 Thokozani ngalolosuku liqolotshe ngokuthokoza ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu
ezulwini. Ngoba yiyo indlela okhokho babo abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi.
24 Kodwa maye kini lina elinothileyo,
ngoba livele selikwamukele ukuhlala kuhle kwenu.
25 Maye kini lina elidla kamnandi manje,
ngoba lizalamba.
Maye kini lina elihlekayo manje,
ngoba lizakhala lilile.
26 Maye kini nxa bonke abantu belincoma,
ngoba yiyo indlela okhokho benu
abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi bamanga."

Ukuthanda Izitha

27 "Kodwa ngiyalitshela lina elingizwayo, ngithi: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle
kwabalizondayo, 28 libusise labo abaliqalekisayo, libakhulekele labo abalihluku-
luzayo. 29 Umuntu angakutshaya esihlathini, muphe esinye. Umuntu angakwemuka
ijazi lakho ungamaleli ukuthatha leyembe. 30 Phanini loba ngubani ocela kini, njalo
nxa umuntu ethatha ulutho lwakho ungaluthonisi. 31 Yenza kwabanye lokho ofuna
ukuthi bakwenze kuwe.
32 Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni lazo
ziyabathanda abazithandayo. 33 Njalo nxa lisenza okuhle kulabo abalungileyo kini,
lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziyakwenza lokho. 34 Njalo nxa liseboleka labo elizazuza
imbadalo kubo, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziboleka izoni zilindele ukubhadalwa
ngokugcweleyo. 35 Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, lizenzele okuhle, njalo lizeboleke
lingalindeli lutho kuzo. Lapho-ke umvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo lizakuba
ngamadodana akhe oPhezukonke, ngoba ulomusa kwabangabongiyo labayizigangi.
36 Wobani lesihawu njengoYihlo olesihawu."

Ukwahlulela Abanye

37 "Lingahluleli ukuze lani lingahlulelwa. Lingamlahli omunye ukuze lani
lingalahlwa. Thethelelani ukuze lani lithethelelwe. 38 Phanini, lani lizaphiwa.
Kuzathiwa qithi kini kugcwaliswe phamu, kwagqitshwa, kwakhuhluzwa kwaze
kwaphuphuma. Ngoba ngesilinganiso elisisebenzisayo, lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso."
39 Waphinde wabatshela umzekeliso lo, "Isiphofu kambe singakhokhela isiphofu
na? Kazizukuwela emgodini zombili na? 40 Umfundi ungaphansi kombalisi wakhe,
kodwa wonke osefundiswe ngokupheleleyo usenjengombalisi wakhe.

41 Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlweni lomfowenu, unganqinekeli
ukhuni olukwelakho ilihlo na? 42 Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi, 'Mfowethu,
wothi ngikukhuphe uvava oluselihlweni lakho,' kodwa wena usehluleka ukubona
ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho na? Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni oluselihlweni
lakho ukuze ubone kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlweni lomfowenu."

Isihlahla Lezithelo Zaso

43 "Kakulasihlahla esihle esithela izithelo ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasitheli
izithelo ezinhle. 44 Isihlahla sinye ngasinye saziwa ngezithelo zaso. Abantu kabakhi
umkhiwa ezihlahleni zameva loba amagrebisi esingeni. 45 Umuntu olungileyo uveza
izinto ezinhle eziphuma kokuhle okugcinwe enhliziyweni yakhe, njalo lomuntu
omubi uphihliza ububi obugcinwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Ngoba umlomo ukhuluma
lokho okuphuphuma enhliziyweni."

Omakhi Abahlakaniphileyo Labayiziwula

46 "Kungani lingibiza lisithi, 'Nkosi, Nkosi,' kodwa lingakwenzi engikutshoyo?
47 Lowo oza kimi ezwe amazwi ami akwenze akutshoyo, ngizalitshela ukuthi
unjengani. 48 Unjengendoda eyakha indlu, yagebha yatshona phansi, yasibeka
isisekelo sayo phezu kwedwala. Kwathi kufika isikhukhula, isiphepho sayitshaya
indlu, kodwa asaze sayizamazamisa, ngoba yayakhiwe kuhle. 49 Kodwa lowo
owezwayo amazwi ami, kodwa angakwenzi akutshoyo, unjengomuntu owakha indlu
emhlabathini kungelasisekelo. Umsinga wonela ukuyitshaya leyondlu, yabhidlika
yaphela du."

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Ukholo Lwenduna Yekhulu

1 Kwathi uJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma konke lokhu abantu labo besizwa wayangena
eKhaphenawume. 2 Khonapho inceku yenduna yekhulu eyayiligugu kakhulu
enkosini yayo, yayigula isibangwa lezibi. 3 Induna yekhulu yezwa ngoJesu yathuma
kuye abanye abadala bamaJuda icela ukuba eze azosilisa inceku yayo. 4 Bafika
kuJesu bamncenga kakhulu bathi, "Indoda le ifanele ukuthi uyenzele lokhu, 5 ngoba
iyasithanda isizwe sakithi njalo yiyo eyakha isinagogu yethu." 6 Ngakho uJesu
wahamba labo.

Wayengasekhatshana lendlu lapho induna yekhulu yathuma abangane bayo
ukuyakuthi kuye, "Nkosi, ungazihluphi, akungifanelanga mina ukuthi ungene
ngaphansi kophahla lwami. 7 Yikho okwenze ngazibona ngingafanele ukuthi ngize
kuwe. Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje inceku yami izasila. 8 Ngoba mina ngokwami ngingu-
muntu ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela
ngithi, 'Hamba,' ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, 'Buya,' lakanye abuye. Ngithi encekwini
yami, 'Yenza lokhu,' ikwenze."

9 UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wamangala ngaye, wasephendukela exukwini labantu
ababemlandela wathi, "Ngiyalitshela, kangikaluboni ukholo olukhulu kangaka kanye
lako-Israyeli." 10 Abantu ababethunyiwe babuyela endlini bafica inceku isiziphilela.

UJesu Uvusa Indodana Yomfelokazi

11 Kungakabi yisikhathi eside ngemva kwalokhu, uJesu waya edolobheni ok-
wakuthiwa yiNayini, abafundi bakhe kanye lexuku labantu elikhulu babehamba
laye. 12 Wathi esebanga entubeni yedolobho, khonapho umuntu ofileyo wayethwelwe
ekhutshelwa ngaphandle. Indodana eyiyo yodwa kunina njalo unina engumfelokazi.
Ixuku elikhulu labantu bedolobheni lalilaye. 13 Kwathi uJesu embona umfelokazi,
wamhawukela wathi kuye, "Ungakhali."

14 Wasesondela wathinta ithala elalilesidumbu, kwathi labo ababelithwele bema
mpo. Wathi, “Jaha, ngithi kuwe, vuka!” 15 Indoda efileyo yavuka yahlala,
yasikhuluma, uJesu wayinika unina.
16 Bonke bamangala kakhulu badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bathi, “Umphrofethi
omkhulu usevelile phakathi kwethu. UNkulunkulu usefikile ukuzasiza abantu
bakhe.” 17 Udumo lukaJesu lwamemetheka kulolonke elaseJudiya lemangweni
wakhona.

UJesu LoJohane UMbhaphathizi

18 Abafundi bakaJohane bamtshela ngazozonke lezizinto. Wabiza ababili babo
19 wabathuma eNkosini ukuyabuza ukuthi, “Unguye yini ozayo, kumbe silindele
omunye?”
20 Amadoda lawo athi efika kuJesu athi, “UJohane uMbhaphathizi usithumile kuwe
ukuthi sizobuza sithi, ‘Unguye yini ozayo kumbe silindele omunye’?”
21 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wasilisa abanengi ababelezifo, lemikhuhlane lemimoya
emibi, wazivula amehlo iziphofu ezinengi. 22 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Buyelani
liyebikela uJohane lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo ukuthi iziphofu zenziwa zibone,
abaqhugezelayo bayahamba, abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa,
abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli liyatshunyayelwa kubayanga. 23 Ubusisiwe lowom-
untu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami.”
24 Sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane uJesu waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngo-
Johane esithi: “Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na? Umhlanga owazunguzwa
ngumoya na? 25 Nxa kwakungenjalo, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na?
Hatshi, labo abagqoka izigqoko ezidulayo bazitike ngezinto ezinhle basezigodlweni.
26 Kodwa kanti kuyini elaphuma lisiyakubona? Umphrofethi yini? Yebo, ngiyalit-
shela, omkhulu kulomphrofethi. 27 Lo nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi:
‘Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho,
esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.’*
28 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi kubo abazalwa ngabesifazane kakho omkhulu kuloJohane;
ikanti lowo omncinyane kakhulu embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye.”
29 (Bonke abantu, kanye labathelisi, bathi sebewazwile amazwi kaJesu bavuma
ukuthi indlela kaNkulunkulu yayilungile, ngoba babebhaphathizwe nguJohane.
30 Kodwa abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho bayala injongo kaNkulunkulu ngabo, ngoba
babengabhaphathizwanga nguJohane.)
31 UJesu waqhubeka wathi, “Pho ngingabafanisa lani abantu besizukulwane lesi?
Bafanana lani? 32 Banjengabantwana behlezi emkambo bememeza abanye besithi:
‘Salitshayela umhubhe,
kodwa kaligidanga,
salihlabelela ingoma yesililo,
kodwa kalililanga.’
33 Ngoba uJohane uMbhaphathizi weza engadli isinkwa njalo enganathi iwayini, lina
lithi, ‘Uledimoni.’ 34 INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla, yanatha, laselisithi, ‘Nansi isidli
lesidakwa, umngane wabathelisi lezoni.’ 35 Kodwa ukuhlakanipha kuziveza ukuthi
kuqondile ebantwaneni bakho bonke.”

UJesu Ugcotshwa Ngumfazi Oyisoni

36 Omunye wabaFarisi wanxusa uJesu ukuzakudla laye isidlo sakusihlwa, ngakho
waya endlini yalowo mFarisi wahlala etafuleni. 37 Kwathi owesifazane othile
owayephila impilo yesono kulelodolobho esezwile ukuthi uJesu wayesidla endlini
yomFarisi weza ephethe imbodlela yamakha, 38 kwathi esemi ngemva kukaJesu

* **7:27** 7.27 UMalaki 3.1

ngasezinyaweni ekhala, wamanzisa inyawo zakhe ngezinyembezi. Wasezesula inyawo zikaJesu ngenwele zakhe, wazanga wasethela amakha kuzo.
39 Kwathi lowomFarisi owayemnxusile ekubona lokho wazitshela wathi, “Aluba indoda le ibingumphrofethi, ibizakwazi ukuthi ngubani oyibambabambayo lokuthi umfazi lo uyisoni.”
40 UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Simoni, kukhona engifuna ukukutshela khona.”
Wathi, “Ngitshela, mfundisi.”
41 “Amadoda amabili ayelesikwelede semali kumeboleki wemali. Oyedwa wayelesikwelede samadenari angamakhulu amahlanu, omunye esamatshumi amahlanu. 42 Bobabili babengelayo imali yokumbhadala, ngakho wasewesula umlandu wabo bobabili. Manje nguphi wabo ozamthanda okudlula omunye na?”
43 USimoni waphendula wathi, “Ngibona kungathi ngulowo owesulelwa isikwelede esikhulu.”
UJesu wathi, “Wahlulele kuhle.”
44 Wasephendukela kowesifazane wathi kuSimoni, “Uyambona na owesifazane lo? Ngifikile endlini yakho, kawungiphanga amanzi okugeza inyawo zami, kodwa yena uthambise inyawo zami ngezinyembezi zakhe, wazesula ngenwele zakhe. 45 Kawunganganga, kodwa owesifazane lo selokhu ngingenileyo lapha akemanga ukwanga inyawo zami. 46 Kawuthelanga amafutha ekhanda lami, kodwa yena uthele amakha ezinyaweni zami. 47 Yikho-ke ngiyakutshela ukuthi izono zakhe ezinengi sezithethelelwe, ngoba utshengise uthando olukhulu. Kodwa lowo othethelelwe okuncinyane uthanda kancinyane.”
48 UJesu wasesithi kowesifazane, “Izono zakho sezithethelelwe.”
49 Ezinye izethekeli zasezibuzana zisithi, “Ungubani kanti yena lo oze athethelele izono na?”
50 UJesu wasesithi kowesifazane, “Ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.”

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Umzekeliso Womhlanyeli

1 Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wahambahamba engena kuleli laleli idolobho lemizi, ememezela izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu. Abalitshumi lambili babelaye, 2 kanye labesifazane ababesiliswe emimoyeni emibi lemikhuhlaneni: uMariya (owayethiwa nguMagadalini) okwakuphume kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa; 3 uJowana umkaTshuza, umlawuli wendlu kaHerodi; uSusana labanye abanengi. Abesifazane laba babebasiza ngabakuswelayo.
4 Kwathi sekubuthana ixuku labantu elikhulu labantu besiza kuJesu beqhamuka emadolobheni atshiyeneyo wabatshela lo umzekeliso: 5 “Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela. Wathi elokhu eyihaza inhlanyelo, eyinye yawela endleleni; yanyathelwa, izinyoni zemoyeni zayidobha. 6 Eyinye yawela edwaleni, yathi isathi iyakhula yabuna ngoba yayingelabumanzi. 7 Eyinye inhlanyelo yawela phakathi kwameva, akhula kanye layo ayiminyezela. 8 Eyinye inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini ovundileyo. Yakhula yathela amabele, yanda ngekhulu.”
Wathi esetsho lokhu wamemeza wathi, “Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe.”
9 Abafundi bakhe bambuza ukuthi umzekeliso lowo wawusitshoni. 10 Wathi, “Ulwazi lwemfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu seluphiwe lina, kodwa kwabanye ngikhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso, ukuze kuthi,
‘loba bekhangele, bangaboni;
loba besizwa, bengaqedisisi.’*

* **8:10** 8.10 U-Isaya 6.9

11 Nansi ingcazelo yomzekeliso: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 12 Labo
abasendleleni ngabalizwayo, kodwa uSathane eze alihluthune ilizwi ezinhliziyweni
zabo, ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. 13 Labo abasokhetheni ngabemukela ilizwi
ngentokozo nxa belizwa, kodwa kabalampande. Bayakholwa okwesikhatshana,
kodwa kuthi ngesikhathi sobunzima bawe. 14 Inhlanyelo eyawela emeveni imele labo
abezwayo, kodwa baqhubeke ngeyabo indlela bakhanywe yizinhlupheko zempilo,
inotho kanye lezikholisisayo, bangabe besakhula baphelele. 15 Kodwa inhlanyelo
esemhlabathini ovundileyo imele labo abalenhliziyo enhle, elungileyo, abalizwayo
ilizwi, baligcine bathi ngokubambelela bathele izithelo.”

Isibane Phezu Kwesiqobane

16 “Kakho olumathisa isibane asifihle ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe asibeke
ngaphansi kombheda. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni ukuze labo abangenayo babone
ukukhanya. 17 Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo okungayi kudazululwa, njalo akukho
okuthukuziweyo okungayikwaziwa kumbe kuvezwe obala. 18 Ngakho nanzelelani
ukuthi lilalela kanjani. Lowo olakho uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho athi
ulakho uzakwemukwa.”

Unina KaJesu Labafowabo

19 Unina kaJesu labafowabo beza ukuzambona, kodwa behluleka ukufinyelela kuye
ngenxa yokuminyana kwabantu. 20 Omunye wamtshela wathi, “Unyoko labafowenu
bakulindele phandle, bafuna ukukubona.”
21 Waphendula wathi, “Umama labafowethu yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi likaNku-
lunkulu balenze.”

UJesu Uthulisa Isiphepho

22 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, “Kasiyeni ngaphetsheya
kwechibi.” Basebengena esikepeni bahamba. 23 Bathe belokhu behamba yena walala.
Kwafika isiphepho echibini isikepe saqalisa ukugalula, baba sengozini embi.
24 Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, Nkosi, sesigalula bo!”
Wavuka wawukhuza umoya kanye lamagagasi; isiphepho sadeda, kwasekuthula
cwaka. 25 Wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi, “Kungaphi ukukholwa kwenu?”
Babuzana ngokumangala lokwesaba bathi, “Kanti ungubani lo? Ukhuza kanye
lomoya lamanzi kumlalele.”

Ukusiliswa Kwendoda Ephethwe Lidimoni

26 Bagwedla isikepe baya emangweni wamaGerazini, okungaphetsheya kwechibi
kusuka eGalile. 27 Kwathi uJesu esehla okhunjini wahlangabezwa yindoda eyay-
iledimoni iqhamuka ngasedolobheni. Indoda le yayisilesikhathi eside ingavunuli
zigqoko, ingahlali endlini, kodwa ihlala emathuneni. 28 Yathi ibona uJesu yahlaba
umkhosi yazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe iklabalala ngelizwi elikhulu isithi, “Ufuna
ukungenzani, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungaze
wangihlukuluza!” 29 Ngoba uJesu wayeseyale umoya omubi ukuthi uphume
kuleyondoda. Izikhathi ezinengi wawumbamba, kuthi loba ebotshwe ngamaketane
ezandleni lezinyaweni njalo elindiwe, wayewaqamula amaketane idimoni limuse
enkangala.
30 UJesu wambuza wathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho?”
Waphendula wathi, “NginguLigiyoni,” ngoba amadimoni amanengi ayengene kuye.
31 Amncenga ukuthi angawalayi ukuthi ayewolokohlela emgodini ongelamkhawulo.
32 Umhlambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla khonapho eceleni koqaqa. Amadi-
moni amncenga uJesu ukuthi awavumele ukuyangena engulubeni, laye wawavumela.

33 Amadimoni aphuma endodeni ayangena ezingulubeni, umhlambi wathi zimu
usehlela eliweni lodonga wangena echibini wagalula.
34 Labo ababezelusile bonela ukubona okwasekwenzakele babaleka bayabika
edolobheni lemangweni wakhona, 35 abantu basebeqonda khonale ukuyabona
okwasekwenzakele. Bathi befika kuJesu bayifumana indoda okwakukhutshwe
kuyo amadimoni ihlezi ezinyaweni zikaJesu, igqokile njalo ingqondo isibuyile;
besaba kakhulu. 36 Labo ababebonile kusenzakala batshela abantu ukuthi indoda
eyayiphethwe lidimoni yasiliswa njani. 37 Kwasekusithi bonke abantu bomango
wamaGerazini bamcela uJesu ukuthi kasuke kubo ngoba babekhulelwa yikwesaba.
Ngakho wangena esikepeni wahamba.
38 Indoda leyo eyakhutshwa amadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ahambe layo, kodwa
uJesu wala wathi, 39 "Buyela ekhaya uyefakaza ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukwenzeleni."
Yikho indoda yahamba yafakaza kulolonke idolobho konke uJesu ayeyenzele khona.

Intombazana Efileyo Lowesifazane Ogulayo

40 Kwathi uJesu esebuyile wahlangabezwa lixuku labantu elikhulu, ngoba bonke
babemlindele. 41 Indoda eyayithiwa nguJayirosi, umbusi wesinagogu, yeza yazilahla
ezinyaweni zikaJesu, imncenga ukuthi eze endlini yayo 42 ngoba indodakazi yayo
eyodwa zwi, intombazana eyayileminyaka elitshumi lambili, yayisifa.
Kwathi uJesu esesiya khona abantu baminyezela ingathi bazampatshaza.
43 Khonapho kwakulowesifazane owayeseleminyaka elitshumi lambili esopha kodwa
kungekho owayengamelapha. 44 Weza ngemva kukaJesu wathinta umphetho
wesembatho sakhe, masinyane nje ukopha kwahle kwaphela.
45 UJesu wabuza wathi, "Ngubani ongithintileyo?"
Kwathi ngoba bonke bephika uPhethro wathi, "Nkosi, abantu bayaminyezelana
besondela kuwe."
46 Kodwa uJesu wathi, "Ukhona ongithintileyo; ngiyazi ukuthi amandla aphumile
kimi."
47 Owesifazane esebone ukuthi uzacina eboniwe weza ethuthumela wazilahla
ezinyaweni zakhe. Wachaza phambi kwabantu bonke ukuthi kungani wayemthintile
uJesu lokuthi wasiliswa njani masinyane. 48 UJesu wasesithi kuye, "Ndodakazi,
ukholo lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula."
49 Kwathi uJesu elokhu esakhuluma omunye weza evela endlini kaJayirasi
umphathi wesinagogu, wafika wathi, "Indodakazi yakho isifile. Ungabe usamhlupha
umfundisi."
50 UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wathi kuJayirasi, "Ungesabi, kholwa nje kuphela,
izasiliswa."
51 Wathi esefikile endlini kaJayirasi, kavumelanga muntu ukuthi angene laye
ngaphandle kukaPhethro, uJohane loJakhobe, kanye loyise womntwana lonina.
52 Ngalesosikhathi abantu bonke babeqhinqa isililo bekhalela intombazana. UJesu
wathi kubo, "Thulani, lingakhali. Kafanga kodwa ulele."
53 Bamhleka usulu uJesu ngoba besazi ukuthi intombazana yayisifile. 54 Kodwa
wayibamba ngesandla wathi, "Mntanami, vuka!" 55 Umoya wayo wabuya, masinyane
yasukuma yathi lothu! UJesu wasesithi kabamnike ukudla. 56 Abazali bakhe
bamangala, kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngalokho okwakwenzakele.

9

UJesu Uthuma Abalitshumi Lambili

1 UJesu wabizela ndawonye abalitshumi lambili wabapha amandla lemvumo
yokuthi baxotshe wonke amadimoni, belaphe lemikhuhlane, 2 njalo wasebathuma
ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokuphilisa abagulayo, 3 Wabatshela wathi,

“Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo, loba udondolo, isikhwama, loba isinkwa, imali
loba isigqoko sokuntshintsha. 4 Loba yiphi indlu elingena kuyo, hlalani kuyo lize
lisuke kulelodolobho. 5 Nxa abantu bengalemukeli, sukani kulelodolobho lithintithe
uthuli ezinyaweni zenu, kube yibufakazi bokubalahla.” 6 Basebesuka bangena imizi
ngemizi, betshumayela ivangeli njalo besilisa abantu ezindaweni zonke.

7 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wakuzwa konke lokho okwakusenzakala.
Wakhathazeka kakhulu ngoba abanye babesithi uJohane wayesevusiwe kwabafileyo,
8 abanye labo bathi u-Elija wayebonakele, kanti abanye njalo bathi omunye
wabaphrofethi bekadeni wayesevukile waphila. 9 Kodwa uHerodi wathi, “UJohane
ngamquma ikhanda. Pho ungubani-ke lo engizwa izinto ezinje ngaye?” Wazama
ukuthi ambone.

UJesu Unika Abantu Abazinkulungwane Ezinhlanu Ukudla

10 Abapostoli sebebuyile babika kuJesu ngakho konke ababekwenzile. Wase-
bathatha waya labo edolobheni elalithiwa yiBhethisayida beyibo bodwa, 11 kodwa
amaxuku abantu ezwa ukuthi ukhonale basebemlandela. Wabemukela wabatshela
ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wasilisa labo ababekuswela ukusiliswa.

12 Emini abalitshumi lambili beza kuye bathi, “Wothi abantu bahambe ukuze
baye emadolobheni lasemizini bayezidingela ukudla lezindawo zokulala ngoba lapha
sisendaweni ekhatshana eyisikhala.”

13 Waphendula wathi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.”

Baphendula bathi, “Thina silezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili kuphela,
ngaphandle kokuthi sihambe siyothenga ukudla kwabantu bonke laba.”
14 (Kwakulamadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu khonapho.)

Kodwa wathi kubafundi bakhe, “Bahlaliseni phansi ngamaxuku abantu abanga-
matshumi amahlanu ngalinye.” 15 Benza njalo abafundi, wonke umuntu wahlala
phansi. 16 Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini,
wabonga wazihlephula. Waseziqhubela abafundi ukuba bazabele abantu. 17 Bonke
badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili imvuthu
ezasalayo.

UPhethro Uvuma Ukuthi UJesu NguKhristu

18 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu wathi ekhuleka ekusithekeni, abafundi bakhe belaye,
wabuza wathi, “Kanti abantu abanengi bathi ngingubani na?”

19 Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi unguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi
ungu-Elija; kuthi abanye njalo bathi ungomunye wabaphrofethi bekadeni osephila
njalo.”

20 Wabuza bona wathi, “Pho lina-ke? Lithi ngingubani?”

Waphendula uPhethro wathi, “UnguKhristu kaNkulunkulu.”

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokufa Kwakhe

21 UJesu wabaqonqosela ukuthi lokhu bangakutsheli muntu. 22 Wasesithi, “iNdo-
dana yoMuntu kumele ihlupheke kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala bebandla, abaphristi
abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe, kuthi ngelanga
lesithathu ivuswe kwabafileyo.”

23 Wasesithi kubo bonke: “Nxa ekhona ofisa ukungilandela kufanele azidele
athwale isiphambano sakhe insuku zonke angilandele. 24 Ngoba lowo ofisa
ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, kodwa lowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe
ngenxa yami uzayiphephisa. 25 Kumsizani umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba, kodwa
alahlekelwe loba ancitshwe ubunguye bakhe na? 26 Lowo oyangeka ngami kanye
lamazwi ami, iNdodana yoMuntu izayangeka ngaye nxa isifikile ngenkazimulo yayo
langenkazimulo kaYise lezingilosi ezingcwele.

27 Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi abanye abemi khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakawuboni umbuso kaNkulunkulu.”

Ukukhazimuliswa KukaJesu

28 Emva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili uJesu ekukhulumile lokho, wathatha uPhethro loJohane loJakhobe waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka. 29 Wathi ekhuleka isimo sobuso bakhe saguquka lezigqoko zakhe zakhazimula njengokuphazima kombane. 30 Amadoda amabili, uMosi lo-Elija, 31 abonakala ecwebezela ngenkazimulo, ekhuluma loJesu. Babekhuluma ngokufa kwakhe okwasekusondele ukuthi kugcwaliseke eJerusalema. 32 UPhethro labakhula bakhe babe lobuthongo kakhulu, kodwa sebephapheme, bayibona inkazimulo yakhe lamadoda amabili ayemi laye. 33 Kwathi amadoda lawo esesuka kuJesu uPhethro wathi kuye, “Nkosi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo ezintathu, esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija.” (Wayengakwazi lokho ayekutsho.)

34 Wathi esakhuluma, iyezi labuya labagubuzela, baba lokwesaba ekungeneni kwabo eyezini. 35 Ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi, “Le yiNdodana yami engiyikhethileyo; ilaleleni.” 36 Ilizwi selikhulumile, uJesu bambona eseyedwa. Abafundi bakugcina ezifubeni zabo lokhu kabaze batshela muntu ngalesosikhathi ngababekubonile.

Ukusiliswa Komfana Owayelomoya Omubi

37 Ngosuku olulandelayo sebehlile entabeni, wahlangabezwa lixuku labantu abanengi. 38 Enye indoda exukwini yamemeza yathi, “Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga, khangela indodana yami yiyo yodwa umntwana engilaye. 39 Umoya uyamjuma abeseklabalala; uyamgiqa abhinqike abuye abhubhudle amagwebu emlonyeni. Usuhlezi udlala ngaye nje usufuna ukumbulala. 40 Bengicele abafundi bakho ukuthi bawuxotshe, kodwa behlulekile.”

41 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, sizukulwane esingakholwayo, esixhwalileyo, ngihlale lani kuze kube nini ngilokhu ngilibekezelela na? Ilethe lapha indodana yakho.”

42 Kwathi lapho umfana elokhu esalethwa kuye idimoni lambhuqa phansi ebhinqika. Kodwa uJesu wawukhuza umoya omubi, wamsilisa umfana wambuyisela kuyise. 43 Bonke bamangala kakhulu ngobukhulu bukaNkulunkulu.

UJesu Ukhuluma Okwesibili Ngokufa Kwakhe

Kwathi wonke umuntu esamangele ngalokho uJesu ayekwenzile, wathi kubafundi bakhe, 44 “Likulalele kuhle lokhu esengizalitshela khona: Indodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu.” 45 Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi lokhu kwakusitshoni. Kwakufihliwe kubo, yikho kabakubambisisanga, kodwa besaba ukumbuza ngakho.

Ngubani Ozabamkhulu Kulabanye?

46 Kwaba lokuphikisana kubafundi ngokuthi ngubani kubo owayezabamkhulu kulabanye. 47 UJesu eyazi imicabango yabo wathatha umntwana omncinyane wamisa eceleni kwakhe. 48 Wasesithi kubo, “Lowo owamukela lo umntwana omncane ngebizo lami wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. Ngoba lowo onguye omncinyane kulani lonke phakathi kwenu lonke, nguye omkhulu kini lonke.”

49 UJohane wathi, “Nkosi, sibone indoda ikhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho sazama ukuyenqaba ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu.”

50 UJesu wathi, “Lingamaleli ngoba lowo ongamelani lani ukanye lani.”

Ukwaliwa ESamariya

51 Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele ukuthi athathwe aye ezulwini, uJesu waz-
imisela ukuthi aye eJerusalema. 52 Wasethuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe zaya
eSamariya emzini othile ukumlungisela ukufika kwakhe; 53 kodwa abantu bakhona
kabamemukelanga ngoba wayesedlulela eJerusalema. 54 Kwathi abafundi uJakhobe
loJohane bekubona lokho bathi, “Nkosi, uyafuna na ukuthi sibize umlilo uvele
ezulwini uzobabhubhisa?” 55 Kodwa uJesu waphenduka wabakhuza 56 Yikho yena
labafundi bakhe basebesiya komunye umuzi.

Ubunzima Bokulandela UJesu

57 Bathi belokhu behamba endleleni, enye indoda yathi kuye, “Ngizakulandela loba
ungaze uye ngaphi.”
58 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezi-
dleke, kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda layo.”
59 Wathi kwenye indoda, “Ngilandela.”
Kodwa indoda yaphendula yathi, “Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale ngihambe ngiyengcwaba
ubaba wami.”
60 UJesu wathi kuyo, “Yekela abafileyo bangcwabe abafileyo babo, kodwa wena
hamba uyememezela umbuso kaNkulunkulu.”
61 Kwathi omunye njalo wathi, “Ngizakulandela, Nkosi, kodwa akuthi kengiye-
valelisa abakithi.”
62 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakho othi angabamba ikhuba elima athalaze emuva
owufaneleyo umsebenzi oqondane lombuso kaNkulunkulu.”

10

UJesu Uthumela Abangamatshumi Ayisikhombisa Lambili

1 Ngemva kwalokhu iNkosi yakhetha abanye abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lambili ukuba bamandulele baye kuwo wonke amadolobho lezindawo lezo ayesezaz-
ihambela. 2 Wabatshela wathi, “Isivuno sinengi, kodwa izisebenzi zimbalwa.
Ngakho celani iNkosi yesivuno ukuthi ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yayo yokuvuna.
3 Hambani! Ngilithuma linjengamazinyane ezimvu phakathi kwempisi. 4 Lingathwali
isikhwama kumbe umxhaka loba amanyathela; njalo lingabingeleli muntu endleleni.
5 Nxa lingena endlini, qalani lithi, ‘Ukuthula akube kule indlu.’ 6 Nxa kulomuntu
woxolo lapho, ukuthula kwenu kakube kuye; nxa kungenjalo kuzabuyela kini.
7 Hlalani kuleyondlu, lidle njalo linathe loba yini abalinika khona ngoba osebenzayo
ufanele aphiwe iholo lakhe. Linganqumi ngezindlu lihlala lapha lalapha.
8 Nxa lifika edolobheni lamukelwe khona, dlanini lokho elikuphiwayo. 9 Silisani
abagulayo abayabe belapho, njalo libatshele ukuthi, ‘Umbuso kaNkulunkulu useduze
kwenu.’ 10 Kodwa nxa lingafika edolobheni lingemukelwa, yanini emigwaqweni yalo
lithi, 11 ‘Lalo uthuli lwedolobho lenu olunamathele ezinyaweni zethu siyaluthintithela
kini. Kodwa yazini lokhu: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususeduze.’ 12 Ngiyalitshela,
okweSodoma kuzakuba ngcono ngalelolanga kulokwalelodolobho.
13 Maye kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba izimangaliso lezo
ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eThire leSidoni ngabe kudala baphenduka begqoke
izigqoko zamasaka bazithela ngomlotha. 14 Kodwa kuzakuba ngcono okweThire
leSidoni mhla wokwahlulela kulokuza kuwe. 15 Lawe, Khaphenawume, kambe
uzaphakanyiselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona phansi uye eHadesi.
16 Lowo olalela lina ulalela mina; lowo olahla lina ulahla mina; kodwa lowo
ongalayo wala yena owangithumayo.”
17 Abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili babuya bethokoza bathi, “Nkosi, lamadi-
moni ayasithobela ngebizo lakho.”

18 Waphendula wathi, “Ngimbonile uSathane esiwa njengombane esuka ezulwini.
19 Ngiliphile amandla okugxoba izinyoka lenkume lokunqoba wonke amandla esitha;
kakukho okuzalilimaza. 20 Kodwa lingathatshiswa yikuthi imimoya iyazithoba kini,
kodwa thokoziswani yikuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe ezulwini.”
21 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu egcwele intokozo ngoMoya oNgcwele wathi, “Ngiyakudu-
misa, Baba, Nkosi yasezulwini lasemhlabeni, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlaka-
niphileyo labafundileyo wazambula ebantwaneni abancinyane. Yebo, Baba, ngoba
lokhu kwakuyikuthanda kwakho okuhle.
22 Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho owaziyo ukuthi ingubani iNdodana
ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ukuthi ungubani ngaphandle
kweNdodana lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo.”
23 Wasephendukela kubafundi bakhe wathi kubo ngasese, “Abusisiwe amehlo
abona lokhu elikubonayo lina. 24 Ngoba ngiqinisile ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi
lamakhosi babefisa ukubona lokhu elikubonayo, kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa
lokhu elikuzwayo, kodwa kabakuzwanga.”

Umzekeliso WomSamariya Olesihawu

25 Ngesinye isikhathi isazi somthetho saphakama samlinga uJesu. Sabuza sathi,
“Mfundisi, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lempilo engapheliyo na?”
26 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kubhalweni emthethweni, uwufunda njani?”
27 Waphendula wathi, “ ‘Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho
yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langamandla akho wonke, njalo lan-
gengqondo yakho yonke’*; njalo, ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda
wena.’†”
28 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Uphendule kuhle. Kwenze lokhu, uzaphila.”
29 Kodwa wayefuna ukuzigeza, wasebuza kuJesu, wathi, “Kanti ngubani ongu-
makhelwana wami na?”
30 UJesu waphendula ngokuthi: “Indoda yayihamba iphuma eJerusalema isiya
eJerikho, yaqabuka isihlaselwa ngabaphangi. Bayihlubula izigqoko zayo, bayitshaya
basebehamba, beyitshiya iqalekile. 31 Kwakulomphristi owayehamba ngaleyondlela,
owathi eyibona indoda leyo waceza kwelinye icele. 32 Wenza njalo lomLevi, wafika
kuleyondawo wayibona indoda wakhekheleza wedlula. 33 Kodwa umSamariya, wathi
ezihambela wafika lapho indoda eyayikhona, wathi eyibona wayizwela usizi. 34 Waya
kuyo, wabopha amanxeba ayo, wawathela amafutha lewayini. Waseyikhweza kubab-
hemi wakhe, wayisa endlini yezihambi, wayinakekela. 35 Ngosuku olulandelayo
wakhupha inhlamvu ezimbili zamadenari wazinika umphathi wendawo. Wathi,
‘Mgcine, kuzakuthi nxa sengibuya ngizabhadala lezondleko eziyabe zisele.’
36 Ngubani pho kulaba abathathu ombona ukuthi wayengumakhelwane wendoda
leyo eyahlaselwa ngabaphangi na?”
37 Isazi somthetho saphendula sathi, “Ngulowo owaba lesihawu kuyo.”
UJesu wamtshela wathi, “Hamba wenzenjalo.”

Ekhaya LaboMatha LoMariya

38 Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe besekuhambeni kwabo, wafika emzini ok-
wakukhona owesifazane othiwa nguMatha, owamamukela ngesihle emzini wabo.
39 Wayelodadewabo owayethiwa nguMariya, owahlala ezinyaweni zeNkosi elalele
lokho eyayikukhuluma. 40 Kodwa uMatha waphazanyiswa yikulungiselela konke
okwakumele kwenziwe. Wabuya kuJesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, kawukhathali na
ukuthi udadewethu ungitshiye ukuba ngenze ngedwa umsebenzi? Mtshele ukuthi
angincedise!”

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* **10:27** 10.27 UDutheronomi 6.5 † **10:27** 10.27 ULevi 19.18

41 INkosi yaphendula yathi, “Matha, Matha, uhlutshwa njalo ukhathazeke ngezinto
ezinengi, 42 kodwa kusweleka into eyodwa. UMariya ukhethe okungcono, okungasoze
akwemukwe futhi.”

11

UJesu Ufundisa Ukukhuleka

1 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu wayekhuleka kwenye indawo. Wathi eseqedile, omunye
wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye, “Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane owa-
fundisa abafundi bakhe.”
2 Wathi kubo, “Nxa likhuleka, alibokuthi:
‘Baba,*
kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho,
umbuso wakho kawuze.†
3 Siphe ukudla kwethu kwansukuzonke usuku ngosuku.
4 Sithethelele izono zethu,
njengoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abasonelayo.
Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni.’ ”
5 Wasesithi kubo, “Akesithi omunye wenu ulomngane, aye kuye phakathi
kobusuku athi, ‘Mfowethu, akungeboleke izinkwa ezintathu, 6 kulomngane wami
ophakathi kohambo ozofihla ikhanda kwami, kodwa kangilalutho engingamupha
lona.’ 7 Besekusithi osendlini aphendule athi, ‘Ungangikhathazi. Umnyango
usukhiyiwe njalo mina labantwabami sesilele. Ngingezake ngivuke ngikuphe loba
yini.’ 8 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi loba ubengafuni ukuvuka amuphe isinkwa ngoba
engumngane, kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwendoda uzaze avuke amuphe konke
akufunayo.
9 Ngakho ngithi kini: Celani lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani lizavulelwa.
10 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; lowo odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqoda
emnyango uzavulelwa.
11 Ngubani kini bobaba, okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela inhlanzi yena ayiphe
inyoka? 12 Loba icela iqanda ayiphe inkume na? 13 Nxa lina, elithi loba libabi
likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo, pho uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha
ngokwengezwe kangakanani uMoya oNgcwele labo abacela kuye!”

UJesu LoBhelizebhubhi

14 UJesu wayexotsha idimoni elaliyisimungulu. Lathi idimoni seliphumile, indoda
eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma, ixuku labantu lamangala. 15 Kodwa abanye bathi,
“Ukhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi inkosi yamadimoni.” 16 Abanye bamlinga
ngokumcela isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini.
17 UJesu wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo: “Umbuso ongabambananga
uyadilika, lendlu engabambananga iyawa. 18 Nxa uSathane engabambananga,
umbuso wakhe ungema kanjani na? Ngikutsho lokhu ngoba lithi mina ngikhupha
amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi. 19 Nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi,
pho abalandeli benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho, bazakuba ngabahluleli benu.
20 Kodwa nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi
umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.
21 Nxa indoda eyisiqhwaga ihlome yaphelela, ilinde indlu yayo, impahla zayo
zivikelekile. 22 Kodwa kungahlasela umuntu olamandla kulayo ayehlule, uyayemuka
izikhali ebikade izithembile, abesezehlukanisela impango.
23 Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami, lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza.

* **11:2** 11.2 Eminye imibhalo ithi Baba wethu osezulwini † **11:2** 11.2 Eminye imibhalo ithi kawuze. Intando yakho kayenziwe emhlabeni njengasezulwini.

24 Lapho umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini, uyazula enkangala udinga ukuphumula, kodwa nxa ungakuswela, uyathi ‘Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma kuyo.’ 25 Uthi ufika, uthole leyondlu ithanyelwe yahlanzeka konke kumi kuhle.
26 Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya eyisikhombisa exhwale ukwedlula wona,
ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni.”
27 Kwathi uJesu elokhu esakhuluma lezizinto, owesifazane wamemeza exukwini
wathi, “Ubusisiwe lowomama owakuzalayo wakondla.”
28 Waphendula wathi, “Kungenani, ababusisiweyo yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu baliphile.”

Isibonakaliso SikaJona

29 Kwathi amaxuku esanda uJesu wathi, “Lesi yisizukulwane esixhwalileyo.
Sidinga isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sika-
Jona. 30 NjengoJona owaba yisibonakaliso kwabaseNiniva, ngokunjalo iNdodana
yoMuntu izakuba njalo kulesisizukulwane. 31 INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu iza-
vuka ekwahlulelweni kanye labantu balesi sizukulwane ibalahle ngoba yeza ivela
emaphethelweni omhlaba izokuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni kodwa manje lowo
omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona lapha. 32 Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma kanye
lalesi sizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka ekut-
shumayeleni kukaJona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona uselapha.”

Isibane Somzimba

33 “Kakho olumathisa isibane abesesibeka ekusithekeni kumbe ngaphansi kwesit-
sha. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni ukuze labo abangenayo babone ukukhanya. 34 Ilihlo
lakho liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke
ugcwele ukukhanya. Kodwa nxa emabi, umzimba wakho lawo ugcwele ubumnyama.
35 Qaphelani-ke ukuthi ukukhanya okuphakathi kwenu kakusibumnyama. 36 Ngakho-
ke, nxa umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya kungekho ingxenye esemnya-
meni, wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya njengokukhanya kwesibane kukukhanyisa.”

Izixwayiso KubaFarisi Lezazi Zomthetho

37 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma umFarisi othile wamnxusa ukuthi azokudla laye;
wasehamba wayahlala etafuleni. 38 Kodwa umFarisi wananzelela ukuthi uJesu
kaqalanga ngokugeza engakadli, kwamangalisa.
39 INkosi yathi kuye, “Lina baFarisi ligezisa inkezo lomganu ngaphandle kodwa
ngaphakathi ligcwele ubuhwaba lobubi. 40 Lina bantu abayiziwula! Lowo owenza
ingaphandle kenzanga lengaphakathi na? 41 Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokungaphakathi
kwenu, wobani lomusa kwabampofu, lapho-ke konke kuzabe sekuhlanzekile kini.
42 Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba lipha uNkulunkulu okwetshumi kweminti, lazozonke
izithelo zesivande senu, kodwa lidele ukwenza okulungileyo kanye lokuthanda
uNkulunkulu. Kumele likwenze konke okulungileyo, ukuthanda uNkulunkulu
lokukhipha lokwetshumi.
43 Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba lithanda izihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni
njalo lithanda lokubingelelwa ezindaweni zokuthengisela.
44 Maye kini, ngoba linjengamathuna angakhelwanga, abantu abahamba phezu
kwawo bengazi ukuthi akhona.”
45 Omunye wezazi zomthetho wamphendula wathi, “Mfundisi, nxa usitsho njalo
uyasithuka lathi.”
46 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lani zazi zomthetho, maye kini, ngoba lethesa abantu
ngemithwalo abangeke bayithwale, ikanti lani livele kalithi thika lokuyithwala.
47 Maye kini, ngoba lakha amathuna abaphrofethi, bona ababulawa ngokhokho
benu. 48 Lifakaza ukuthi liyakuvuma lokho okhokho benu abakwenzayo; bababulala

abaphrofethi, lina-ke selisakha amangcwaba abo. 49 Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu
wathi, ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, ‘Ngizabathumela abaphrofethi labapostoli, abanye
bazababulala abanye babaphathe ngochuku.’ 50 Ngakho-ke, lesisizukulwana yiso
esizathwala umlandu wegazi labaphrofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekudabukeni
komhlaba, 51 kusukela egazini lika-Abheli kusiya egazini likaZakhariya owabulawa
phakathi laphakathi kwe-alithari lendlu engcwele. Yebo, ngiyalitshela, isizukulwane
lesi sizakwetheswa umlandu wakho konke.
52 Maye kini zazi zomthetho, ngoba seliyivalile intuba yolwazi. Lina ngokwenu
kalingenanga, laphinda lavimbela labo abebefuna ukungena.”
53 UJesu wathi esesuka lapho, abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho baqala ukuphik-
isana laye kubi, bemthela ngemibuzo, 54 bezama ukumgcona ngokunye ayengakutsho.

12

Izixwayiso Lenkuthazo

1 Ngalesosikhathi sekubuthene ixuku lezinkulungwane zabantu, sebenyathelana,
uJesu waqala ukukhuluma kubafundi bakhe esithi, “Qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi,
iyikuzenzisa. 2 Kakukho okufihliweyo okungayi kuvezwa obala, lokufihliweyo
okungayikwaziwa. 3 Lokho okukhulume emnyameni kuzazwakala emini lithe bha,
lalokho obukunyenyezela endlebeni ezindlini zangaphakathi kuzamenyezelwa phezu
kophahla lwezindlu.
4 Ngiyalitshela bangane, lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kungabikhona
okunye abangakwenza ngemva kwalokho. 5 Kodwa ngizalitshengisa lowo okumele
limesabe: Mesabeni lowo, othi esebulele umzimba, abe lamandla okuwuphosela
esihogweni. Yebo, ngithi mesabeni. 6 Intaka ezinhlanu kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi
ezimbili na? Kodwa kayikho lanye yazo uNkulunkulu ayilibalayo. 7 Ngempela, inwele
zekhanda lakho zibaliwe. Lingesabi; lina liligugu ukwedlula intaka ezinengi.
8 Ngiyalitshela, lowo ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana yoMuntu layo
izamvuma phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu. 9 Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi
kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu. 10 Njalo wonke umuntu
okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo ohlambaza
uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa.
11 Nxa limiswa phambi kwamasinagogu, phambi kwababusi labaphathi, lingaz-
ihluphi ngokuthi lizazivikela lisithini kumbe ukuthi lizakuthini, 12 ngoba uMoya
oNgcwele uzalifundisa ngalesosikhathi lokho elifanele likutsho.”

Umzekeliso Wesinothi Esiyisiwula

13 Omunye emphakathini wathi kuye, “Mfundisi, tshela umfowethu ukuthi anga-
bele ilifa lami.”
14 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ndoda, ngibekwe ngubani ukuba ngumahluleli kumbe
umlamuli wenu?” 15 Wasesithi kubo, “Qaphelani! Limukani inhlobo zonke zobuhaga;
isiqokoqela sempilo yomuntu kasikho ebunengini benotho yakhe.”
16 Wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi, “Insimu yenye indoda eyayinothile yaba lenala
eyesabekayo. 17 Yasinakana yathi, ‘Kambe ngenzeni? Angilandawo yokubeka
amabele ami.’
18 Yasisithi, ‘Nanku engizakwenza. Ngizazidiliza iziphala zami ngakhe ezinkulu
kulalezi, besengithela khona wonke amabele ami kanye lezinye impahla zami.
19 Ngizazitshela ngithi, “Usulezinto ezinengi ezinhle njalo ezizakwanela iminyaka
eminengi. Kholisa impilo, udle, unathe uthokoze.” ’
20 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, ‘Wena siwula ndini! Ngalobubusuku impilo
yakho izathathwa. Pho ngubani ozazuza lokhu obusuzilungisele khona na?’

21 Yikho lokhu okuzakwenzeka kulowo ozibekela inotho kodwa enganothanga kuNkulunkulu.”

Lingakhathazeki

22 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: “Ngakho ngilitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani kumbe ngomzimba wenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. 23 Impilo iyakudlula ukudla, lomzimba uyazedlula izembatho. 24 Khumbulani amawabayi, kawahlanyeli, kawavuni, kawalaso isiphala kodwa uNkulunkulu uyawapha ukudla. Manje lina liqakatheke okwedlula izinyoni! 25 Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na? 26 Njengoba lingeke liyenze linto encinyane kangaka, lizihluphelani na ngokunengi?

27 Ake libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani. Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. 28 Nxa uNkulunkulu ececisa kanjalo utshani beganga, obukhona namuhla, kusasa sebuphoselwa emlilweni, kambe uzalicecisa kanganani na, lina bokukholwa okuncinyane! 29 Lingazihluphi ezinhliziyweni zenu ngokuthi lizakudlani kumbe lizanathani; lingakhathazeki ngalokho. 30 Ngoba umhlaba wabezizwe uxotshana lezinto ezinjalo, ikanti uYihlo uyazi ukuthi liyazidinga. 31 Kodwa funani umbuso wakhe, zonke lezizinto lizaziphiwa lazo.

32 Lingesabi, mhlambi omncane, ngoba uYihlo uthandile ukulipha umbuso. 33 Thengisani impahla yenu liphe abampofu. Zidingeleni izikhwama ezingagugiyo, inotho ezulwini engayikuphela, lapho okungasondeli khona isela loba impehlane engabhubhisi khona. 34 Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona, inhliziyo yakho layo ilapho.”

Ukuhlala Ulindile

35 “Gqokani lilindele inkonzo lezibane zenu zihlale zibhebha 36 njengamadoda elindele inkosi yawo ukuba ibuye edilini lomthimba ukuze kuthi nxa ifika iqoqoda aphange ayivulele umnyango. 37 Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica zilindile nxa ifika. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi yona izagqokela ukubaphakela, bona bahlale etafuleni, yona ibaphakele. 38 Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica zilindile loba ingabe ifika ngomlindo wesibili loba owesithathu ebusuku. 39 Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Aluba umninindlu ubesazi ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi ubengasoze ayekele indlu yakhe igqekezwe. 40 Lani hlalani lilindile ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi elingayilindelanga ngaso.”

41 UPhethro wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, umzekeliso lo uwuqondise kithi kumbe ebantwini bonke na?”

42 INkosi yaphendula yathi, “Ngubani kambe ongumphathi othembekileyo, ohlakaniphileyo, othi inkosi yakhe imbeke ukukhangela izisebenzi zayo ukuba aziphe isabelo sazo sokudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? 43 Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi ezayifica isenza njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo. 44 Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe yonke impahla yayo. 45 Kodwa cabanga nxa inceku ingazitshela ithi, ‘Inkosi yami isiphuzile ukubuya,’ ibisiqalisa ukutshaya ezinye izisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane, ibisisidla, inatha idakwe. 46 Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi inceku engasaziyo. Izayiqumaquma iyiphe indawo phakathi kwabangakholwayo.

47 Leyonceku ethi ikwazi okufunwa yinkosi yayo kodwa ingalindi kumbe ingalungisi lokho inkosi yayo ekufunayo izatshaywa okuzwayo. 48 Kodwa lowo ongaziyo njalo owenza izinto eziholela ekubhujisweni uzatshaywa mbijana. Kulowo ophiwe okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kuye; lakulowo ogciniswe okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kulalokho.”

Hatshi Ukuthula Kodwa Ukwehlukana

49 “Ngilande ukuzalumathisa umlilo emhlabeni, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uvele
usungunguma! 50 Kodwa ngiseselobhaphathizo okusamele ngilungene, kodwa
ngikhathazekile kakhulu kuze kugcwaliseke lokho! 51 Licabanga ukuthi ngalanda
ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni na? Hatshi, zwanini, ngalanda ukuzehlukanisa.
52 Kusukela manje bazakuthi bebahlanu emulini behlukane, abathathu bexabana
lababili, lababili bexabana labathathu. 53 Bazakwehlukana, uyise axabane lendo-
dana, indodana ixabane loyise, unina lendodakazi, indodakazi ixabane lonina,
uninazala axabane lomalukazana, umalukazana loninazala.”

Ukuzwisisa Izikhathi

54 Wathi exukwini labantu: “Lithi lingabona iyezi liqhamuka entshonalanga
liphange lithi, ‘Izulu lizakuna,’ lakanye line. 55 Kuthi kungavunguza umoya
weningizimu lithi, ‘Kuzatshisa,’ lakanye kube njalo. 56 Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi
ukuchaza izibonakaliso zomhlaba lezomkhathi. Kungani pho lingakwazi ukuchaza
isikhathi lesi esikuso na?
57 Kungani kanti lingaziboneli lina ngokwenu okuyikho okulungileyo na? 58 Nxa
uhamba lalowo okumangalelayo lisiya kumahluleli, zama ngamandla ukuthi liqede-
lane lisesendleleni, funa akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli abesekudlulisela
enxuseni lona inxusa likuthele entolongweni. 59 Ngiyakutshela, kawusoze uphume
uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana lokucina lwemali.”

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Phendukani Kumbe Libhubhe

1 Bakhona ababelapho ngalesosikhathi abatshela uJesu ngamaGalile uPhilathu
axubanisa imihlatshelo yawo legazi lawo. 2 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kambe
likhumbula ukuthi amaGalile lawo ayeyizoni kulamanye amaGalile ngoba ahlupheka
kanjalo na? 3 Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke lani
lonke lizabhubha. 4 Kumbe labo abalitshumi lasificaminwembili abafayo baze
bawelwe ngumphotshongo waseSilowami, licabanga ukuthi babonile okudlula bonke
ababehlala eJerusalema na? 5 Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke
lani lonke lizabhubha.”
6 Wasebatshela umzekeliso lo wathi, “Indoda ethile yayilesihlahla somkhiwa
uhlanyelwe esivinini sayo, yasisiyacinga izithelo kuwo, kodwa yaziswela. 7 Yasisithi
kuleyondoda eyayigcina isivini, ‘Sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngilokhu ngisiza ngizo-
funa izithelo kulesisihlahla somkhiwa kodwa ngingatholi lutho. Sigamule! Senzani
kambe siqeda ukudla emhlabathini?’
8 Indoda yaphendula yathi, ‘Nkosi, ake usiyekele nje okomnyaka owodwa, kengisih-
lakulele kuhle ngithele umvundiso. 9 Singathela ngomnyaka ozayo, kuzabe kulungile!
Kodwa singangatheli, usungasigamula.’ ”

UJesu Usilisa Owesifazane Oyisilima NgeSabatha

10 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayefundisa kwelinye isinagogu, 11 khonapho ku-
lowesifazane owangenwa ngumoya wamenza waba yisilima okweminyaka elit-
shumi lasificaminwembili. Wayegogekile esehluleka ukuhlala aqonde. 12 Kwathi
uJesu embona wambizela phambili wathi kuye, “Mama, usukhululwe ekugogekeni
kwakho.” 13 Wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe, masinyane nje owesifazane
watshwaphuluka, waqonda, wasedumisa uNkulunkulu.
14 Umphathi wesinagogu wacunuka ngoba uJesu wayesilise ngeSabatha, wathi
ebantwini, “Ziyisithupha insuku zokwenza umsebenzi. Ngakho libobuya lizosiliswa
ngalezonsuku, hatshi ngeSabatha.”

15 INkosi yamphendula yathi, “Lina bazenzisi! Kalizikhululi yini lonke lapha izifuyo
zenu ngeSabatha esibayeni liyezinathisa na? 16 Manje-ke, owesifazane lo oyindo-
dakazi ka-Abhrahama, obebotshwe nguSathane okweminyaka eminengi, elitshumi
lasificaminwembili, lithi kangakhululwa yini ngeSabatha kulokho obekumbophile?”
17 Wathi esekutshilo lokhu, bonke ababephikisana laye bayangeka, kodwa abantu
babethokoza ngazozonke izinto ezimangalisayo ayezenza.

Umzekeliso Wentanga Yemastadi Lowemvubelo

18 UJesu wasebuza wathi, “Umbuso kaNkulunkulu ufana lani na? Kambe
ngiwulinganise lani? 19 Unjengentanga yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye indoda
yayihlanyela esivandeni sayo. Yamila yakhula yaba yisihlahla, izinyoni zemoyeni
zahlala engatsheni zaso.”
20 Waphinda wabuza wathi, “Ngiwufanise lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu na?
21 Unjengemvubelo eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa lempuphu enengi,
yabila yagcwala inhlama yonke.”

Umnyango Omncinyane

22 UJesu wasehamba engena emadolobheni lemizini efundisa, ejonge ukuya
eJerusalema. 23 Omunye wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, ngabalutshwana kuphela
abazasindiswa na?”
Wathi kubo, 24 “Zamani ngamandla ukuthi lingene ngomnyango omncinyane,
ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi abanengi bazazama ukungena kodwa bazakwehluleka.
25 Angavele aphakame umninindlu avale umnyango lizakuma phandle liqoqode
lincenga lisithi, ‘Nkosi, sivulele umnyango.’
Kodwa uzaphendula athi, ‘Kangilazi, kangazi njalo ukuthi livela ngaphi.’
26 Lapho lizakuthi, ‘Sadla lawe, sanatha sonke, njalo wafundisa emigwaqweni
yakithi.’
27 Kodwa uzaphendula athi, ‘Kangilazi, njalo kangikwazi ukuthi livela ngaphi.
Sukani kimi, lonke lina benzi bobubi!’
28 Kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo nxa selibona u-Abhrahama,
u-Isaka loJakhobe labo bonke abaphrofethi embusweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa lina
ngokwenu lilahlelwe phandle. 29 Abantu bazavela empumalanga lasentshonalanga
kanye lasenhla laseningizimu, bathathe izindawo zabo edilini lombuso kaNku-
lunkulu. 30 Ngempela bakhona labo abangabokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala,
labangabokuqala abazakuba ngabokucina.”

UJesu Uzwela IJerusalema Usizi

31 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi beza kuJesu bathi kuye, “Suka lapha uye
kwenye indawo. UHerodi ufuna ukukubulala.”
32 Waphendula wathi, “Hambani liyotshela ikhanka lelo lithi, ‘Ngizawaxot-
sha amadimoni, ngisilise abantu, lamuhla lakusasa langosuku lwesithathu ngize
ngiyiphethe indima yami.’ 33 Loba kunjani kumele ngiqhubeke ngohambo lwami
lamuhla lakusasa langelanga elilandelayo, ngoba ngempela kakho umphrofethi
ongafela ngaphandle kweJerusalema!
34 Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi, ubakhande ngamatshe
labo abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa ndawonye abantwabakho,
njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa
wawulokhu ungafuni! 35 Khangela, indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. Ngiyalitshela,
kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi, ‘Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo leNkosi.’*”

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* **13:35** 13.35 AmaHubo 118.26

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UJesu Endlini YomFarisi

1 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayakudla endlini yomFarisi owayedume kakhulu,
babemkhangele kakhulu. 2 Phambi kwakhe khonapho kwakulendoda eyayilesifo
sikambizankulu, esivuvukisa izitho. 3 UJesu wasebuza abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho
wathi, “Kusemthethweni yini ukusilisa ngosuku lweSabatha kumbe hatshi?” 4 Kodwa
bathula. Ngakho waseyibamba indoda leyo wayisilisa wathi kayihambe.
5 Wasebabuza wathi, “Nxa omunye wenu elendodana loba inkabi yakhe ewele
emgodini ngeSabatha, kayikuphanga ayikhuphe masinyane na?” 6 Baswela ukuthi
bathini.
7 Wananzelela ukuthi izethekeli zazikhetha izindawo eziqakathekileyo etafuleni
wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi: 8 “Nxa omunye ekunxusa edilini lomthimba,
ungaze wathatha indawo eqakathekileyo funa kunxuswe umuntu omkhulu kulawe.
9 Nxa kunjalo umalinxusa uzakuza athi kuwe, ‘Ake uxekele lo omunye isihlalo
sakho.’ Uzabe usuyangekile ususiyahlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu. 10 Kodwa
nxa unxusiwe, hlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu ukuze kuthi nxa umakunxusa
efika kuwe athi, ‘Mngane, sukuma uye endaweni engcono.’ Lapho-ke, uzabe
uphakanyisiwe phambi kwabo bonke abanxuswe kanye lawe. 11 Ngoba wonke
umuntu oziphakamisayo uzakwehliswa, kuthi lowo ozehlisayo aphakanyiswe.”
12 UJesu wasesithi emanxuseni, “Nxa usenza idili emini loba kusihlwa unganxusi
abangane bakho loba abafowenu kumbe izihlobo kumbe omakhelwane abanothileyo;
ungenza njalo labo bangakunxusa, kuthi-ke lawe usuwenanisiwe. 13 Kodwa nxa
usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima, izigoga, iziphofu, 14 lapho uzabusiswa. Loba
bengasoze bakwenanise lawe, uzakwenaniswa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo.”

Umzekeliso Wedili Elikhulu

15 Kwathi omunye walabo abahlezi etafuleni laye esekuzwile lokhu, wathi kuJesu,
“Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ozakudla edilini embusweni kaNkulunkulu.”
16 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Umuntu othile wayesenza idili elikhulu ngakho
wanxusa abantu abanengi. 17 Sekuyisikhathi sedili wathuma isisebenzi sakhe
ukuyatshela ababenxusiwe ukuthi, ‘Wozani, konke sekulungile.’
18 Kodwa bonke baqala ukuxolisa. Owokuqala wathi, ‘Ngisanda kuthenga isivande
ngakho kusamele ngiyesibona. Ngicela ungixolisele.’
19 Omunye wathi, ‘Khathesi nje ngisanda kuthenga izipani ezinhlanu zenkabi,
ungifica ngivele ngisendleleni yokuyazihlola. Ngicela ungixolisele.’
20 Omunye njalo wathi, ‘Ngisanda kutshada nje khathesi ngakho angingeke ngize.’
21 Inceku yabuya yakubika konke lokhu enkosini yayo. Inkosi yathukuthela yasilaya
inceku yayo yathi, ‘Hamba khathesi, uye ezitaladini lemikotweni yedolobho umeme
abayanga, abagogekileyo, iziphofu labaqhulayo.’
22 Inceku yathi, ‘Nkosi, lokho okulayileyo sokwenziwe kodwa indawo isesekhona.’
23 Inkosi yatshela inceku yayo yathi, ‘Hamba uye emigwaqweni lasezindleleni
zemaphandleni uze labo ukuze indlu yami igcwale. 24 Ngiyalitshela kakho loyedwa
walabo bantu ababenxusiwe ozalizwa idili lami.’ ”

Umvuzo Wokuba Ngumfundi

25 Abantu abanengi babehamba loJesu, wasephendukela kubo wathi: 26 “Nxa
umuntu esiza kimi, kodwa engeke azonda uyise lonina, umkakhe labantwana,
abafowabo labodadewabo, kanye lempilo yakhe uqobo, ngeke abe ngumfundi wami.
27 Lowo ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilandele ngeke abe ngumfundi wami.
28 Akesithi omunye wenu afune ukwakha umphotshongo. Kambe kazukuqala
ahlale phansi abalise indleko ukuze abone ingabe ulayo yini imali yokuwuqeda na?

29 Ngoba engakha isisekelo, kodwa ehluleke ukusiqeda, wonke okubonayo uzamhleka,
30 esithi, ‘Indoda le yaqalisa ukwakha, kodwa yehluleka ukuqeda.’
31 Kumbe sithi inkosi ilungisela ukuya empini isilwa lenye inkosi. Kayizukuqala
ihlale phansi yini ihluzisise engqondweni ingabe yona ngamabutho ayo azinkulung-
wane ezilitshumi ingaqondana laleyo elezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
na? 32 Nxa ingeyikuma, izathuma amanxusa kuleyana isesekude icele uxolo.
33 Ngaleyondlela, loba ngubani phakathi kwenu ongadeli konke alakho ngeke abe
ngumfundi wami.
34 Itswayi lilungile kodwa lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu balo, lingavuselelwa kanjani
na? 35 Kaliwulungelanga lomhlabathi loba inqumbi yomvundiso kodwa liyalahlwa.
Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe.”

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Umzekeliso Wemvu Elahlekileyo

1 Ngalesosikhathi kwasekubuthana kuye abathelisi lezoni ukuzokuzwa imfundiso
yakhe. 2 Kodwa abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona bathi, “Umuntu lo
wemukela izoni adle lazo.”
3 UJesu wasebatshela umzekeliso lo, wathi: 4 “Ake kuthiwe omunye wenu
ulezimvu ezilikhulu besekulahleka eyodwa kuzo. Kazukuzitshiya yini lezo ezinga-
matshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye khonale egangeni ayidinge
leyo elahlekileyo aze ayithole na? 5 Kuthi lapho eseyitholile ayithwale emahlombe
ngokuthokoza 6 aye layo ekhaya. Abesebiza abangane bakhe labomakhelwane
athi, ‘Thokozani lami; sengiyitholile imvu yami ebilahlekile.’ 7 Ngilitshela ukuthi
ngaleyondlela kuzakuba lokuthokoza ezulwini ngokuphenduka kwesoni esisodwa
okudlula labobantu abalungileyo abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasifica-
munwemunye abangakudingiyo ukuphenduka.”

Umzekeliso Wemali Elahlekileyo

8 “Kumbe kuthi owesifazane elenhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi kulahleke uhlamvu
olulodwa. Kalumathisi yini isibane, athanyele endlini, adingisise kuhle aze
aluthole na? 9 Kuthi eselutholile abize abangane bakhe labomakhelwane, athi
kubo, ‘Thokozani lami; sengilutholile uhlamvu lwami lwesiliva obelulahlekile.’
10 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngaleyondlela kulokuthokoza phambi kwezingilosi zikaNku-
lunkulu ngokuphenduka kwesoni esisodwa.”

Umzekeliso Wendodana Yolahleko

11 UJesu waqhubeka wathi: “Kwakukhona indoda eyayilamadodana amabili.
12 Encinyane yathi kuyise, ‘Baba, ngipha esami isabelo selifa.’ Ngakho uyise
wabehlukanisela impahla yakhe bobabili.
13 Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana encane yabutha konke okungokwayo ya-
suka yaya elizweni elikhatshana, yafika khonale yayichitha inotho yayo ngempilo
yokuxhwala. 14 Isitshaye yachitha konke, kwaba lendlala enkulu kulolonke ilizwe,
yasiswela kakhulu. 15 Yasisiyadinga umsebenzi komunye umuntu wakulelolizwe
owayisa esiqintini sakhe ukuyagcina ingulube. 16 Yabona kungcono kuyo ukuthi
ixotshe iphango ngokudla okwakudliwa zingulube, kodwa kayizange iphiwe lutho
langubani.
17 Kwathi lapho ingqondo yayo isicabanga kuhle, yathi, ‘Kambe zingaki izinceku
zikababa ezidla zizezitshiye kodwa nanku mina ngifa ngendlala! 18 Ngizasuka
ngibuyele kubaba ngifike ngithi kuye: Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe.
19 Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye
wezinceku zakho.’ 20 Ngakho yaphakama yaya kuyise.

Kodwa yathi isesebucwala uyise wayibona wayizwela isihawu; wagijimela kuyo indodana yakhe, wayigona, wayanga.
21 Indodana yathi kuye, ‘Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe.
Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho.’
22 Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekwini zakhe, ‘Phangisani! Lethani isembatho esihle
ukwedlula ezinye limgqokise. Lifake indandatho emunweni wakhe, limgqokise
lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakhe. 23 Beseliletha ithole elinonisiweyo lilihlabe.
Asenzeni idili sithokoze. 24 Ngoba indodana yami le yayisifile, kodwa isiphila njalo;
yayilahlekile manje isifunyenwe.’ Waqalisa manje umkhosi wokujabula.
25 Sonke lesisikhathi indodana endala yayisensimini. Yathi isibanga endlini yezwa
kuhlatshelelwa njalo kugidwa. 26 Yasibiza omunye wezinceku yambuza ukuthi
kwakusenzakalani. 27 Waphendula wathi, ‘Umfowenu usebuyile, ngakho uyihlo
usemhlabele ithole elinonisiweyo ngoba ubuye ephilile, ephelele.’
28 Umnewabo wazonda kakhulu, wala ukungena ngekhaya. Uyise wasephuma
esiya kuye ukuyamncenga. 29 Kodwa waphendula uyise wathi, ‘Khangela! Iminyaka
yonke le bengikusebenzela kanzima njalo kangizange ngeqe imilayo yakho. Kodwa
kawuzange ungiphe lokulizinyane kodwa lokhu ukuthi lami kengithokoze labangane
bami. 30 Kodwa lokhu kuthi nxa indodana yakho le esitshaye yathintitha inotho yakho
lezifebe, isibuyile ekhaya uyihlabele ithole elinonisiweyo!’
31 Uyise wathi, ‘Ndodana yami, uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi njalo konke engilakho
ngokwakho. 32 Kodwa bekufanele sithokoze sijabule ngoba umfowenu lo wayesefile,
manje usephila njalo; ubelahlekile, usefunyenwe.’ ”

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Umzekeliso Womphathi Oliqili

1 UJesu watshela abafundi bakhe wathi, “Kwakulendoda eyayinothile ilomphathi
owetheswa icala lokuthi wayechithachithe inotho yayo. 2 Yambiza yambuza yathi,
‘Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa kuhle ukuthi uhambisa njani izinto
ngoba ungeke usaba ngumphathi njalo.’
3 Umphathi wazibuza wathi, ‘Ngizakuthini? Inkosi yami isingithathela umsebenzi
wami. Kangilamandla okugebha, njalo ngilenhloni zokucela. 4 Ngiyazi engizakwenza
ukuthi nxa ngilahlekelwa ngumsebenzi wami abantu bangamukele ezindlini zabo.’
5 Ngakho yasibiza labo ababelezikwelede enkosini yayo munye ngamunye yathi,
kowokuqala, ‘Isikwelede sakho enkosini yami singakanani?’
6 Wathi, ‘Ngamalitha amafutha e-oliva azinkulungwane ezine.’
Umphathi wamtshela wathi, ‘Phangisa, thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale
izinkulungwane ezimbili.’
7 Yasibuza owesibili yathi, ‘Wena ulesikwelede esingakanani?’
Wathi, ‘Yimigodla yengqoloyi eyinkulungwane.’
Yamtshela yathi, ‘Thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale amakhulu ayisificam-
inwembili.’
8 Inkosi yamncoma lowomphathi owayeliqili ngoba wayenze ukuhlakanipha.
Ngoba abantu balumhlaba balezindledlana zabo zokuhlakanipha ekuphathaneni
kwabo ukwedlula abantu bokukhanya. 9 Ngiyalitshela ngithi, sebenzisani inotho
yomhlaba ukuzuza abangane ukuze kuthi nxa isiphelile lamukeleke ezindlini ezimi
laphakade.
10 Lowo othembeke kokuncinyane uzakwethembeka njalo kokunengi, ikanti lowo
ongathembekanga kokuncinyane angeke njalo athembeke kokunengi. 11 Ngakho-ke,
nxa lingathembekanga ekuphatheni inotho yasemhlabeni, pho ngubani ongalithemba

ngenotho yeqiniso na? 12 Njalo nxa belingathembekanga ngempahla yomunye
umuntu, ngubani kambe ozalipha impahla ibe ngeyenu na?
13 Kakulanceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa ithande
enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeyise enye. Ngezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemali
ngokufanayo.”
14 AbaFarisi ababethanda imali bakuzwa konke lokhu, bamklolodela uJesu. 15 Wathi
kubo, “Yini elizigezayo emehlweni abantu kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazazi inhliziyo
zenu. Lokho okuligugu ebantwini kuyisinengiso kuNkulunkulu.”

Eyinye Imfundiso

16 “UMthetho labaPhrofethi kwatshunyayelwa kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaJohane.
Kusukela kulesosikhathi izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu ziyatshunyayelwa
njalo bonke abantu bazifuqela kuwo. 17 Kungaba lula ukuthi izulu lomhlaba
kunyamalale kulokuthi kucitshe ichatha loMthetho elilodwa nje.
18 Loba ngubani olahla umkakhe athathe omunye umfazi uyafeba njalo lendoda
ethatha umfazi owalahlwayo iyafeba.”

Indoda Enothileyo LoLazaro

19 “Kwakulendoda enothileyo eyayigqoka izigqoko zombala oyibubende lezelembu
lelineni, iphakathi kobutifitifi insuku zonke. 20 Entubeni yomuzi wayo kwakuhlezi
isiceli esasithiwa nguLazaro, sigcwele izilonda emzimbeni, 21 siloyisa ukudla lokho
okwakukhithika etafuleni yalesosicebi. Izinja zazifika zikhothe izilonda zaso.
22 Kwafika isikhathi lapho isiceli esafa khona, izingilosi zasithwala zasisa eceleni
lika-Abhrahama. Lesicebi laso safa, sabekwa. 23 Esihogweni lapho esasisitsha
khona; savusa ubuso sabona u-Abhrahama ekude le, kuloLazaro eceleni kwakhe.
24 Sasesimemeza sathi, ‘Baba Abhrahama, ake ungihawukele uthume uLazaro agx-
amuze umunwe wakhe emanzini athambise ulimi lwami, ngoba ngisebuhlungwini
emlilweni lo.’
25 Kodwa u-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, ‘Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi nge-
sikhathi usaphila wazuza izinto zakho ezinhle kodwa uLazaro wemukela izinto
ezimbi, khangela manje useduduzwa lapha, ikanti wena ususebuhlungwini. 26 Njalo
ngaphandle kwakho konke lokhu, phakathi kwethu lawe kulodonga olukhulu,
ukwenzela ukuthi labo abafisa ukuza ngapho besuka lapha behluleke, futhi kakho
ongapho ongachaphela ngakithi.’
27 Saphendula sathi, ‘Nxa kunjalo-ke, ngiyakuncenga, baba, thuma uLazaro endlini
kababa, 28 ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlanu. Ayebaxwayisa ukuze labo bangezi kule
indawo yobuhlungu.’
29 U-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, ‘BaloMosi labaPhrofethi; kabalalele bona.’
30 Sathi, ‘Hatshi, baba Abhrahama, kodwa nxa kusuka umuntu kwabafileyo aye
kubo bazaphenduka.’
31 Wathi kuso, ‘Nxa bengalaleli uMosi labaPhrofethi, kabasoze bavume loba
omunye angaze avuke kwabafileyo.’ ”

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Isono, Ukholo, Umlandu

1 UJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe: “Izinto ezenza abantu benze isono zizakuba
khona kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezizafika ngaye. 2 Bekungaba ngcono kuye
ukuphoselwa olwandle kubotshelwe imbokodo entanyeni yakhe kulokuba yena
akhubekise omunye walaba abancinyane ukuthi enze isono. 3 Ngakho lina ziqaphe-
leni.

Nxa umfowenu esenza isono, mkhuze, kuthi nxa ezisola, mthethelele. 4 Nxa
engakonela kasikhombisa ngosuku lunye, ebuye kuwe kasikhombisa esithi, 'Ngiyax-
olisa,' mthethelele."
5 Abapostoli bathi eNkosini, "Yengeza ukholo lwethu!"
6 Waphendula wathi, "Nxa lilokukholwa loba kukuncinyane njengentanga yemas-
tadi, lingathi kulesisihlahla somabhulosi, 'Quphuka lapha uyowela olwandle,'
sizalilalela.
7 Kesithi omunye wenu ulesisebenzi, silima loba siselusa izimvu. Kambe kun-
genzeka yini ukuthi nxa isisebenzi singena sivela emasimini athi kuso, 'Kulungile,
hlala phansi udle'? 8 Kambe kayikuqala athi, 'Lungisa ukudla kwami, ulungele
ukungiphakela ngize ngidle, nginathe; ngemva kwalokho lawe usungadla, unathe'?
9 Angasibonga na isisebenzi ngoba senze lokho ebesikuyaliwe na? 10 Kunjalo lani
nxa selenzile konke okuthiwe likwenze kufanele lithi, 'Siyizinceku ezingafanelanga;
sesenze kuphela lokho okungumlandu wethu.' "

UJesu Usilisa Abalitshumi Abalobulephero

11 Ngalesosikhathi eseqonde ukuya eJerusalema, uJesu wahamba ngendlela es-
emngceleni phakathi kweSamariya leGalile. 12 Wathi efika komunye umuzi,
wahlangabezwa ngamadoda alitshumi ayelobulephero. Ema bucwala, 13 amemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu athi, "Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele!"
14 Wathi ewabona wathi kuwo, "Hambani liyoziveza kubaphristi." Athi esahamba
ahlambuluka.
15 Omunye wawo wathi ngokubona ukuthi usesilile waphenduka, edumisa uNku-
lunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu. 16 Wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zikaJesu wambonga, yena
wayengumSamariya.
17 UJesu wabuza wathi, "Kanti kabahlanjululwanga bonke abalitshumi yini?
Bangaphi abanye abayisificamunwemunye na? 18 Ubengekho yini obengabuya
azoletha udumo kuNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwalo owezizweni na?" 19 Wasesithi
kuye, "Phakama uhambe; ukukholwa kwakho kukusilisile."

Ukuza Kombuso KaNkulunkulu

20 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu ebuzwe ngabaFarisi ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu
wawuzafika nini, waphendula wathi, "Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuzi ngendlela
yokucubungula kwenu ukuma kwezinto, 21 njalo abantu kabayikutsho bathi, 'Nanku
lapha,' loba bathi, 'Nanko laphaya,' ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu uphakathi kwenu."
22 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Siyeza isikhathi lapho elizaloyisa khona ukubona
olunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana yoMuntu kodwa kalisoze lilubone. 23 Abantu
bazalitshela bathi, 'Nanguyana laphaya!' kumbe, 'Nangu lapha!' Lingathatheki
ngabo. 24 Ngoba ngosuku lwayo iNdodana yoMuntu izakuba njengombane ophazima
ukhanyise umkhathi kusukela ngapha kusiyafika ngale. 25 Kodwa kumele iqale
ihlupheke ezintweni ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwane.
26 Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ensukwini zeN-
dodana yoMuntu. 27 Abantu babesidla, benatha, bethathana njalo besendiselana
kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini. Kwasekufika uzamcolo
wababhubhisa bonke.
28 Kwakunjalo futhi ngezinsuku zikaLothi. Abantu babesidla, benatha, njalo
bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela njalo besakha. 29 Kodwa ngosuku uLothi aphuma
ngalo eSodoma, umlilo lesalufa kwathululeka kuvela ezulwini kwababhubhisa bonke.
30 Kuzakuba njalo langosuku lapho iNdodana yoMuntu ifika. 31 Ngalolosuku
kakho ozakuthi ephezulu ophahleni lwendlu yakhe, impahla zakhe ziphakathi, ehle
ukuyazithatha. Njalo kakho osensimini ozakuyathatha loba yini. 32 Khumbulani
umkaLothi! 33 Lowo ozama ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, lalowo

olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe uzayilondoloza. 34 Ngiyalitshela, kuzakuthi nga-
lobobusuku abantu bebabili embhedeni omunye uzathathwa, kodwa omunye
atshiywe. 35 Abesifazane ababili bazabe bechola elitsheni ndawonye; omunye
uzathathwa omunye atshiywe. [36 Ababili bazabe besensimini; oyedwa uzathathwa
omunye atshiywe.]"*

37 Babuza bathi, "Ngaphi, Nkosi?"

Waphendula wathi, "Lapho okulesidumbu khona, kulapho okuqoqana khona amanqe."

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Umzekeliso Womfelokazi Ophikelelayo

1 UJesu wasetshela abafundi bakhe umzekeliso ukubatshengisa ukuthi kumele
bakhuleke kokuphela bangadinwa. 2 Wathi, "Kwelinye idolobho kwakulomahluli
owayengamesabi uNkulunkulu njalo engakhathaleli muntu. 3 Kwakukhona um-
felokazi kulelodolobho owayehlezi esiza kuye kokuphela emncenga esithi, 'Akung-
incede ngalowo engixabana laye.'

4 Okwesikhathi eside umahluli wayesala. Kodwa wacina esithi, 'Loba ngingamesabi
uNkulunkulu njalo ngingakhathali ngomuntu, 5 kodwa ngenxa yokuthi umfelokazi lo
usengijinge kakhulu sengizamlungisela ukuthi angaze abuya anginenge ngoba elokhu
engilanda!' "

6 Njalo iNkosi yasisithi, "Likuzwisise lokho okutshiwo ngumahluli ongalunganga.
7 Kambe uNkulunkulu kayikubalwela yini abakhethiweyo bakhe, abakhuleka kuye
imini lobusuku? Uzabe elokhu ebanina yini? 8 Ngiyalitshela, uzabalwela, njalo
masinyane. Kodwa, nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isifika, izakufumana ukukholwa
emhlabeni na?"

Umzekeliso WomFarisi LoMthelisi

9 Kulabo ababezethemba ngokulunga kwabo beseyisa abanye, uJesu wakhuluma
umzekeliso lo wathi: 10 "Amadoda amabili aya ethempelini ukuyakhuleka, omunye
engumFarisi njalo omunye engumthelisi. 11 UmFarisi wasukuma wakhuleka nga-
lokho ayeyikho khona wathi: 'Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi kanginjengabanye
abantu, izigebenga, izixhwali, izifebe njalo kangifani lomthelisi lo. 12 Ngizila kabili
ngeviki njalo nginikela okwetshumi okwenzuzo yami yonke.'

13 Kodwa umthelisi wema bucwadlana laye. Wesaba lokukhangela ezulwini kodwa
wazehlisa kakhulu wathi, 'Nkulunkulu, woba lesihawu kimi, ngiyisoni.'

14 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi indoda le, hatshi leyana enye, yabuyela ekhaya isilungisiwe
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo uzakwehliswa, lozehlisayo
uzaphakanyiswa."

Abantwana Abancinyane LoJesu

15 Abantu njalo babeletha abantwana kuJesu ukuthi ababeke izandla. Abafundi
bonela ukukubona lokhu babakhuza. 16 Kodwa uJesu wabizela kuye abantwana
wathi, "Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ungowabanjengalaba. 17 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso
kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane kayikungena kuwo."

Umbusi Onothileyo

18 Umbusi othile wambuza wathi, "Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze
ilifa lokuphila kwaphakade na?"

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* **17:36** 17.36 Livesi kayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

19 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ungibizelani ngokuthi ngilungile na? Kakho
olungileyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela. 20 Uyayazi imilayo: ‘Ungafebi,
ungabulali muntu, ungebi, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.’*”
21 Wathi umbusi, “Yonke le ngiyigcine kusukela ebutsheni bami.”
22 UJesu esekuzwile lokho wathi kuye, “Usasilele into eyodwa. Thengisa konke
olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya
ungilandele.”
23 Wathi esezwe lokhu wadana kakhulu ngoba wayeyindoda eyayinothe kakhulu.
24 UJesu wamkhangela wathi, “Koba nzima kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene em-
busweni kaNkulunkulu! 25 Ngempela kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni
yenalithi kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo awungene umbuso kaNkulunkulu.”
26 Labo abakuzwayo lokho babuza bathi, “Ngubani pho ongasindiswa?”
27 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lokho okungenzekiyo emandleni abantu kuyenzakala
kwakaNkulunkulu.”
28 UPhethro wathi kuye, “Sesadela konke esasilakho sakulandela!”
29 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kakho osetshiye ikhaya loba umfazi
kumbe abafowabo loba abazali kumbe abantwana ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu
30 ozakwehluleka ukuzuza ngokuphindwe kanengi esikhathini samanje lesikhathini
esizayo, ukuphila okungapheliyo.”

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokufa Kwakhe Njalo

31 UJesu wasebizela abalitshumi lambili eceleni wabatshela wathi, “Sesisiya
eJerusalema lapho konke okulotshwe ngabaphrofethi ngeNdodana yoMuntu sekusiya
gcwaliseka. 32 Izanikelwa kwabeZizwe. Bazayihoza, bayithuke, bayikhafulele,
bayibhule njalo bayibulale. 33 Ngosuku lwesithathu izavuka.”
34 Abafundi kabazange bakuzwisise konke lokhu. Ingcazelo yakho yayifihlakele
kubo yikho kabazanga ukuthi wayekhuluma ngani.

Isiceli Esiyisiphofu Senziwa Sibone

35 UJesu esebanga eJerikho kwakulendoda eyisiphofu eyisiceli ihlezi eceleni
kwendlela icela. 36 Yathi isizwa kudlula ixuku labantu yabuza ukuthi kuyini
okwakusenzakala. 37 Bayitshela bathi, “UJesu waseNazaretha uyedlula khonapha.”
38 Yamemeza yathi, “Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!”
39 Labo ababehamba phambili bayikhuza bathi kayithule, kodwa yona yasimemeza
ngamandla yathi, “Ndodana kaDavida ake ungihawukele!”
40 UJesu wema wathi indoda leyo ilethwe kuye. Isifikile uJesu wayibuza wathi,
41 “Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni?”
Yaphendula yathi, “Nkosi, ngifuna ukuthi ngibone.”
42 UJesu wathi kuyo, “Kuzuze-ke ukubona; ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile.”
43 Masinyane yahle yabona, yasimlandela uJesu idumisa uNkulunkulu. Kwathi bonke
abantu bekubona lokho, labo bamdumisa uNkulunkulu.

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UZakhewu Umthelisi

1 UJesu wangena eJerikho kodwa esedlula. 2 Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguZa-
khewu; wayeyinduna yabathelisi njalo enothile. 3 Wayefuna ukubona uJesu
ukuthi wayengumuntu onjani, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayengumuntu omfitshane,
wehluleka ngenxa yesiminyeminye. 4 Wasegijimela phambili, wakhwela phezu
komkhiwa wesikhamore ukuze ambone njengoba uJesu wayesiza ngaleyondlela.

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* **18:20** 18.20 U-Eksodasi 20.12-16; UDutheronomi 5.16-20

5 Kwathi uJesu esefikile kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezulu wathi kuye, “Zakhewu,
yehla masinyane. Ngizakwethekelela endlini yakho lamuhla.” 6 Wasesehla uZakhewu
masinyane wamamukela ngokuthokoza.
7 Bonke abantu bakubona lokhu bangunguna besithi, “Useyekuba yisethekeli
sesoni.”
8 Kodwa uZakhewu wasukuma wathi eNkosini, “Khangela, Nkosi! Okwamanje
senginika ingxenye yenotho yami kwabampofu njalo nxa ngike ngadlelezela omunye
umuntu loba ngakuphi, ngizambhadala ngokuphindwe kane lokho engakuthathayo.”
9 UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Lamuhla insindiso isifikile kulindlu ngoba indoda le
layo iyindodana ka-Abhrahama. 10 Ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu yalanda ukudinga
lokusindisa lokho okwakulahlekile.”

Umzekeliso Wamamina Alitshumi

11 Bathi besalalele lokhu, wabatshela omunye umzekeliso, ngoba wayesesondele
eJerusalema, abantu sebecabanga ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu wawusuzahle uvele
masinyane. 12 Wathi, “Indoda ethile yasesikhosini ngokuzalwa yaya elizweni
elikhatshana isiyagcotshwa ukuba yinkosi andubana iphenduke. 13 Yasibiza izinceku
zayo ezilitshumi yazinika imali engamamina alitshumi. Yathi, ‘Isebenziseni imali le
ngize ngiphenduke.’
14 Kodwa labobantu ayezababusa babemzonda lumuntu, bathumela izithunywa
ukuthi zimlandele ziyekuthi, ‘Kasimfuni lumuntu ukuthi abe yinkosi yethu.’
15 Lanxa kunjalo wagcotshwa waba yinkosi, waphenduka ekhaya. Wasebiza
izinceku lezo ayezinike imali ukuze ezwe ukuthi zazithole nzuzo bani ngayo.
16 Owokuqala weza wathi, ‘Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye amadola alitshumi.’
17 Inkosi yayo yathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku yami elungileyo! Ngenxa yokuthi
uthembekile entweni encinyane, usuzabusa amadolobho alitshumi.’
18 Owesibili weza wathi, ‘Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye amadola amahlanu.’
19 Inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi, ‘Busa phezu kwamadolobho amahlanu.’
20 Kwasekusiza enye inceku yathi, ‘Nkosi, nansi imali yakho; bengiyigoqele
ngelembu. 21 Bengikwesaba wena ngoba uyindoda elukhuni. Ucupha lapho
ongathelanga khona njalo ubuye uvune lapho ongahlanyelanga khona.’
22 Inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizakwahlulela ngamazwi akho wena nceku
exhwalileyo! Angithi ubukwazi ukuthi ngingumuntu olukhuni, ocupha lapho angath-
elanga khona lovuna lapho angahlanyelanga khona? 23 Kungani pho ungabekanga
imali yami ebhanga ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami ngiyithathe isilenzuzo na?’
24 Yasisithi kwababemi khonapho, ‘Mthatheleni lelo alalo liliphe lowo olalitshumi.’
25 Basebesithi, ‘Nkosi, angithi uvele uselalitshumi?’
26 Yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngithi kini, lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye okunengi kodwa
lowo ongelalutho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. 27 Kodwa izitha zami lezo
ebezingafuni ukuthi ngizibuse, zileth eni lapha lizibulalele phambi kwami.’ ”

Ukungena Ngobukhosi EJerusalema

28 UJesu esezitshilo zonke lezizinto wahamba wabandulela eqonda eJerusalema.
29 Wathi esebanga eBhethifage kanye leBhethani entabeni eyayithiwa yiNtaba yama-
Oliva wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili wathi kubo: 30 “Yanini emzini ophambi
kwenu, lizakuthi lingena kuwo libone inkonyane kababhemi ibotshelwe khonapho,
engakaze igadwe muntu. ‘Ikhululeni liyilethe lapha. 31 Nxa kungaba lozalibuza
ukuthi, Liyikhululelani na?’ kumele lithi, ‘INkosi iyayifuna.’ ”
32 Labo ababethunyiwe bahamba njalo bathola kunjengoba ebetshilo.
33 Besayikhulula inkonyane kababhemi, abanini bayo bababuza bathi,
“Liyikhululelani na?”

34 Baphendula bathi, “INkosi iyayifuna.”
35 Bayiletha kuJesu, baphosela amajazi abo phezu kwenkonyane, bagadisa uJesu
phezu kwayo. 36 Wathi eseqhubeka, abantu bendlala amajazi abo endleleni.
37 Esefikile eduze kwalapho indlela eyehla khona isuka eNtabeni yama-Oliva
abafundi lexuku lonke lasuka ngokuthokoza ladumisa uNkulunkulu ngamazwi
amakhulu ngenxa yemimangaliso yonke ababeyibonile, bathi:
38 “Ibusisiwe inkosi ebuya ngebizo likaThixo!”*

“Ukuthula ezulwini lodumo kweliphezulu!”
39 Abanye abaFarisi exukwini bathi kuJesu, “Mfundisi, khuza abafundi bakho!”
40 Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyalitshela ngithi nxa bethula amatshe azamemeza.”
41 Wathi esebanga eJerusalema ekhangele idolobho, walikhalela 42 wathi, “Nxa
wena, wena ngokwakho, ubukwazi namhla lokho obekungakulethela ukuthula
kodwa okwamanje kufihliwe emehlweni akho. 43 Zizafika insuku kuwe lapho
izitha zakho zizakwakha umthangala zikuhonqolozele njalo zikuphahle inxa zonke.
44 Zizakusakazela phansi emhlabathini, wena kanye labantwana abaphakathi
kwemiduli yakho. Kaziyikutshiya lalinye ilitshe phezu kwelinye ngoba kawusi-
nanzelelanga isikhathi sokuza kukaNkulunkulu kuwe.”

UJesu EThempelini

45 Wasengena ethempelini wadudula ababethengisa khona 46 esithi kubo, “Kub-
haliwe ukuthi, ‘Indlu yami iyindlu yokukhuleka,’†kodwa lina seliyenze ubhalu
lwabaphangi.”‡
47 Insuku zonke wayefundisa ethempelini. Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho kanye labakhokheli ababephakathi kwabantu babezama ukumbulala.
48 Kodwa kabayizuzanga indlela yokukwenza lokho ngoba abantu bonke babe-
wakholwa amazwi akhe.

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Ukuthandabuza Ngamandla KaJesu

1 Ngelinye ilanga kwathi efundisa abantu ethempelini, etshumayela ivangeli,
abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, kanye labadala bebandla beza kuye.
2 Bathi, “Ake usitshele ukuthi uwathatha ngaphi amandla okwenza lezizinto. Ngubani
okunike amandla la?”
3 Waphendula wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo. Ngitshelani, 4 ukubhaphathiza
kukaJohane kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?”
5 Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, “Singathi, ‘Kwakuvela ezulwini,’ uzabuza athi,
‘Kungani lingazange limkholwe?’ 6 Kodwa singathi, ‘Kwakuvela ebantwini,’ abantu
bonke bazasikhanda ngamatshe ngoba bakholwa ukuthi uJohane wayengumphro-
fethi.”
7 Ngakho baphendula bathi, “Kasikwazi ukuthi kwakuvela ngaphi.”
8 UJesu wathi, “Lami kangizukulitshela ukuthi lezizinto ngizenza ngawaphi
amandla.”

Umzekeliso Wabalimi Besivini

9 Waseqhubeka ngokutshela abantu umzekeliso lo wathi: “Indoda yahlanyela
isivini yasiqhatshisa abanye abalimi, yasihamba okwesikhathi eside. 10 Ngesikhathi
sokuvuna yathuma inceku yayo kubaqhatshi besivini ukuze bayiphe ingxenye
yezithelo zesivini. Kodwa abalimi bayitshaya, bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho.
11 Yathuma enye inceku kodwa laleyo bayitshaya bayiphatha kabuhlungu, bayixotsha

* **19:38** 19.38 AmaHubo 118.26 † **19:46** 19.46 U-Isaya 56.7 ‡ **19:46** 19.46 UJeremiya 7.11

ingaphathanga lutho. 12 Waphinda wathuma eyesithathu, bayilimaza bayiphosela
phandle.
13 Umninisivini wasesithi, ‘Ngenzeni? Ngizathuma indodana yami engiyithandayo;
mhlawumbe bazayihlonipha.’
14 Kodwa kwathi abaqhatshi besivini beyibona, bahlanganisa amakhanda
ngaleyondaba. Bathi, ‘Le yindlalifa. Kasiyibulaleni, ilifa libe ngelethu.’
15 Basebeyikhuphela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala.
Kambe umninisivini uzabathini? 16 Uzakuza afike ababulale labo baqhatshi
besivini, isivini leso asinike abanye abalimi.”
Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, “Sengathi lokhu kungaze kwafa kwenzeka!”
17 UJesu wabathi nhlo, wabuza wathi, “Pho kutshoni lokho okubhalwe ukuthi:
‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni?’*
18 Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe uzachobozeka abe yizicucu, kodwa lowo eliwela
phezu kwakhe uzahlifizwa.”
19 Abafundisi bomthetho labaphristi abakhulu badinga indlela yokumbopha
masinyane ngoba babesazi ukuthi wakhuluma umzekeliso lo eqonde bona. Kodwa
babesesaba abantu.

Ukuthela KuKhesari

20 Bamthumela inhloli ezazizitshaya ezithembekileyo ukuze zimgolombe. Babefisa
ukumbeka icala kokunye ayengakukhuluma ukuze bamedlulisele emandleni ombusi.
21 Ngakho inhloli zambuza zathi, “Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena ukhuluma njalo
ufundisa okuqondileyo lokuthi kawubandlululi kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNku-
lunkulu ngeqiniso elipheleleyo. 22 Kufanele yini ukuthi sithele imithelo kuKhesari
loba hatshi?”
23 Wabubona ubuqili babo wathi kubo, 24 “Ngitshengisani idenari. Kulomfanekiso
kabani lombhalo kabani kuyo?”
Baphendula bathi, “NgokaKhesari.”
25 Wathi kubo, “Ngakho nikani uKhesari okungokukaKhesari, linike uNkulunkulu
okungokukaNkulunkulu.”
26 Behluleka ukumbamba ngalokho akutshoyo lapho obala. Sebemangaliswe
yimpendulo yakhe bathula zwi.

Ukuvuka Kwabafileyo Lokwendiselana

27 Amanye amaSadusi athi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo eza kuJesu elombuzo.
28 Athi, “Mfundisi, uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda angafa
atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana, umfowabo kumele amngene umfelokazi
ukuze azalele umfowabo abantwana. 29 Manje kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa.
Owokuqala wathatha umfazi kodwa wafa engelamntwana. 30 Owesibili 31 njalo lowe-
sithathu laye wamthatha, bonke boyisikhombisa benza njalo bafa bengatshiyanga
bantwana. 32 Ekucineni umfazi laye wafa. 33 Pho-ke, ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba
ngumkabani njengoba bonke boyisikhombisa babemthethe?”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Abantu balesisikhathi bayathatha njalo bayendiswa.
35 Kodwa labo abazabe befanele ukuba lengxenye kulesosikhathi lasekuvukeni
kwabafileyo kabazukuthatha loba bendiswe, 36 njalo kabasayikufa ngoba seben-
jengezingilosi. Bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba bengabantwana bokuvuka
kwabafileyo. 37 Kodwa emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebha umlilo, uMosi laye

* **20:17** 20.17 AmaHubo 118.22

wakuveza ukuthi abafileyo bayavuka, ngoba ubiza uThixo ngokuthi ‘uNkulunkulu ka-
Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.’† 38 KasuNkulunkulu
wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo, ngoba kuye bonke bayaphila.”
39 Baphendula abanye abafundisi bomthetho bathi, “Utsho kahle Mfundisi!”
40 Kasabanga khona owaba lesibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

UKhristu UyiNdodana Kabani Na?

41 UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Kungani besithi uKhristu uyiNdodana kaDavida na?
42 UDavida yena ngokwakhe uyakufakaza eNcwadini yamaHubo uthi:
‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
“Hlala ngakwesokunene sami,
43 ngize ngenze izitha zakho
zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho.”‡’
44 UDavida umbiza athi ‘Nkosi.’ Pho angaba yindodana yakhe njani?”

Iseluleko Ngabafundisi Bomthetho

45 Kwathi bonke abantu besalalele, uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, 46 “Limukani
abafundisi bomthetho. Bathanda ukuhambahamba bececе ngezembatho ezinde
eziphephezelayo njalo bathanda ukubingelelwa emisikeni, futhi bathatha izihlalo
eziphakemeyo emasinagogweni lezindawo zabahlonitshwa emadilini. 47 Bahuquluza
izindlu zabafelokazi njalo bazibonakalisa ngokwenza imikhuleko emide. Abantu
abanjalo bazajeziswa kabuhlungu.”

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Umnikelo Womfelokazi

1 UJesu wathi ekhangela wabona izinothi zifaka iminikelo yazo esitsheni somnikelo.
2 Wabona njalo umfelokazi ongumyanga efaka okuzinhlamvana kwethusi okubili.
3 Wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi umfelokazi lo ongumyanga unikele okudlula bonke
abanye. 4 Bonke lababantu banikele izipho zabo ngokwenotho yabo, kodwa yena
ebuyangeni bakhe ufake konke abelakho.”

Ukubhidlizwa KweThempeli Lezibonakaliso Zokucina Kwesikhathi

5 Abanye abafundi bakhe babekhulukhuluma ngokubalazwa kwethempeli ngamat-
she amahle langezipho ezazinikelwe kuNkulunkulu. Kodwa uJesu wathi, 6 “Mayelana
lalokhu elikubona lapha, sizafika isikhathi lapho okungeyikutshiywa ilitshe phezu
kwelinye; wonke azaphoselwa phansi.”
7 Babuza bathi, “Mfundisi, izinto lezi zizakwenzakala nini? Njalo sizakuba yini
isibonakaliso sokuthi sezizakwenzeka na?”
8 Waphendula wathi, “Qaphelani lingakhohliswa. Ngoba abanengi bazakuza
ngebizo lami besithi, ‘Nginguye,’ njalo bathi, ‘Isikhathi sesisondele.’ Lingabalandeli.
9 Nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lezikhukhulambuso, lingethuki. Lezizinto kuzamele zenzeke
kuqala, kodwa isiphetho kasizukufika ngalesosikhathi.”
10 Wasesithi kubo: “Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso.
11 Kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, indlala lezifo ezindaweni ezinengi,
izehlakalo ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinengi zivela emkhathini.
12 Kodwa kungakenzakali konke lokhu bazalibamba, balihlukuluze. Bazalinikela
emasinagogweni baliphosele lasezintolongweni njalo lizamiswa phambi kwamakhosi
lababusi ngenxa yebizo lami. 13 Lokhu kuzalenza libe ngofakazi kimi. 14 Kodwa
bekani amaphaphu phansi, lingazihluphi ngokuthi lizazivikela lisithini. 15 Ngoba
ngizalinika amazwi lokuhlakanipha ukuze angabikhona ezitheni zenu ozalehlula

† **20:37** 20.37 U-Eksodasi 3.6 ‡ **20:43** 20.43 AmaHubo 110.1

loba aliphikise. 16 Lizanikelwa ngabazali, ngabafowenu layizihlobo labangane njalo
abanye benu bazalibulala. 17 Bonke abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yami. 18 Kodwa
kakuyikubhubha lanwele olulodwa emakhanda enu. 19 Bekezelani, lizasindiswa.
20 Lingabona iJerusalema isihonqolozelwe yizimpi lizakwazi ukuthi incithakalo
isisondele. 21 Lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni, abasedolob-
heni kabaphume, kuthi labo abasemaphandleni bangangeni edolobheni. 22 Ngoba
lesi yisikhathi sokujeziswa ukugcwalisa konke okwalotshwayo. 23 Yeka ubulukhuni
obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane!
Kuzakuba khona ukuhlukuluzeka okukhulu elizweni lolaka phezu kwabantu.
24 Bazakuwa ngenkemba babuthwe babe yizibotshwa zezizwe zonke. IJerusalema
izagidagidwa ngabeZizwe kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabeZizwe.
25 Kuzabakhona izibonakaliso elangeni, enyangeni lasezinkanyezini. Emhlabeni
izizwe zizakuba phakathi kosizi lokudideka ngenxa yokuhuba lokukhaphaza kol-
wandle. 26 Abantu bazaphela amandla ngokwesaba, behlutshwa yilokho okuzayo
emhlabeni, ngoba izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa. 27 Ngalesosikhathi
bazayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngeyezi ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. 28 Nxa
lezizinto seziqala ukwenzakala manini liqine, liphakamise amakhanda enu, ngoba
ukuhlengwa kwenu sekusondela."
29 Wabatshela umfanekiso lo wathi, "Khangelani esihlahleni somkhiwa kanye
lezinye zonke izihlahla. 30 Nxa zihluma lizazibonela lani njalo lazi ukuthi ihlobo
selisondele. 31 Kanjalo-ke, nxa lingabona lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi ukuthi umbuso
kaNkulunkulu ususondele.
32 Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto.
33 Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini.
34 Nanzelelani funa inhliziyo zenu zithundubale ngokuzitika lokudakwa lokun-
qineka ngezinto zalimpilo, ngoba lolosuku luzalijuma njengomjibila. 35 Ngoba
luzafikela bonke labo abahlala kuwo wonke umhlaba. 36 Hlalani lilindile, likhulekele
ukuthi liphephe kukho konke osekuzakwenzeka masinyane, lokuthi libe lamandla
okuma phambi kweNdodana yoMuntu."
37 Insuku zonke uJesu wayefundisa ethempelini kuthi kusihlwa aphume ayechitha
ubusuku eqaqeni olwaluthiwa yiNtaba yama-Oliva, 38 njalo abantu bonke babesiza
ekuseni kakhulu ukuzamuzwa ethempelini.

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UJudasi Uvuma Ukunikela UJesu

1 UMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo owawubizwa ngokuthi liPhasika wawusu-
sondele, 2 njalo abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho babedinga enye indlela
yokumsusa uJesu, ngoba babesesaba abantu. 3 USathane wasengena kuJudasi
owayethiwa ngu-Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili. 4 UJudasi waya
kubaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu zabavikeli bethempeli wabonisana labo ukuthi am-
nikele njani uJesu. 5 Bathokoza kakhulu, basebevuma ukumupha imali. 6 Wavuma,
wasemelela ithuba lokunikela uJesu kubo ngesikhathi kungelaxuku labantu.

Isidlo Sokucina

7 Lwaselufika usuku lweSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwakusenziwa ngalo umhlat-
shelo wewundlu lePhasika. 8 UJesu wathuma uPhethro loJohane wathi, "Hambani
liyesilungisela ukuthi siyekudla iPhasika."
9 Babuza bathi, "Ufuna siyelilungisela ngaphi?"
10 Waphendula wathi, "Lizakuthi nje lingena edolobheni, lizahlangana lendoda
iphethe inkonxa yamanzi. Liyilandele kuleyondlu ezangena kuyo, 11 beselisithi

kumninindlu, ‘Umfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezethekeli, lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika labafundi bami?’ 12 Izalitshengisa ikamelo laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo. Yenzani amalungiselo khonapho.”
13 Bahamba bayafica izinto zimi njengokutshelwa kwabo nguJesu. Ngakho balilungisa iPhasika.
14 Kwathi isikhathi sesifikile uJesu wahlala etafuleni labapostoli bakhe. 15 Wasesithi kubo, “Bengitshiseka kakhulu ukudla iPhasika leli lani ngingakahlupheki. 16 Ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi kangisoze ngiphinde ngilidle njalo lize lizuze ukugcwaliseka embusweni kaNkulunkulu.”
17 Esethethe inkezo wabonga wasesithi, “Kuthatheni lokhu likwabelane. 18 Ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi angiyikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo sevini umbuso kaNkulunkulu uze ufike.”
19 Wasethatha isinkwa, wabonga wasesihlephuna wabapha, wathi, “Lo ngumzimba wami ophiwe lina; kwenzeni lokhu kube yisikhumbuzo sami.”
20 Ngaleyondlela, ngemva kokudla kwakusihlwa wathatha inkezo, esithi, “Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami, elichithelwa lina. 21 Kodwa isandla sakhe lowo ozanginikela sikanye lesami etafuleni. 22 INdodana yoMuntu izahamba njengoba kumisiwe, kodwa maye kulowomuntu oyinikelayo.” 23 Baqala ukubuzana ukuthi kambe ngabe ngubani kubo owayezakwenza lokhu.
24 Njalo kwaba lokuphikisana phakathi kwabo mayelana lokuthi ngubani kubo owayebonakala emkhulu kulabo bonke. 25 UJesu wathi kubo, “Amakhosi abeZizwe azitshengisela amandla awo kulabo ababusayo; leziphathamandla zakhona zibizwa ngokuthi Mcoli. 26 Kodwa akumelanga libe njalo. Endaweni yalokho, lowo omkhulu kulani lonke kabe njengomncinyane kini lonke, lalowo obusayo abe nguye okhonza abanye. 27 Kambe ngubani omkhulu kulomunye, lowo ohlezi etafuleni yokudla loba lowo ophakayo na? Kakusilowo osetafuleni na? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu njengalowo oliphakelayo. 28 Liyilabo abame lami ebunzimeni bami. 29 Ngakho ngiyalinika umbuso njengoba uBaba wanginika lami, 30 ukuze lidle njalo linathe etafuleni lami embusweni wami njalo lihlale ezihlalweni zobukhosi, lisahlulela izizwana zika-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili.
31 Simoni, Simoni uSathane usecele ukulihlungula lonke njengengqoloyi. 32 Kodwa sengikukhulekele wena Simoni, ukuthi ukholo lwakho lungaze lwawela phansi. Ubokuthi nxa usuphendukile uqinise abafowenu.”
33 Kodwa waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, ngizimisele ukuhamba lawe entolongweni lasekufeni.”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngiyakutshela, Phethro, ukuthi iqhude lingakakhali lamuhla, uzaphika kathathu ukuthi uyangazi.”
35 UJesu wasebabuza wathi, “Ngize ngilithume lingelamxhaka, loba isikhwama kumbe amanyathela, kukhona yini elake lakusilela?”
Baphendula bathi, “Akubanga lalutho.”
36 Wathi, kubo, “Kodwa manje nxa ulesikhwama semali, sithathe, kanye lomgodla; njalo nxa ungelankemba, thengisa isigqoko sakho uyithenge. 37 Kulotshiwe ukuthi, ‘Wabalwa ndawonye lezoni’*; njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi lokhu kumele kugcwaliseke kimi. Yebo, lokho okubhaliweyo ngami sekufika ekugcwalisweni kwakho.”
38 Abafundi bathi, “Khangela, Nkosi, nanzi inkemba ezimbili.”
Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Kwanele.”

UJesu Ukhuleka ENtabeni Yama-Oliva

39 UJesu wahamba njengenjayelo waya eNtabeni yama-Oliva, abafundi bakhe bamlandela. 40 Esefikile kuleyondawo, wathi kubo, “Khulekani ukuze lingaweli

* **22:37** 22.37 U-Isaya 53.12

ekulingweni.” 41 Watsheda kubo okwebanga lokuphosa ilitshe, waguqa phansi
wakhuleka wathi, 42 “Baba, nxa uthanda susa inkezo le kimi; kodwa akungabi
yintando yami, kodwa kwenziwe eyakho.” 43 Ingilosi yabonakala kuye ivela ezulwini
yamqinisa. 44 Kwathi edabukile kakhulu, wakhuleka ngokutshiseka, izithukuthuku
zakhe zangathi ligazi lithontela phansi.
45 Wathi esephakeme ekukhulekeni wabuyela kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele,
bekhathele ngenxa yosizi. 46 Wababuza wathi, “Kungani lilele na? Vukani likhuleke
ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni.”

UJesu Uyabotshwa

47 Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma kwafika ixuku labantu, indoda ethiwa nguJudasi
omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wayebahola. Wasondela kuJesu ukumanga, 48 kodwa
uJesu wambuza wathi, “Judasi, uyayinikela na iNdodana yoMuntu ngokuyanga?”
49 Kwathi abalandeli bakaJesu sebebona okwasekuzakwenzeka bathi, “Nkosi,
sigalele yini ngenkemba zethu?” 50 Omunye wabo wayigalela inceku yomphristi
omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe yayo yokunene.
51 Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakufuneki lokhu!” Waseyibamba indlebe
yalowomuntu wamsilisa.
52 UJesu wasesithi kubaphristi abakhulu, lezikhulu zabalindi bethempeli kanye
labadala bebandla ababemlandile, “Ngikhokhela umvukela yini lize liphethe
izinkemba lenduku? 53 Zonke insuku bengilani emagumeni ethempeli, kodwa
kalizange lingithinte. Kodwa lesi yisikhathi senu, lapho kubusa umnyama.”

UPhethro Ulandula UJesu

54 Bamdumela, bamusa endlini yomphristi omkhulu. UPhethro wayemlandela
ebucwala. 55 Kodwa kwathi sebebase umlilo phakathi kweguma bahlala phansi
ndawonye, uPhethro wahlala phansi labo. 56 Intombazana eyisisebenzi yambona
ehlezi khonapho ekukhanyeni komlilo. Yamkhangelisisa yathi, “Indoda le yayilaye.”
57 Kodwa yena waphika wathi, “Ntombazana, kangimazi.”
58 Ngemva kwesikhatshana omunye wambona wathi, “Lawe ungomunye wabo.”
UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Ndoda, angisuye.”
59 Sekudlule phose ihola omunye wagcizelela wathi, “Ngeqiniso umuntu lo
wayelaye, ngoba ungumGalile.”
60 Waphendula uPhethro wathi, “Ndoda, angikwazi okhuluma ngakho!” Elokhu
esakhuluma, iqhude lakhala. 61 INkosi yatshibilika, yamkhangela yamuthi nhlo
uPhethro. UPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi iNkosi eyayilikhulumile kuye isithi:
“Iqhude lingakakhali lamuhla, uzangiphika kathathu.” 62 Ngakho wasephumela
ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu.

Amabutho Ahoza UJesu

63 Amadoda ayelinde uJesu aqalisa ukumhoza lokumtshaya. 64 Amvala amehlo athi
kuye, “Phrofitha! Ngubani okutshayileyo?” 65 Amthuka ngezindlela ezinengi.

UJesu Phambi KukaPhilathu LoHerodi

66 Emadabukakusa inkundla yabakhokheli babantu, kanye labaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho yahlangana ndawonye, uJesu walethwa phambi kwabo.
67 Bathi, “Nxa unguKhristu sitshele.”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngingaze ngilitshele kalisoze lingikholwe, 68 njalo
nxa bengingalibuza belingeke liphendule. 69 Kodwa kusukela khathesi iNdodana
yoMuntu izahlala kwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu olamandla amakhulu.”
70 Bonke babuza bathi, “Kutsho ukuthi-ke uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Liqondile ukuthi ngiyiyo.”

71 Basebesithi, “Sisabudingelani obunye ubufakazi na? Sesikuzwe kuphuma
kowakhe umlomo.”

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1 Ibandla lonke laseliphakama lamqhuba lamusa kuPhilathu. 2 Basebemethesa icala
besithi, “Indoda le siyifice ixhwalisa isizwe sakithi. Iphikisana lokuthela imithelo
kuKhesari njalo izenza uKhristu, inkosi.”
3 Ngakho uPhilathu wasembuza uJesu wathi, “Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?”
“Kunjengoba usitsho,” waphendula uJesu.
4 UPhilathu wasebikela abaphristi abakhulu kanye lexuku labantu wathi, “Kangi-
boni lutho lokwethesa umuntu lo icala.”
5 Kodwa bagcizelela bathi, “Udunga abantu kulolonke elaseJudiya ngemfundiso
yakhe. Waqalisa eGalile, usehambe wonke umango waze wazafika lapha.”
6 Esezwe lokhu uPhilathu wabuza ingabe indoda leyo yayingumGalile na. 7 Esezwile
ukuthi uJesu wayengaphansi kombuso kaHerodi wamthumela kuHerodi owayese-
Jerusalema ngalesosikhathi.
8 UHerodi wathi embona uJesu wathaba kakhulu ngoba wayevele etshisekela
ukumbona. Ethathela kulokho ayekuzwile ngaye, wayelindele ukumbona esenza
omunye umangaliso. 9 Wamjinga ngemibuzo, kodwa uJesu akaze amphendula.
10 Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho labo babemi khonapho bemangalela
ngokuthukuthela. 11 UHerodi lamabutho akhe basebemchothoza njalo bamhoza.
Bamgqokisa isigqoko esihle, basebembuyisela kuPhilathu. 12 Ngalelolanga uHerodi
loPhilathu babangabangane kodwa mandulo kwalokhu babeyizitha.
13 UPhilathu wabizela ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu lababusi kanye labantu
14 wathi kubo, “Lingilethele umuntu obekhuthaza abantu ukwenza umvukela.
Sengimhlolile phambi kwenu, kodwa kangifumananga lutho kulokhu elimangalela
khona. 15 LoHerodi kafumananga lutho, ngoba usemphendukisile kithi; njengoba
libona, kenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi abulawe. 16 Ngakho ngizamjezisa nje
besengimkhulula.” [17 Kwakumele akhulule isibotshwa esisodwa esiyabe sikhethwe
ngabantu mhla wedili.]*
18 Bamemeza ngalizwi linye bathi, “Msusele khatshana umuntu lo! Sikhululele
uBharabhasi!” 19 (UBharabhasi wayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yokuvusa
isiphithiphithi edolobheni langenxa yokubulala.)
20 Kwathi ngoba efuna ukumkhulula uJesu, uPhilathu waphinda wathi kabake
bacabange njalo. 21 Kodwa baqhubeka bememeza besithi, “Mbethele! Mbethele!”
22 Waphinda wakhuluma labo okwesithathu wathi, “Ngani na? Umuntu lo wenze
cala bani? Angiboni lutho kuye olungafanela isigwebo sokuthi abulawe. Ngakho-ke,
ngizakuthi kajeziswe besengimkhulula.”
23 Kodwa baklabalala beqinisa ukuba kabethelwe, lakanye ukugcizelela kwabo
kwaphumelela. 24 Ngakho uPhilathu wasemisa ukwemukela izifiso zabo.
25 Wayikhulula indoda leyo eyayiphoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yesiphithiphithi
lokubulala, eyiyo abayicelayo, wanikela uJesu kubo ukuthi benze intando yabo.

Ukubethelwa Esiphambanweni

26 Bathi sebemqhuba bamba uSimoni waseKhureni owayesuka emaphandleni,
bamethesa isiphambano bathi kasithwale ngemva kukaJesu. 27 Walandelwa nga-
bantu abanengi kakhulu, kanye labesifazane ababemkhalela bebubula. 28 UJesu
wanyemukula wathi kubo, “Madodakazi aseJerusalema, lingangikhaleli; zikhaleleni
lina kanye labantwabenu. 29 Ngoba sizafika isikhathi lapho elizakuthi, ‘Babusisiwe

* **23:17** 23.17 Livesi kayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

abafazi abazinyumba, lezibeletho ezingazange zithwale kanye lamabele angazange amunyise!’ 30 Lapho-ke
‘bazakuthi ezintabeni, “Sembeseni!”†
Lakuwo amaqaqa bathi, “Welani phezu kwethu!” ’
31 Ngoba nxa abantu bezenza lezizinto lapho isihlahla simanzi, kuzakwenzakalani pho nxa sesomile?”

32 Amanye amadoda amabili, onke ayeyizigebenga, lawo aqhutshwa kanye laye esiyabulawa. 33 Bathi sebefike endaweni ethiwa luKhakhayi bambethela esiphambanweni kanye lezigebenga lezo, omunye ngakwesokunene kwakhe, omunye ngakwesokhohlo. 34 UJesu wathi, “Baba, baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.” Njalo basebesabelana izigqoko zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho.

35 Abantu bema bakhangela, ababusi bona bamklolodela. Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye, laye kazisindise nxa enguKhristu kaNkulunkulu, oKhethiweyo.”

36 Amabutho lawo eza amklolodela. Amnika iwayini elimunyu 37 athi, “Nxa uyinkosi yamaJuda, zisindise.”

38 Kwakulombhalo wokwazisa ngaphezulu kwakhe owawusithi:
Lo yiNkosi yamaJuda.

39 Omunye wezigebenga owayelenga khonapho wamthuka wathi, “Kanti kayisuwe uKhristu? Zisindise wena kanye lathi!”

40 Kodwa esinye isigebenga samkhuza sathi, “Kawumesabi na uNkulunkulu, njengoba ulesigwebo sinye laye. 41 Thina sijeziswa ngokusifaneleyo ngoba sizuza lokho okufanele izenzo zethu. Kodwa umuntu lo kenzanga lutho olungalunganga.”

42 Wasesithi, “Jesu, ungikhumbule nxa ungafika embusweni wakho.”

43 UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Ngiyakutshela iqiniso ngithi, lamuhla uzakuba lami epharadise.”

Ukufa KukaJesu

44 Kwasekuyisikhathi esingaba lihola lesithupha, ubumnyama bembesa lonke ilizwe kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye, 45 ngoba ilanga lema ukukhanya. Ikhetheni lethempeli ladabuka kabili. 46 UJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Baba, ezandleni zakho nginikela umphefumulo wami.” Esekutshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina.

47 Induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzakeleyo yadumisa uNkulunkulu yathi, “Ngeqiniso lo ubeyindoda elungileyo.” 48 Kwathi bonke abantu ababebuthene ukuzabona isiga lesi sebebonile okwakwenzakele, bababuhlungu, babalosizi, babuyela emizini yabo. 49 Kodwa bonke ababemazi, kanye labesifazane abamlandela besuka laye eGalile, bema bucwala babukela okwakusenzakala.

Ukungcwatshwa KukaJesu

50 Kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa nguJosefa, elilunga loMphakathi, eyindoda elungileyo njalo eqondileyo, 51 owayengakuvumanga lokho abakuqumayo labakwenzayo. Yena wayevela edolobheni lakoJuda okwakuthiwa yi-Arimathiya, njalo wayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu. 52 Waya kuPhilathu wayacela isidumbu sikaJesu. 53 Wasesethula wasigoqela ngelembu lelineni, wasibeka ethuneni elaligujwe edwaleni lingakaze lilale muntu. 54 Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela, iSabatha selizaqalisa.

55 Abesifazane ababebuye loJesu esuka eGalile bamlandela uJosefa balibona ithuna lokuthi isidumbu sakhe salaliswa njani kulo. 56 Basebebuyela ekhaya bayalungisa amagcobo lamakha. Kodwa baphumula ngeSabatha bethobela umlayo.

† **23:30** 23.30 UHosiya 10.8

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Ukuvuka KukaJesu

1 Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki ekuseni kakhulu abesifazane bathatha amakha
ababewalungisile baya ethuneni. 2 Bafumana ilitshe ligiqiwe, lasuswa ethuneni,
3 kodwa bathi bengena kabaze basithola isidumbu seNkosi uJesu. 4 Bathi belokhu
besathithibele ngakho, masinyane kwema eduze labo amadoda amabili egqoke
izigqoko ezazikhazimula njengombane. 5 Bethuka abesifazane bathi mbo phansi
ngobuso, kodwa amadoda lawo athi kubo, “Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo na?
6 Kakho lapha; usevukile! Khumbulani ukuthi walitshelani eseselani eGalile:
7 ‘INdodana yoMuntu kumele inikelwe ezandleni zezoni, ibethelwe esiphambanweni
kuthi ngosuku lwesithathu ivuswe njalo.’ ” 8 Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe.

9 Kwathi sebebuyile bevela ethuneni, zonke lezizinto bazibikela abalitshumi
lanye labanye bonke. 10 KwakunguMariya Magadalini, loJowana, loMariya unina
kaJakhobe labanye ababelabo abatshela abapostoli ngalokhu. 11 Kodwa kababakholwanga abesifazane laba, ngoba amazwi abo ayengathi yikuwumana kubo. 12 Kodwa
uPhethro wasukuma wagijimela ethuneni. Walunguza wabona amaqhele elineni ethe
qekele wodwa, wasebuyela emangele ukuthi kambe kwakwenzakaleni.

Endleleni Eya E-Emawusi

13 Kwathi ngalelolanga ababili babo babehamba besiya emzini owawuthiwa
yi-Emawusi, ongaba ngamakhilomitha alitshumi lanye usuka eJerusalema.
14 Babekhulumisana ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. 15 Bathi belokhu bekhuluma
bebonisana ngazo lezizinto, uJesu yena ngokwakhe wabaxhuma wasehambisana
labo; 16 kodwa abaze bamnanzelela ukuthi nguye.

17 Wababuza wathi, “Likhuluma ngani kanti lilokhu liphakathi kohambo lwenu?”

Bema mpo, ubuso babo bubunile. 18 Omunye wabo owayethiwa nguKlophasi
wambuza wathi, “Kanti wena uyisihambi yini eJerusalema ukhanya ungazazi izinto
ezenzakele kuzolezi insuku?”

19 Wabuza wathi, “Yizinto bani na?”

Baphendula bathi, “Mayelana ngoJesu waseNazaretha. Wayengumphrofethi;
elomfutho ngokukhuluma langezenzo phambi kukaNkulunkulu lasebantwini bonke.
20 Abaphristi abakhulu lababusi bethu bamnikela ukuba agwetshelwe ukufa, basebembethela; 21 kodwa thina sasithembe ukuthi nguye owayezahlenga u-Israyeli.
Futhi okunye yikuthi sekulusuku lwesithathu kulokhu kwenzakala konke lokhu.
22 Phezu kwalokhu, abanye besifazane bethu basimangalisile. Bahambe ethuneni
ekuseni kakhulu lamuhla, 23 kodwa kabasifumananga isidumbu sakhe. Babuyile
bazasitshela ukuthi babone umbono wezingilosi ezithe uyaphila. 24 Kwasekusithi
abanye babakhula bethu baya ethuneni bathola kunjengokuba abesifazane betshilo,
kodwa yena kabamtholanga.”

25 Wathi kubo, “Uthi liyizithutha ezinjani, njalo lilezinhliziyo ezithundubeleyo
ekukholweni konke lokho okwakhulunywa ngabaphrofethi! 26 UKhristu wayengamelanga ahlupheke yini zonke lezi izinto andubana angene ebukhosini bakhe na?”
27 Wasesukela kuMosi kanye labaPhrofethi bonke wabachazela okwatshiwo emibhalweni mayelana laye.

28 Bathi sebebanga emzini lowo ababesiya kuwo uJesu wenza ingathi wayesedlula.
29 Kodwa bamncenga kakhulu bathi, “Hlala lathi ngoba sekusihlwa; usuku luphose
selwedlule.” Wasengena ukuthi ayehlala labo.

30 Wathi esehlezi labo etafuleni wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasesihlephuna
wasebaqhubela. 31 Kwathi dlwe emehlweni abo, bamazi, yena wasenyamalala kubo.

32 Babuzana bathi, “Konje inhliziyo zethu bezingatshiseki yini lapho abe ekhuluma
lathi endleleni esivulela imibhalo na?”
33 Bahle bathi lothu masinyane babuyela eJerusalema. Khonale bathola abalitshumi
lanye kanye lalabo ababelabo bebuthene ndawonye 34 besithi, “Kuliqiniso! INkosi
isivukile kwabafileyo yabonakala kuSimoni.” 35 Kwathi labo ababili balandisa
ngalokho okwakwenzakele endleleni, lokuthi uJesu bamnanzelela njani lapho aze
ahlephune isinkwa.

UJesu Ubonakala KubaFundi

36 Bathi belokhu besakhuluma ngakho lokhu, uJesu yena ngokwakhe wema
phakathi kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini.”
37 Bethuka besaba, bekhumbula ukuthi babebona ithonga 38 Wathi kubo, “Kungani
lihluphekile, njalo kungani kulokuthandabuza ezingqondweni zenu? 39 Khangelani
izandla zami lezinyawo zami. Yimi mina ngokwami! Ngithintani libone; ithonga
kalilanyama lamathambo njengoba libona ukuthi mina ngilakho.”
40 Esetshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla lezinyawo zakhe. 41 Kwathi belokhu
bengakholwa ngenxa yokuthaba lokumangala wababuza wathi, “Lilakho okokudla
lapha na?” 42 Bamupha iqatha lenhlanzi exatshiweyo, 43 wayithatha wayidla phambi
kwabo.
44 Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho engalitshela khona ngiseselani ukuthi: Konke kumele
kugcwaliseke okwalotshwa ngami eMthethweni kaMosi labaPhrofethi lamaHubo.”
45 Wasebavula ingqondo zabo ukuze bakwazi ukuzwisisa imibhalo. 46 Wabatshela
wathi, “Nanku okulotshiweyo: UKhristu uzahlupheka aphinde avuke kwabafileyo
ngosuku lwesithathu, 47 njalo ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwa kwezono kuzatshun-
yayelwa ebizweni lakhe ezizweni zonke, kuqala eJerusalema. 48 Lingofakazi
balezizinto. 49 Ngizalithumezela lokho uBaba akuthembisileyo; kodwa libohlala
edolobheni lize liphiwe amandla avela phezulu.”

Ukwenyukela Ezulwini

50 Kwathi esebakhokhele waya labo eduze leBhethani waphakamisa izandla zakhe
wababusisa. 51 Uthe elokhu esababusisa, wabatshiya, wenyukiselwa ezulwini.
52 Basebemkhonza, babuyela eJerusalema bethokoza kakhulu. 53 Bahlala kokuphela
ethempelini bedumisa uNkulunkulu.

Ivangeli
LikaJohane

ULizwi Waba Yinyama

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, uLizwi wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi wayenguNkulunkulu. 2 WayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni. 3 Izinto zonke zenziwa ngaye;
ngaphandle kwakhe kube akukho okwenziwayo. 4 Kwakukhona ukuphila kuye, lokho
kuphila kwakuyikukhanya kwabantu. 5 Ukukhanya kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa
umnyama awukakuzwisisi.
6 Kwafika umuntu ethunywe nguNkulunkulu, ibizo lakhe wayenguJohane. 7 Weza
njengomfakazi ezoqinisa mayelana lalokho kukhanya ukuze kuthi ngaye bonke
abantu bakholwe. 8 Yena qobo lwakhe wayengesi lokho kukhanya; weza nje
njengomfakazi wokukhanya lokho.
9 Ukukhanya okuliqiniso okunika ukukhanya emuntwini wonke kwakusiza emh-
labeni. 10 Wayesemhlabeni, kodwa lanxa umhlaba wenziwa ngaye, umhlaba
kawumazanga. 11 Weza kulokho okwakungokwakhe, kodwa khona kakumemuke-
langa. 12 Ikanti kulabo bonke abamamukelayo, kulabo abakholwayo ebizweni lakhe,
wabapha ilungelo lokuba ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, 13 abantwana abangazal-
wanga ngokwemvelo, kumbe ngokukhetha komuntu, loba ngokufuna kwendoda
kodwa bezelwe nguNkulunkulu.
14 ULizwi waba yinyama, wahlala phakathi kwethu. Siyibonile inkazimulo yakhe;
inkazimulo yeNdodana eyiyo yodwa, eyavela kuYise, igcwele umusa leqiniso.
15 UJohane wafakaza ngayo. Wamemeza esithi, “Lo nguye engangikhuluma ngaye
ngisithi, ‘Lowo oza ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba wayevele ephambi kwami.’ ”
16 Ngenxa yokujula komusa wakhe sonke sesamukele umusa emuseni esasivele
siwuphiwe. 17 Ngoba umthetho walethwa ngoMosi; umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesu
Khristu. 18 Kakho osewake wambona uNkulunkulu, kodwa iNdodana eyiyo yodwa,
yona enguNkulunkulu njalo eseceleni eduze kukaYise, isimenze waziwa.

UJohane UMbhaphathizi Ulandula Ukuthi UnguKhristu

19 Lobu yibo ubufakazi bukaJohane lapho abakhokheli bamaJuda aseJerusalema
abathuma khona abaphristi labaLevi ukuyambuza ukuthi wayengubani.
20 Kehlulekanga ukuzichaza, kodwa wazichaza ekhululekile wathi, “Kangisuye
uKhristu.”
21 Bambuza bathi, “Pho ungubani na? Ungu-Elija yini?”
Wathi, “Kangisuye.”
“Ungumphrofethi na?”
Waphendula wathi, “Hatshi.”
22 Bacina ngokuthi, “Ungubani? Siphe impendulo esizayisa kulabo abasithumileyo.
Uzibiza ngokuthi ungubani na?”
23 UJohane wabaphendula ngamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi wathi, “Ngiyilizwi
lalowo omemezayo enkangala lisithi, ‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela iqonde.’*”
24 Kwasekusithi abaFarisi ababethunyiwe 25 bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho ub-
haphathiza nxa ungasuye uKhristu, kumbe u-Elija loba umphrofethi na?”

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* **1:23** 1.23 U-Isaya 40.3

26 UJohane waphendula wathi, “Mina ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa phakathi
kwenu kumi elingamaziyo. 27 Nguye lowo ozayo ngemva kwami, mina engin-
gafanelanga ukuthukulula imichilo yamanyathela akhe.”
28 Konke lokhu kwenzeka eBhethani ngaphetsheya kweJodani lapho uJohane
ayebhaphathiza khona.

UJohane Ufakaza NgoJesu

29 Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wabona uJesu esiza kuye wathi, “Khangelani,
nanti iWundlu likaNkulunkulu elisusa isono somhlaba! 30 Nguye lo engangimutsho
ngize ngithi, ‘Umuntu ozayo ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba wayevele ephambi
kwami.’ 31 Mina ngokwami bengingamazi, kodwa okwenze ngeza ngibhaphathiza
ngamanzi kwakuyikwenzela ukuthi abonakaliswe ku-Israyeli.”
32 UJohane waseletha lobubufakazi: “Ngabona uMoya esehla evela ezulwini
enjengejuba wahlala phezu kwakhe. 33 Lami uqobo lwami ngangingamazi, kodwa
lowo owangithumayo ukubhaphathiza ngamanzi wathi, ‘Lowomuntu ozabona uMoya
usehla uhlala kuye nguye kanye ozabhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.’ 34 Sengibonile
yikho sengifakaza ukuthi lo ungoKhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu.”

Abafundi Bokuqala BakaJesu

35 Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wayekhonapho, elabafundi bakhe ababili.
36 Wathi ebona uJesu esedlula lapho wathi, “Khangelani, nanti iWundlu likaNku-
lunkulu!”
37 Abafundi ababili labo bathi bekuzwa lokhu basebelandela uJesu. 38 UJesu wathi
enyemukula wababona bemlandela, wababuza wathi, “Lifunani na?”
Bathi, “Rabi” (okutsho ukuthi “Mfundisi”), “uhlala ngaphi?”
39 Waphendula wathi, “Wozani, lizabona.”
Ngakho bahamba bayabona lapho ayehlala khona, batshona laye mhlalokho.
Kwakungaba lihola letshumi.
40 U-Andreya, umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wayengomunye wababili abezwayo
okwakukhulunywa nguJohane njalo abayibo abalandela uJesu. 41 Into yokuqala
ayenzayo u-Andreya yikudinga umfowabo uSimoni wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene
uMesiya” (okutsho uKhristu). 42 Wasemletha kuJesu.
UJesu wamkhangela wathi, “UnguSimoni indodana kaJohane. Usuzathiwa un-
guKhefasi” (okuchasiswa ngokuthi, nguPhethro).

UJesu Ubiza UFiliphu LoNathaneli

43 Ngelanga elilandelayo uJesu wafuna ukusuka aye eGalile. Wabona uFiliphu wathi
kuye, “Ngilandela.”
44 UFiliphu wayengowedolobheni lase-Bhethisayida, njengo-Andreya loPhethro.
45 UFiliphu wadinga uNathaneli wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene lowo uMosi aloba
ngaye eMthethweni, njalo abaphrofethi labo abaloba ngaye, uJesu waseNazaretha,
indodana kaJosefa.”
46 UNathaneli wabuza wathi, “ENazaretha! Kulolutho oluhle olungavela khona na?”
UFiliphu wathi, “Woza uzebona.”
47 Kwathi uJesu ebona uNathaneli eqhamuka laphaya wathi ngaye, “Nangu
um’Israyeli oqotho, okungekho nkohliso kuye.”
48 UNathaneli wambuza wathi, “Ungazela ngaphi na?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikubonile usahlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkhiwa
uFiliphu engakakubizi.”
49 UNathaneli wasefakaza wathi, “Rabi, uyindodana kaNkulunkulu; uyiNkosi ka-
Israyeli.”

50 UJesu wathi, “Ukholwa ngoba ngithe ngikubone ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkhiwa. Usazobona izinto ezinkulu kulalokho.” 51 Waphinda wengeza wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso, uzabona izulu livuleka, lezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu zikhwela zisehlela eNdodaneni yoMuntu.”

2

UJesu Uphendula Amanzi Abe Liwayini

1 Ngosuku lwesithathu kwaba khona umthimba eKhana laseGalile. Unina kaJesu wayekhona, 2 loJesu labafundi bakhe labo babenxusiwe emthimbeni. 3 Kwathi iwayini seliphelile unina kaJesu wathi kuye, “Sebephelelwe liwayini.”

4 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mama, mina lawe singena njani kulokho na? Isikhathi sami kasikafiki.”

5 Unina wasesithi ezincekwini, “Libokwenza loba kuyini azalitshela khona.”

6 Eduze kwalapho kwakumi imbiza zamatshe eziyisithupha, uhlobo lolo amaJuda ayelusebenzisa enkonzweni yokuzihlambulula, imbiza yinye ingagcwala amalitha alikhulu kusiya ekhulwini elilamatshumi amahlanu.

7 UJesu wathi ezincekwini, “Zigcwaliseni amanzi imbiza lezi”; ngakho bazigcwalisa zathi phamu.

8 Wasezitshela wathi, “Khanini-ke liphe umphathi wedili.”

Benza njalo, 9 umphathi wedili wahubula wawanambitha amanzi ayesephendulwe abaliwayini. Kakwazanga ukuthi lavela ngaphi, kodwa izinceku ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi. Wasebizela umyeni eceleni 10 wathi, “Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi nxa izethekeli sezinathe kakhulu abesekhupha elibi; kodwa wena ugodle elimnandi kuze kube khathesi.”

11 Lo waba ngumangaliso wakhe wokuqala, uJesu awenza eKhana laseGalile. Wabonakalisa kanjalo inkazimulo yakhe, abafundi bakhe basebebeka ukholo lwabo kuye.

12 Ngemva komthimba wasuka waya eKhaphenawume wayahlala insukwana ezimbalwa elonina, labafowabo labafundi bakhe.

UJesu Uhlambulula IThempeli

13 Kwasekuyisikhathi sePhasika lamaJuda eleminyaka yonke, uJesu wasesiya eJerusalema. 14 Emagumeni ethempeli wafumana abantu bethengisa inkomo, izimvu lamajuba, labanye behlezi ematafuleni bentshintsha izimali. 15 Waseseluka izintambo wenza isaswebhu wabadudula bonke emagumeni ethempeli, konke izimvu lenkomo; wayichithiza imali yabantshintshi bayo, wagenqula lamatafula abo. 16 Wathi kulabo ababethengisa amajuba, “Akhupheni lapha! Likuthatha ngaphi ukwenza indlu kaBaba umsika wokuthengiselana na?” 17 Abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukunqinekela indlu yakho kuzangidla ngaphakathi.”*

18 Lapho amaJuda asemncindezela ngokuthi, “Ungasitshengisa simangaliso bani ukubonisa amandla akho okwenza zonke lezizinto?”

19 Wabaphendula uJesu wathi, “Dilizani ithempeli leli, kodwa mina ngizalimisa njalo ngezinsuku ezintathu.”

20 AmaJuda aphendula athi, “Sekuthethe iminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha ukwakha ithempeli leli, kodwa wena ungalivusa ngezinsuku ezintathu na?” 21 Kodwa ithempeli ayekhulume ngalo kwakungumzimba wakhe. 22 Ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo abafundi bakhe bakukhumbula lokho ayekukhulumile. Ngakho bawukholwa uMbhalo kanye lamazwi uJesu awakhulumayo.

* **2:17** 2.17 AmaHubo 69.9

23 Kwathi ngesikhathi eseMkhosini wePhasika eJerusalema, abantu abanengi
bayibona imimangaliso ayeyenza basebekholwa ebizweni lakhe. 24 Kodwa uJesu
kazange azidele kubo, ngoba wayebazi bonke abantu. 25 Wayengabudingi ubufakazi
bomuntu ngoba wayekwazi okungaphakathi komuntu munye ngamunye.

3

UJesu Ufundisa UNikhodimasi

1 Kwakulendoda engumFarisi eyayithiwa nguNikhodimasi, ililunga lomphakathi
wamaJuda abusayo. 2 Yaya kuJesu ebusuku yathi, “Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi
ovela kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kakho obengayenza imimangaliso oyenzayo wena nxa
uNkulunkulu engelaye.”
3 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi kini, akakho ozawubona
umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kokuba azalwe kutsha.”
4 UNikhodimasi wathi, “Kanti umuntu angazalwa kanjani yena esemdala na?
Ngeqiniso, angazake angene ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina ukuze azalwe!”
5 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi, ngaphandle kokuthi
umuntu azalwe ngamanzi langoMoya, angeke awungene umbuso kaNkulunkulu.
6 Inyama izala inyama, kodwa uMoya uzala umoya. 7 Ungamangaliswa yikuthi ngithi,
‘Kumele lizalwe kutsha.’ 8 Umoya uphephethela loba kungaphi lapho othanda khona.
Ungakuzwa ukuvunguza kwawo, kodwa ungeke utsho ukuthi uvela ngaphi loba
ukuthi uya ngaphi. Ngakho kunjalo emuntwini wonke ozelwe ngoMoya.”
9 UNikhodimasi wabuza wathi, “Lokhu kungenzeka kanjani na?”
10 UJesu wathi, “Ungumfundisi wako-Israyeli, pho kungani ungazwisisi izinto lezi
na? 11 Ngiqinisile ngithi sikhuluma ngesikwaziyo njalo sifakaza ngesikubonileyo,
kodwa lina bantu kalibamukeli ubufakazi bethu. 12 Ngikhulume kini ngezinto
zalapha emhlabeni, kodwa kalikholwa; pho lizakholwa kanjani nxa ngingakhuluma
ngokwasezulwini? 13 Kakho osewake waya ezulwini ngaphandle kwalowo owavela
ezulwini, iNdodana yoMuntu. 14 NjengoMosi owaphakamisa inyoka enkangala,
ngokunjalo iNdodana yoMuntu kumele iphakanyiswe, 15 ukuze kuthi lowo lalowo
okholwa kuyo abe lokuphila okungapheliyo.”
16 UNkulunkulu walithanda ilizwe kangaka waze wanikela iNdodana yakhe eyiyo
yodwa ukuze kuthi loba ngubani okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lokuphila
okungapheliyo. 17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kathumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabeni
ukuze iwulahle umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe ngayo. 18 Loba
ngubani okholwa kuyo kalahlwa, kodwa ongakholwayo uvele uselahliwe ngoba
kakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana eyiyo yodwa kaNkulunkulu. 19 Nanku ukuqunywa
kwecala: Ukukhanya sekufikile emhlabeni, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyama
kulokukhanya ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimibi. 20 Wonke umuntu owenza ububi
uyakuzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni ngoba esesaba ukuthi izenzo zakhe
zizabekwa obala. 21 Kodwa loba ngubani ophila ngeqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni ukuze
kubonakale kamhlophe ukuthi lokho akwenzileyo ukwenze ngoNkulunkulu.

Ubufakazi BukaJohane NgoJesu

22 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu labafundi bakhe basuka baya emaphandleni aseJudiya
lapho ahlala labo okwesikhathi esithile ebhaphathiza. 23 Ngalesosikhathi uJohane
laye wayebhaphathiza e-Ayenoni eduze leSalimi ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi
njalo abantu babethululeka kokuphela bezobhaphathizwa. 24 (Lokhu kwakumandulo
kokuphoselwa kukaJohane entolongweni.) 25 Kwavuka ukuphikisana phakathi
kwabanye abafundi bakaJohane lomunye umJuda mayelana lomkhuba wokuzihlam-
bulula. 26 Beza kuJohane bathi kuye, “Rabi, indoda leyana eyayilawe ngaphetsheya

kweJodani; yona leyana owafakaza ngayo; iyabhaphathiza bonke abantu sebesiya kuyo."

27 Waphendula uJohane wathi, "Umuntu wamukela kuphela lokho akuphiwayo kuvela ezulwini. 28 Lina ngokwenu lingakufakaza ukuthi ngathi, 'Kangisuye uKhristu, kodwa ngithunyiwe ukumandulela.' 29 Umtshakazi ngowomyeni. Umkhaphi womyeni uyamnakekela, amlalele, abelokuthokoza nxa esizwa ilizwi lomyeni. Lokho kuthokoza ngokwami njalo okwamanje sekuphelele. 30 Yena ufanele abemkhulu; mina kufanele kunciphe ukuqakatheka kwami."

31 Lowo ovela phezulu ungaphezulu kwakho konke; lowo ovela emhlabeni ungowomhlaba, ukhuluma njengalowo ovela emhlabeni. Lowo ovela ezulwini ungaphezu kwakho konke. 32 Ufakaza ngalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo, kodwa kakho owamukela ubufakazi bakhe. 33 Lowomuntu obamukelayo usegcizelele ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. 34 Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo ukhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu; yena uNkulunkulu umupha umoya kungelakulinganiswa. 35 UYise uyayithanda iNdodana njalo useyiphe amandla phezu kwezinto zonke. 36 Loba ngubani obeke ithemba lakhe eNdodaneni ulokuphila okungapheliyo, kodwa loba ngubani oyilahlayo iNdodana kazukuyibona leyompilo ngoba ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lohlala luphezu kwakhe.

4

UJesu Ukhuluma Lomfazi WaseSamariya

1 UJesu wezwa ukuthi abaFarisi basebekuzwile ukuthi usebhaphathize abantu wabuye waba labafundi abanengi kuloJohane, 2 loba nje iqiniso kuyikuthi kwakungasuye uJesu owayebhaphathiza, kodwa kubhaphathiza abafundi bakhe. 3 Kwathi esekuzwile lokho, wasuka eJudiya wabuyela futhi eGalile.

4 Manje kwakumele adabule eSamariya. 5 Ngakho wafika emzini waseSamariya owawuthiwa yiSikhari, eduzane lesiqinti uJakhobe ayesinike indodana yakhe uJosefa. 6 Umthombo kaJakhobe wawukhonapho, uJesu wathi esediniwe ngohambo, wahlala phansi malungana lomthombo. Kwakusemini enkulu.

7 Kwathi umfazi waseSamariya efika ukuzakukha amanzi uJesu wathi kuye, "Ake unginathise." 8 (Abafundi bakhe babeye emzini ukuyathenga ukudla.)

9 Umfazi waseSamariya wathi kuye, "UngumJuda, mina ngingumfazi waseSamariya. Pho ungacela kanjani ukuthi unathiswe yimi?" (Phela amaJuda kawadlelani lamaSamariya.)

10 UJesu wamphendula wathi, "Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu lokuthi ungubani lowo ocela ukuthi umnathise, ngabe umcelile wakupha amanzi okuphila."

11 Umfazi wathi, "Nkosi, wena kawulakho okokukhisa amanzi, futhi umthombo uyatshona. Ungawathatha ngaphi lawomanzi okuphila na? 12 Wena umkhulu na kulobaba uJakhobe owasipha umthombo lo laye wanatha kuwo kanye lamadodana akhe lezimvu zakhe kanye lezifuyo zakhe?"

13 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Wonke umuntu onatha amanzi la uzaphinda ome futhi, 14 kodwa lowo onatha amanzi engimnika wona, kasoze abuye ome lanini. Ngempela amanzi engimnika wona azakuba ngumfula ogelezela ekuphileni okungapheliyo."

15 Umfazi wathi kuye, "Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi ukuze ngingaphindi ngome, ngingabi ngilokhu ngisiza lapha ngizokukha amanzi."

16 Wathi kowesifazane, "Hamba uyebiza umkakho uze laye lapha."

17 Waphendula wathi, "Kangilandoda."

UJesu wathi kuye, “Uqondile nxa usithi kawulandoda. 18 Iqiniso yikuthi usube
lamadoda amahlanu, futhi indoda le olayo khathesi kayisiyakho. Lokho okutshiloyo
kuliqiniso.”
19 Owesifazane wathi, “Nkosi, sengibona ukuthi ungumphrofethi. 20 Okhokho bethu
babekhonza phezu kwentaba le, kodwa lina maJuda lithi indawo okumele sikhonzele
kuyo iseJerusalema.”
21 UJesu wathi, “nkosazana, ngikholwa, siyeza isikhathi lapho elingezukumkhonza
uBaba entabeni kumbe eJerusalema. 22 Lina maSamariya likhonza elingakwaziyo;
thina sikhonza lokho esikwaziyo, ngoba insindiso ivela kumaJuda. 23 Kodwa
siyeza isikhathi, yebo manje sesifikile lapho abakhonzi beqiniso bezamkhonza
uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso, ngoba yibo abakhonzi abanjalo uBaba abadingayo.
24 UNkulunkulu ungumoya, labo abamkhonzayo kumele bamkhonze ngomoya
langeqiniso.”
25 Owesifazane wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uMesiya (othiwa nguKhristu) uyeza.
Esefikile uzasichazela konke.”
26 UJesu wasesithi, “Mina engikhuluma lawe nginguye.”

Abafundi Bahlangana Njalo LoJesu

27 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakhe baphenduka, bamangala ukufumana uJesu
ekhuluma lowesifazane. Kodwa kakho owabuzayo wathi, “Ufunani na?” kumbe athi,
“Kungani ukhuluma lowesifazane na?”
28 Owesifazane watshiya inkonxa yakhe wabuyela emzini wakibo wathi ebantwini,
29 “Wozani lizobona indoda engitshele konke esengake ngakwenza. Kambe angaba
nguye yini uKhristu?” 30 Baphuma emzini lowo baqonda kuye.
31 Kusenzakala konke lokhu abafundi bakhe bamncenga bathi, “Rabi, ake udle
ulutho.”
32 Kodwa wathi kubo, “Ngilokudla engikudlayo elingakwaziyo lina.”
33 Abafundi babuzana bathi, “Kambe ngabe ukhona omlethele ukudla na?”
34 UJesu wathi, “Okwami ukudla yikwenza intando yalowo ongithumileyo
lokuphelelisa umsebenzi wakhe. 35 Kanti angithi lithi, ‘Kusele izinyanga ezine
ukuthi kufike isikhathi sokuvuna’? Ngithi vulani amehlo enu likhangele amasimu!
Amabele aselungele ukuvunwa. 36 Khathesi lokhu, umvuni uvele usehle ezuza
iholo lakhe, usebuthela amabele ekuphileni kwaphakade, ukuze umhlanyeli lomvuni
bajabule ndawonye. 37 Ngakho ilizwi elithi, ‘Omunye uyahlanyela, omunye avune’
liliqiniso. 38 Ngalithuma ukuyavuna lokho elingakusebenzelanga. Abanye bawenzile
umsebenzi onzima, lina selivune umvuzo womsebenzi wabo.”

AmaSamariya Amanengi Ayakholwa

39 AmaSamariya amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yobufakazi bowe-
sifazane owathi, “Ungitshele konke esengake ngakwenza.” 40 Ngakho amaSamariya
esefike kuye amcela ukuthi ahlale labo, wasehlala insuku ezimbili. 41 Ngenxa
yamazwi akhe abanengi baba ngamakholwa.
42 Bathi kowesifazane, “Kasisakholwa kuphela ngenxa yalokho okutshiloyo; manje
sesizizwele thina ngokwethu, ngakho sesisazi ukuthi umuntu lo ngeqiniso unguMsin-
disi womhlaba.”

UJesu Usilisa Indodana Yesikhulu

43 Ngemva kwalezonsuku ezimbili, uJesu wasuka waya eGalile. 44 (Phela uJesu yena
ngokwakhe wayetshilo ukuthi umphrofethi kalalo udumo elizweni lakibo.) 45 Wathi
efika eGalile, amaGalile amamukela ngokumthakazelela. Ayekubonile konke lokho
akwenzayo eJerusalema, eMkhosini wePhasika, ngoba lawo ayekhona khonale.

46 Wabuya njalo wethekelela eKhana laseGalile, lapho aphendula khona amanzi
abaliwayini. Kwakukhona lapho isiphathamandla sasesikhosini esasigulelwa yindo-
dana yaso eKhaphenawume. 47 Kwathi indoda leyo isizwile ukuthi uJesu wayesefikile
eGalile evela eJudiya, yaya kuye yamncenga ukuthi eze azosilisa indodana yayo
eyayisibangwa lezibi.
48 UJesu wasitshela wathi, "Ngaphandle kokuthi lina bantu libone izibonakaliso
ezididayo lezimangaliso kalisoze lafa lakholwa."
49 Sathi isiphathamandla sasesikhosini, "Nkosi, woza umntanami engakafi."
50 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Usungahamba. Indodana yakho izaphila."
Indoda yalikholwa ilizwi likaJesu yahamba. 51 Yathi ilokhu isesendleleni, izinceku
zayo zayihlangabeza zayibikela ukuthi indodana yayo yayisiluleme. 52 Isibuzile
ukuthi kwakuyisikhathi bani lapho indodana yayo eyasila ngaso, zathi kuyo,
"Umkhuhlane uyixolele izolo ngehola lakuqala emini."
53 Uyise wananzelela ukuthi leso yiso kanye isikhathi uJesu atsho kuye ukuthi,
"Indodana yakho izaphila." Ngakho yena kanye labendlu yakhe bonke bakholwa.
54 Lo kwakungumangaliso wesibili uJesu awenzayo esefikile eGalile evela eJudiya.

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Ukusilisa Echibini

1 Emva kwesikhathi esithile uJesu waya eJerusalema emkhosini wamaJuda.
2 EJerusalema kukhona ichibi eduze lesango leZimvu, elithiwa ngesi-Aramu yiB-
hethisayida, elalihonqolozelwe ngensika ezinhlanu ezibiyelweyo. 3 Khonapho
abantu abayizilima abanengi babandise ukuhlala khona, iziphofu, abaqhulayo,
abome imihlubulo [belindele ukudungwa kwamanzi; 4 ngoba kwakusithi ngezikhathi
ezithile ingilosi yeNkosi yayisehlela echibini, idungadunge amanzi besekusithi
umuntu oqalayo ukungena emanzini ngemva kokudungeka kwawo asiliswe loba
kuwuphi umkhuhlane owawumbambile].* 5 Omunye owayelapho wayeyisigoga
okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili. 6 Kwathi uJesu embona
elele khonapho njalo esetsheliwe ukuthi kade abanjalo okwesikhathi eside, wambuza
wathi, "Uyafuna na ukusila?"
7 Oyisilima waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungisiza angingenise
echibini lapho amanzi edungwa. Ngithi lapho ngizama ukungena omunye angin-
genele kuqala."
8 UJesu wasethi kuye, "Sukuma! Thatha icansi lakho uhambe." 9 Khonokho nje
indoda yasila; yathatha icansi layo yahamba.
Lokhu kwenzakala ngelanga leSabatha, 10 amaJuda asesithi endodeni eyayisilisiwe,
"KuliSabatha; umthetho uyakwalela ukuthi uthwale icansi lakho."
11 Kodwa yaphendula yathi, "Umuntu ongisilisileyo uthe, 'Thatha icansi lakho
uhambe.' "
12 Aseyibuza athi, "Ngubani yena lowo okutshele ukuthi uthathe icansi uhambe?"
13 Indoda leyo eyasiliswayo yayingafanisi lakufanisa ukuthi kambe ngabe wayen-
gubani, ngoba uJesu wayesethe nyelele wangena phakathi kwabantu.
14 Emva kwalokho uJesu wayifumana ethempelini indoda leyo wathi kuyo,
"Khangela-ke ususilile njalo. Khawula ukwenza isono funa okubi ukwedlula
okokuqala kukwehlele." 15 Indoda leyo yasuka yayatshela amaJuda ukuthi kwakun-
guJesu owayeyisilisile.

Ukuphila NgeNdodana

* **5:4** 5.4 Livesi kayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

16 Ngakho amaJuda amkhahlameza uJesu ngoba wayesenza izinto lezi ngeSabatha.
17 UJesu wathi kubo, "UBaba uhlezi esemsebenzini wakhe kuze kube namuhla,
lami njalo ngiyasebenza." 18 Ngalesisizatho amaJuda azama kakhulu ukumbulala;
wayengephuli iSabatha kuphela kodwa wayebiza uNkulunkulu ngokuthi nguYise,
ezenza yena olingana loNkulunkulu.
19 UJesu wabanika impendulo le: "Ngiqinisile ngithi iNdodana ingeke yenze
lutho ngokwayo; ingenza kuphela lokho ebona uYise ekwenza, ngoba loba kuyini
uYise akwenzayo leNdodana iyakwenza. 20 Ngoba uYise uyayithanda iNdodana,
uyitshengisa konke akwenzayo. Yebo, lizamangala ukuthi uzayitshengisa izinto
ezinkulu kulalezi. 21 Njengalokhu uYise evusa abafileyo abaphe ukuphila, kanjalo
iNdodana inika ukuphila kulabo ethanda ukubanika khona. 22 Okunye njalo, uYise
kahluleli muntu, kodwa usebeke konke ukwahlulela ezandleni zeNdodana, 23 ukuze
bonke bayidumise iNdodana njengalokhu bedumisa uYise. Lowo ongayidumisiyo
iNdodana kamdumisi uYise oyithumileyo.
24 Ngiqinisile ngithi lowo owezwayo amazwi ami amkholwe lowo ongithumileyo
ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo kazukulahlwa; usechaphile wasuka ekufeni waya
ekuphileni. 25 Ngiqinisile ngithi, isikhathi siyeza njalo sivele sesifikile lapho
abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, kuthi bonke abezwayo baphile.
26 Njengoba uYise elokuphila kuye yena ngokwakhe, ngakho useyinikile iNdodana
ukuba ibe lokuphila kuyo yona ngokwayo. 27 Njalo useyiphile amandla okwahlulela
ngoba iyiNdodana yoMuntu.
28 Kakungalimangalisi lokhu ngoba siyeza isikhathi lapho bonke abasemathuneni
abo bezalizwa ilizwi layo 29 baphume, labo abenze okuhle bazavuka baphile, lalabo
abenze ububi bazavuka balahlwe. 30 Mina ngokwami ngingeke ngenze lutho;
ngahlulela njengokutshelwa kwami, futhi ukwahlulela kwami kuqondile, ngoba
kangidingi kuzithabisa, kodwa ukuthabisa lowo ongithumileyo."

Ubufakazi NgoJesu

31 "Nxa ngizifakazela mina ngokwami ubufakazi bami kabuqinisekanga. 32 Ukhona
omunye ofakaza kuhle ngami njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe ngami buqinisek-
ile.
33 Selike lathumela kuJohane yena walifakazela iqiniso. 34 Kakutsho ukuthi nga-
mukela ubufakazi bomuntu; kodwa ngikuthinta lokhu ukuze lisindiswe. 35 UJohane
wayeyisibane esabhebhayo sanika ukukhanya, lakhetha ukuthokoza ngokukhanya
kwakhe okwesikhatshana.
36 Ngilabo ubufakazi obulesisindo esikhulu kulobukaJohane. Ngoba umsebenzi
uBaba anginike wona ukuba ngiwuqedise, wona engiwenzayo uyafakaza ukuthi
uBaba ungithumile. 37 Njalo uBaba ongithumileyo usefakazile yena ngokwakhe
ngami. Kalikaze lilizwe ilizwi lakhe kumbe libone isimo sakhe 38 njalo ilizwi
lakhe kalihlali kini ngoba kalimkholwa lowo amthumileyo. 39 Liphenyisisa imibhalo
liyihlola ngoba licabanga ukuthi ngayo lilakho ukuphila okungapheliyo. Yiyo le
imibhalo efakaza ngami, 40 ikanti liyala ukuza kimi lizozuza ukuphila.
41 Kangilwamukeli udumo olusuka ebantwini, 42 kodwa ngiyalazi lina. Ngiyazi
ukuthi kalilalo uthando lukaNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zenu. 43 Ngibuye ngebizo lik-
aBaba kodwa kalingamukeli; kodwa nxa omunye efika ngebizo lakhe, lizamamukela.
44 Lingakholwa kanjani nxa lisamukela udumo elizipha lona kodwa lingenzi mizamo
yokuzuza udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa na?
45 Kodwa lingacabangi ukuthi ngizalethesa icala phambi kukaBaba. Umangaleli
wenu nguMosi, okukuye elibeke khona amathemba enu. 46 Kube lamkholwa uMosi,
ngabe liyangikholwa ngoba wabhala ngami. 47 Kodwa njengoba lingakukholwa lokho
akubhalayo, lizakukholwa kanjani lokho engikutshoyo na?"

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UJesu Usuthisa Abazinkulungwane Ezinhlanu

1 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wachaphela ngaphetsheya koLwandle lwaseGalile
(kutshiwo uLwandle lwaseThibheriyasi), 2 njalo walandelwa lixuku elikhulu labantu
ngoba babona imimangaliso ayeyenzile kwababegula. 3 UJesu wasesiya eceleni
kwentaba wahlala khona labafundi bakhe. 4 UMkhosi wePhasika wamaJuda
wawususondele.
5 UJesu wathi uyakhangela wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi
kuFiliphu, "Singasithenga ngaphi isinkwa ukuze abantu laba badle?" 6 Wabuza lokhu
emlinga nje kuphela ngoba wayevele esekwazi ayezakwenza.
7 UFiliphu wamphendula wathi, "Amadenari angamakhulu amabili ngeke athenge
isinkwa esenela ukuthi umuntu munye nje azuze ucezwana!"
8 Omunye wabafundi bakhe, u-Andreya, umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wakhuluma
wathi, 9 "Nangu umfana olezinkwa zebhali ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili ezincinyane,
kodwa zingafika ngaphi ebantwini abanengi kangaka na?"
10 UJesu wathi, "Hlalisani abantu phansi." Kwakulotshani obunengi kuleyondawo,
asehlala phansi (amadoda ubunengi bawo bungaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu).
11 UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa, wakhuleka, wasezabela labo abasebehlezi phansi,
wabapha njengokufuna kwabo. Wenza njalo langenhlanzi.
12 Kwathi bonke sebesuthi, wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo.
Kakungalahlwa lutho." 13 Ngakho bazibutha bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili
ngemvuthu zezinkwa zebhali ezatshiywa yilabo ababedlile.
14 Abantu sebewubonile umangaliso awenzayo uJesu baqalisa ukuthi, "Ngeqiniso
lo nguye uMphrofethi ozafika emhlabeni." 15 UJesu esazi ukuthi babeqonde
ukuzomenza inkosi ngenkani, wathi nyelele wabuyela entabeni yedwa.

UJesu Uhamba Phezu Kwamanzi

16 Kwathi kusihlwa abafundi behlela esizibeni, 17 lapho abawela khona isikepe
bachapha isiziba baya eKhaphenawume. Ngalesosikhathi kwasekuhlwile, uJesu
elokhu engakabuyi kubo. 18 Kwakuvunguza umoya omkhulu amanzi asequbuka
kubi. 19 Sebegwedle okwamakhilomitha amahlanu loba ayisithupha bambona uJesu
esiza esikepeni ehamba phezu kwamanzi; bethuka kakhulu. 20 Kodwa wathi kubo,
"Yimi; lingesabi." 21 Babefuna ukumngenisa esikepeni, kwathi masinyane isikepe
sahle safika ekhunjini lapho ababeqonde khona.
22 Ngelanga elilandelayo ixuku labantu elalisele ekhunjini elinganeno lananzelela
ukuthi kwakukade kulesikepe esisodwa, lokuthi uJesu kangenanga kuso kanye
labafundi bakhe, kodwa babehambe bodwa. 23 Kwasekufika ezinye izikepe zivela
eThibheriyasi zamiswa eduze lalapho abantu ababedlele khona isinkwa ngemva
kokuba iNkosi isiqale yakhuleka. 24 Ixuku lonela ukunanzelela ukuthi uJesu kanye
labafundi bakhe babengasekho lapho, bangena ezikepeni baya eKhaphenawume
ukuyadinga uJesu.

UJesu Yisinkwa Sokuphila

25 Bathi sebemfumene ngaphetsheya kwechibi bambuza bathi, "Rabi, kanti ufike
nini lapha?"
26 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngiqinisile ukuthi kalingidingi ngoba libone imiman-
galiso, kodwa ngoba lidle izinkwa lasutha. 27 Lingasebenzeli ukudla okubolayo,
kodwa sebenzelani ukudla okuhlala okwempilo engapheliyo elizakuphiwa yiNdo-
dana yoMuntu. UBaba uNkulunkulu usebeke kuyo uphawu lwakhe."
28 Basebembuza bathi, "Kumele senzeni ukuze senze umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu
na?"

29 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu yilo: ukukholwa kulowo
amthumileyo.”
30 Basebembuza bathi, “Uzasitshengisa simangaliso bani esizasibona ukuze
sikukholwe na? Kuyini ozakwenza? 31 Okhokho badla imana enkangala; njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Wabapha isinkwa sivela ezulwini ukuba badle.’*”
32 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngiqinisile ngithi, kakusuye uMosi olinike isinkwa sivela
ezulwini, kodwa nguBaba olinika isinkwa seqiniso sivela ezulwini. 33 Ngoba isinkwa
sikaNkulunkulu singulowo owehla ezulwini anike ukuphila emhlabeni.”
34 Bathi, “Nkosi, kusukela manje siphe lesisinkwa sokuphila.”
35 UJesu wachaza wathi, “Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. Lowo ozayo kimi kasoze afa
alamba, lalowo okholwa kimi kasoze aphinde ome. 36 Kodwa njengoba ngilitshelile
selingibonile, kodwa lokhe lingakholwa. 37 Konke lokho uBaba anginika khona
kuzakuza kimi njalo lowo oza kimi kangisoze ngimlahle. 38 Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini,
hatshi ukuzokwenza eyami intando kodwa ukwenza intando yalowo ongithumi-
leyo. 39 Intando yakhe ongithumileyo yile, ukuthi ngingalahlekelwa langokukodwa
kwalokho anginike khona, kodwa ngibavuse ngosuku lokucina. 40 Ngoba intando
kaBaba iyikuthi bonke abakhangela eNdodaneni bakholwe kuyo bazakuba lokuphila
okungapheliyo njalo ngizabavusa ngosuku lokucina.”
41 Esizwa lokhu amaJuda aqalisa ukukhonona ngaye ngoba wathi, “Ngiyisinkwa
esehlayo sivela ezulwini.” 42 Athi, “Kanti kasuJesu lo indodana kaJosefa na?
Oyise lonina kasibazi na? Pho angakutsho kanjani manje ukuthi, ‘Ngehla ngivela
ezulwini’?”
43 UJesu wathi, “Yekelani ukukhonona phakathi kwenu. 44 Kakho ongeza
kimi ngaphandle kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amsondeze, mina-ke ngizamvusa
ngosuku lokucina. 45 Kulotshiwe kubaphrofethi ukuthi: ‘Bonke bazafundiswa
nguNkulunkulu.’†Wonke lowo olalela uBaba afunde kuye uyeza kimi. 46 Kakho
osewake wambona uBaba ngaphandle kwalowo ovela kuNkulunkulu; nguye kuphela
ombonileyo uBaba. 47 Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo okholwayo ulokuphila okungapheliyo.
48 Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. 49 Okhokho benu bayidla imana enkangala, kodwa bafa.
50 Kodwa nansi isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, umuntu angasidla angabe esafa.
51 Ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo esehlela phansi sivela ezulwini. Nxa umuntu angasidla
lesisinkwa, uzaphila laphakade. Lesosinkwa siyinyama yami engizayinikela ukuphila
komhlaba.”
52 Lapho-ke, amaJuda aseqalisa ukuphikisana ngamandla esithi, “Umuntu lo
angasipha kanjani inyama yakhe ukuba siyidle na?”
53 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngiqinisile ngithi, ngaphandle kokuba lidle inyama yeN-
dodana yoMuntu, linathe igazi layo, kalilakuphila phakathi kwenu. 54 Lowo odla
inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo ngizamvusa
ngosuku lokucina. 55 Ngoba inyama iyikhona kudla okuqotho legazi lami liyikunatha
okuqotho. 56 Lowo odla inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami uhlala kimi, lami
kuye. 57 Njengoba uBaba ophilayo wangithuma njalo ngiphila ngenxa kaBaba, kanjalo
lowo odla mina uzaphila ngenxa yami. 58 Lesi yiso isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini.
Okhokho benu badla imana, kodwa bafa, kodwa odla lesisinkwa uzaphila lanininini.”
59 Wakutsho lokhu efundisa esinagogweni eKhaphenawume.

Abafundi Abanengi Bahlamukela UJesu

60 Bathi bekuzwa lokhu abafundi bakhe abanengi bathi, “Le yimfundiso enzima.
Kambe ngubani ongayamukela na?”

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* **6:31** 6.31 U-Eksodasi 16.4; UNehemiya 9.15; AmaHubo 78.24-25 † **6:45** 6.45 U-Isaya 54.13

61 UJesu wathi ngokunanzelela ukuthi abafundi bakhe babekhonona ngalokhu
wathi kubo, "Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini? 62 Kungaba njani pho nxa lingayibona
iNdodana yoMuntu isenyuka ibuyela lapho eyayikhona ngaphambilini! 63 UMoya
unika ukuphila; inyama kayisizi lutho. Amazwi engiwakhulume kini angumoya
njalo ayikuphila. 64 Kodwa bakhona abanye benu abangakholwayo." Ngoba uJesu
wayevele esazi kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba yibaphi phakathi kwabo ababengakholwa
lokuthi ngubani owayezamnikela. 65 Waqhubeka wathi, "Yikho ngalitshela ngathi
kakho ongeza kimi ngaphandle kokuba ephiwe amandla nguBaba."
66 Kusukela kulesosikhathi abafundi bakhe abanengi bamdela ababe besamlandela.
67 UJesu wabuza abalitshumi lambili wathi, "Lina kalifuni kudela lihambe na?"
68 USimoni Phethro wamphendula wathi, "Nkosi, sizakuya kubani na? Wena ula-
mazwi okuphila okungapheliyo. 69 Thina siyakholwa njalo siyazi ukuthi ungoNgcwele
kaNkulunkulu."
70 UJesu wasephendula wathi, "Kangilikhethanga yini, lina elilitshumi lambili na?
Ikanti omunye wenu unguSathane!" 71 (Wayesitsho uJudasi, indodana kaSimoni
Iskariyothi, owathi loba engomunye wabalitshumi lambili wamnikela.)

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UJesu Uya Emkhosini WeziHonqo

1 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wahambahamba eGalile, kazathanda ukuya eJudiya
ngoba amaJuda alapho ayefuna indlela yokumbulala. 2 Kwathi uMkhosi wamaJuda
weziHonqo ususondele 3 abafowabo bakaJesu bathi kuye, "Sekumele usuke lapha
uye eJudiya ukuze abafundi bakho babone imimangaliso oyenzayo. 4 Kakho umuntu
othi efuna ukuba lodumo asebenzele ensitha. Njengoba usenza izinto lezi ziveze
emhlabeni." 5 Ngoba labafowabo babengakholwa kuye.
6 Ngakho uJesu wabatshela wathi, "Kasikafiki isikhathi sami salokho; kini loba
yisiphi isikhathi sililungele. 7 Umhlaba ngeke ulizonde, kodwa mina uyangizonda
ngoba ngiveza ukuthi lokho okwenzayo kubi. 8 Hambani lina emkhosini. Mina
kangikayi emkhosini lowo ngoba kimi kasikafiki isikhathi esifaneleyo." 9 Esetsho
lokhu wazihlalela eGalile.
10 Kodwa ngemva kokuba abafowabo sebehambile emkhosini laye waya khona,
hatshi obala kodwa wahamba ensitha. 11 Khonapho emkhosini amaJuda ayemlindele
ebuza esithi, "Ingaphi indoda leyana?"
12 Phakathi kwamaxuku abantu kwakulokunyenyezelana ngaye. Abanye bathi,
"Ungumuntu olungileyo."
Abanye baphendula bathi, "Hatshi, ukhohlisa abantu." 13 Kodwa kakho owakhu-
luma ngaye obala ngokwesaba amaJuda.

UJesu Ufundisa Emkhosini

14 Kwathi isikhathi somkhosi sesiphakathi laphakathi uJesu wasesiya egumeni
lethempeli waqalisa ukufundisa. 15 AmaJuda amangala, abuza athi, "Indoda le
yaluzuza kanjani ulwazi olungaka yona ingafundanga?"
16 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Imfundiso yami kayisiyami. Ivela kulowo ongithu-
mileyo. 17 Nxa umuntu ekhetha ukwenza intando kaNkulunkulu uzabona ingabe
imfundiso yami ivela kuNkulunkulu loba ngiyazikhulumela. 18 Lowo ozikhulumelayo
wenzela ukuzizuzela udumo, kodwa lowo osebenzela udumo lwalowo omthumileyo
ngumuntu weqiniso; kakulankohliso kuye. 19 UMosi kalinikanga yini umthetho?
Kodwa kakho lamunye kini owugcinayo umthetho. Kungani lifuna ukungibulala na?"
20 Ixuku labantu laphendula lathi, "Ulamadimoni wena. Ngubani ofuna ukukubu-
lala?"

21 UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngenza umangaliso owodwa lamangala kakhulu lonke.
22 Kodwa ngoba uMosi walipha ukusoka (loba iqiniso liyikuthi kakuvelanga kuMosi
kodwa kubokhokho), liyamsoka umntwana ngeSabatha. 23 Manje-ke, nxa umntwana
engasokwa ngeSabatha kungabi yikuwephula umthetho kaMosi, pho mina lingizon-
delani ngokuthi ngisilise umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngeSabatha na? 24 Khawulani
ukusola ngokubona kwamehlo kodwa yahlulelani ngokuqondileyo.”

Impikiswano Ngokuthi UJesu Ungubani

25 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abantu baseJerusalema babuza bathi, “Kanti kasuye yini
umuntu lo abafuna ukumbulala na? 26 Nangu phela ekhuluma egcekeni kodwa
kabatsho lutho kuye. Kambe iziphathamandla zingabe sezibone ukuthi nguye
uKhristu na? 27 Kodwa siyakwazi thina lapha indoda le edabuka khona; nxa uKhristu
esefika, kakho ozakwazi lapho avela khona.”

28 Kwathi uJesu elokhu esafundisa egumeni lethempeli, wamemeza wathi, “Yebo,
liyangazi njalo liyakwazi lapho engivela khona. Kangizibuyelanga lapha kodwa lowo
ongithumileyo uqinisile. Kalimazi 29 kodwa mina ngiyamazi ngoba ngivela kuye,
nguye ongithumileyo.”

30 Besizwa lokhu bazama ukumbamba kodwa kakho owambeka isandla ngoba
isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki. 31 Loba kunjalo, abanengi exukwini labantu bakholwa
kuye. Bathi, “Nxa uKhristu angafika, kambe uzakwenza imimangaliso okwedlula
umuntu lo?”

32 AbaFarisi bezwa abantu benyenyeza izinto ezinjalo ngaye. AbaFarisi labaphristi
abakhulu basebethuma amanxusa ethempelini ukuba ayembopha.

33 UJesu wathi, “Ngilani okwesikhathi esifitshane, besengihamba ngisiya kuye
ongithumileyo. 34 Lizangidinga kodwa lingangifumani; lalapho engikhona lingeke
lifike.”

35 AmaJuda abuzana athi, “Umuntu lo ufuna ukuya ngaphi lapho esingeke
samfumana khona na? Uzakuya ebantwini bakithi abahlakazekileyo abahlala
phakathi kwamaGrikhi, afundise amaGrikhi na? 36 Ubesitshoni esithi, ‘Lizangidinga,
kodwa lingangifumani,’ njalo wathi, ‘Lapho engikhona lingeke lifike’?”

37 Ngelanga lokucina elaliqakatheke kakhulu emkhosini, uJesu wasukuma wakhu-
luma ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Nxa ekhona owomileyo keze kimi azonatha. 38 Loba
ngubani okholwa kimi njengoba uMbhalo utshilo, imifula yamanzi aphilayo iza-
geleza ngaphakathi kwakhe.” 39 Ngalokhu wayesitsho uMoya, okwakuzakuthi labo
abakholwa kuye bamamukele ngesikhathi esizayo. Kuze kube yilesosikhathi uMoya
wawungakathelwa ebantwini, njengoba uJesu wayengakakhazimuliswa.

40 Sebewazwile amazwi akhe abanye bathi, “Ngeqiniso umuntu lo nguye umphro-
fethi.”

41 Abanye bathi, “Nguye uKhristu.”

Abanye njalo babuza bathi, “Kungenzeka kanjani ukuthi uKhristu avele eGalile na?
42 UMbhalo kawutsho yini ukuthi uKhristu uzavela kusendo lukaDavida, eBhethile-
hema, umuzi lapho uDavida ayehlala khona.” 43 Kanjalo abantu badabukana
phakathi ngenxa kaJesu. 44 Abanye babefuna ukumbamba, kodwa kakho owambeka
isandla.

Ukungakholwa Kwabakhokheli BamaJuda

45 Amanxusa ethempelini acina esebuyela kubaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi athi,
“Kungani lingezanga laye?”

46 Amanxusa afakaza athi, “Kakho osewake wakhuluma njengaloyamuntu.”

47 AbaFarisi bakhwaza bathi, “Litsho ukuthi lani uselikhohlisile? 48 Ukhona na
kubabusi loba kubaFarisi osebeke ithemba lakhe kuye? 49 Hatshi! Kodwa inkunkuma
yabantu le engazilutho ngezomthetho, iqalekisiwe.”

50 UNikhodimasi owayeye kuJesu mandulo, owayengomunye wabo wabuza wathi,
51 “Kanti umthetho wakithi uyamlahla na umuntu engaqalanga wabuzwa ukuthi yena
uthini ngokwakhe?”
52 Baphendula bathi, “Lawe uvela eGalile yini? Ake ukudingisise, uzabona ukuthi
kakulamphrofethi ongaphuma eGalile.”*
[53 Ngakho bonke basuka baya emizini yabo.

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1 Kodwa uJesu waya eNtabeni yama-Oliva.
2 Kwathi kusisa wabonakala njalo emagumeni ethempeli, abantu bonke babuthana
kuye, wahlala phansi wabafundisa. 3 Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi baletha
owesifazane owayebanjwe ephinga. Bamisa phambi kwabantu 4 bathi kuJesu,
“Mfundisi, owesifazane lo ukhandwe efeba. 5 EMthethweni uMosi wasilaya ukuthi
abesifazane abanjalo kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Manje wena uthini?” 6 Umbuzo lo
wawungumjibila wabo ukuze bazuze izaba lokumbeka icala.
Kodwa uJesu wakhothama waseloba phansi ngomunwe. 7 Kwathi ngoba belokhu
bephikelela ngokumbuza wabakhangela wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona phakathi kwenu
ongelasono kaqale ukumkhanda ngamatshe.” 8 Waphinda wakhothama waloba
phansi emhlabathini.
9 Esetshonjalo labo abezwayo baqala ukuthi nyelele munye ngamunye bahamba,
kwaqala ngabadala bakhona, kwaze kwasala uJesu yedwa lowesifazane lowo elokhu
emi khonapho. 10 UJesu wamkhangela wambuza wathi, “Mama, kanti sebeye ngaphi?
Kasekho yini okwethesa icala?”
11 Owesifazane wathi, “Kabasekho, nkosi.”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lami-ke, kangikulahli, zihambele, kodwa ungaphindi
wenze isono futhi.”]

Ubuqotho Bobufakazi BukaJesu

12 Kwathi uJesu esekhuluma ebantwini njalo wathi, “Ngiyikukhanya komhlaba.
Loba ngubani ongilandelayo kasoze ahambe ebumnyameni lanini kodwa uzakuba
lokukhanya kokuphila.”
13 AbaFarisi bahle bamqaga bathi, “Nanko-ke, wena uyazifakazela; ubufakazi
bakho kabulaqiniso.”
14 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Loba ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami buqin-
isile ngoba ngiyakwazi lapho engavela khona lalapho engiyakhona. Kodwa lina
kumnyama nje kini ukuthi ngivela ngaphi lokuthi ngiya ngaphi. 15 Lina lahlulela
ngendlela yabantu; mina kangahluleli muntu. 16 Kodwa ngithi nxa ngingehlulela,
izinqumo zami zilungile ngoba kangingedwa. Ngimi loBaba ongithumileyo.
17 Emthethweni wenu kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili buqinisile.
18 Yimi ngokwami engizifakazelayo; omunye umfakazi nguBaba ongithumileyo.”
19 Basebembuza bathi, “Ungaphi uyihlo?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kalingazi mina kanye loBaba. Aluba belingazi,
belizamazi loBaba njalo.” 20 Wawakhuluma amazwi la efundisa egumeni lethempeli
eduze lalapho okwakubekwa khona iminikelo. Kodwa kakho owambambayo ngoba
isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki.

Imibuzo NgoJesu

* **7:52** 7.52 Ingwalo ezaqalayo kanye labanye ofakazi kabala UJohane 7.53 – 8.11. Ingwalo ezimbalwa zigoqela indinyana lezi, kungaba yingxenye yazo kumbe ngokugcweleyo UJohane 7.36, UJohane 21.25, ULukha 21.38 kumbe ULukha 24.53.

21 Waphinda njalo uJesu wathi kubo, “Ngiyasuka lapha, futhi lizangidinga, kodwa
lizafela esonweni senu. Lapho engiyakhona alingeke lize khona.”
22 AmaJuda asebuzana athi, “Uzazibulala yini? Yikho yini esithi, ‘Lapho en-
giyakhona lingeke lize khona’?”
23 Kodwa waqhubeka wathi, “Lina lingabalapha phansi; mina ngivela phezulu.
Lingabomhlaba; mina kangisiwalo umhlaba. 24 Ngilitshelile ukuthi lizafela ezonweni
zenu; nxa lingakholwa ukuthi nginguye engithi nginguye, ngempela lizafela ezon-
weni zenu.”
25 Bambuza bathi, “Uvele ungubani?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Khonokho ebengivele ngikutsho sonke lesisikhathi.
26 Kunengi engingalahlulela ngakho. Kodwa lowo ongithumileyo uthembekile njalo
lokho engikuzwileyo kusuka kuye ngikutshela umhlaba.”
27 Kabazange bazwisise ukuthi wayebatshela ngoYise. 28 Ngakho uJesu wasesithi,
“Lapho seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yoMuntu lizakwazi ukuthi ngingubani lokuthi
kangenzi lutho ngokwami kodwa ngikhuluma kuphela lokho uBaba angifundise
khona. 29 Lowo ongithumileyo ulami; kangitshiyanga ngingedwa ngoba ngihlezi
ngisenza lokho okumthokozisayo.” 30 Wathi esakhuluma lokhu abanengi bakholwa
kuye.

Abantwana Baka-Abhrahama

31 UJesu wathi kumaJuda amkholwayo, “Nxa libambelela emfundisweni yami
lingabafundi bami ngempela. 32 Ngakho lizalazi iqiniso, njalo iqiniso lizalikhulula.”
33 Amphendula athi, “Siyinzalo ka-Abhrahama futhi kasizange lanini sibe yizigqili
zamuntu. Ukutsho kanjani pho ukuthi sizakhululwa?”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngiqinisile ngithi wonke owenza isono uyisigqili
sesono. 35 Phela isigqili kasilandawo emiyo emulini, kodwa oyindodana un-
gowakhona lanininini. 36 Ngakho-ke, nxa iNdodana ilikhulula, lizakhululeka
ngempela. 37 Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lingabosendo luka-Abhrahama. Kodwa selizimisele
ukungibulala ngoba ilizwi lami kalilandawo kini. 38 Ngilitshela lokho engikubone
phambi kukaBaba kodwa lina lenza lokho elikuzwileyo ngoyihlo.”
39 Aphendula athi, “U-Abhrahama nguye ubaba.”
UJesu wathi, “Aluba belingabantwana baka-Abhrahama ngabe lenza izinto ezen-
ziwa nguye u-Abhrahama. 40 Kodwa kunje nje lizimisele ukungibulala, mina muntu
oselitshele iqiniso engilizwileyo livela kuNkulunkulu. U-Abhrahama kazenzanga
izinto ezinjalo. 41 Lenza izinto ezenziwa ngowenu uyihlo.”
Amvukela athi, “Kasisibantwana abazuzwa ngobufebe thina. UBaba esilaye
kuphela nguNkulunkulu ngokwakhe.”

Abantwana BakaSathane

42 UJesu wathi kuwo, “Kube uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo, belizangithanda ngoba
ngavela kuNkulunkulu, okwamanje sengilapha. Kangizibuyelanga kodwa uNku-
lunkulu wangithuma. 43 Kungani lingaluzwisisi ulimi engilukhulumayo na? Ngoba
liyehluleka ukuzwa engikutshoyo. 44 Lingabakayihlo uSathane ngakho lifuna
ukusenza isifiso sikayihlo. Wavele waba ngumbulali mdabuko wakhe, kemanga eqin-
isweni ngoba uvele engelalo iqiniso. Uthi nxa ewaqamba amanga, akhulume ulimi
lomdabuko wakhe ngoba ungusomangase loyise wamanga. 45 Kodwa kalingikholwa
ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso! 46 Ukhona na kini ongaveza ukuthi ngilecala lesono?
Nxa ngikhuluma iqiniso kungani lingangikholwa na? 47 Lowo ongokaNkulunkulu
uyakuzwa lokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo. Isizatho sokuthi lingezwa yikuthi kalisibo
bakaNkulunkulu.”

UJesu Akutshoyo Ngaye

48 AmaJuda aphendula athi, “Siyalahleka yini nxa sisithi ungumSamariya njalo
ulamadimoni?”
49 UJesu wathi, “Kangiladimoni mina, kodwa ngidumisa uBaba ikanti lina liyangig-
cona. 50 Kangizidingeli udumo mina kodwa ukhona olufunayo, yena ungumahluleli.
51 Ngiyaqinisa ngithi, nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi lami kasoze akubone ukufa lanini.”
52 Esizwa lokhu amaJuda ababaza athi, “Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimoni! U-
Abhrahama wafa kanye labo abaphrofethi kodwa wena uthi nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi
lakho kasoze akuzwe ukufa lanini. 53 Wena umkhulu kulobaba u-Abhrahama na?
Wafa, kanye labo abaphrofethi. Wena uzenza bani na?”
54 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngizidumisa mina ngokwami, luyize udumo
lwami. UBaba, elithi unguNkulunkulu wenu nguye ongidumisayo. 55 Lanxa lina linga-
mazi, mina ngiyamazi. Ngabe ngithe kangimazi, bengizabe ngingumqambi wamanga
njengani kodwa ngiyamazi njalo ngiyaligcina ilizwi lakhe. 56 Uyihlo u-Abhrahama
wathakazelela umnakano wokulubona usuku lwami; walubona wathokoza.”
57 AmaJuda athi kuye, “Kawukafikisi iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu obudala,
kodwa uthi usumbonile u-Abhrahama!”
58 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi u-Abhrahama engakazalwa,
mina ngasengikhona!” 59 Besizwa lokhu badobha amatshe befuna ukumkhanda
kodwa uJesu wasithela, waphunyuka wasuka emagumeni ethempeli.

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UJesu Usilisa Indoda Eyazalwa Iyisiphofu

1 UJesu wathi elokhu ehamba wabona indoda eyayiyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni
kwayo. 2 Abafundi bakhe bambuza bathi, “Rabi, ngubani owenza isono, indoda le
loba abazali bayo ukuze izalwe iyisiphofu na?”
3 UJesu wathi, “Kakusikho ukuthi abazali bayo loba yona indoda le yenza isono
kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ubonakaliswe empilweni
yayo. 4 Nxa kulokhu kusemini kumele siwenze umsebenzi wakhe ongithumileyo.
Ubusuku buyeza lapho kungelamuntu ongasebenza khona. 5 Nxa ngisesemhlabeni,
ngiyikukhanya komhlaba.”
6 Esekutshilo lokhu wakhafulela emhlabathini, wavuba udaka ngamathe walu-
nameka emehlweni endoda. 7 Wayitshela wathi, “Hamba uyegeza esizibeni
saseSilowami” (ibizo leli litsho ukuthi “Ukuthunywa”). Ngakho indoda yahamba
yayageza, yabuyela ekhaya isibona.
8 Omakhelwane bayo lalabo abahlezi beyibona icela babuza bathi, “Kakusiyo yini
indoda le eyayihlala icela?”
9 Abanye baqinisa ukuthi kwakuyiyo. Abanye bathi, “Hatshi, lo ufana layo nje
kuphela.”
Kodwa yona yagcizelela yathi, “Ngiyiyo leyondoda.”
10 Bamjinga ngemibuzo bathi, “Pho amehlo akho avuleke kanjani?”
11 Waphendula wathi, “Indoda abayithi nguJesu ivube udaka yalunameka
emehlweni ami. Ingitshele yathi kangiye eSilowami ngiyegeza. Ngakho ngiyile
ngayageza, ngasengibona.”
12 Bayibuza bathi, “Ingaphi leyondoda?”
Wathi, “Kangazi.”

AbaFarisi Badingisisa Ngalokho Kusiliswa

13 Indoda leyo eyayikade iyisiphofu yalethwa kubaFarisi. 14 Usuku uJesu enza
ngalo udaka wavula amehlo endoda leyo lwaluyiSabatha. 15 AbaFarisi baphinde
bayibuzisisa ukuthi kwenziwani ukuze ibone. Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Uninde
udaka emehlweni ami, ngageza, manje sengibona.”

16 Abanye abaFarisi bathi, “Umuntu lo kaveli kuNkulunkulu ngoba kaligcini iSabatha.”
Kodwa abanye babuza bathi, “Isoni singayenza kanjani imimangaliso enje na?” Kanjalo adabukana.
17 Bacina sebephendukela endodeni eyayiyisiphofu njalo bathi, “Wena uthini ngaye? Ngamehlo akho awavulileyo.”
Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Ungumphrofethi.”
18 AmaJuda kawazange akholwe ukuthi indoda le yayikade iyisiphofu lokuthi yayisiyenziwe yabona kwaze kwabizwa abazali bayo. 19 Bababuza bathi, “Lo yindodana yenu yini? Nguye lo elithi wazalwa eyisiphofu? Sekwenzeke kanjani ukuthi khathesi usebona?”
20 Abazali baphendula bathi, “Thina sazi ukuthi uyindodana yethu, njalo siyakwazi ukuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu. 21 Kodwa ukuthi khathesi usebona lokuthi amehlo akhe avulwe ngubani kasikwazi. Mbuzeni. Usekhulile; uzazikhulumela.” 22 Abazali bakhe bakutsho lokhu ngoba babesesaba amaJuda, ngoba amaJuda ayesevele aquma ukuthi loba ngubani owayezakuthi uJesu nguKhristu wayezaxotshwa esinagogweni. 23 Yikho abazali bakhe bathi, “Usekhulile; mbuzeni yena.”
24 Aphinda ayibiza okwesibili indoda eyayiyisiphofu athi, “Nika udumo kuNkulunkulu. Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu lo uyisoni.”
25 Yaphendula yathi, “Ukuthi uyisoni kumbe hatshi kangikwazi. Mina kunye engikwaziyo. Bengiyisiphofu kodwa manje sengibona!”
26 Aseyibuza athi, “Wenzeni kuwe na? Uwavule njani amehlo akho?”
27 Yaphendula yathi, “Sengilitshelile kodwa kalifunanga ukuzwa. Lifunelani ukukuzwa njalo? Lani lifuna ukuba ngabafundi bakhe na?”
28 Khonapho asemthuka esithi, “Ungumfundi walumuntu! Thina singabafundi bakaMosi! 29 Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kuMosi, kodwa umfokazi lo kasimazi lokuthi uvela ngaphi.”
30 Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Manje lokhu kuyamangalisa! Kalimazi lapho avela khona kodwa uwavulile amehlo ami. 31 Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazilaleli izoni. Ulalela umuntu olobunkulunkulu, owenza intando yakhe. 32 Kakho osewake wezwa ngokuvulwa kwamehlo omuntu owazalwa eyisiphofu. 33 Aluba umuntu lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu ubengasoze enze lutho.”
34 Aphendula lokhu ngokuthi, “Wazalwa ucwile nya esonweni; ngeke sifundiswe nguwe thina!” Asemxotshela phandle.

Ubuphofu KokwakoMoya

35 UJesu wakuzwa ukuthi ayemxotshele phandle, wathi esembonile wathi kuye, “Uyakholwa eNdodaneni yoMuntu na?”
36 Indoda yabuza yathi, “Ingubani na, nkosi? Ngitshela ukuze ngikholwe kuyo.”
37 UJesu wathi, “Khathesi usuyibonile; iqiniso yikuthi yiyo le ekhuluma lawe.”
38 Indoda yasisithi, “Nkosi, ngiyakholwa,” yasimkhonza.
39 UJesu wathi, “Ngeza lapha emhlabeni ukuzakwahlulela, ukuze iziphofu zibone kuthi labo ababonayo babonakale beyiziphofu.”
40 Abanye abaFarisi ababelaye bamuzwa uJesu esitsho lokhu babuza bathi, “Uthini? Lathi siyiziphofu yini?”
41 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kube beliyiziphofu ngabe kalilamlandu wesono. Kodwa umlandu wenu umi ngoba lizenza abakwaziyo abakwenzayo.”

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Umelusi Olungileyo Lomhlambi Wakhe

1 “Ngikhuluma iqiniso ukuthi umuntu ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu
kodwa akhwele kwenye indawo ulisela lomphangi. 2 Umuntu ongena ngesango
nguye umelusi wezimvu. 3 Umlindi wesango uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi
lakhe. Izimvu zakhe uzibiza ngamabizo azikhokhele. 4 Nxa esezivulele zonke
ezakhe, uhamba phambi kwazo, izimvu zakhe zimlandele ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe.
5 Kodwa kazisoze zilandele owemzini; iqiniso yikuthi zizambalekela ngoba kazilazi
ilizwi lowemzini.” 6 UJesu wasebenzisa umzekeliso lo kodwa kabakuzwisisanga lokho
ayebatshela khona.
7 Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi mina ngiyilo isango
lezimvu. 8 Bonke asebake bafika phambi kwami babengamasela labaphangi
kodwa izimvu kazibalalelanga. 9 Mina ngiyilo isango; loba ngubani ongena
ngami uzasindiswa. Uzangena, aphume, afumane idlelo. 10 Isela lilanda ukweba
lokubulala lokubhubhisa kuphela; mina ngilande ukuze zibe lokuphila, zibe lakho
ngokugcweleyo.
11 Ngingumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo unikela ukuphila kwakhe izimvu
zakhe. 12 Oqhatshiweyo kasuye umelusi ongumnini wezimvu. Yikho nxa ebona
iganyana lisiza, uyazitshiya izimvu abaleke. Iganyana beseliwuhlasela umhlambi
liwuhlakaze. 13 Umuntu lo ubaleka ngoba eyisiqhatshwa, kazikhathaleli izimvu.
14 Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo; ngiyazazi izimvu zami njalo lezimvu zami
ziyangazi 15 njengoba uBaba engazi lami ngiyamazi, nginikela ukuphila kwami
ezimvini zami. 16 Ngilazo ezinye izimvu ezingasizo zalumhlambi. Lazo kumele
ngizilethe. Lazo futhi zizalilalela ilizwi lami ukuze kube lomhlambi owodwa
lomelusi oyedwa. 17 Isizatho sokuba uBaba angithande yikuthi ngiyayinikela impilo
yami, ngizaphinde ngiyithathe futhi. 18 Kakho ongithathela yona kodwa ngiyinikela
ngokufisa kwami. Ngilalo ilungelo lokuyinikela lelungelo lokuphinde ngiyithathe.
Umlayo lo ngawamukela uvela kuBaba.”
19 Amazwi aphinda enza amaJuda adabuka phakathi. 20 Amanengi kuwo athi,
“Uledimoni, uyawumana njalo uyahlanya. Limlalelelani?”
21 Kodwa amanye athi, “La kayisiwo mazwi omuntu oledimoni. Idimoni lin-
gawavula njani amehlo esiphofu?”

Ukungakholwa KwamaJuda

22 Kwafika uMkhosi Wokuzinikela eJerusalema. Kwakusebusika, 23 uJesu esemagu-
meni ethempeli ezihambela eKhulusini likaSolomoni. 24 AmaJuda ayembuthanele
athi kuye, “Kuzaze kube nini ulokhu usitshiya silengile na? Nxa unguye uKhristu,
sitshele kuhle.”
25 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngalitshela kodwa kalikholwa. Imimangaliso
engiyenzayo ngebizo likaBaba iyangifakazela, 26 kodwa kalikholwa ngoba kalisizo
zimvu zami. 27 Ezami izimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lami; ngiyazazi lazo ziyangilandela.
28 Ngizipha ukuphila okungapheliyo, kazisoze zabhubha; kakho ongazihlwitha
esandleni sikaBaba. 29 UBaba wami yena ongiphe zona mkhulu kulakho konke, kakho
ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba 30 Mina loBaba simunye.”
31 Aphinda njalo amaJuda adobha amatshe ukuba amkhande, 32 kodwa uJesu wathi
kuwo, “Ngilitshengisile imimangaliso emikhulu eminengi evela kuBaba. Yiwuphi
phakathi kwayo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe?”
33 “Kasikukhandeli misebenzi emihle oyenzileyo kodwa sikukhandela ukuhlam-
baza, ngoba wena, umuntu nje, uzenza uNkulunkulu.”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakulotshwanga yini eMthethweni wenu ukuthi,
‘Ngitshilo ukuthi “lingonkulunkulu?”*’ 35 Nxa wababiza ngokuthi ‘ngonkulunkulu,’

* **10:34** 10.34 AmaHubo 82.6

bona labo ilizwi elafika kubo, njalo uMbhalo kawephulwa 36 pho-ke kungathiwani
kulowo uBaba amkhethileyo ukuba ngowakhe wamthumela emhlabeni na? Kun-
gani pho lingibeka icala lokuhlambaza ngoba ngithe ngiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu?
37 Lingangikholwa ngaphandle kokuba ngenze okwenziwa nguBaba. 38 Kodwa nxa
ngikwenza, lanxa lingangikholwa, kholwani ubufakazi bemimangaliso ukuze lifunde
njalo lizwisise ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuBaba." 39 Baphinda njalo bazama
ukumbamba kodwa waphunyuka.

40 UJesu wabuyela ngaphetsheya kweJodani kuleyondawo lapho uJohane ayeb-
haphathizela khona ensukwini ezedlulayo. Wahlala khona, 41 abantu abanengi
beza kuye. Bathi, "Lanxa uJohane engazange enze umangaliso, kodwa konke lokho
uJohane akutshoyo ngomuntu lo kwakuliqiniso." 42 Kuleyondawo abanengi bakholwa
kuJesu.

11

Ukufa KukaLazaro

1 Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguLazaro eyayigula. YayingeyaseBhethani, umuzi
okwakuhlala khona uMariya lodadewabo uMatha. 2 (UMariya lo olomnewabo
uLazaro owayephethwe ngumkhuhlane nguye owathela amakha ezinyaweni zeNkosi
wazesula ngenwele zakhe.) 3 Ngakho odadewabo laba bathumela ilizwi kuJesu bathi,
"Nkosi, lowo omthandayo uyagula."

4 UJesu esekuzwile lokhu wathi, "Ukugula lokhu kakuzukucina ngokufa. Kodwa
kungokodumo lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho."
5 UJesu wayemthanda uMatha lodadewabo kanye loLazaro. 6 Kodwa loba esezwile
ukuthi uLazaro wayegula wazihlalela khona lapho ayekhona okwezinye insuku
ezimbili. 7 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Kasibuyeleni eJudiya."

8 Bathi, "Oh, Rabi, muvana nje amaJuda ake azama ukukukhanda ngamatshe kodwa
wena usubuyela khona futhi?"

9 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kakusikho yini ukuthi kulamahola alitshumi lambili
okukhanyisa kwelanga na? Umuntu ohamba emini kayikukhubeka ngoba ebona
ngokukhanya kwalapha emhlabeni. 10 Ukhubeka nxa ehamba ebusuku ngoba
kalakho ukukhanya."

11 Esekutshilo lokhu wasebatshela wathi, "Umngane wethu uLazaro uselele kodwa
ngiya khonale ukuyamvusa."

12 Abafundi bakhe baphendula bathi, "Nkosi, nxa kuvuma ukuthi alale, uzabang-
cono." 13 UJesu wayekhuluma ngokufa kwakhe kodwa abafundi bakhe babesithi
kumbe utsho ukulala okujayelekileyo.

14 Wasebatshela ephumela egcekeni wathi, "ULazaro usefile, 15 kodwa ukuze lina
likholwe, ngiyathaba ukuthi bengingekho lapho. Kodwa kasiyeni khona."

16 UThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi) wathi kwabanye abafundi, "Lathi kasihambeni
ukuze siyekufa laye."

UJesu Ududuza Odadewabo BakaLazaro

17 Ekufikeni kwakhe uJesu uLazaro wayesehlale ethuneni okwensuku ezine.
18 EBhethani kwakungaphansi kwamakhilomitha amathathu usuka eJerusalema,
19 yikho amaJuda amanengi ayebuyile ukuzakhalela uMatha loMariya ngoku-
lahlekelwa kwabo ngumnewabo. 20 Kwathi uMatha esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesiza,
waphuma wamhlangabeza kodwa uMariya wasala ngekhaya.

21 UMatha wathi kuJesu, "Nkosi, aluba ubukhonapha ngabe umnewethu kafanga.
22 Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi lamanje uNkulunkulu uzakunika loba yini oyicelayo."

23 UJesu wathi kuye, "Umfowenu uzavuka njalo."

24 UMatha waphendula wathi, “Ngiyazi ukuthi uzavuka futhi ekuvukeni kwabafileyo ngosuku lokucina.”
25 UJesu wathi kuye, “Mina ngiyikuvuka kwabafileyo lokuphila. Lowo okholwa kimi uzaphila loba engafa; 26 njalo lowo ophilayo ekholwa kimi kasoze afa lanini. Uyakukholwa lokhu na?”
27 Waphendula wathi, “Yebo Nkosi, ngiyakholwa ukuthi unguye uKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ozabuya emhlabeni.”
28 Esekutshilo lokho wabuyela ngekhaya wabizela udadewabo uMariya eceleni wathi, “UMfundisi usekhona, uyakucela.” 29 UMariya wathi ekuzwa lokhu wasuka masinyane waya kuJesu. 30 UJesu wayelokhu engakangeni phakathi komuzi elokhu elapho ayehlangane khona loMatha. 31 Kwathi amaJuda ayeloMariya endlini emduduza esebonile ukuthi wasukuma masinyane njani ephuma, amlandela ecabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe wayesiya ethuneni ukuyakhalela khona.
32 UMariya wonela ukufika lapho uJesu ayekhona, wambona, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, “Nkosi, kube ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga.”
33 UJesu embona ekhala kanye lamaJuda ayemlandele wadabuka kakhulu emoyeni, wakhathazeka. 34 Wabuza wathi, “Limbeke ngaphi na?”
Baphendula bathi, “Woza uzobona Nkosi.”
35 UJesu wakhala.
36 AmaJuda asesithi, “Liyabona ukuthi wayemthanda njani!”
37 Kodwa amanye awo athi, “Kanti yena lo owavula amehlo endoda eyayiyisiphofu wehlulekile ukwenza ukuthi umuntu lo angafi na?”

UJesu Uvusa ULazaro Kwabafileyo

38 UJesu waphinda njalo wadabuka, wasondela ethuneni. Ithuna lalilubhalu, kulelitshe elalivale intuba. 39 Wathi, “Lisuseni ilitshe.”
UMatha, udadewabo wendoda efileyo wathi, “Nkosi, khathesi sekulephunga elibi ngoba selensuku ezine simbekile.”
40 UJesu wasesithi, “Kangikutshelanga ukuthi nxa ukholwa uzabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu na?”
41 Ngakho balisusa ilitshe. UJesu wasekhangela phezulu wathi, “Baba ngiyakubonga ukuthi ungizwile. 42 Mina bengisazi ukuthi uhlala ungizwa, kodwa ngikutshela lokhu ngisenzela abantu abemi lapha ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ungithumile.”
43 Esekutshilo lokhu uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Lazaro, phuma!”
44 Umuyi waphuma, izandla lenyawo zakhe zithandelwe ngamaqhele elineni, kulelinye ilembu elalembese ubuso bakhe.
UJesu wathi kubo, “Khuphani izivunulo zokungcwaba limyekele ahambe.”

Icebo Lokubulala UJesu

45 Ngakho amaJuda amanengi ayeze ukuzakhalela uMariya esekubonile uJesu akwenzayo, amkholwa. 46 Kodwa amanye aya kubaFarisi bayabatshela lokho okwakwenziwe nguJesu. 47 Abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebebiza umhlangano weSanihedrini.
Babuzana bathi, “Kanti sivele senzani? Nangu phela umuntu lo esenza imimangaliso eminengi. 48 Singamyekela aqhubeke ngalindlela, wonke umuntu uzakholwa kuye njalo amaRoma azakuza athathe indawo yethu lesizwe sethu.”
49 Kwasekusithi omunye wabo owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wakhuluma wathi, “Kalazi lutho! 50 Kalikuboni lina ukuthi kungcono ukuba umuntu oyedwa afele abantu kulokuthi kubhubhe isizwe sonke.”

51 Lokhu kazikhulumelanga yena ngokwakhe, kodwa njengomphristi omkhulu
kwabanye ngalowomnyaka waphrofitha ukuthi uJesu wayezafela isizwe samaJuda,
52 kungasisizwe leso sodwa, kodwa labantwana bakaNkulunkulu abahlakazekileyo
ukuze balethwe ndawonye, benziwe babemunye. 53 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi bakha
amacebo okumbulala.
54 Ngakho uJesu wayengasahambahambi obala phakathi kwamaJuda. Wasuka
lapho waya emangweni owawuseduze kwenkangala, emzini owawuthiwa yi-
Efrayimu, lapho ahlala khona labafundi bakhe.
55 Kwathi sekuzakuba yisikhathi sePhasika lamaJuda, abanengi baqubuka
elizweni baya eJerusalema ukuyahlanjululwa ngokomkhuba kungakabi yiPhasika.
56 Babelokhu bethalaza befuna uJesu, kwathi bemi egumeni lethempeli babuzana
bathi, “Licabangani? Ukuthi angaphutha yini emkhosini?” 57 Kodwa abaphristi
abakhulu labaFarisi basebelayele ukuthi nxa ekhona owayekwazi ukuthi uJesu
wayengaphi, ahle abike ukuze bambophe.

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UJesu Uyagcotshwa EBhethani

1 Kwasekusele insuku eziyisithupha ukuthi kufike iPhasika, uJesu waya eBhethani,
lapho okwakuhlala khona uLazaro owayevuswe kwabafileyo nguJesu. 2 Kwaphekwa
ukudla kwakusihlwa kuhlonitshwa yena uJesu. UMatha nguye owayedidizela,
uLazaro ehlezi labanye etafuleni loJesu. 3 UMariya wasethatha amafutha enadi
acengekileyo njalo adulayo kakhulu, ayengaba yingxenye yelitha, wawathela
ezinyaweni zikaJesu wasezesula ngenwele zakhe. Indlu yagcwala ngephunga
elimnandi lamakha lawo.
4 Kodwa omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudasi Iskariyothi owayezamnikela wasola
wathi, 5 “Kungani amakha la engathengiswanga imali yaphiwa abampofu? In-
tengo yawo ibinganela umholo womnyaka wonke.” 6 Kakutshongo lokhu ngoba
ebanakekela abampofu, kodwa ngoba elisela; njengomgcinisikhwama wayandise
ukuzisiza ngalokho okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso.
7 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Myekele. Kwakuqondwe ukuthi amakha la awabekele
usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami. 8 Lizahlala lilabo abampofu phakathi kwenu kodwa
mina kaliyikuhlala lilami.”
9 Ngalesosikhathi ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lezwa ukuthi uJesu wayelapho, leza
lingalandanga yena kuphela kodwa lokuthi libone uLazaro ayemvuse kwabafileyo.
10 Ngakho abaphristi abakhulu benza amacebo okuba bambulale laye uLazaro,
11 ngoba ngenxa yakhe amaJuda amanengi ayesiya kuJesu ebeka ukholo lwawo kuye.

Ukungena Ngobukhosi

12 Ngosuku olulandelayo ixuku elikhulu elalize emkhosini lezwa ukuthi uJesu
wayesendleleni esiza eJerusalema. 13 Lathatha amagatsha elala laphuma ukuyamh-
langabeza, limemeza lisithi,
“Hosana!”*

“Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo!”

“Ubusisiwe oyiNkosi ka-Israyeli!”
14 UJesu wathola inkonyane kababhemi wayigada njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
15 “Ungesabi, Oh Ndodakazi yeZiyoni;
khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza,

* **12:13** 12.13 AmaHubo 118.25-26

ihlezi phezu kwenkonyane kababhemi.”†
16 Kuqala abafundi bakhe kabakuzwisisanga konke lokhu. Kwaze kwaba
ngemva kokuba uJesu esekhazimulisiwe lapho abananzelela khona ukuba izinto lezi
zazilotshwe ngaye lokuthi babezenzile kuye lezozinto.
17 Ngalesosikhathi ixuku elalilaye mhla ebiza uLazaro ethuneni wabuye wamvusa
ekufeni laqhubeka lilifakaza ilizwi. 18 Abantu abanengi bahamba ukuyamhlangabeza
ngoba basebezwile ukuthi wayewenzile umangaliso lo. 19 AbaFarisi bakhulumisana
besithi, “Liyabona, into le izasitshiya esikhaleni. Khangelani ukuthi umhlaba wonke
usuthe zalezale kuye!”

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokufa Kwakhe

20 Kwakukhona amaGrikhi phakathi kwalabo abayakhonza emkhosini. 21 Beza
kuFiliphu owayevela eBhethisayida eGalile lesicelo esithi, “Nkosi, sifuna ukubona
uJesu.” 22 UFiliphu wayatshela u-Andreya; u-Andreya loFiliphu basebemtshela uJesu.
23 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Sesifikile isikhathi sokuba iNdodana yoMuntu ikhaz-
imuliswe. 24 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi uhlamvu lwengqoloyi
luwele emhlabathini lufe, lusala lulokhu luluhlamvu olulodwa. Kodwa lungaze
lufe luthela inhlamvu ezinengi. 25 Umuntu othanda impilo yakhe izamlahlekela
ikanti umuntu ozonda impilo yakhe kulo umhlaba uzayilondolozela ingunaphakade.
26 Lowo ongikhonzayo kumele angilandele, lalapho engikhona lesikhonzi sami
sikhona. UBaba uzamdumisa lowo ongikhonzayo.
27 Khathesi inhliziyo yami ikhathazekile. Kambe ngingatsho na ngithi, ‘Baba,
ngihlenga singafiki lesosikhathi’? Hatshi, kwakungenxa yalesisizatho ukuze ngingene
kulesisikhathi. 28 Baba, khazimulisa ibizo lakho!”
Kwasekufika ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi, “Sengilikhazimulisile, ngizaphinda ngi-
likhazimulise.” 29 Ixuku labantu elalilapho elalizwayo ilizwi lathi kube lomdumo
wezulu; abanye bathi ingilosi yayikhulume laye.
30 UJesu wathi, “Ilizwi leli belingelokusiza lina, hayi mina. 31 Manje sekuyisikhathi
sokwahlulela kulo umhlaba; manje inkosi yalo umhlaba isizaxotshwa. 32 Kodwa mina
nxa sengiphakanyisiwe ngisuswa emhlabeni, ngizabadonsela kimi bonke abantu.”
33 Wakutsho lokhu eveza ukuthi wayezakufa ukufa okunjani.
34 Ixuku labhoboka lathi, “Sezwa eMthethweni ukuthi uKhristu uzahlala kokuphela,
pho ukutsho kanjani ukuthi, ‘INdodana yoMuntu imele iphakanyiswe na’? Ingubani
yona ‘iNdodana yoMuntu’ le?”
35 UJesu wabatshela wathi, “Lizakuba lakho ukukhanya okwesikhatshana es-
ithile. Hambani liseselakho ukukhanya, ubumnyama bungakaligubuzeli. Umuntu
ophumputha emnyameni kakwazi lapho aya khona. 36 Bekani ithemba lenu
ekukhanyeni liseselakho ukuze libe ngamadodana okukhanya.” Wathi eseqedile
ukukhuluma uJesu wasuka kubo wayazifihla.

Ukukholwa Lokungakholwa KwamaJuda

37 Lanxa uJesu wayeseyenze yonke imimangaliso le emehlweni abo babelokhu
bengakholwa kuye. 38 Lokhu kwakugcwalisa ilizwi lika-Isaya umphrofethi elithi:
“Nkosi, ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu na,
njalo amandla eNkosi ambulelwe ubani na?”‡
39 Ngalesisizatho babengeke bakholwa ngoba u-Isaya uyatsho komunye umbhalo
ukuthi:
40 “Uwafiphazile amehlo abo
wathundubeza inhliziyo zabo
ukuze bangaboni ngamehlo abo

† **12:15** 12.15 UZakhariya 9.9 ‡ **12:38** 12.38 U-Isaya 53.1

njalo bangezwisisi ngenhliziyo zabo,
loba baphenduke, ukuze ngibasilise.”§
41 U-Isaya wakutsho lokhu ngoba wayibona inkazimulo kaJesu njalo wayekhuluma
ngaye.
42 Kodwa loba kunjalo, abanengi labanye abakhokheli bakholwa kuye. Kodwa
ngenxa yabaFarisi kabalufakazanga ukholo lwabo besesaba ukuthi bazaxotshwa
esinagogweni; 43 ngoba babethanda ukubukwa ngabantu okwedlula ukubukwa
okuvela kuNkulunkulu.
44 UJesu wasememeza wathi, “Nxa umuntu ekholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi kuphela
kodwa kuye lowo ongithumileyo. 45 Nxa ekhangela mina ubona yena lowo
ongithumileyo. 46 Ngibuye emhlabeni ngiyikukhanya ukuze angabikhona okholwa
kimi ozahlala ebumnyameni.
47 Nxa umuntu ewezwa amazwi ami kodwa angawagcini, angimahluleli mina.
Phela kangilandanga ukuzowahlulela umhlaba kodwa ukuzowusindisa. 48 Ukhona
umahluleli walowo ongalayo, ongawemukeliyo amazwi ami; lawomazwi engawakhu-
lumayo uqobo azamlahla ngosuku lokucina. 49 Ngoba kangizikhulumelanga ngok-
wentando yami kodwa uBaba owangithumayo wangilaya ukuthi ngithini lokuthi
ngikutsho kanjani. 50 Ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uholela ekuphileni kwaphakade.
Ngakho loba kuyini engikutshoyo yikho lokho uBaba angitshele khona ukuthi
ngikutsho.”

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UJesu Ugezisa Inyawo Zabafundi Bakhe

1 Kwakuyisikhathi lapho uMkhosi wePhasika ususondele. UJesu wayekwazi ukuthi
isikhathi sokuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise sasesisondele. Wayehlezi ebathanda
abakhe abasemhlabeni, lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sokubatshengisa ukujula kothando
lwakhe.
2 Kwathi kudliwa ukudla kwakusihlwa, uSathane wayevele esemtshutshisile
uJudasi Iskariyothi, indodana kaSimoni, ukuthi anikele uJesu. 3 UJesu wayekwazi
ukuthi uYise wayenikele zonke izinto emandleni akhe, lokuthi yena wayevela
kuNkulunkulu njalo wayebuyela kuNkulunkulu, 4 ngakho wasukuma ekudleni,
wakhulula isembatho saphezulu, wabophela ithawulo ekhalweni lwakhe. 5 Ngemva
kwalokho, wathela amanzi enditshini waseqalisa ukugezisa inyawo zabafundi bakhe,
wazesula ngethawulo leyo ayezibophe ngayo.
6 Wafika kuSimoni Phethro owathi kuye, “Nkosi, kambe wena nguwe ongagezisa
inyawo zami na?”
7 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kawukuzwisisi lokhu engikwenzayo khathesi kodwa
uzakuzwisisa ngesikhathi esizayo.”
8 UPhethro wathi, “Hatshi, kawusoze lanini ugezise inyawo zami.”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngingakugezisi kawulabudlelwano lami.”
9 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, nxa kunjalo, kakungabi zinyawo zami
zodwa kodwa lezandla zami kanye lekhanda lami!”
10 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ogeze umzimba udinga ukugeza inyawo zakhe
kuphela, ngoba umzimba wakhe wonke uhlanzekile. Njalo lina lihlanzekile loba nje
kungayisini lonke elihlanzekileyo.” 11 Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela, yikho
wathi kakusibo bonke ababehlanzekile.
12 Eseqedile ukubagezisa inyawo, wagqoka isembatho saphezulu wasebuyela en-
daweni yakhe. Wababuza wathi, “Liyakuzwisisa na esengilenzele khona? 13 Lingibiza

§ **12:40** 12.40 U-Isaya 6.10

lithi ‘Mfundisi’ lokuthi ‘Nkosi,’ lisitsho liqondile, ngoba ngiyikho lokho. 14 Manjeke njengoba mina, iNkosi yenu loMfundisi, sengigezise inyawo zenu, lani kumele ligezisane inyawo. 15 Sengilenzele isibonelo ukuthi lenze njengoba ngilenzele mina. 16 Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi kini kakulanceku enkulu kulenkosi yayo, njalo isithunywa kasisikhulu kulalowo osithumileyo. 17 Lingaze lizazi lezizinto lizabusiswa nxa lizenza.”

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokunikelwa Kwakhe

18 “Kangikhulumi ngani lonke; ngiyabazi labo esengibakhethile. Kodwa lokhu kuyikugcwalisa umbhalo othi: ‘Lowo obesidla lami isinkwa usengihlamukele.’*
19 Ngilazisa khathesi kungakenzakali, ukwenzela ukuthi lapho sekusenzakala, likholwe ukuthi ngiNguye. 20 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lowo owamukela loba ngubani engimthumayo wamukela mina njalo lowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo.”
21 UJesu esatsho lokhu wakhathazeka kakhulu wafakaza wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela.”
22 Abafundi bakhe bakhangelana bedidekile ukuthi kambe angabe esitsho wuphi kubo. 23 Omunye wabo owayethandwa nguJesu wayeyeme etafuleni eduzane laye. 24 USimoni Phethro wasemqhweba lowomfundi wathi kuye, “Mbuze ukuthi utsho bani.”
25 Waseseyama kuJesu wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, ngubani?”
26 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungulowo engizamupha ucezu lwesinkwa nxa sengisitshebile emganwini.” Kwathi esesitshebile isinkwa wasiqhubela uJudasi Iskariyothi, indodana kaSimoni. 27 Wonela ukusithatha isinkwa uJudasi uSathane wasengena kuye.
UJesu wathi kuye, “Lokho osufuna ukukwenza, kwenze masinyane.” 28 Kodwa kakho etafuleni owazwisisayo ukuthi kungani uJesu watsho njalo kuye. 29 Ngenxa yokuthi uJudasi nguye owayephatha imali, abanye bacabanga ukuthi uJesu wayemtshela ukuthi athenge lokho okwakuzafuneka emkhosini kumbe ukuthi anike okuthile kwabampofu. 30 Wonela ukuthi athathe isinkwa waphuma. Kwasekusebusuku.

UJesu Ukhuluma Ngokuphikwa Kwakhe NguPhethro

31 Esehambile uJesu wathi, “Khathesi iNdodana yoMuntu isikhazimulisiwe njalo uNkulunkulu ukhazimulisiwe kuyo. 32 Nxa uNkulunkulu ekhazimulisiwe kuyo, uNkulunkulu laye uzayikhazimulisa iNdodana kuye njalo uzayikhazimulisa masinyane.
33 Bantwabami, ngizakuba lani okwesikhatshana esincane. Lizangidinga kodwa njengoba ngawatshela amaJuda, lani sengilitshela khathesi ukuthi: Lapho engiyakhona, alingeke lifike.
34 Ngilinika umlayo omutsha: Thandanani. Kumele lithandane njengoba lami ngilithandile. 35 Bonke abantu bazakwazi ukuthi lingabafundi bami nxa lithandana.”
36 USimoni Phethro wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, kanti uya ngaphi na?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lapho engiyakhona ungazake ungilandele khathesi kodwa uzangilandela ngesikhathi esizayo.”
37 Wabuza uPhethro wathi, “Nkosi, kungani ngingahle ngikulandele khathesi? Ngizanikela ukuphila kwami kuwe.”
38 UJesu wasemphendula wathi, “Kambe uzinikele ukuphila kwakho ngenxa yami? Ngiqinisile ngithi uzangiphika kathathu iqhude lingakakhali!”

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UJesu Ududuza Abafundi Bakhe

* **13:18** 13.18 AmaHubo 41.9

1 “Inhliziyo zenu kazingakhathazeki. Kholwani kuNkulunkulu; likholwe lakimi.
2 Emzini kaBaba kulezindlu ezinengi; aluba kwakungenjalo ngabe ngalitshela.
Ngiya khona ukuyalilungisela indawo. 3 Njalo nxa sengiyile ukulilungisela indawo
ngizabuya ngizolithatha ukuthi libe lami, ukuze libe lami lapho engikhona. 4 Liyayazi
indlela eya lapho engiyakhona.”

UJesu Yindlela Eya KuBaba

5 UThomasi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona, pho singayazi kanjani
indlela na?”
6 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mina ngiyiyo indlela njalo ngiliqiniso lokuphila. Kakho
oza kuBaba ngaphandle kwami. 7 Aluba belingazi ngempela, belizamazi loBaba.
Kusukela khathesi, selimazi njalo selimbonile.”
8 UFiliphu wathi, “Nkosi, sitshengise uBaba ngoba yikho lokho okuzasanelisa.”
9 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lokhe ungangazi na Filiphu, emva kwesikhathi eside
kangaka ngilani? Lowo ongibonileyo usembonile uBaba. Ungatsho kanjani ukuthi,
‘Sitshengise uBaba’? 10 Kawukholwa yini ukuthi ngikuBaba lokuthi uBaba ukimi?
Amazwi engiwakhulumayo kini akusiwami. Kodwa nguBaba ophila kimi owenzayo
umsebenzi wakhe. 11 Kholwani kimi nxa ngisithi ngikuBaba loBaba ukimi; loba
ukukholwa ubufakazi bemimangaliso ngokwayo nje zwi. 12 Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo
okholwa kimi uzakwenza lokho ebengikwenza. Uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu kulalezi
ngoba ngiya kuBaba. 13 Njalo ngizakwenza noma yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami
ukuze iNdodana ilethe inkazimulo kuBaba. 14 Lingacela noma yini ngebizo lami,
ngizakwenza.”

UJesu Uthembisa UMoya ONgcwele

15 “Nxa lingithanda, gcinani imilayo yami. 16 Ngizacela kuBaba ukuthi alinike
omunye umeli ukuthi alisize abe lani kuze kube laphakade, 17 uMoya weqiniso.
Ilizwe ngeke limamukele ngoba kalimboni njalo kalimazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi ngoba
uhlala lani njalo uzakuba lani. 18 Kangisoze ngilitshiye lizintandane, ngizabuya
kini. 19 Kakusekhatshana ukuthi umhlaba ungabe usangibona njalo kodwa lina
lizangibona. Ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila futhi. 20 Ngalolosuku
lizakunanzelela ukuthi ngikuBaba, lina likimi, lami ngikini. 21 Lowo olayo imilayo
yami, ayigcine, nguye ongithandayo. Lowo ongithandayo uzathandwa nguBaba njalo
lami ngizamthanda ngiziveze kuye.”
22 Ngakho uJudasi (hatshi uJudasi Iskariyothi) wathi, “Kodwa Nkosi, kungani ujonge
ukuziveza kithi, hatshi emhlabeni na?”
23 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ongithandayo uzalalela imfundiso yami.
UBaba uzamthanda njalo sizakuza kuye sakhe umuzi wethu kanye laye. 24 Lowo
ongangithandiyo kayikulalela imfundiso yami. Amazwi la eliwezwayo kayisiwo
wami, ngakaBaba ongithumileyo.
25 Konke lokhu ngikukhulume ngiseselani. 26 Kodwa uMeli, uMoya ONgcwele,
uBaba azamthumela ebizweni lami, uzalifundisa zonke izinto njalo uzalikhumbuza
konke engikukhulume kini. 27 Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini; ukuthula kwami ngilinika
khona. Kangiliniki njengokunika komhlaba. Lingakhathazeki ezinhliziyweni zenu
njalo lingesabi.
28 Langizwa ngisithi, ‘Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini.’ Kube belin-
githanda, ngabe liyathokoza ukuthi ngiya kuBaba, ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami.
29 Sengilitshelile manje kungakenzakali ukuze kuthi nxa sekusenzakala likholwe.
30 Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi kini ngoba inkosi yalo umhlaba isisiza. Kayila-
mandla phezu kwami, 31 kodwa umhlaba umele wazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda uBaba
lokuthi ngenza khona kanye uBaba angilaye khona.

Wozani manje; kasisukeni lapha.”

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Ivini Lamagatsha

1 “Mina ngilivini eliqotho, uBaba ungumlimi. 2 Zonke ingatsha ezingatheli izithelo
uyaziquma, kuthi zonke ingatsha ezithelayo uyazithena kuhle ukuze zithele kakhulu.
3 Lina selihlambulukile ngenxa yelizwi esengilikhulume kini. 4 Hlalani kimi, lami
ngizahlala kini. Kalukho ugatsha olungathela izithelo ngokwalo kodwa kumele
luhlale lusevinini. Lani lingeke lithele izithelo ngaphandle kokuthi lihlale kimi.
5 Mina ngilivini; lina lizingatsha. Nxa umuntu ehlala kimi lami kuye, uzathela
izithelo ezinengi; ngaphandle kwami kakukho elingakwenza. 6 Nxa lingahlali kimi,
lizabe lifana logatsha olulahliweyo lwabuna; ingatsha ezinjalo ziyathezwa, zibaswe
besezisitsha. 7 Nxa lihlala kimi lamazwi ami ehlala kini, celani loba yini eliyifunayo,
lizayiphiwa. 8 Lokhu kungokwenkazimulo kaBaba ukuze lithele izithelo ezinengi,
lizitshengisa ukuthi lingabafundi bami.
9 Njengoba uBaba engithanda, lami ngilithande ngendlela angithanda
ngayo. Ngakho-ke, hlalani ethandweni lwami. 10 Nxa ligcina imilayo yami,
lizahlala lisethandweni lwami, njengoba lami ngilalele imilayo kaBaba ngihlala
ngisethandweni lwakhe. 11 Ngilitshele lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwami kube kini
lokuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. 12 Umlayo wami yilo: Thandanani njengoba
ngilithandile lani. 13 Kakho olothando olukhulu kulonikela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa
yabangane bakhe. 14 Lingabangane bami nxa lisenza lokho engililaya khona.
15 Kangisalibizi ngokuthi liyizinceku ngoba inceku kayiwazisisi umsebenzi wenkosi
yayo. Kodwa ngithe kini lingabangane ngoba konke engakufunda kuBaba ngilazisile.
16 Kalingikhethanga, kodwa yimi engalikhethayo, ngalibeka ukuze liyethela izithelo,
izithelo ezizahlala isikhathi eside ukuze kuthi konke elikucela ngebizo lami uBaba
alinike khona. 17 Nanku umlayo wami: Thandanani.”

Umhlaba Uzonda Abafundi

18 “Nxa umhlaba ulizonda, khumbulani ukuthi wangizonda kuqala. 19 Ngabe
belingabomhlaba, ubuzalithanda njengabantu bawo. Njengoba kunje, kalis-
ibo abomhlaba, kodwa ngilikhethe lisemhlabeni. Yikho umhlaba ulizonda.
20 Khumbulani amazwi engawakhuluma kini ngisithi: ‘Kakulanceku enkulu ku-
leNkosi yayo.’*Nxa bangihlukuluza, lani bazalihlukuluza. Nxa balalela imfundiso
yami, bazayilalela leyenu. 21 Bazaliphatha ngaleyondlela ngenxa yebizo lami,
ngoba kabamazi lowo ongithumileyo. 22 Aluba bengingezanga ngakhuluma kubo
bebengayikuba lomlandu wesono. Kodwa manje kabaselaxolo ngesono sabo. 23 Lowo
ozonda mina uzonda loBaba. 24 Aluba angenzanga umangaliso ongenziwanga
ngomunye wabo phakathi kwabo, babengayikuba lomlandu wesono. Kodwa khathesi
sebeyibonile imimangaliso le, kodwa baphinde bangizonde mina kanye loBaba.
25 Kodwa lokhu kwenzeka ukuze kugcwalise okulotshiweyo eMthethweni wabo
ukuthi: ‘Bangizonda kungelasizatho.’ ”†

Umsebenzi KaMoya OyiNgcwele

26 “Angaze afike uMeli engizamthumela kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso
ophuma kuBaba, uzafakaza ngami; 27 lani kumele lifakaze, ngoba laba lami kusukela
ekuqaleni.”

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* **15:20** 15.20 UJohane 13.16 † **15:25** 15.25 AmaHubo 35.19; 69.4

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1 “Ngilitshela konke lokhu ukuze ukholo lwenu lunganyikinyeki. 2 Bazalixotsha
esinagogweni; ngempela siyeza isikhathi lapho abazalibulala khona bezitshela ukuthi
benzela uNkulunkulu into enhle. 3 Bazakwenza lokhu ngoba kabamazanga uBaba
loba mina. 4 Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze kuthi isikhathi lesi sifika likhumbule ukuthi
ngalixwayisa ngaso. Kangilitshelanga lokhu ekuqaleni ngoba ngangilani.”

Umsebenzi KaMoya ONgcwele

5 “Kodwa khathesi sengisiya kuye ongithumileyo. Kakho kini ongibuzayo ukuthi,
‘Uya ngaphi na?’ 6 Kodwa ngenxa yokuba sengizitshilo lezizinto, selihlulukelwe.
7 Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi: Kulungele lina ukuba ngihambe. Ngaphandle kokuthi ngi-
hambe, uMeli akayikuza kini; kodwa nxa ngihamba, ngizamthuma kini. 8 Lapho efika
uzatshengisa umhlaba ukuthi ulahlekile ngesono, ngokulunga langokwahlulelwa:
9 ngokwesono, ngoba abantu kabakholwa kimi; 10 ngokulunga, ngoba ngiya kuBaba,
lapho elingasayi kungibona khona njalo; 11 langokwahlulelwa, ngoba umbusi walo
umhlaba usemiselwe ukulahlwa.
12 Kusasekunengi engingakutsho kini, kodwa kungalisinda. 13 Kodwa yena uMoya
weqiniso nxa esefikile uzalikhokhelela kulolonke iqiniso. Kazukuzikhulumela
yena; uzakhuluma lokho akuzwayo kuphela, njalo uzalitshela lokho okusazobuya.
14 Uzaletha inkazimulo kini ngokuthatha kulokho okungokwami akwenze kwazakale
kini. 15 Konke okungokukaBaba ngokwami. Yikho ngithe uMoya uzathatha
kokungokwami akwenze kwazakale kini.”

Usizi Lwabafundi Luzakuba Yintokozo

16 UJesu waqhubeka esithi, “Ngesikhatshana aliyi kungibona, kodwa ngemva
kwesikhatshana lizangibona.”
17 Abanye babafundi bakhe bakhulumisana bathi, “Utshoni ngokuthi, ‘Ngemva
kwesikhatshana kalisayikungibona,’ njalo athi, ‘Kuthi ngemva kwesikhatshana
lizangibona njalo, Ngoba ngiya kuBaba’ na?” 18 Babelokhu bebuza besithi, “Utshoni
nxa esithi ‘isikhatshana’? Kasikuzwisisi lokho akutshoyo.”
19 UJesu wabona ukuthi babefuna ukumbuza ngalokhu, wasesithi kubo,
“Liyabuzana ukuthi bengisitshoni ngize ngithi, ‘Ngemva kwesikhatshana kalisayikun-
gibona’? 20 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lizakhala lilile kodwa umhlaba wona uthokoza.
Lizakuba losizi, kodwa usizi lwenu luzakuba yintokozo. 21 Owesifazane nxa
ebeletha uzwa ubuhlungu ngoba isikhathi sakhe sesifikile; kodwa nxa umntwana
esezelwe uyabukhohlwa ubuhlungu lobo ngenxa yentokozo yokuthi sekuzelwe
umntwana emhlabeni. 22 Kunjalo lakini: Manje yisikhathi senu sosizi, kodwa
ngizaphinda ngilibone beselithokoza, njalo kakho ozaphinda alemuke intokozo yenu.
23 Ngalolosuku kaliyi kungibuza lutho. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, uBaba wami uzalinika
loba yini eliyicela ngebizo lami. 24 Kuze kube manje kalikaceli lutho ngebizo lami.
Celani, lizakwamukeliswa, ukuze ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele.
25 Lanxa bengikhuluma ngemizekeliso, siyeza isikhathi lapho ngingasayikukhu-
luma ngaleyondlela, kodwa engizalitshela khona kamhlophe ngoBaba.
26 Ngalelolanga lizacela ngebizo lami. Kangitsho ukuthi ngizalicelela kuBaba.
27 Hatshi, uBaba yena ngokwakhe uyalithanda ngoba lingithandile, lakukholwa
ukuthi ngavela kuNkulunkulu. 28 Ngavela kuBaba ngangena emhlabeni; okwamanje
sengiwutshiya umhlaba sengibuyela kuBaba.”
29 Abafundi bakaJesu basebesithi, “Khathesi usukhuluma kamhlophe ungasazeke-
lisi. 30 Khathesi sesibona ukuthi uyazazi izinto zonke lokuthi kakudingeki ukuthi
ubuzwe imibuzo. Lokhu kwenza ukuthi sikholwe ukuba wavela kuNkulunkulu.”

31 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Khathesi selikholwa na? 32 Kodwa siyeza isikhathi,
sesifikile, lapho elizachitheka khona, ngulowo aye ngakibo. Lizangitshiya ngedwa
lonke. Ikanti kangingedwa ngoba uBaba ulami.
33 Ngilitshele izinto lezi ukuze libe lokuthula kimi. Kulumhlaba lizahlupheka.
Kodwa wobani lesibindi! Sengiwunqobile umhlaba.”

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UJesu Uyazikhulekela

1 UJesu esekutshilo lokhu, wakhangela ezulwini wakhuleka wathi:
“Baba, isikhathi sesifikile. Khazimulisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze iNdodana yakho
ikukhazimulise. 2 Ngoba wayinika amandla phezu kwabantu bonke ukuthi ibaphe
ukuphila okungapheliyo kubo bonke labo obanike yona. 3 Manje-ke yilokhu
ukuphila okungapheliyo: ukuthi bakwazi wena, onguwe wedwa uNkulunkulu
weqiniso, loJesu Khristu omthumileyo. 4 Sengikulethele inkazimulo emhlabeni
ngokuphelelisa umsebenzi owanginika wona ukuthi ngiwenze. 5 Manje, Baba,
akungikhazimulise phambi kwakho ngaleyonkazimulo esasilayo sobabili umhlaba
ungakabi khona.”

UJesu Ukhulekela Abafundi Bakhe

6 “Ngikuvezile kulabo owangipha bona emhlabeni. Babengabakho; wangipha
bona njalo labo balilalele ilizwi lakho. 7 Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi konke lokho
onginike khona kuvela kuwe. 8 Ngoba ngabanika amazwi owanginika wona
bawemukela. Bakwazi ngeqiniso ukuthi ngavela kuwe njalo bakholwa ukuthi
ungithumile. 9 Ngikhulekela bona. Kangikhulekeli umhlaba kodwa labo onginike
bona ngoba bangabakho. 10 Konke engilakho ngokwakho, lakho konke olakho
ngokwami. Lenkazimulo isikimi ngabo. 11 Kangisayikuhlala emhlabeni kusukela
khathesi ngoba sengisiza kuwe, kodwa bona balokhu besemhlabeni. Baba
Ongcwele, bavikele ngamandla ebizo lakho, ibizo owanginika lona ukuze babemu-
nye njengalokhu thina simunye. 12 Ngesikhathi ngiphakathi kwabo ngabavikela,
ngabagcina bephephile ngalelobizo owanginika lona. Kakulahlekanga loyedwa
ngaphandle koyedwa owayefanele ukubhubha ukuze kugcwaliseke uMbhalo.
13 Sengisiza kuwe manje, kodwa ngiyazitsho lezizinto ngisesemhlabeni ukuze
babe lentokozo yami ngokugcweleyo ngaphakathi kwabo. 14 Ngibaphile ilizwi lakho
ngakho umhlaba usubazonda ngoba bengaseyibo bomhlaba njengoba lami nginga-
suye womhlaba. 15 Umkhuleko wami kawusi wokuthi ubasuse emhlabeni, kodwa
ukuthi ubavikele komubi. 16 Kabasibo bomhlaba, njengoba lami ngingasiwawo.
17 Bangcwelise ngalo iqiniso; ilizwi lakho liliqiniso. 18 Njengalokhu wangithuma
emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile emhlabeni. 19 Ngenxa yabo ngiyazingcwelisa ukuze
labo bangcweliswe ngobuqotho.”

UJesu Ukhulekela Wonke Amakholwa

20 “Umkhuleko wami kawusiwabo bodwa. Ngikhulekela njalo labo abazakholwa
kimi ngenxa yobufakazi babo, 21 ukuthi bonke babemunye Baba njengoba wena
ukimi lami ngikuwe. Sengathi labo bangaba kithi ukuze umhlaba ukholwe
ukuthi ungithumile. 22 Ngibaphile inkazimulo owangipha yona ukuze babemu-
nye njengalokhu thina simunye: 23 mina ngibe kubo lawe ukimi. Sengathi
bangaba lokumanyana okupheleleyo ukutshengisa umhlaba ukuthi ungithumile
njalo ubathandile njengalokhu ungithandile lami.
24 Baba, ngifuna ukuthi labo ongiphe bona babe lami lapho engikhona njalo
bayibone inkazimulo yami, inkazimulo onginike yona ngoba wangithanda umhlaba
ungakadalwa.

25 Baba olungileyo, loba umhlaba ungakwazi, mina ngiyakwazi, njalo bayakwazi
ukuthi ungithumile. 26 Ngikuvezile wena kubo njalo ngizaqhubeka ukwenza
ukuthi waziwe ukuze kuthi uthando olalo kimi lube ngolwabo njalo lokuthi mina
ngokwami ngibe kubo."

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UJesu Uyabotshwa

1 Wathi eseqedile ukukhuleka, uJesu wasuka kanye labafundi bakhe bakhuphuka
iSigodi seKhidroni. Ngaphetsheya kwakulensimu yama-Oliva lapho angena khona
labafundi bakhe.
2 UJudasi owamnikelayo wayeyazi leyondawo ngoba uJesu wayehlezi
esiyahlangana khona labafundi bakhe. 3 Ngakho uJudasi weza ensimini leyo, ehola
ixuku lamanxusa kanye lezinye izikhulu ezazivela kubaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi.
Babephethe izibane lezikhali.
4 UJesu esazi konke okwakuzakwenzakala kuye waya phambili wababuza wathi,
"Lifuna bani na?"
5 Baphendula bathi, "uJesu waseNazaretha."
UJesu wathi, "Nginguye." (UJudasi, umthengisi wayemi khonapho labo.) 6 UJesu
esethe, "Nginguye," batsheda bawela phansi.
7 Wababuza njalo wathi, "Lifuna bani na?"
Bathi, "UJesu waseNazaretha."
8 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngilitshelile ngathi nginguye. Nxa lidinga mina, yeke-
lani amadoda la azihambele." 9 Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi awakhulumayo
athi: "Kangilahlekelwanga lamunye walabo ongiphe bona agcwaliseke."*
10 Kwasekusithi uSimoni Phethro owayelenkemba, wayikhokha wagalela inceku
yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe yayo yakwesokunene. (Ibizo lenceku leyo
lalinguMalikhusi.)
11 UJesu wamkhalimela uPhethro wathi, "Beka khatshana inkemba yakho! Ngin-
gayinathi inkezo uBaba asengiphe yona na?"

UJesu Usiwa Ku-Anasi

12 Kwasekusithi iqembu lamanxusa lomlawuli walo kanye lezikhulu zamaJuda
bambamba uJesu. Bambopha, 13 bamusa ku-Anasi kuqala owayenguyisezala kaKhay-
ifasi owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. 14 UKhayifasi nguye owayecebise
amaJuda ukuthi kwakuzaba kuhle ukuthi indoda eyodwa ifele abantu.

Ukuphika Kwakuqala KukaPhethro

15 USimoni Phethro lomunye umfundi babemlandela uJesu. Kwathi ngoba
lowomfundi wayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wangena loJesu egumeni lomphristi
omkhulu, 16 kodwa uPhethro yena walinda ngaphandle komnyango. Lowomfundi
owayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wabuya wakhuluma lentombazana eyayilindile
khonapho, wasengenisa uPhethro.
17 Intombazana eyayilinde emnyango yambuza uPhethro yathi, "Konje wena lawe
ungomunye wabafundi bendoda le?"
Waphendula wathi, "Kangisuye."
18 Kwakuqanda, ngakho izinceku lezikhulu zazimi zisotha umlilo ezaziwubasile.
UPhethro laye wayemi lazo esotha umlilo.

Umphristi Omkhulu Uthetha Icala LikaJesu

* **18:9** 18.9 UJohane 6.39

19 Ngalesosikhathi umphristi omkhulu wayebuzabuza uJesu mayelana labafundi
bakhe langemfundiso yakhe.
20 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikhulume obala kuwo umhlaba. Kokuphela
ngangifundisa emasinagogweni kumbe ethempelini lapho amaJuda onke abuthana
khona. Kangikhulumanga lutho ensitha. 21 Libuzelani mina? Buzani labo
abangizwayo. Ngiqinisile bayakwazi engakukhulumayo.”
22 UJesu esetshonjalo, omunye wezikhulu ezaziseduze kwakhe wamhlankala
ebusweni, wambuza wathi, “Yiyo indlela yokuphendula umphristi omkhulu leyo na?”
23 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngikhulume okungafanelanga kutsho. Kodwa
nxa ngikhulume iqiniso, ungitshayelani na?” 24 U-Anasi wasemedlulisela kuKhayifasi
umphristi omkhulu elokhu ebotshiwe.

Ukuphika KukaPhethro Kwesibili Lokwesithathu

25 USimoni Phethro wayelokhu emi esotha umlilo, abanye bambuza bathi,
“Kakusiqiniso yini ukuthi ungomunye wabafundi bakhe na?”
Waphika wathi, “Kangisuye.”
26 Omunye wezinceku zomphristi omkhulu, owayeyisihlobo sendoda eyaqunywa
indlebe nguPhethro yamqonda yathi, “Kangikubonanga yini ulaye esivandeni sama-
oliva na?” 27 UPhethro waphika njalo, khonokho nje iqhude lakhala.

UJesu Phambi KukaPhilathu

28 AmaJuda asemthatha uJesu kuKhayifasi amusa esigodlweni sombusi ongum-
Roma. Khonapho kwasekusempondozankomo njalo ukuze angazingcolisi ngok-
wenkonzo yawo amaJuda kawangenanga esigodlweni; ayefuna ukuthi akulungele
ukudla iPhasika. 29 Ngakho uPhilathu waphuma weza kuwo wawabuza wathi,
“Limbeka cala bani lumuntu na?”
30 Aphendula athi, “Kube ubengesiso isikliwi besingasoze simlethe kuwe.”
31 UPhilathu wathi, “Mthatheni lina limahlulele ngokomthetho wenu.”
AmaJuda atshinga athi, “Phela thina kasilawo amandla okuquma umuntu.”
32 Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi uJesu ayewakhulumile ngendlela ayezakufa
ngayo agcwaliseke.
33 UPhilathu wasengena njalo esigodlweni, wabiza uJesu wambuza wathi, “Wena
uyinkosi yamaJuda na?”
34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ngumcabango wakho yini kumbe kulabanye
abake bakhuluma lawe ngami?”
35 UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Ucabanga ukuthi ngingumJuda na? Ngabantu
bakini labaphristi abakhulu abakulethe lapha kimi. Kanti uvele woneni?”
36 UJesu wathi, “Umbuso wami kawusi walumhlaba. Aluba kwakunjalo izinceku
zami bezizakulwa ukwenqabela ukuthi ngingabotshwa ngamaJuda. Kodwa hatshi,
umbuso wami uvela kwenye indawo.”
37 UPhilathu wathi, “Ngakho uyinkosi phela?”
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Uqondile ukuthi ngiyinkosi. Ngeqiniso ngazalelwa lokho
njalo ngalanda khona emhlabeni, ukuzafakaza iqiniso. Bonke abemi eqinisweni
bayangilalela.”
38 UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yiliphi iqiniso?” Esekutshilo lokhu waphinda
waphuma waya kumaJuda wathi, “Angifumani lutho lokumbeka icala. 39 Kodwa
kungumkhuba wenu ukuthi ngilikhululele esinye isibotshwa ngesikhathi sePhasika.
Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhululele inkosi yamaJuda na?”
40 Amemeza athi, “Hatshi, hayi lo! Siphe uBharabhasi!” UBharabhasi
wayephatheke ekukhokheleni umvukela.

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UJesu Ugwetshelwa Ukubethelwa

1 UPhilathu wasemthatha uJesu wathi katshaywe ngemvubu. 2 Amabutho eluka
umqhele wameva awubeka ekhanda lakhe. Amgqokisa isigqoko esiyibubende 3 aya
kuye aphindaphinda ememeza esithi, “Bayethe! Nkosi yamaJuda!”
4 UPhilathu waphinda waphuma wathi kumaJuda, “Khangelani, sengimkhupha
ngimlethe kini ngilazisa ukuthi kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala.” 5 Kwathi
uJesu ephuma egqoke umqhele wameva, egqoke isigqoko esiyibubende, uPhilathu
wathi kubo, “Iboneni-ke, nansi indoda!”
6 Abaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu zabo bonela ukumbona bamemeza bathi,
“Mbethele! Mbethele!”
Kodwa uPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Mthatheni limbethele lina. Mina, kangifu-
mani sizatho sokumethesa icala.”
7 AmaJuda aphikelela athi, “Thina silomthetho, ngakho mayelana lalowomthetho
kumele afe ngoba uzithi uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”
8 UPhilathu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wesaba kakhulu, 9 wasebuyela esigodlweni.
Wabuza uJesu wathi, “Ungowangaphi wena?” Kodwa uJesu kamphendulanga.
10 UPhilathu wathi, “Kawufuni kukhuluma lami? Awuboni yini ukuthi mina
ngilamandla okukukhulula lawokukubethela?”
11 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kawulawo amandla phezu kwami ongawaphiwanga
evela phezulu. Ngakho-ke, lowo onginikele kuwe ulecala lesono esikhulu kakhulu.”
12 Kusukela lapho uPhilathu wazama ukukhulula uJesu, kodwa amaJuda aqhubeka
ememeza esithi, “Nxa uyekela umuntu lo ahambe, kawulabungane loKhesari. Lowo
ozitshaya inkosi uphikisana loKhesari.”
13 UPhilathu esezwe lokhu, wamletha phandle uJesu, yena wasehlala esihlal-
weni sakhe sokwahlulela endaweni eyayithiwa yisiGcawu Esigandelwe Ngamatshe
(okuthiwa ngesiHebheru yiGabatha). 14 Kwakulusuku lokuLungisela iViki yePhasika,
ngehola lesithupha.
UPhilathu wathi kumaJuda, “Nansi inkosi yenu.”
15 Kodwa amemeza athi, “Msuse! Msuse! Mbethele!”
UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Ngibethele inkosi yenu na?”
Abaphristi abakhulu bamphendula bathi, “Kasilankosi ngaphandle kukaKhesari.”
16 Ekucineni uPhilathu wamnikela kubo ukuba abethelwe.

Ukubethelwa KukaJesu

Ngakho amabutho amthatha uJesu. 17 Wathwala isiphambano, wasuka waya
endaweni yoKhakhayi (okuthiwa ngesiHebheru yiGoligotha). 18 Bambethela khona
lapho kanye labanye ababili, ngapha langapha kwakhe, uJesu waba phakathi.
19 UPhilathu waloba umbhalo wananyathiselwa esiphambanweni. Wawubhalwe
ukuthi:

UJesu waseNazaretha, iNkosi yamaJuda.

20 AmaJuda amanengi awufunda umbhalo lowo ngoba lapho uJesu ayebethelwe
khona kwakuseduze ledolobho, umbhalo lowo wawulotshwe ngesiHebheru, ngesi-
Lathini langesiGrikhi. 21 Abaphristi abakhulu bamaJuda basola kuPhilathu bathi,
“Ungalobi uthi ‘INkosi yamaJuda,’ kodwa umuntu lo wayezibiza ngokuthi uyinkosi
yamaJuda.”
22 UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Esengikulobile, sengikulobile.”
23 Kwathi amabutho esembethele uJesu, athatha izigqoko zakhe azabelana, zaba
zingxenye ezine, zilingene ibutho linye ngalinye, kwasala isigqoko sangaphansi. Sona
sasingelamthungo, silukwe sonke kusukela phezulu kusiya phansi.

24 Bacebisana bathi, “Kasingasidabuli. Kasikhetheni ngenkatho ukuthi sibe
ngesikabani.”*
Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo owathi:
“Babelana izembatho zami
benza inkatho ngezigqoko zami.”
Yikho lokhu amabutho akwenzayo.
25 Eduze kwesiphambano sakhe uJesu kwakumi unina, udadewabo kanina,
uMariya umkaKlopasi loMariya Magadalini. 26 UJesu wathi ebona unina lapho
lomfundi ayemthanda emi lapho eduze, wathi kunina, “Mama, nansi indodana
yakho,” 27 wathi kumfundi, “Nangu unyoko.” Kusukela kulesosikhathi umfundi lowo
wamthatha unina wamusa ekhaya lakhe.

Ukufa KukaJesu

28 Ngemva kwalesosikhathi, uJesu esesazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelele njalo
ukuze umbhalo ugcwaliseke, wathi, “Ngomile.” 29 Kwakubekwe imbodlela yewayini
yeviniga khonapho, basebegxamuza kuyo uzipho baluxhuma eluthini lwesih-
lahlakazana sehisophi, baluphakamisela endebeni zikaJesu. 30 Esenathile wathi,
“Sekuphelile.” Esetshonjalo wagobisa ikhanda lakhe wafa.
31 Lolo kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela, ngosuku olulandelayo kwakuzakuba liS-
abatha eliqakathekileyo. Ngenxa yokuthi amaJuda ayengafuni izidumbu zisale
eziphambanweni ngeSabatha, acela uPhilathu ukuthi kwephulwe amalunga emilenze
lezidumbu zethulwe. 32 Yikho amabutho eza ephula imilenze yendoda yakuqala
eyayibethelwe loJesu, aphinda lakweyinye. 33 Kodwa athi efika kuJesu ebona ukuthi
wayevele esefile, kawasazephulanga izitho zakhe. 34 Endaweni yalokho elinye ibutho
lamciba uJesu ngomkhonto ohlangothini, kwantshaza igazi lamanzi. 35 Umuntu
owakubonayo usebulethile ubufakazi, njalo ubufakazi bakhe buliqiniso. Uyazi ukuthi
ukhuluma iqiniso njalo ufakazela ukuthi lani libe lokukholwa. 36 Lezizinto zenzakala
ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: “Kalikho lalinye ithambo lakhe elizakwephulwa,”†
37 lomunye umbhalo uthi, “Bazakhangela kulowo abamgwazayo.”‡

Ukungcwatshwa KukaJesu

38 Ngemva kwalokho, uJosefa wase-Arimathiya wacela isidumbu sikaJesu kuPhi-
lathu. UJosefa lo wayengumfundi kaJesu kodwa wayekufihla ngoba wayesesaba
amaJuda. Eselemvumo kaPhilathu weza wasithatha isidumbu. 39 Wayephathiswa
nguNikhodimasi, indoda leyana eyayike yeza kuJesu ebusuku. UNikhodimasi weza
lamakha emure lenhlaba engaba lesisindo samaphawundi angamatshumi ayisikhom-
bisa lanhlanu. 40 Bobabili bathatha isidumbu sikaJesu basigcoba ngalawomakha njalo
basigoqela ngamaqhele elineni. Lokhu kwakungumkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba.
41 Endaweni lapho uJesu abethelwa khona kwakulesivande, esivandeni kulethuna
elitsha okwakungakaze kungcwatshwe muntu kulo. 42 Ngenxa yokuthi kwakulusuku
lokulungiselela lwamaJuda njalo ngenxa yokuthi ithuna laliseduze, bamngcwaba
khonapho uJesu.

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Ithuna Elingelalutho

1 Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, kulokhu kusemnyama, uMariya
Magadalini waya ethuneni wafumana ukuthi ilitshe laselisusiwe emlonyeni wethuna.
2 Ngakho wafika egijima kuSimoni Phethro elomunye umfundi, lowo uJesu

* **19:24** 19.24 AmaHubo 22.18 † **19:36** 19.36 U-Eksodasi 12.46; AmaNani 9.12; AmaHubo 34.20 ‡ **19:37** 19.37 UZakhariya 12.10

ayemthanda, wathi, “Sebeyithethe iNkosi ethuneni, kodwa kasazi ukuthi bayise ngaphi!”
3 Yikho uPhethro lalowomfundi omunye baqonda ethuneni. 4 Bobabili babegijima,
kodwa lowo omunye umfundi wamtshiya uPhethro wayafika kuqala ethuneni.
5 Wakhothama walunguza phakathi wabona amaqhele elineni ekhonapho, kodwa
kangenanga. 6 Khonokho uSimoni Phethro owayengemuva kwakhe wafika wangena
ethuneni. Wawabona amaqhele elineni ethe qekele khonapho, 7 kanye lelembu
lokungcwaba elalithandele ikhanda likaJesu. Ilembu lelo laseligoqiwe lodwa lingekho
kwawelineni. 8 Ekucineni lowo omunye umfundi owayefike kuqala ethuneni laye
wangena. Wabona, wakholwa. 9 (Babelokhu bengezwisisi emibhalweni ukuthi uJesu
wayemele avuke kwabafileyo.) 10 Abafundi basebebuyela emizini yabo.

UJesu Ubonakala KuMariya Magadalena

11 Kodwa uMariya wasala emi ngaphandle kwethuna ekhala. Wathi elokhu ekhala
wakhothama walunguza ethuneni 12 wabona izingilosi ezimbili zigqoke okumhlophe
zihlezi lapho isidumbu sikaJesu sasikade sikhona, enye ngasemakhanda, enye
ngasezinyaweni.
13 Zambuza zathi, “Mama, ukhalelani na?”
Wathi, “Bayisusile iNkosi yami, kangazi ukuthi bayibeke ngaphi.” 14 Wasephenduka
wabona uJesu emi khonapho, kodwa kananzelelanga ukuthi kwakunguJesu.
15 Wathi, “Mama, ukhalelani na? Ufuna ubani na?”
UMariya wayesithi kumbe ngumlimi, wasesithi, “Nkosi, nxa kunguwe omthetheyo,
ngitshela ukuthi umbeke ngaphi ukuze ngiyemthatha.”
16 UJesu wathi, “Mariya.”
Waphendukela kuye wamemeza ngesiHebheru wathi, *“Rabhoni!”* (okutsho ukuthi
“Mfundisi”).
17 UJesu wathi, “Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikabuyeli kuBaba. Kodwa hamba
kubafowethu ubatshele uthi, ‘Sengibuyela kuBaba njalo uYihlo, kuNkulunkulu wami,
uNkulunkulu wenu.’ ”
18 UMariya Magadalini waya kubafundi elombiko othi, “ngiyibonile iNkosi!” Njalo
wabatshela ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kuye.

UJesu Uziveza Kubafundi

19 Kusihlwa ngalolosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi babendawonye behluthulele
iminyango ngoba besesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo wathi,
“Ukuthula kakube kini!” 20 Esekutshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe
lohlangothi lwakhe. Abafundi bathaba kakhulu beyibona iNkosi.
21 UJesu waphinda wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini! Njengoba uBaba engithumile,
lami ngiyalithuma.” 22 Esitsho lokho wabaphefumulela wathi, “Yamukelani uMoya
oNgcwele. 23 Nxa lithethelela loba ngubani izono zakhe, zizathethelelwa lezenu,
kodwa nxa lingathetheleli ezabanye kazisoze zithethelelwe lezenu.”

UJesu Uziveza KuThomasi

24 UThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi), omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wayengekho
kwabanye abafundi uJesu aze afike. 25 Kwathi lapho abanye abafundi bemtshela
bathi “sesiyibonile iNkosi,” wathandabuza wathi, “Ngaphandle kokuthi ngibone
amanxeba ezipikili ezandleni zakhe ngibeke umunwe wami emanxebeni ezipikili,
ngifake isandla sami ehlangothini lwakhe, kangisoze ngikholwe.”
26 Sekudlule iviki abafundi bakhe babesendlini njalo, loThomasi elabo. Njengoba
iminyango yayihluthulelwe uJesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula
kakube kini!” 27 Wasesithi kuThomasi, “Faka umunwe wakho lapha; bona izandla

zami. Yelula isandla sakho usibeke ehlangothini lwami. Yekela ukuthandabuza ukholwe."
28 UThomasi wathi kuye, "Nkosi yami, Nkulunkulu wami!"
29 UJesu wasemtshela wathi, "Usukholiwe ngoba usungibonile; babusisiwe labo abathi bengabonanga, kodwa sebekholiwe."

Injongo YeVangeli LikaJohane

30 UJesu wenza eminye imimangaliso eminengi abafundi bakhe bekhangele, kodwa engabhalwanga kule incwadi. 31 Kodwa le ibhaliwe ukuze likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze kuthi ngokukholwa libe lokuphila ngebizo lakhe.

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UJesu Lomangaliso Wokubamba Inhlanzi

1 Ngemva kwesikhathi uJesu waphinda waziveza kubafundi bakhe oLwandle lwaseThibheriyasi. Kwenzakala kanje: 2 USimoni Phethro, loThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi) loNathaneli waseKhana eseGalile, lamadodana kaZebhediya labanye abafundi ababili babendawonye. 3 USimoni Phethro wabatshela wathi, "Ngisayagola inhlanzi" bona bathi, "Sizahamba lawe." Ngakho baphuma bayangena esikepeni kodwa kababambanga lutho ngalobobusuku.
4 Ekuseni kakhulu uJesu wema ekhunjini kodwa abafundi kabananzelelanga ukuthi kwakunguJesu.
5 Wabamemeza wathi, "Bangane, lilokhu lingabambanga nhlanzi yini?"
Baphendula bathi, "Hatshi."
6 Wathi, "Phoselani umambule wenu ngakwesokunene kwesikepe lizagola khona." Bathe sebenze njalo behluleka ukudonsa umambule ngenxa yobunengi benhlanzi.
7 Lowomfundi owayethandwa nguJesu wathi kuPhethro, "YiNkosi!" USimoni Phethro wonela ukuzwa esithi, "YiNkosi," wazembathisa ngesigqoko sakhe sejazi (ngoba wayesikhulule) weqela emanzini. 8 Abanye abafundi balandela ngesikepe bedonsa umambule ugcwele inhlanzi ngoba babengakhatshana lasokhunjini, kwakungaba yizinyathelo ezilikhulu. 9 Ekufikeni kwabo okhunjini babona umlilo wamalahle uvutha kulenhlanzi phezulu kanye lesinkwa.
10 UJesu wathi kubo, "Lethani ezinye inhlanzi elizibambileyo." 11 USimoni Phethro wagada esikepeni, wadonsela umambule okhunjini. Wawugcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu, zilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu (153), kodwa loba zinengi kangaka umambule kawudabukanga. 12 UJesu wathi kubo, "Wozani lizokudla." Kakho kubafundi owaqunga isibindi sokumbuza ukuthi, "Ungubani wena?" Bakwazi ukuthi yiNkosi. 13 UJesu weza, wathatha isinkwa wabanika, wenza njalo langenhlanzi. 14 Lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sesithathu uJesu ezibonakalisa kubafundi bakhe ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo.

UJesu Ukhuthaza UPhethro

15 Sebeqedile ukudla, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Phethro, "Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, ungithanda ngeqiniso na okudlula laba abanye?"
Wathi, "Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda."
UJesu wathi, "Phana amawundlu ami ukudla."
16 UJesu waphinda wathi, "Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, uyangithanda ngeqiniso na?"
Waphendula wathi, "Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda."
UJesu wathi, "Gcina izimvu zami."
17 Wasesithi kuye okwesithathu, "Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, uyangithanda na?"

UPhethro wadabuka ngoba uJesu wambuza okwesithathu wathi, “Uyangithanda na?” Wathi, “Nkosi, uyazazi izinto zonke; uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.”

UJesu wathi, “Phana izimvu zami ukudla. 18 Ngikutshela iqiniso ngithi, usesemutsha wawuzigqokisa, uziyele lapho othanda khona; kodwa nxa usuluphele, uzakwelula izandla zakho, ugqokiswe ngomunye, akuhole akuse lapho ongafuni ukuya khona.” 19 UJesu wakutsho lokhu ebonisa indlela yokufa uPhethro ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo. Wasesithi kuye, “Ngilandela!”

20 UPhethro wanyemukula wabona umfundi uJesu ayemthanda ebalandela. (Nguye lowo oweyama kuJesu esidlweni, owabuzayo wathi, “Nkosi, ngubani ozakuthengisa?”) 21 UPhethro wathi embona wathi, “Nkosi, kanti lo-ke?”

22 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngifuna ukuthi asale ephila ngize ngibuye kulani lawe lokho? Wena kumele ungilandele.” 23 Ngenxa yalokhu, kwaba lehungahunga phakathi kwabazalwane lokuthi umfundi lo wayengezukufa. Kodwa uJesu katshongo ukuthi wayengezukufa; wathi nje kuphela, “Nxa ngifuna ukuthi asale ephila ngize ngibuye, kulani lawe lokho?”

24 Lo nguye umfundi ozifakazayo lezizinto, onguye owazibhala phansi. Siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buqotho.

25 UJesu wenza ezinye izinto ezinengi njalo. Aluba zonke zazingabhalwa phansi, ngibona ingathi lomhlaba wonke wawuzaswela indawo yezincwadi ezazingabhalwa.

Imisebenzi YabaPostoli

UJesu Wenyukiselwa Ezulwini

1 Encwadini yami yakuqala, Theyofelasi, ngalandisa ngakho konke uJesu akwenzayo lakufundisayo 2 kwaze kwafika usuku enyukiswa ngalo esiya ezulwini, esenike izeluleko ngoMoya oNgcwele kubapostoli ayebakhethile. 3 Ngemva kokuhlupheka kwakhe, waziveza kubo, wabapha iziqiniseko ezinengi njengobufakazi bokuthi wayephila. Wabonakala kubo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, ekhuluma ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. 4 Wathi esidla labo ngelinye ilanga wabalaya wathi, "Lingasuki eJerusalema, lilindele isipho esathenjiswa nguBaba, elangizwa ngikhuluma ngaso. 5 Ngoba uJohane wabhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa ngemva kwensuku ezimbalwa lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele."

6 Basebesithi gwaqa ndawonye bambuza bathi, "Nkosi, khathesi usuzabuyisela umbuso ko-Israyeli na?"

7 Wathi kubo: "Kakusikho kwenu ukwazi izikhathi loba insuku uBaba azimisileyo ngamandla akhe. 8 Kodwa lina lizakwamukela amandla nxa uMoya oNgcwele esefikile kini, njalo lizakuba ngofakazi bami eJerusalema lakulo lonke eleJudiya laseSamariya kanye lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba."

9 Esekutshilo lokhu, wenyukiswa phambi kwamehlo abo, iyezi lamfihla, abazabe besambona.

10 Babejolozele esibhakabhakeni ngesikhathi esenyuka, masinyazana nje kwema amadoda amabili eduze kwabo egqoke okumhlophe. 11 Athi kubo, "Madoda aseGalile, limeleni lapha lijolozele esibhakabhakeni na? UJesu lo osethethwe kini wasiwa ezulwini uzabuya ngayonale indlela elimbone esenyuka ngayo esiya ezulwini."

UMathiyasi Ukhethelwa Ukuba Sesikhundleni SikaJudasi

12 Basebebuyela eJerusalema besuka eNtabeni yama-Oliva, okungumango ongaba likhilomitha kusuka edolobheni. 13 Ekufikeni kwabo bakhuphukela endlini ephezulu lapho ababehlala khona. Ababelapho babebalisa:

uPhethro, uJohane, uJakhobe lo-Andreya;
uFiliphu loThomasi;
uBhatholomewu loMatewu;
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uSimoni umZilothi, loJudasi indodana kaJakhobe.

14 Bonke laba bahlangana kokuphela bekhuleka, bendawonye labesifazane lo-Mariya unina kaJesu kanye labafowabo bakaJesu.

15 Ngalezonsuku uPhethro wasukuma phakathi kwamakholwa (ixuku elalingafika ikhulu elilamatshumi amabili) 16 wathi, "Bazalwane, uMbhalo kwakumele ugcwaliseke, lokho okwakhulunywa nguMoya oNgcwele endulo ngomlomo kaDavida mayelana loJudasi owaba ngumkhokheli walabo ababopha uJesu. 17 Wayengomunye wenani lethu njalo waba lengxenye emsebenzini wethu wobuvangeli."

18 (Ngomvuzo awuzuzayo ngenxa yobubi bakhe, uJudasi wathenga isiqinti; khonapho wawa ngekhanda, isidumbu sakhe sadubuka, amathumbu akhe wonke agcwala phansi. 19 Bonke eJerusalema bezwa ngalokho, yikho babiza isiqinti leso ngolimi lwabo bathi yi-Akhelidama, okutsho iSiqinti seGazi.)

20 UPhethro wathi, "Ngoba kulotshiwe encwadini yamaHubo ukuthi:
'Sengathi indawo yakhe ingaba ngamanxiwa;

kungabi lamuntu ozahlala kuyo,’*
njalo,
‘Kakube lomunye ozathatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli.’†
21 Ngakho kufanele ukuba sikhethe omunye wamadoda abekade elathi isikhathi
sonke iNkosi uJesu isesephakathi kwethu, 22 kusukela ekubhaphathizweni kwakhe
nguJohane kuze kufike esikhathini lapho uJesu athathwa khona kithi. Ukuze omunye
wabo laba abe ngufakazi kanye lathi ngokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo.”
23 Ngakho basebemisa amadoda amabili, uJosefa owayethiwa nguBhasabhasi
(esaziwa njalo ngokuthi nguJustusi) loMathiyasi. 24 Basebekhuleka bathi, “Nkosi,
uyayazi inhliziyo yomuntu munye ngamunye. Sitshengise ukuthi nguphi phakathi
kwalaba ababili omkhethileyo 25 ukuba athathe lesisikhundla sobupostoli, uJudasi
asitshiyayo esiya lapho ayefanele khona.” 26 Basebesenza inkatho, yadla uMathiyasi,
wasesengezwa kubapostoli abalitshumi lanye.

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UMoya ONgcwele Uyehla NgePhentekhosti

1 Kwathi kufika usuku lwePhentekhosti, bonke babendawonye. 2 Masinyane nje
kwabakhona umsindo onjengokuvunguza komoya wesiphepho wehla uvela ezulwini,
wagcwala indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo. 3 Babona okwakungathi zinlimi ezinga-
malangabi omlilo ezehlukana zahlala komunye lomunye wabo. 4 Bonke bagcwaliswa
ngoMoya oNgcwele, basebeqalisa ukukhuluma ezinye izindimi njengokwaneliswa
kwabo nguMoya.
5 Ngalesosikhathi kwakuhlala amaJuda ayemesaba uNkulunkulu eJerusalema,
evela kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. 6 Athi ngokuzwa umsindo lo, kwabuthana
ixuku labantu bemangele ngoba omunye lomunye wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi
lwakhe. 7 Ngokumangala okukhulu babuza bathi, “Kanti bonke laba abakhu-
lumayo kabasimaGalile na? 8 Pho kungani omunye lomunye wethu ebezwa
bekhuluma ngolimi lwethu na? 9 AmaPhathiya, amaMede, ama-Elamu; izakhamizi
zaseMesophothamiya, lezeJudiya leKhaphadokhiya, lePhontusi le-Ezhiya, 10 leFirigiya
lePhamfiliya, leGibhithe lezingxenye zeLibhiya eduze leKhureni; izethekeli ezivela
eRoma 11 (amaJuda lamakholwa aphendukele enkolweni yesiJuda); amaKhrethe
lama-Arabhu, sibezwa befakaza izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu ngendimi zethu!”
12 Babedidekile bengelankani, babuzana bathi, “Kutshoni lokhu?”
13 Kodwa abanye benza inhlekisa ngabo bathi, “Banathe iwayini enengi bedlulisa.”

UPhethro Ukhuluma Phakathi Kwexuku Labantu

14 UPhethro wasesukuma labalitshumi lanye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhu-
luma emphakathini wathi, “Bantu bakithi elingamaJuda, lani lonke eliseJerusalema,
kahleni ngilichasisele lokhu; lalelisisani lokhu engikutshoyo. 15 Amadoda la
kawadakwanga njengokucabanga kwenu. Kuseselihola lesificamunwemunye nje
ekuseni! 16 Hatshi, lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa ngumphrofethi uJoweli ukuthi:
17 ‘Ngezinsuku zokucina, uNkulunkulu uthi,
Ngizathululela uMoya wami kubo bonke abantu.
Amadodana lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha,
izinsizwa zenu zizabona imibono,
lamaxhegu enu azaphupha amaphupho.
18 Lasezincekwini zami, ezesilisa lezesifazane,
ngizawuthulula uMoya wami ngalezonsuku,
njalo bazaphrofitha.

* **1:20** 1.20 AmaHubo 69.25 † **1:20** 1.20 AmaHubo 109.8

19 Ngizatshengisa izimanga ezulwini phezulu,
lezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi,
igazi lomlilo lezikhatha zentuthu.
20 Ilanga lizaphendulwa libe yibumnyama,
lenyanga ibeligazi
phambi kokuba kufike usuku olukhulu lukaThixo, olukhazimulayo.
21 Njalo wonke obiza
ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa.’*
22 Bantu bako-Israyeli, lalelani lokhu: UJesu waseNazaretha wayeyindoda eyamiswa nguNkulunkulu kini, ngezimangaliso lezibonakaliso uNkulunkulu azenzayo phakathi kwenu ngaye, njengoba lina ngokwenu lisazi. 23 Umuntu lo wanikelwa kini ngecebo likaNkulunkulu ayelimisile langolwazi lokuzayo; njalo lina lincediswa ngabantu ababi,† lambulala ngokumbethela esiphambanweni. 24 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, wamkhulula ebuhlungwini bokufa ngoba ukufa kwakungelamandla okumncindezela. 25 UDavida wathi ngaye:
‘Ngayibona iNkosi iphambi kwami kokuphela.
Njengoba isesandleni sami sokunene,
angiyi kunyikinywa.
26 Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathaba
lolimi lwami luyathokoza;
umzimba wami lawo uzahlala ulethemba,
27 ngoba kawuzukungidela ukuba ngiye endaweni yabafileyo,
njalo kawusoze wekele ongcwele wakho
ukuthi abone ukubola.
28 Ungazisile izindlela zempilo;
uzangigcwalisa ngentokozo phambi kwakho.’‡
29 Bazalwane, ngilitshela ngilesibindi ukuthi ukhokho uDavida wafa wangcwatshwa, njalo ithuna lakhe likhona khonapha kuze kube lamuhla. 30 Kodwa wayengumphrofethi, ekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayemthembisile ngesifungo ukuthi wayezabeka omunye wesizukulwane sakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 31 Ngoba ebona okwakuphambili, wakhuluma ngokuvuka kukaKhristu kwabafileyo, ukuthi kazange atshiywe endaweni yabafileyo njalo umzimba wakhe kawukubonanga ukubola. 32 UNkulunkulu usemvusile uJesu lo waphila, thina sonke singofakazi balokho. 33 Njengoba esekhutshulelwe ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, usamukele kuYise uMoya oNgcwele owathenjiswayo njalo usekuthulule lokho elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. 34 Ngoba uDavida kenyukanga ukuya ezulwini, kodwa wathi,
‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
“Hlala ngakwesokunene sami
35 ngize ngenze izitha zakho
zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho.”§’
36 Ngakho-ke, u-Israyeli wonke kaqiniseke ngalokhu: uNkulunkulu usenze uJesu lo elambethelayo waba yiNkosi loKhristu.”
37 Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathinteka kakhulu ezinhliziyweni, bathi kuPhethro labanye abapostoli, “Bazalwane, senze njani na?”
38 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Phendukani libhaphathizwe lonke, ebizweni likaJesu Khristu ukuze lithethelelwe izono zenu. Njalo lizakwamukela isipho soMoya

* **2:21** 2.21 UJoweli 2.28-32 † **2:23** 2.23 kumbe ngabantu abangelamthetho (okutsho abaZizwe) ‡ **2:28** 2.28 AmaHubo 16.8-11 § **2:35** 2.35 AmaHubo 110.1

oNgcwele. 39 Isithembiso ngesenu labantwabenu labo bonke abakude, lesabo bonke
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababiza.”
40 Wabaxwayisa langamanye amazwi amanengi; njalo wabancenga wathi,
“Zisindiseni kulesisizukulwane esonakeleyo.” 41 Labo abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe
babhaphathizwa, kwengezwa enanini labo mhlalokho abangaba zinkulungwane
ezintathu.

Ubudlelwano Bamakholwa

42 Bayikhuthalela imfundiso yabapostoli kanye lokudlelana, lokuhlephuna isinkwa
lokukhuleka. 43 Wonke umuntu wagcwala ukwesaba ngezimanga lezibonakaliso
ezenziwa ngabapostoli. 44 Wonke amakholwa ayendawonye, ehlanganyela kukho
konke. 45 Athengisa izinto zawo lempahla zawo anika loba ngubani oswelayo.
46 Insuku zonke aqhubeka ehlangana emagumeni ethempeli njalo ehlephuna
isinkwa emakhaya awo esidla ndawonye ngezinhliziyo ezimhlophe lezithobekileyo,
47 edumisa uNkulunkulu njalo ethakazelelwa ngabantu bonke. Njalo iNkosi yengeza
inani lawo insuku zonke ngalabo abasebesindisiwe.

3

UPhethro Usilisa Isiceli Esigogekileyo

1 Ngelinye ilanga uPhethro loJohane babesiya ethempelini ngesikhathi
sokukhuleka, ngehola lesithathu emini. 2 Indoda eyayigogekile kusukele ekuzalweni
kwayo, yayithwalwa isiwe esangweni lethempeli elalibizwa ngokuthi liSango
Elihle, lapho eyayibekwa khona nsuku zonke ukuthi icele kulabo ababengena
emagumeni ethempeli. 3 Yathi ibona uPhethro loJohane bengena yabacela imali.
4 UPhethro loJohane bayijolozela. UPhethro wasesithi, “Sikhangela!” 5 Ngakho
indoda yabakhangela, ithembe ukuthi izazuza ulutho kubo.
6 UPhethro wasesithi, “Isiliva kumbe igolide kangilakho, kodwa engilakho ngiyaku-
nika. Ebizweni likaJesu Khristu waseNazaretha, sukuma uhambe.” 7 Wambamba
ngesandla sokudla wamsukumisa, masinyane nje inyawo lenqagala zakhe kwaqina.
8 Wathi lothu ngezinyawo zakhe wahle wahamba. Wasehamba labo ethempelini,
ezihambela, eseqa njalo edumisa uNkulunkulu. 9 Kwathi abantu bonke bembona
ehamba edumisa uNkulunkulu, 10 bamnanzelela ukuthi nguye owayehlala ecela
esangweni lethempeli lelo, bamangala baphela amandla ngalokho okwakwenzakele
kuye.

UPhethro Ukhuluma Lababukeleyo

11 Isiceli sisathe sece kuPhethro loJohane, bonke abantu bamangala beza kubo
begijima endaweni eyayithiwa liKhulusi likaSolomoni. 12 UPhethro wathi ekubona
lokhu wathi kubo, “Bantu bako-Israyeli, kungani kulimangalisa lokhu na? Kungani
lisijolozela sengathi ngamandla ethu loba ukholo lwethu okwenze umuntu lo
wahamba na? 13 UNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe, uNkulunkulu
wabokhokho bethu useyikhazimulisile inceku yakhe uJesu. Lamnikela ukuba
abulawe, lamphika phambi kukaPhilathu, loba yena wayesemise ukuthi amyekele
ahambe. 14 Lamphika oNgcwele njalo oLungileyo, lacela ukuthi likhululelwe
umbulali. 15 Lambulala umsunguli wokuphila, kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa
kwabafileyo. Singofakazi bakho lokhu. 16 Ngokukholwa ebizweni likaJesu, indoda le
eliyibonayo, eliyaziyo, yenziwe yaqina. Kungenxa yebizo likaJesu lokukholwa okuza
ngaye okulethe ukusila okupheleleyo kuyo njengoba lonke libona.
17 Manje-ke bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi lakwenza ngokungazi, njengoba
labakhokheli benu labo babengazi. 18 Kodwa yiyo indlela uNkulunkulu agcwalisa
ngayo lokho ayekutshilo ngaphambilini ngabo bonke abaphrofethi, esithi uKhristu

wakhe wayezahlupheka. 19 Ngakho phendukani, libuyele kuNkulunkulu ukuze izono
zenu zesulwe, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokuhlambulula okuvela eNkosini, 20 lokuthi
ithumele uKhristu omiselwe lina, yena uJesu. 21 Kumele ahlale ezulwini kuze
kufike isikhathi lapho uNkulunkulu azaqondisa konke ngaso, njengokuthembisa
kwakhe endulo ngabaphrofethi bakhe abangcwele. 22 Ngoba uMosi wathi, 'INkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami;
libokulalela konke alitshela khona. 23 Loba ngubani ongayikumlalela uzakususwa
ngokupheleleyo ebantwini bakibo.'*

24 Ngempela, bonke abaphrofethi kusukela kuSamuyeli, bonke abaphrofethi
baphrofitha ngazo insuku lezi. 25 Lina lizindlalifa zabo abaphrofethi kanye
lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza labokhokho benu. Wathi ku-Abhrahama, 'Bonke
abantu bomhlaba bazabusiswa ngesizukulwane sakho.'† 26 Kuthe uNkulunkulu
eseyimisile inceku yakhe, wayithumela kuqala kini ukuba ilibusise ngokuphendula
omunye lomunye wenu ezindleleni zenu zobubi."

4

UPhethro LoJohane Phambi KweSanihedrini

1 Abaphristi lomlawuli wabalindi bethempeli kanye lamaSadusi beza kuPhethro
loJohane belokhu besakhuluma labantu. 2 Bakhathazeka kakhulu ngoba aba-
postoli babefundisa abantu betshumayela ukuthi kuJesu kulokuvuka kwabafileyo.
3 Babamba uPhethro loJohane, kwathi ngenxa yokuthi kwasekuntambama, babafaka
entolongweni kwaze kwaba kusasa. 4 Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi bakholwa,
inani lamadoda lakhula okungaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

5 Ngosuku olulandelayo ababusi, abadala, labafundisi bomthetho babuthana
eJerusalema. 6 U-Anasi umphristi omkhulu, uKhayifasi, uJohane, u-Alekizanda
labanye abendlu yomphristi omkhulu. 7 Bathi uPhethro loJohane balethwe, baqala
ukubathonisa besithi, "Lokhu likwenze ngamandla bani kumbe ngaliphi ibizo na?"

8 UPhethro egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wathi kubo, "Babusi labadala babantu!
9 Nxa sibekwa umlandu lamuhla ngesenzo somusa owenzelwe indoda ebiyisigoga,
besesibuzwa ukuthi isiliswe njani, 10 yazini lokhu, lina kanye labo bonke abantu bako-
Israyeli; kungenxa yamandla kaJesu Khristu waseNazaretha elambethelayo kodwa
uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, yiwo enza indoda le ime phambi kwenu isilile
ngokupheleleyo. 11 Yena uyilo

'ilitshe lina abakhi elalilahlayo,
khathesi seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni.'*

12 Kakho omunye okulensindiso kuye; phela kalikho elinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu
elaphiwa abantu ukuthi sisindiswe ngalo."

13 Bathi ngokubona isibindi sikaPhethro loJohane njalo benanzelela ukuthi
ngabantu makhaza, ababengafundanga, batsha amathe, bakunanzelela ukuthi
amadoda la ake aphila loJesu. 14 Kodwa njengoba babeyibona indoda eyayisilisiwe
imi khonapho labo, baswela ukuthi bangathini. 15 Ngakho kwathiwa kaba-
suke emphakathini weSanihedrini, umphakathi wasala uhlanganisa amakhanda.
16 Babuzana bathi, "Kambe senzeni ngamadoda la? Bonke abahlala eJerusalema
bayakwazi ukuthi benze umangaliso obabazekayo, lathi asingeke sikulandule lokho.
17 Kodwa ukuze into le siyimise ukuthi ingasabalali phakathi kwabantu, kasibaqon-
qoseleni ukuthi bangaphindi bakhulume lakubani ngebizo leli."

* **3:23** 3.23 UDutheronomi 18.15, 18, 19 † **3:25** 3.25 UGenesisi 22.18; 26.4 * **4:11** 4.11 AmaHubo 118.22

18 Basebebabiza njalo, babalaya ukuthi bangaqali ukukhuluma loba ukufundisa
ngebizo likaJesu. 19 Kodwa uPhethro loJohane baphendula bathi, “Yikuphi okuqondi-
leyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kumbe ukulalela uNkulunkulu?
Kwahluleleni lokho. 20 Thina ngokwethu asingeke siyekele ukukhuluma ngalokho
esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo.”
21 Sebebaqonqosele njalo babakhulula. Baswela ukuthi babengabajezisa njani,
ngoba abantu bonke babemdumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho okwakwenzakele.
22 Ngoba leyondoda eyasiliswa ngesimanga yayileminyaka engamatshumi amane
ubudala.

Umkhuleko Wamakholwa

23 Ekukhululweni kwabo uPhethro loJohane babuyela ebantwini bakibo,
bababikela konke okwakukhulunywe kibo ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala.
24 Sebekuzwile lokhu, baphakamisa amazwi abo bonke bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu.
Bathi, “Thixo Nkosi, wena wenza amazulu lomhlaba, lolwandle lakho konke
okukuwo. 25 Wena wakhuluma ngoMoya oNgcwele ngomlomo wenceku yakho,
ubaba wethu uDavida wathi:
‘Kungani izizwe zixokozela,
labantu besakha amacebo ngeze?
26 Amakhosi omhlaba ayahloma ajame
lababusi bahlangana ndawonye
bemelana loThixo
lalowo Ogcotshiweyo wakhe.’†
27 Ngempela uHerodi loPhontiyasi Philathu bahlangana labeZizwe kanye labantu
bako-Israyeli baceba ngenceku yakho engcwele, uJesu owamgcobayo. 28 Benza
lokho okwakumiswe ngaphambilini ngamandla akho layintando yakho ukuthi
kwakuzakwenzakala. 29 Ngakho, Nkosi, zwana ukusonga kwabo, uphe izinceku zakho
amandla ukuthi zilikhulume ilizwi lakho ngesibindi esikhulu. 30 Yelula isandla sakho
ukusilisa lokwenza imimangaliso lezimanga ngebizo lenceku yakho engcwele uJesu.”
31 Sebekhulekile, indawo ababekuyo yazamazama. Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya
oNgcwele, balikhuluma ngesibindi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

Amakholwa Ayahlanganyela Kuyo Yonke Impahla Yawo

32 Wonke amakholwa ayenhliziyo nye njalo engqondo nye. Kakho owathi okwakhe
ngokwakhe yedwa kodwa babelana konke ababelakho. 33 Abapostoli baqhubeka
ukufakaza ngamandla amakhulu ngokuvuka kweNkosi uJesu kwabafileyo, bonke
babusiseka kakhulu. 34 Kakho owayeswela phakathi kwabo. Kwakusithi izikhathi
ngezikhathi labo ababe leziqinti loba izindlu bazithengise balethe imali abathengise
ngayo 35 bayethule ebapostolini, yabelwe loba ngubani ngokuswela kwakhe.
36 UJosefa, umLevi waseSiphrasi, abapostoli ababembiza ngokuthi nguBhanabhasi
(okutsho ukuthi, iNdodana yeNkuthazo), 37 wathengisa isivande sakhe waletha imali
wayethula phambi kwabapostoli.

5

U-Ananiya LoSafira

1 Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya ilomkayo uSafira labo bathengisa isiqinti sabo.
2 Wavumelana lomkakhe ukuthi afihle enye imali ibe ngeyabo, kwathi enye
wayethula kubapostoli.
3 UPhethro wasesithi, “Ananiya, kungani uSathane esegabhele inhliziyo yakho
usuze uqamba amanga kuMoya oNgcwele, wazigcinela ingxenye yemali eliyizuzileyo

† **4:26** 4.26 AmaHubo 2.1-2

ngesiqinti senu na? 4 Kanti besingesisenu yini singakathengiswa? Njalo lapho
sesithengisiwe, imali ibingaqondananga lani na? Kuyini okubangele ukuthi ucabange
ukwenza into enje na? Kawuqambelanga muntu lawo manga, kodwa uwaqambele
uNkulunkulu.”
5 U-Ananiya wonela ukukuzwa lokhu, wawela phansi wafa. Bonke abezwa
ngalesisehlakalo bangenwa yikwesaba okukhulu. 6 Kwasekungena amajaha agoqela
isidumbu sakhe amthwalela phandle, ayamngcwaba.
7 Ngemva kwamahola amathathu umkakhe laye wangena engazi okwasekwenza-
kele. 8 UPhethro wambuza wathi, “Ake ungitshele, yiyo yini le intengo eliyizuzileyo
wena lo-Ananiya esiqintini senu?”
Wathi, “Yebo, yiyo intengo yaso.”
9 UPhethro wathi kuye, “Kungani livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi na? Lalela!
Yizisinde zamadoda asengcwabe umkakho esezisemnyango, bazakuthwala lawe
futhi.”
10 Khonokho wasakazeka phansi eduze kukaPhethro, wafa. Asengena amajaha
yena esefile, amthwala aphuma laye ayamngcwaba malungana lomkakhe. 11 Ibandla
lonke lafikelwa yikwesaba okukhulu kanye labo bonke abazizwayo lezizehlakalo.

AbaPostoli Basilisa Abanengi

12 Abapostoli benza imimangaliso lezimanga ezinengi ebantwini. Amakholwa
wonke ayevame ukuhlangana ndawonye eKhulusini likaSolomoni. 13 Kakho omunye
owaqunga isibindi wahlangana labo, lanxa kunjalo babalodumo ebantwini. 14 Lanxa
kunjalo, amadoda labafazi abanengi bakholwa eNkosini, bengezelela ubunengi
babo. 15 Kwathi ngenxa yalokho, abantu baletha abagulayo ezitaladini, babalalisa
emibhedeni lemacansini ukuze isithunzi sikaPhethro sisithe abanye babo lapho
esedlula kuphela nje. 16 Amaxuku abantu abuthana eqhamuka emizini eyayiseduze
kweJerusalema, eletha abagulayo lalabo ababehlukuluzwa yimimoya emibi, bonke
basiliswa.

Ukuhlukuluzwa Kwabapostoli

17 Kwasekusithi umphristi omkhulu kanye leqembu lakhe elalingelexuku
labaSadusi bangenwa ngumhawu. 18 Babababopha abapostoli babaphosela ento-
longweni yomuntu wonke. 19 Kodwa ebusuku ingilosi yeNkosi yavula iminyango
yentolongo yabakhupha. 20 Yathi, “Hambani liyekuma emagumeni ethempeli, litshele
abantu lonke ilizwi lempilo entsha.”
21 Kwathi emadabukakusa bahle bangena emagumeni ethempeli, bafundisa abantu
njengokutshelwa kwabo.
Ekufikeni komphristi omkhulu leqembu lakhe bahle babiza iSanihedrini; inkundla
yonke yabadala bako-Israyeli bathumela ilizwi entolongweni lokuthi kulethwe
abapostoli, 22 kodwa izithunywa zathi zifika entolongweni zafumana bengasekho.
Ngakho zasezibuyela zayabika zathi, 23 “Sifumane intolongo ivalwe kuhle labalindi
bemi eminyango; kodwa sithe siyivula kasibonanga muntu phakathi.” 24 Induna
yabalindi bethempeli kanye labaphristi abakhulu bathi bekuzwa lokhu batsha
amathe, bamangala ukuthi into le yayikhombani.
25 Kwasekufika omunye umuntu wathi, “Zwanini! Amadoda eliwaphosele entolong-
weni emi emagumeni ethempeli afundisa abantu.” 26 Besizwa lokho, induna yahle
yasuka lamanxusa ayo bayabuya labapostoli. Kabasebenzisanga udlakela ngoba
besesaba ukuthi abantu babengabakhanda ngamatshe.
27 Sebebalethile abapostoli, babamisa phambi kweSanihedrini ukuthi bathonisiswe
ngumphristi omkhulu. 28 Wathi, “Saliqonqosela ukuthi lingafundisi ngebizo leli.

Kodwa seligcwalise iJerusalema ngemfundiso yenu njalo lizimisele ukusethesa umlandu ngegazi lomuntu lo.”
29 UPhethro labanye abapostoli baphendula bathi, “Kumele silalele uNkulunkulu kulokulalela abantu! 30 UNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu wamvusa uJesu kwabafileyo, yena elalimbulele ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni. 31 UNkulunkulu wamphakamisela kwesokunene sakhe waba yiNkosana loMsindisi ukuze anike ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwa kwezono ku-Israyeli. 32 Thina singofakazi balezizinto, njengaye uMoya oNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike kulabo abamlalelayo.”
33 Bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, bafuna ukuthi babulawe. 34 Kodwa umFarisi owayethiwa nguGamaliyeli, engumfundisi womthetho, ehlonitshwa nga-bantu bonke, wasukuma wema phambi kweSanihedrini wathi amadoda lawo ake amiswe phandle kancane. 35 Wasesithi emphakathini weSanihedrini, “Madoda ako-Israyeli, cabangani kuhle ngalokhu elifuna ukukwenza emadodeni la. 36 Ngesikhathi esadlulayo kwafika uThewuda ezitshaya umuntu oqakathekileyo, wahuga amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane. Wabulawa, bonke abalandeli bakhe bahlakazeka, konke kwaphelela emoyeni. 37 Ngemva kwakhe, uJudasi umGalile laye wavela ngezinsuku zokubalwa kwabantu, wakhokhela ixuku labantu ukuba lihlamuke. Laye wabulawa, labalandeli bakhe bonke bahlakazeka. 38 Ngakho, mayelana lalindaba yamanje ngixwayisa lokhu: Bayekeleni abantu laba! Kabahambe! Ngoba nxa inhloso yabo kumbe umkhankaso wabo uvela ebantwini, uzakuba yize. 39 Kodwa nxa uvela kuNkulunkulu, kalisoze libe lamandla okubamisa lababantu; lizazifumana seliphikisana loNkulunkulu.”
40 Inkulumo yakhe bayamukela. Bababiza abapostoli bangeniswa kwathiwa kabatshaywe. Basebeqonqoselwa ukuthi bangaqali ukukhuluma ngebizo likaJesu, basebekhululwa.
41 Abapostoli basuka eSanihedrini bethokoza ngoba basebebonakalisile ukuthi bangalimela ihlazo lokulihluphekela iBizo. 42 Insuku ngensuku, emagumeni ethempeli, njalo behamba bengena indlu ngendlu, kabazange bame ukufundisa lokutshumayela izindaba ezinhle ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu.

6

Ukukhethwa Kwabayisikhombisa

1 Ngalezonsuku inani labafundi lisanda, amaJuda esiGrikhi ayephakathi kwabo akhonona kulabo ababengamaHebheru ngoba abafelokazi babo babengananzwa nxa kusabiwa ukudla ngezinsuku zonke. 2 Ngakho abalitshumi lambili bahlanganisa bonke abafundi ndawonye bathi, “Kuyabe kungalunganga kithi ukuthi siyekethise ukutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu silibale ngokulungiselana ukudla. 3 Bazalwane, khethani amadoda ayisikhombisa phakathi kwenu aziwayo ukuthi agcwele uMoya lokuhlakanipha. Umlandu lo sizawubekela wona 4 thina siqinise ukukhuleka lokutshumayela ilizwi.”
5 Umbono lo walithokozisa ixuku lonke. Bakhetha uStefane, indoda eyayigcwele ukukholwa loMoya oNgcwele; uFiliphu, uPhrokhorusi, uNikhanori, uThimoni, uPhamenasi loNikholasi wase-Antiyokhi, ikholwa elaphendukela enkolweni yesiJuda. 6 Amadoda la ethulwa kubapostoli, abakhuleka bawabeka izandla.
7 Ngakho ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lamemetheka. Inani labafundi eJerusalema landa ngokuphangisa, kwathi lenani elikhulu labaphristi layilandela inkolo.

UStefane Uyabotshwa

8 Kwathi uStefane, indoda eyayigcwele umusa kaNkulunkulu, lamandla, yenza izimanga lemimangaliso phakathi kwabantu. 9 Kwasekuvela umona usuka emalungeni

eSinagogu yabaKhululekileyo (njengokubizwa kwakhona) bengamaJuda aseKhureni le-Alekizandriya kanye lasemikhonweni yaseSilisiya le-Ezhiya. Abantu laba basuka basebephikisana loStefane, 10 kodwa behluleka ukumelana lenhlakanipho yakhe kumbe uMoya ayekhuluma ngawo.

11 Basebefunza abanye abantu amazwi ngasese ukuthi bathi, “Simzwile uStefane ekhuluma amazwi ahlambaza uMosi kanye loNkulunkulu.”

12 Ngaleyondlela badungulula abantu labadala kanye labafundisi bomthetho. Bambopha uStefane bamletha phambi kweSanihedrini. 13 Baveza ofakazi bamanga abafakaza bathi, “Indoda le kayikhawuli ukukhuluma kubi ngendawo engcwele langomthetho. 14 Ngoba sesimuzwe esithi uJesu lo waseNazaretha uzayibhidliza indawo le njalo aguqule imikhuba uMosi asipha yona.”

15 Bonke ababehlezi phakathi kweSanihedrini bamnanzelela uStefane babona ukuthi ubuso bakhe babufana lobuso bengilosi.

7

Inkulumo KaStefane ESanihedrini

1 Ngakho umphristi omkhulu wasembuza wathi, “Ukumangalelwa konke lokhu kuliqiniso na?”

2 Kulokhu waphendula wathi: “Bafowethu labobaba ake lingilalele! UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo waziveza kubaba wethu u-Abhrahama esahlala eMesophothamiya, engakahlali eHarani. 3 UNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Tshiya ilizwe lakini labantu bakini uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona.’*

4 Ngakho wasuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya wayahlala eHarani. Ngemva kokufa kukayise, uNkulunkulu wamletha kuleli ilizwe lapho eselihlala khona manje. 5 Kamuphanga lifa lapha loba nje isiqintshana somhlabathi. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamthembisa ukuthi yena lezizukulwane zakhe ngemva kwakhe babezalizuza ilizwe lelo libe ngelabo, loba nje ngalesosikhathi u-Abhrahama wayengelamntwana. 6 UNkulunkulu wakhuluma laye kanje: ‘Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba ngabezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lazo okweminyaka engamakhulu amane, njalo zizagqilazwa, zihlukuluzwe. 7 Ngizasijezisa lesosizwe esibagqilazayo,’† kusitsho uNkulunkulu, ‘emva kwalokho bazaphuma kulelolizwe bangikhonze kuyonale indawo.’ 8 Wasenika u-Abhrahama isivumelwano sokusoka. U-Abhrahama waba nguyise ka-Isaka, wamsoka ngemva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili ezelwe. Ngemva kwalokho u-Isaka waba nguyise kaJakhobe, uJakhobe yena waba nguyise wabokhokho abalitshumi lambili.

9 Ngenxa yokuthi okhokho babalomhawu ngoJosefa, bamthengisela eGibhithe njengesigqili. Kodwa uNkulunkulu waba laye 10 wamephula kuzozonke inhlupho zakhe. Wanika uJosefa inhlakanipho, wamenza wathandwa nguFaro, inkosi yaseGibhithe. Yona yasimenza umbusi eGibhithe lakuso sonke isigodlo sakhe.

11 Indlala yasihlasela lonke elaseGibhithe leleKhenani, kwaba lobunzima obukhulu ngoba okhokho bethu bakuswela ukudla. 12 UJakhobe esezwile ukuthi amabele ayekhona eGibhithe, wathuma okhokho bethu ekuhambeni kwabo kwakuqala. 13 Sebesiya khona okwesibili, uJosefa wabatshela abanewabo ukuthi wayengubani, njalo uFaro waziswa ngabakibo kaJosefa. 14 Ngemva kwalokho uJosefa wasebiza uyise uJakhobe ukuthi eze labendlu yakhe bonke, kungabantu abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu sebebonke. 15 Ngakho uJakhobe wasesehlela kweleGibhithe lapho afela khona yena kanye labokhokho bethu. 16 Izidumbu zabo zabuyiswa eShekhemu zabekwa ethuneni elathengwa ngu-Abhrahama emadodaneni kaHamori eShekhemu ngemali ethile.

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* **7:3** 7.3 UGenesisi 12.1 † **7:7** 7.7 UGenesisi 15.13-14

17 Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele esokuthi uNkulunkulu agcwalise isithembiso sakhe
ku-Abhrahama, inani labantu bakithi eGibhithe landa ngamandla. 18 Kwasekusiba
'lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho ngoJosefa yaba ngumbusi eGibhithe.'‡ 19 Yaba lesihluku
ebantwini bakithi, yancindezela okhokho bethu ngokubabamba ngamandla ukuthi
balahlele khatshana insane zabo ezisanda kuzalwa ukuthi zife.
20 Ngalesosikhathi uMosi wazalwa, njalo engasumntwana makhaza. Okwezinyanga
ezintathu wondliwa endlini kayise. 21 Kwathi esebekwe phandle, indodakazi
kaFaro yamthatha yamkhulisa njengomntanayo. 22 UMosi wafundiswa kuyo yonke
inhlakanipho yamaGibhithe, eligagu lokukhuluma lokwenza.
23 Kwathi uMosi eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane obudala, wacabanga ukuya
kwethekelela abantu bakibo, abako-Israyeli. 24 Wabona omunye wabo ehlukuluzwa
ngumGibhithe, ngakho wayamlamulela, wenanisa ngokubulala umGibhithe lowo.
25 UMosi wakhumbula ukuthi abantu bakibo babezakunanzelela ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wayemsebenzisa ukuthi abakhulule, kodwa kabakunanzelelanga. 26 Ngosuku
olulandelayo uMosi wawela phezu kwabako-Israyeli ababili ababesilwa. Wazama
ukubalamula ngokuthi, 'Madoda, liyizinini; kungani lihlukuluzana kangaka na?'
27 Kodwa leyondoda eyayihlukuluza eyinye, yamfuqela eceleni uMosi yathi,
'Ngubani okwenze umbusi lomahluli phezu kwethu? 28 Ufuna ukungibulala
njengomGibhithe ombuleleyo izolo?'§ 29 UMosi wathi ekuzwa lokho wabalekela
eMidiyani, lapho ahlala khona njengesizwe, wazala khona amadodana amabili.
30 Sekwedlule iminyaka engamatshumi amane, ingilosi yavela kuMosi iselangabini
lesixuku esibhebhayo enkangala eduze kweNtaba iSinayi. 31 Wathi ekubona
lokhu wamangala kakhulu ngalowombono. Wathi uyasondela ukuthi abonisise,
wezwa ilizwi likaThixo lisithi: 32 'NginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Abhrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe.'* UMosi wathuthumela ngokwesaba wehluleka
ukukhangela.
33 INkosi yasisithi kuye, 'Khupha amanyathela akho, ngoba indawo omi kuyo
ingumhlabathi ongcwele. 34 Ngempela sengikubonile ukuhlukuluzeka kwabantu
bami eGibhithe. Sengikuzwile ukububula kwabo, ngakho sengibuyile phansi lapha
ukuzebakhulula. Manje-ke zwana, ngizakubuyisela eGibhithe.'†
35 Nguye kanye uMosi lo ababemalile ngamazwi athi, 'Ngubani okwenze um-
busi lomahluli na?' Wathunyelwa ukuba ngumbusi lomkhululi nguNkulunkulu
mathupha, ngengilosi eyabonakala kuye isesixukwini. 36 Wabakhokhela baphuma
elizweni laseGibhithe, wenza izimanga lemimangaliso eGibhithe lasolwandle ol-
ubomvu kanye lasenkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala.
37 Nguye lo uMosi owatshela abako-Israyeli wathi, 'UNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela
umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami.'‡ 38 Wayephakathi kwebandla
enkangala, elabokhokho bethu njalo elayo ingilosi eyakhuluma kuye eNtabeni
yaseSinayi; njalo wemukela amazwi okuphila ukuthi awedlulisele kithi.
39 Kodwa okhokho bethu bala ukumlalela. Bamala, kwathi ezinhliziyweni zabo
babuyela eGibhithe. 40 Batshela u-Aroni bathi, 'Yenza onkulunkulu abazasikhokhela.
UMosi lo owasikhupha eGibhithe asisakwazi ukuthi usedliwe yini!'§ 41 Yiso
lesosikhathi abenza ngaso isithombe esasilesimo sethole. Baletha imihlatshelo kulo,
benza umkhosi wokuthakazelela lokho okwenziwa yizandla zabo. 42 Kodwa uNku-
lunkulu wabafulathela, wabakhalala ukuba bakhonze ilanga, inyanga lezinkanyezi.
Lokhu kuvumelana lalokho okulotshiweyo encwadini yabaphrofethi ukuthi:
'Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli,

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‡ **7:18** 7.18 U-Eksodasi 1.8 § **7:28** 7.28 U-Eksodasi 2.14 * **7:32** 7.32 U-Eksodasi 3.6 † **7:34** 7.34 U-Eksodasi 3.5, 7, 8, 10 ‡ **7:37** 7.37 UDutheronomi 18.15 § **7:40** 7.40 U-Eksodasi 32.1

langilethela na imihlatshelo leminikelo
ngeminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala?
43 Hatshi, lathwala isikhonzelo sikaMoleki
lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uRefani,
izithombe elazenzayo ukuthi lizikhonze.
Ngakho-ke, ngizalixotshela ekuthunjweni’* ngale kweBhabhiloni.
44 Okhokho bethu babelalo ithabanikeli lobufakazi enkangala. Lalenziwe njengokuqondiswa kukaMosi nguNkulunkulu elandela isimo ayesibonile. 45 Sebelamukele ithala okhokho bethu bengaphansi kukaJoshuwa beza lalo ekuthumbeni kwabo izizwe. Lahlala elizweni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaDavida, 46 owathandwa nguNkulunkulu, wacela ukuthi alungisele uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe indawo yokuhlala.
47 Kodwa kwaba nguSolomoni owamakhelayo leyondlu.
48 Lanxa kunjalo, oPhezukonke kahlali ezindlini ezakhiwe ngabantu. Njengoba esitsho umphrofethi ukuthi:
49 ‘Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi,
lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami.
Lizangakhela ndlu bani?
kutsho iNkosi.
Kambe izaba ngaphi indawo yami yokuphumula na?
50 Izinto zonke lezi kazenziwanga yisandla sami na?’†
51 Lina ziqholo zabantu, abanhliziyo lezindlebe ezingasokanga! Lifuze oyihlo: Lihlezi lijamelene loMoya oNgcwele! 52 Kambe kwake kwabakhona umphrofethi oyihlo abangazange bamhlukuluze na? Baze bababulala lalabo abaphrofetha ngokuza koLungileyo. Khathesi selimnikele lambulala, 53 lina eseliwemukele umthetho oweza ngezingilosi kodwa kaliwulandelanga.”

UStefane Ukhandwa Ngamatshe

54 Amalunga eSanihedrini esekuzwile lokhu azonda, afuthelana, amgedlela amazinyo. 55 Kodwa uStefane egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wakhangela ezulwini wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu loJesu emi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 56 Wathi, “Khangelani, ngibona izulu livuliwe leNdodana yoMuntu imi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu.”
57 Besizwa lokhu bagcika indlebe zabo, baklabalala, bamdumela 58 bamhudulela phandle kwedolobho, bamkhanda ngamatshe. Ofakazi babeka izigqoko zabo phambi kwejaha elalithiwa nguSawuli.
59 Kwathi belokhu bemkhanda uStefane wakhuleka wathi, “Nkosi Jesu, yamukela umoya wami.” 60 Wathi vutshalala ngamadolo phansi wamemeza wathi, “Nkosi, ungababekeli mlandu ngalesisono.” Kuthe esetsho lokho, walala.

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1 LoSawuli wayekhona evumelana lokubulawa kwakhe.

Ukuhlukuluzwa Lokuhlakazeka Kwebandla

Ngalelolanga kwaqalisa isiphithiphithi esibi sokuhlukuluza ibandla eJerusalema, kwathi bonke ngaphandle kwabapostoli bahlakazeka kulolonke iJudiya leSamariya.
2 Abantu abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bamngcwaba uStefane bamlilela kabuhlungu.
3 Kodwa uSawuli waqalisa ukulichitha ibandla. Wahamba engena izindlu ngezindlu ephuthuma abesilisa labesifazane esiyabaphosela entolongweni.

UFiliphu EseSamariya

* **7:43** 7.43 U-Amosi 5.25-27 † **7:50** 7.50 U-Isaya 66.1-2

4 Labo ababehlakazekile balitshumayela ilizwi loba kungaphi abaya khona.
5 UFiliphu wehlela edolobheni elithile eSamariya watshumayela ngoKhristu khonale.
6 Kwathi amaxuku abantu emuzwa uFiliphu njalo ebona izibonakaliso ayezenza
bonke bakulalelisisa lokho ayekukhuluma. 7 Omoya ababi baphuma ebantwini
abanengi beklabalala njalo abanengi ababome imihlubulo labayizilima basiliswa.
8 Ngakho kwaba lentokozo enkulu kulelodolobho.

USimoni Umenzi Wamasalamusi

9 Okwesikhathi esithile indoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni yayisenza amasalamusi
edolobheni lelo yamangalisa bonke abantu baseSamariya. Wayezikhukhumeza
ezitshaya umuntu omkhulu, 10 njalo bonke abantu, abaphakemeyo labantukazana
bambuthanela bababaza bathi, “Indoda le kuqondile ibizwa ngokuthi ingaMandla
amakhulu kaNkulunkulu.” 11 Bamlandela ngoba wayebamangalisile okwesikhathi
eside ngamasalamusi akhe. 12 Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe uFiliphu etshumayela izind-
aba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu kanye lebizo likaJesu Khristu, babhaphathizwa,
abesilisa labesifazane. 13 USimoni laye ngokwakhe wakholwa wabhaphathizwa. Wa-
landela uFiliphu zonke indawo, emangaliswa yizibonakaliso ezinkulu lemimangaliso
ayibonayo.
14 Kwathi abapostoli eJerusalema sebezwile ukuthi iSamariya yase ilamukele ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu, bathuma uPhethro loJohane kubo. 15 Sebefikile babakhulekela
ukuthi bemukele uMoya oNgcwele, 16 ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wawulokhu un-
gakehleli lakubani kubo; babebhaphathizelwe ebizweni leNkosi uJesu kuphela.
17 Ngakho uPhethro loJohane bababeka izandla, basebewemukela uMoya oNgcwele.
18 Kwathi uSimoni ebona ukuthi uMoya wawuphiwa ngokubekwa izandla ngaba-
postoli wabahuga ngemali 19 esithi, “Ngiphani lami lawomandla ukuze kuthi wonke
lowo engimbeka izandla azuze uMoya oNgcwele.”
20 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Sengathi imali yakho ingabhubha kanye
lawe ngoba ucabanga ukuthi ungasithenga isipho sikaNkulunkulu ngemali!
21 Kawulangxenye loba isabelo kulinkonzo ngoba inhliziyo yakho kayilunganga
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 22 Phenduka kulobububi ukhuleke eNkosini. Mhlawumbe
izakuthethelela ngokuba lomcabango onje enhliziyweni yakho. 23 Ngoba ngiyabona
ukuthi ugcwalelene ngomona njalo ugqilazwe yisono.”
24 USimoni wasephendula wathi, “Ngikhulekelani eNkosini ukuze ngingehlelwa
laloba yikuphi lwalokho okutshiloyo.”
25 Kwathi sebefakazile njalo balitshumayela ilizwi leNkosi, uPhethro loJohane
babuyela eJerusalema, bahamba betshumayela ivangeli emizini eminengi yas-
eSamariya.

UFiliphu LomTopiya

26 Ingilosi yeNkosi yathi kuFiliphu, “Yehlela ezansi emgwaqweni, umgwaqo
wenkangala, osuka eJerusalema usiya eGaza.” 27 Ngakho wasesuka, kwathi endleleni
leyo wahlangana lomTopiya ongumthenwa, eyisikhulu esiqakathekileyo esasiphethe
ingcebo kaKhandaki, indlovukazi yamaTopiya. Indoda le yayikade iye eJerusalema
ukuyakhonza, 28 isisendleleni yokubuyela ekhaya ihlezi enqoleni yayo ibala incwadi
ka-Isaya umphrofethi. 29 UMoya watshela uFiliphu wathi, “Hamba usondele enqoleni
leyana walele eduze kwayo.”
30 UFiliphu wasegijimela kuyo inqola wezwa indoda leyo ibala u-Isaya umphrofethi.
UFiliphu wayibuza wathi, “Uyakuzwisisa yini lokho okubalayo?”
31 Yathi, “Ngingakuzwisisa kanjani kungekho muntu ongichazelayo na?” Yasicela
uFiliphu ukuthi agade azohlala layo.
32 Indoda engumthenwa yayibala indima yombhalo ethi:

“Waqhutshwa njengemvu isiwa esilaheni,
njengezinyane lemvu elithula zwi phambi komgundi,
kanjalo kazange awuvule umlomo wakhe.
33 Ekugconweni kwakhe wancitshwa ukwahlulelwa okulungileyo.
Ngubani ongakhuluma ngezizukulwane zakhe na?
Ngoba ukuphila kwakhe kwasuswa emhlabeni.”*
34 Indoda engumthenwa yabuza uFiliphu yathi, “Ake ungitshele bakithi, umphrofethi ukhuluma ngobani, yena ngokwakhe kumbe ngomunye umuntu?” 35 UFiliphu wahle waqalisa ngaleyondima yoMbhalo, wayitshela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu.
36 Bathi belokhu behamba ngomgwaqo bafika lapho okwakulamanzi khona, indoda engumthenwa yathi, “Khangela, nanka amanzi. Kulani ukuthi ngihle ngibhaphathizwe na?” [37 UFiliphu wathi, “Nxa ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho yonke ungabhaphathizwa.” Isikhulu saphendula sathi, “Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu Khristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”]† 38 Isikhulu sathi inqola kayimiswe. Ngakho bobabili, uFiliphu lendoda engumthenwa baya emanzini uFiliphu wayibhaphathiza. 39 Bathi bephuma emanzini uMoya weNkosi wahle wamthatha uFiliphu, indoda engumthenwa ayabe isambona njalo, kodwa yaqhubeka ngendlela yayo ithokoza. 40 Kodwa uFiliphu wabonakala e-Azotha, walidabula ilizwe etshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi waze wayafika eKhesariya.

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Ukuphenduka KukaSawuli

1 Kusenjalo, uSawuli wayelokhu esonga ngomvamvithi ukubulala abafundi beNkosi. Waya kuMphristi omkhulu 2 wayacela izincwadi zokuya emasinagogweni aseDamaseko, ukuze kuthi nxa engafumana khonale labo abangabeNdlela, abesilisa loba abesifazane, abalethe eJerusalema beyizibotshwa. 3 Wathi esebanga eDamaseko ngohambo lwakhe, masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini kwamzingelezela. 4 Wawela phansi, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye, “Sawuli, Sawuli, ungihlukuluzelani na?”
5 USawuli wabuza wathi, “Ungubani, Nkosi?”
Ilizwi lathi, “NginguJesu omhlukuluzayo. 6 Manje phakama uye edolobheni lapho ozatshelwa khona omele ukwenze.”
7 Amadoda ayehamba loSawuli ema lapho esetshe amathe; balizwa ilizwi, kodwa kababonanga muntu. 8 USawuli wavuka phansi, kodwa wathi evula amehlo akhe wayengasaboni lutho. Ngakho bamhola ngesandla bangena laye eDamaseko. 9 Waba yisiphofu okwensuku ezintathu, engadli njalo enganathi lutho.
10 EDamaseko kwakulomfundi owayethiwa ngu-Ananiya. INkosi yambiza ngombono yathi, “Ananiya!”
Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi.”
11 INkosi yamtshela yathi, “Hamba uye endlini kaJudasi eMgwaqweni oQondileyo, ubuze khona ngendoda yaseThasasi ethiwa nguSawuli, ngoba iyakhuleka. 12 Usebelombono wabona indoda ethiwa ngu-Ananiya ifika imbeka izandla ibuyisa ukubona kwakhe.”
13 U-Ananiya waphendula wathi, “Nkosi sengiyizwile indumela yalumuntu mayelana lokubi konke akwenzayo ebantwini bakho eJerusalema. 14 Uze lapha ngamandla awaphiwe ngabaphristi abakhulu ukuzabopha bonke ababiza ibizo lakho.”

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* **8:33** 8.33 U-Isaya 53.7-8 † **8:37** 8.37 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

15 Kodwa iNkosi yathi ku-Ananiya, “Hamba! Indoda le iyisitsha sami engisikhethileyo ukuthwala ibizo lami phambi kwabeZizwe lamakhosi abo laphambi kwabantu bako-Israyeli. 16 Ngizamtshengisa ukuthi uzahlupheka kanganani ngenxa yebizo lami.”
17 U-Ananiya wasehamba esiya kuleyondlu wafika wangena. Wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kukaSawuli wathi, “Mzalwane, Sawuli, iNkosi uJesu obonakale kuwe endleleni usiza lapha ungithumile ukuze ukwazi ukubona njalo futhi ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele.” 18 Masinyane, kwakhithika okwakungathi zinkwethu emehlweni ka-Sawuli, wasebona njalo. Wasukuma wabhaphathizwa, 19 kwathi esedlile, wathola amandla.

USawuli EseDamaseko LaseJerusalema

USawuli wahlala insuku ezithile labafundi eDamaseko. 20 Waseqalisa ukutshumayela emasinagogweni ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 21 Bonke labo abamuzwayo bamangala babuza bathi, “Kasuye yini umuntu lo owenza isihluku eJerusalema kulabo abalibizayo lelibizo na? Njalo kabuyanga yini lapha ukuzabathatha beyizibotshwa abese kubaphristi abakhulu na?” 22 Kodwa uSawuli wasebenza ngamandla amakhulu wadidekisa amaJuda ayehlala eDamaseko ngokubonisa kamhlophe ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu.
23 Sekudlule insuku ezinengi amaJuda abumba icebo lokumbulala, 24 kodwa uSawuli walizwa icebo labo. Emini lebusuku bamlindela emasinagogweni edolobho ukuze bambulale. 25 Kodwa abalandeli bakhe bamthatha ebusuku bamehlisa ngesilulu esikhaleni esasisemdulini.
26 Wathi esefikile eJerusalema wazama ukuhlangana labafundi, kodwa bonke babemesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ngempela wayesengumfundi. 27 Kodwa uBhanabhasi wamthatha wamusa kubapostoli. Wabatshela ngokuthi uSawuli wayibona njani iNkosi esendleleni esiya eDamaseko lokuthi watshumayela njani ngesibindi ngebizo likaJesu. 28 USawuli wasehlala labo, wazihambela ekhululekile eJerusalema, ekhuluma ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi. 29 Wakhuluma njalo waphikisana lamaJuda esiGrikhi, kodwa azama ukumbulala. 30 Kwathi abazalwane bekuzwa lokhu, bambalekisela eKhesariya bafika bamedlulisela eThasasi.
31 Ngalesosikhathi ibandla kulolonke elaseJudiya leGalile leSamariya laba lesikhathi esihle sokuthula. Laqina, njalo ngokukhuthazwa nguMoya oNgcwele landa ngobunengi, lahlala liyesaba iNkosi.

U-Eniyasi LoDokhasi

32 Kwathi uPhethro ebhoda phakathi kwelizwe wayakwethekelela abangcwele eLida. 33 Wafumana khonale indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Eniyasi, eyayiyisigulane esome umhlubulo sihlezi silele okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. 34 UPhethro wathi kuye, “Eniyasi, uJesu Khristu uyakusilisa. Vuka uthathe icansi lakho.” Masinyane u-Eniyasi wasukuma. 35 Bonke labo ababehlala eLida laseSharoni bambona baphendukela eNkosini.
36 EJopha kwakulomfundi owayethiwa nguThabitha (ngesiGrikhi ibizo lakhe nguDokhasi), owayehlala esenza okuhle esiza abaswelayo. 37 Ngalesosikhathi wagula wafa, isidumbu sakhe sageziswa, sabekwa endlini ephezulu. 38 ILida yayiseduze kweJopha; yikho abafundi sebezwile ukuthi uPhethro wayeseLida, bathuma amadoda amabili kuye bamncenga bathi, “Sicela ukuthi uze ngokuphangisa!”
39 UPhethro wahamba labo, wathi ekufikeni kwakhe wasiwa endlini ephezulu. Bonke abafelokazi bema bemhanqile, bekhala, bemtshengisa izembatho lezinye izigqoko ezazithungwe nguDokhasi esaphila.
40 UPhethro wabakhupha bonke endlini; waseguqa ngamadolo wakhuleka. Wasephendukela esidunjini sowesifazane wathi, “Thabitha, vuka!” Owesifazane

wasevula amehlo akhe, wathi ebona uPhethro wahlala. 41 Wambamba ngesandla
wamsukumisa. Wasebiza amakholwa labafelokazi wamethula kubo esephila.
42 Lokhu kwasuka kwaziwa kulolonke iJopha, abantu abanengi bakholwa eNkosini.
43 UPhethro wahlala okwesikhathi eJopha loSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba.

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UKhoneliyasi Unxusa UPhethro

1 EKhesariya kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguKhoneliyasi, yayingumlawuli webutho
lekhulu elalithiwa liViyo lase-Ithaliya. 2 Yena lendlu yakhe yonke babekhonza
njalo bemesaba uNkulunkulu. Wayenika ngesihle labo abaswelayo njalo ekhuleka
kuNkulunkulu kokuphela. 3 Ngelinye ilanga, sokungaba lihola lesithathu emini
waba lombono. Wabona kamhlophe ingilosi kaNkulunkulu, eyeza kuye yathi,
“Khoneliyasi!”
4 UKhoneliyasi wayiqhuzulela amehlo ngokwesaba. Wabuza wathi, “Kuyini,
Nkosi?”
Ingilosi yaphendula yathi, “Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho kwabaswelayo
sekufinyelele kuNkulunkulu kwaba yisikhumbuzo. 5 Ngakho-ke, thumela amadoda
eJopha ayebuya lendoda ethiwa nguSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. 6 Ihlala
loSimoni ongumtshuki wezikhumba, olendlu okhunjini lolwandle.”
7 Ingilosi eyakhuluma laye isihambile, uKhoneliyasi wabiza izinceku zakhe ezimbili
kanye loyedwa owayengumncedisi webutho owayeyindoda ekhonzayo. 8 Wabatshela
konke okwakwenzakele, wasebathuma eJopha.

Umbono KaPhethro

9 Sekungaba phakathi laphakathi kwemini sebebanga edolobheni, uPhethro
wakhwela ophahleni ukuyakhuleka. 10 Wezwa eselambile esefuna ulutho lokudla,
kwathi ukudla kusalungiswa wehlelwa yisiyeziphupho. 11 Wabona izulu livulekile,
kusehliselwa emhlabeni ulutho olwalunjengelembu elikhulu libanjwe ngamagumbi
alo womane. 12 Lalithwele yonke imihlobo yezinyamazana ezilenyawo ezine, kanye
lezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo emhlabeni lezinyoni zemoyeni. 13 Ilizwi laselimtshela
lathi, “Vuka Phethro. Hlaba udle.”
14 UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Hatshi, Nkosi! Kangikaze ngidle lutho olun-
gahlanzekanga lolungcolileyo.”
15 Laphinda ilizwi lakhuluma okwesibili kuye lathi, “Ungabokuthi ulutho oseluh-
lanjululwe nguNkulunkulu kaluhlanzekanga.”
16 Lokhu kwenzakala kathathu, kwasekusithi masinyane ilembu labuyiselwa
ezulwini.
17 Kwathi uPhethro esamangele ngokuthi umbono lowo wawusitshoni, amadoda
ayethunywe nguKhoneliyasi ayibona indlu kaSimoni, ema entubeni. 18 Akhuleka
abuza ingabe uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro wayehlala khonapho yini.
19 Kwathi uPhethro elokhu esacabanga ngombono, uMoya wathi kuye, “Simoni,
kulamadoda amathathu akudingayo. 20 Ngakho-ke, phakama wehlele phansi.
Ungathandabuzi ukuhamba lawo, ngoba ngiwathumile.”
21 UPhethro wehla wathi emadodeni lawo, “Nginguye lowo elimdingayo. Lilan-
deni?”
22 Amadoda aphendula athi, “Sivela kuKhoneliyasi umlawuli wekhulu lamabutho.
Ungumuntu olungileyo owesaba uNkulunkulu, ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abanga-
maJuda. Ingilosi engcwele imtshele ukuthi kakulethe endlini yakhe ukuze ezwe
lokho ongabe uyakutsho.” 23 UPhethro wasewangenisa endlini amadoda lawo
njengezethekeli zakhe.

UPhethro Endlini KaKhoneliyasi

Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhethro wasuka labo, kwathi labanye abazalwane beJopha
bahamba laye. 24 Ngelanga elilandelayo wafika eKhesariya. UKhoneliyasi wayese-
balindele esebize izihlobo zakhe labangane abaseduze. 25 Kuthe uPhethro engena,
uKhoneliyasi wamhlangabeza, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zakhe ngenhlonipho.
26 Kodwa uPhethro wamsukumisa. Wathi, “Sukuma, mina ngingumuntu nje.”
27 UPhethro wangena endlini elokhu ekhuluma laye, wafumana ixuku labantu
elikhulu. 28 Wathi kubo, “Liyakwazi ukuthi kungaphandle komthetho wethu ukuthi
umJuda ahlanganyele loweZizwe loba ukuthi amethekelele. Kodwa uNkulunkulu
usengitshengisile ukuthi kangingakutsho ukuthi omunye umuntu kahlanzekanga
loba ungcolile. 29 Yikho kuthe lapho ngibizwa lapha, ngahle ngeza ngingazange
ngibalise lokhu lalokhuyana. Sengibuza-ke manje, ungibizelani?”
30 UKhoneliyasi waphendula wathi, “Ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo bengisendlini
yami ngikhuleka ngasonalesi isikhathi, ngehola lesithathu emini. Masinyane indoda
ebigqoke izigqoko ezikhazimulayo yema phambi kwami, 31 yathi, ‘Khoneliyasi, uNku-
lunkulu usewuzwile umkhuleko wakho wakhumbula lezipho zakho kwabaswelayo.
32 Thumela ilizwi eJopha ubize uSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. Wethekelele
emzini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba, ohlala malungana lolwandle.’ 33 Yikho
ngihle ngathuma abantu kuwe ngokuphangisa, kwaba kuhle ukuthi lawe uze. Manje
sonke sesikhona lapha phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi sizwe konke iNkosi ekuyale
ukuthi usitshele khona.”
34 UPhethro waseqalisa ukukhuluma wathi: “Sengibona khathesi ukuthi nge-
qiniso uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo, 35 kodwa wamukela abantu benhlanga zonke
abamesabayo, abenza okulungileyo. 36 Yilo leli ilizwi uNkulunkulu alithumela
ebantwini bako-Israyeli, elikhuluma ngezindaba ezinhle zokuthula ngoJesu Khristu
oyiNkosi yabo bonke. 37 Liyakwazi osekwenzakele kulolonke elaseJudiya, kusukela
eGalile ngemva kobhaphathizo olwatshunyayelwa nguJohane, 38 ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wamgcoba kanjani uJesu waseNazaretha ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla, lokuthi
wahamba izindawana zonke esenza ubuhle njalo esilisa bonke ababesemandleni
omubi, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayelaye.
39 Singofakazi bakho konke akwenzayo elizweni lamaJuda laseJerusalema. Bambu-
lala ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni, 40 kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo
ngosuku lwesithathu, wakwenza ukuthi abonakale. 41 Kabonwanga ngabantu bonke,
kodwa ngofakazi uNkulunkulu ayevele esebakhethile, yithi thina esadla sanatha laye
ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. 42 Wasilaya ukuba sitshumayele ebantwini
bonke njalo sifakaze ukuthi unguye uNkulunkulu ambekayo ukuba ngumahluleli
wabaphilayo labafileyo. 43 Bonke abaphrofethi bafakaza ngaye ukuthi bonke
abakholwa kuye baphiwa ukuthethelelwa kwezono ngebizo lakhe.”
44 UPhethro elokhu esakhuluma amazwi la uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kubo bonke
abalizwayo ilizwi. 45 AmaJuda, amakholwa asokiweyo ayeze loPhethro amangaliswa
yikuthi uMoya oNgcwele wawuthululelwe lakwabeZizwe. 46 Ngoba babezwa bekhu-
luma ngendimi bedumisa uNkulunkulu.
UPhethro wasesithi, 47 “Kambe ukhona yini umuntu ongalela abantu laba
ukuba babhaphathizwe ngamanzi na? Sebemukele uMoya oNgcwele njengathi.”
48 Wasesithi kababhaphathizwe ebizweni likaJesu Khristu. Basebecela uPhethro
ukuthi ahlale labo okwensukwana ezithile.

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UPhethro Uchaza Ukwenza Kwakhe

1 Abapostoli labazalwane kulolonke elaseJudiya bezwa ukuthi abeZizwe labo base-
belamukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 2 Yikho kwathi uPhethro esebuyele eJerusalema,
amaJuda, amakholwa asokileyo, amsola 3 athi, “Wangena endlini yabantu abanga-
sokanga wadla labo.”

4 UPhethro wabalondela konke kusukela ekuqaleni, wakuchasisa njengokwenza-
kala kwakho, wathi, 5 “Ngangisedolobheni laseJopha ngikhuleka, ngehlelwa yisiyezi-
phupho ngaba lombono. Ngabona ulutho olwalunjengelembu elikhulu lisehliselwa
phansi ngamagumbi alo womane livela ezulwini, lehlela phansi lapho engangikhona.
6 Ngakhangela phakathi kwalo ngabona izinyamazana zomhlaba zezinyawo ezine,
izilo zeganga, izinanakazana ezihuquzelayo lezinyoni zemoyeni. 7 Ngasengisizwa
ilizwi lingitshela lisithi, ‘Vuka Phethro. Hlaba udle.’

8 Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Hatshi bo, Nkosi! Kowami umlomo kakukaze kungene
ulutho olungahlanzekanga loba olungcolileyo.’

9 Ilizwi lakhuluma okwesibili livela ezulwini lathi, ‘Ungabokuthi ulutho oseluh-
lanjululwe nguNkulunkulu kaluhlanzekanga.’ 10 Lokhu kwenzakala kathathu, konke
kwase kubuyiselwa njalo ezulwini.

11 Ngalesosikhathi amadoda amathathu ayethunywe kimi evela eKhesariya afika
endlini engangihlala kuyo. 12 UMoya wangitshela ukuthi ngingathandabuzi
ukuhamba lawo. Laba abazalwane abayisithupha labo bahamba lami sayangena
endlini yendoda leyo. 13 Yasitshela ukuthi yabona ingilosi endlini yayo isithi,
‘Thumela eJopha ubize uSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. 14 Uzakulethela ilizwi
eliyilo elizakusindisa wena kanye lendlu yakho.’

15 Kwathi ngiqalisa nje ukukhuluma, uMoya oNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo
njengoba wehlela kithi ekuqaleni. 16 Ngakho ngasengikhumbula okwatshiwo yiNkosi
isithi, ‘UJohane wabhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya
oNgcwele.’ 17 Ngakho-ke, nxa uNkulunkulu wabanika sona lesosipho asinika sona
thina esakholwa eNkosini uJesu Khristu, ngangingubani mina engangingakhumbula
ukuthi ngingamelana loNkulunkulu na?”

18 Bathi sebekuzwile lokhu, kababe besaba lansolo, badumisa uNkulunkulu besithi,
“Ngakho-ke, uNkulunkulu usebanikile labo abeZizwe ukuphendukela ekuphileni.”

Ibandla E-Antiyokhi

19 Kwathi labo ababehlakazekile ngenxa yokuhlukunyezwa okwaqala ngokufa
kukaStefane bahamba baze bayafika eFenikhiya, leSiphrasi le-Antiyokhi betshu-
mayela ilizwi kumaJuda kuphela. 20 Kodwa abanye babo, amadoda ayevela eSiphrasi
laseKhureni, aya e-Antiyokhi atshumayela lakumaGrikhi, ebatshela ngezindaba
ezinhle ngeNkosi uJesu. 21 INkosi yaba labo, ngakho abantu abanengi bakholwa
baphendukela eNkosini.

22 Ibandla eliseJerusalema lakuzwa lokhu laselithumela uBhanabhasi e-Antiyokhi.
23 Ekufikeni kwakhe wazibona izithelo zomusa kaNkulunkulu, wathokoza njalo
wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi baqhubeke ngobuqotho eNkosini ngezinhliziyo zabo
zonke. 24 Wayeyindoda elungileyo, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele lokukholwa. Abantu
abanengi kakhulu balethwa eNkosini.

25 UBhanabhasi wasesiya eThasasi ukuyadinga uSawuli. 26 Esemfumene wahamba
laye e-Antiyokhi. Ngakho okomnyaka wonke uBhanabhasi loSawuli babehlangana
lebandla befundisa abantu abanengi kakhulu. Abafundi baqalisa ukubizwa ngokuthi
ngamaKhristu e-Antiyokhi.

27 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaphrofethi bafika e-Antiyokhi bevela eJerusalema.
28 Omunye wabo owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi wasukuma eholwa nguMoya wabonisa ukuthi kwakuzakuba lendlala embi eyayizakubakhona kulolonke ilizwe lombuso wamaRoma. (Lokhu kwenzakala ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaKlawudiyasi.)
29 Abafundi bazimisela ukunika usizo kubazalwane ababehlala eJudiya, ngulowo
enika ngokwenelisa kwakhe. 30 Bakwenza lokhu, bathumeza izipho zabo ebadaleni
ngoBhanabhasi loSawuli.

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Umangaliso Wokuphuma KukaPhethro Entolongweni

1 Kungaba yisikhathi lapho iNkosi uHerodi eyabopha khona abanye ababe
ngabebandla eqonde ukubahlukumeza. 2 Wabulalisa uJakhobe umfowabo kaJohane
ngenkemba. 3 Wathi esebone ukuthi lokho kwakuwathabisa amaJuda, wabopha
loPhethro njalo. Lokho kwenzakala ngezinsuku zoMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. 4 Esembophile wamphosela entolongweni, wamnikela ukuba alindwe
ngamaviyo amane amabutho, ngalinye lilamabutho amane. UHerodi wayefuna
ukuthi ngemva kwePhasika amkhuphele obala athonisiswe phambi kwabantu.
5 Ngakho uPhethro wagcinwa entolongweni, kodwa ibandla lamkhulekela njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu.
6 Ngobusuku obandulela ukuthonisiswa kukaPhethro nguHerodi, uPhethro
wayelele ephahlwe ngamabutho amabili, ebotshwe ngamaketane amabili, kumi
abalindi emnyango wentolongo. 7 Masinyane ingilosi yeNkosi yavela, kwabakhona
ukukhanya kulelokamela lentolongo. Yathinta uPhethro ohlangothini, yamvusa yathi,
“Phangisa, vuka!” Amaketane akhithika ezingalweni zikaPhethro.
8 Ingilosi yasisithi kuye, “Gqoka, ufake lamanyathela akho.” UPhethro wenzenjalo.
Ingilosi yamtshela yathi, “Yembatha ijazi lakho ungilandele.” 9 UPhethro wayilandela
ngaphandle kwentolongo, kodwa wayedidekile engakwazi ukuthi lokho ingilosi
eyayikwenza kwakusenzakala ngempela; wayekhumbula ukuthi ubona umbono.
10 Bedlula kubalindi, owokuqala lowesibili bafika esangweni lensimbi elaliphumela
edolobheni. Lazivulekela baphuma. Kwathi sebehambe baphutsha umgwaqo
wedolobho, ingilosi yamtshiya.
11 Kwayikhona uPhethro enanzelela, wathi, “Khathesi sengisazi kungelakuthandabuza ukuthi iNkosi ithume ingilosi yayo yangihlenga ezibotshweni zikaHerodi
lakukho konke obekufiswa ngamaJuda.”
12 Sekumkhanyele kuhle lokhu, waqonda endlini kaMariya unina kaJohane,
owayethiwa nguMakho njalo, khona lapho abantu abanengi babebuthene bekhuleka.
13 UPhethro waqoqoda entubeni yangaphandle, kwathi incekukazi eyayithiwa
nguRoda yayabuza ukuthi ngubani owayesemnyango. 14 Isilizwile ilizwi likaPhethro
yathaba kakhulu, yagijimela phakathi ingasawuvulanga, yabika yathi, “UPhethro
usemnyango!”
15 Bathi, “Uyahlanya wena.” Kwathi ngoba wala elokhu ephikelela ukuthi liqiniso,
bathi, “Kutsho ukuthi yingilosi yakhe.”
16 Kodwa uPhethro wala elokhu eqoqoda, bathi bevula umnyango bambona,
bamangala kakhulu. 17 UPhethro wabatshengisa ngesandla ukuthi bathule, wasebalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe kanjani entolongweni. Wathi, “Libotshela
uJakhobe labazalwane ngalokhu.” Wasesuka waya kwenye indawo.
18 Ekuseni kwaba lokunyakazela okukhulu phakathi kwabebutho. Babuza bathi,
“Kambe ngabe uPhethro wenzenjani?” 19 Kwathi uHerodi esemthungathe waze
wabeka phansi, wathonisisa abalindi wasesithi kababulawe.

Ukufa KukaHerodi

UHerodi wasuka eJudiya waya eKhesariya wayahlala khona okwesikhathi esithile.
20 Wayekade exabana labantu beThire labeSidoni; basebehlangana ndawonye bacela
ukukhuluma laye. Sebezuze ukusekelwa nguBhlastu inceku ethembekileyo enkosini,
bacela ukuthula ngoba ukudla kwabo babekuthola elizweni lenkosi.
21 Ngosuku olumisiweyo, uHerodi wagqoka izigqoko zobukhosi wahlala esih-
lalweni sakhe sobukhosi, wasekhuluma ebantwini. 22 Bamemeza bathi, “Leli
yilizwi likaNkulunkulu, hatshi elomuntu.” 23 Masinyane nje, ngenxa yokuthi
uHerodi wayengamkhonzi uNkulunkulu, ingilosi yeNkosi yamtshaya yamlahla
phansi, wadliwa zimpethu wafa.
24 Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laqhubeka likhula njalo lisanda.

UBhanabhasi loSawuli Bayabuyela

25 Kwathi uBhanabhasi loSawuli sebewuqedile umlandu wabo, babuyela besuka
eJerusalema, bahamba loJohane, owayethiwa nguMakho.

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1 Ebandleni elalise-Antiyokhi kwakulabaphrofethi labafundisi: uBhanabhasi,
loSimiyoni owayethiwa nguNigeri, loLusiya waseKhureni, loManayeni
(owayekhuliswe loHerodi umbusi) kanye loSawuli. 2 Kwathi beyikhonza iNkosi
njalo bezilile uMoya oNgcwele wathi, “Ngahlukaniselani uBhanabhasi loSawuli baye
emsebenzini engibabizele wona.” 3 Ngakho bathi sebezilile njalo sebekhulekile,
bababeka izandla babakhupha.

Kuyiwa ESiphrasi

4 Bonke bobabili baholwa nguMoya oNgcwele, behlela eSelusiya lapho abawela
khona ngomkhumbi baya eSiphrasi. 5 Bathi sebefikile eSalami, balitshumayela ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu emasinagogweni amaJuda. UJohane wayelabo engumsizi wabo.
6 Basibhoda sonke isihlenge baze bafika ePhafosi. Khonapho bafumana umJuda
oyisanuse, njalo engumphrofethi wamanga owayethiwa nguBha-Jesu, 7 wayeyinceku
kasibalukhulu, uSegiyasi Phawuli. Usibalukhulu lowo, indoda ekhaliphileyo,
yathumela ukuthi kubizwe uBhanabhasi loSawuli ngoba wayefuna ukuzwa ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa u-Elima isanuse (phela yikho ibizo lakhe elikutshoyo)
waphikisana labo wazama ukuphambula usibalukhulu ekukholweni. 9 Kwasekusithi
uSawuli, owayethiwa njalo nguPhawuli, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wamjolozela
u-Elima wathi, 10 “Wena ungumntakaSathane lesitha sakho konke okulungileyo!
Ugcwele zonke inhlobo zenkohliso lokudlelezela. Kawuyikufa wakhawula yini
ukuhlinikeza izindlela eziqondileyo? 11 Khathesi-ke, isandla seNkosi sizakutshaya.
Uzakuba yimpumputhe, awuzukubona ukukhanya kwelanga okwesikhathi esithile.”
Masinyane wehlelwa yinkungu lomnyama, waphumputha, waswela umuntu
wokumhola ngesandla. 12 Kwathi usibalukhulu esekubonile lokho okwakwenzakele
wakholwa, ngoba wamangaliswa yimfundiso ngeNkosi.

E-Antiyokhi YasePhisidiya

13 Besuka ePhafosi uPhawuli labaphelekezeli bakhe bawela ngomkhumbi baya
ePhega esePhamfiliya lapho uJohane abatshiya khona esebuyela eJerusalema.
14 Besuka ePhega baya e-Antiyokhi yasePhisidiya. NgeSabatha bangena esinagogweni
bahlala phansi. 15 Sekubaliwe eMthethweni labaPhrofethi, abaphathi besinagogu
bedlulisela ilizwi kubo lisithi, “Bazalwane, nxa lilelizwi lokukhuthaza abantu,
khulumani.”
16 UPhawuli wasukuma welekelela ngesandla wathi, “Madoda ako-Israyeli kanye
lani abeZizwe elimesabayo uNkulunkulu, ngilalelani! 17 UNkulunkulu wabantu

bako-Israyeli wakhetha okhokho bethu wenza abantu baphumelela ngesikhathi behlezi eGibhithe. Ngamandla amakhulu wabakhupha kulelolizwe 18 wababekezelela ekuhambeni kwabo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane besenkangala. 19 Wachitha izizwe eziyisikhombisa eKhenani wanika ilizwe lazo abantu bakhe laba yilifa labo. 20 Konke lokho kwathatha iminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu (450).

Ngemva kwalokhu uNkulunkulu wababekela abahluleli kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaSamuyeli umphrofethi. 21 Abantu bacela inkosi, wabanika uSawuli indodana kaKhishi, owesizwana sikaBhenjamini, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 22 Ngemva kokuba esemsusile uSawuli, wabeka uDavida waba yinkosi. Wafakaza ngaye wathi, 'Sengifumane uDavida indodana kaJese, indoda ethandwa yinhliziyo yami; uzakwenza konke engifuna ukuba akwenze.'

23 Esizukulwaneni salindoda uNkulunkulu uselethe ko-Israyeli uMsindisi uJesu njengokuthembisa kwakhe. 24 Mandulo kokufika kukaJesu, uJohane watshumayela ukuphenduka lokubhaphathizwa kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli. 25 UJohane esewuphetha umsebenzi wakhe wathi, 'Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani na? Kangisuye lowo. Hatshi, kodwa uyeza ngemva kwami, omanyathela akhe akungilinganga ukuthi ngiwathukulule.'

26 Bazalwane, bantwana baka-Abhrahama lani beZizwe elimesabayo uNkulunkulu, lelilizwi lensindiso selithunyelwe kithi. 27 Abantu baseJerusalema kanye lababusi babo kabamamukelanga uJesu, ikanti kwathi ngokumlahla bagcwalisa amazwi abaphrofethi afundwayo ngamaSabatha wonke. 28 Lokuba bengazange bafumane ubufakazi obuqondileyo ukuthi agwetshelwe ukubulawa, bacela uPhilathu ukuthi abulawe. 29 Bathi sebekwenzile konke lokho okwakulotshwe ngaye, bamethula esiphambanweni bamlalisa ethuneni. 30 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, 31 Wabonwa okwensuku ezinengi yilabo abahamba laye besuka eGalile besiya eJerusalema. Manje yibo asebe ngofakazi ebantwini bakithi.

32 Silitshela izindaba ezinhle ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa okhokho bethu 33 usesigcwalisele khona, thina abantwababo, ngokumvusa uJesu kwabafileyo. Njengalokhu kulotshiwe eHubeni lesibili ukuthi:

'UyiNdodana yami;
lamhla sengibe nguYihlo.'*

34 Lokho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, engasoze abole lanini, kucacisiwe emazwini la:

'Ngizakunika izibusiso ezingcwele eziqinisekileyo ezathenjiswa uDavida.'†

35 Kanjalo kulotshiwe kwenye indawo ukuthi:

'Kawusoze wekele oNgcwele wakho abone ukubola.'‡

36 Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseyifezile injongo kaNkulunkulu ngalesosikhathi aphila kuso, walala; wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe, umzimba wakhe wabola. 37 Kodwa lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo kwabafileyo kazange akubone ukubola.

38 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, ngithanda ukuba lazi ukuthi ngoJesu ukuthethelelwa kwezono kuyatshunyayelwa kini. 39 Ngaye bonke abakholwayo sebehlanjululwe ezonweni zonke abebengeke bahlanjululwe kuzo ngomthetho kaMosi. 40 Qaphelani ukuthi lokho okwakhulunywa ngabaphrofethi kungenzakali kini, ukuthi:

41 'Khangelani, lina bachothozi,
mangalani libhubhe,
ngoba ensukwini zenu ngizakwenza into
elingasoze liyikholwe

* **13:33** 13.33 AmaHubo 2.7 † **13:34** 13.34 U-Isaya 55.3 ‡ **13:35** 13.35 AmaHubo 16.10

lanxa kube lalingakutshelwa ngubani.’§”
42 Kwathi uPhawuli loBhanabhasi sebesuka esinagogweni abantu babacela ukuthi
babuye bazokhuluma njalo ngalezizinto ngeSabatha elilandelayo. 43 Abantu se-
bechithekile amaJuda amanengi lamakholwa ayephendukele enkolweni yesiJuda
balandela uPhawuli loBhanabhasi, bona bakhuluma labo bebakhuthaza ukuthi
baqhubeke bebambelele emuseni kaNkulunkulu.
44 NgeSabatha elilandelayo phose lonke idolobho labuthana ukuzakuzwa ilizwi
leNkosi. 45 Kwathi amaJuda ebona amaxuku abantu, aba lomona, akhuluma
ehlambaza lokho okwakutshiwo nguPhawuli.
46 UPhawuli loBhanabhasi basebewaphendula ngesibindi bathi, “Bekumele silikhu-
lume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kuqala. Kodwa njengoba lililahla ngoba lizibona lina
lingakufanelanga ukuphila okungapheliyo, khathesi sesiphendukela kwabeZizwe.
47 Phela nanku iNkosi esisiyale khona yathi:
‘Sengilenze isibane sabeZizwe,
ukuthi lilethe insindiso emikhawulweni yomhlaba.’*”
48 Kwathi abeZizwe bekuzwa lokhu bathaba, balidumisa ilizwi leNkosi; kwathi
bonke ababemiselwe ukuphila okungapheliyo bakholwa.
49 Ilizwi leNkosi landa umango wonke. 50 Kodwa amaJuda athela umoya
omubi kwabesifazane abahlonitshwayo ababekholwa lamadoda ayengabakhokheli
bedolobho. Akhwezela ukuhlukuluzwa kukaPhawuli loBhanabhasi, abaxotsha
emangweni wakibo. 51 Ngakho bathintitha uthuli ezinyaweni zabo njengesixwayiso,
baqonda e-Ikhoniyamu. 52 Abafundi bagcwala ngentokozo langoMoya oNgcwele.

14

E-Ikhoniyamu

1 E-Ikhoniyamu uPhawuli loBhanabhasi baya esinagogweni yamaJuda njengen-
jayelo yabo. Khonapho bakhuluma kwazwela kwaze kwathi amaJuda amanengi
lamaGrikhi akholwa. 2 Kodwa amaJuda ayengafuni ukukholwa adunga abeZizwe,
abathela umoya omubi ngabazalwane. 3 UPhawuli loBhanabhasi bahlala isikhathi es-
ide khona lapho bekhulumela iNkosi ngesibindi. INkosi yaqinisa ilizwi lomusa wayo
ngokubapha amandla okwenza imimangaliso lezimanga. 4 Abantu bedolobho lelo
badabukana phakathi; abanye bema lamaJuda, kwathi abanye basekela abapostoli.
5 AbeZizwe lamaJuda ndawonye labakhokheli babo bakha icebo lokubahlukumeza
lokubakhanda ngamatshe. 6 Kodwa balizwa icebo lelo basebebalekela emadolobheni
aseLikhawoniya, eListra leDebhe lasemangweni yakhona, 7 lapho abaqhubeka khona
ukutshumayela izindaba ezinhle.

EListra LaseDebhe

8 EListra kwakulendoda eyayiyisigoga ikwazi ukuhlala kuphela, ilokhu yazalwayo
ingakaze ihambe. 9 Yamlalela uPhawuli lapho ekhuluma. UPhawuli wayijolozela
wabona ukuthi yayikholwa ukuba ingasiliswa 10 wasememeza wathi, “Sukuma
ngezinyawo zakho!” Ngalokho indoda yathi lothu yahle yahamba.
11 Kwathi ixuku labantu selikubonile okwakwenziwe nguPhawuli, lamemeza
ngolimi lwesiLikhawoniya lathi, “Onkulunkulu sebehlele kithi belesimo sabantu!”
12 UBhanabhasi bambiza bathi nguZewusi, uPhawuli bathi nguHemesi ngoba nguye
owayekhokhela ekukhulumeni. 13 Umphristi kaZewusi owayelethempeli eduze
ngaphandle kwedolobho, waletha inkunzi lemigaxo emasangweni edolobho ngoba
yena kanye lexuku labantu babefuna ukwenza imihlatshelo kubo.

§ **13:41** 13.41 UHabhakhukhi 1.5 * **13:47** 13.47 U-Isaya 49.6

14 Kodwa kwathi abapostoli, uBhanabhasi loPhawuli bekuzwa lokhu, badabula izigqoko zabo bazithela phakathi kwabantu bememeza besithi: 15 “Madoda, likwenzelani lokhu? Lathi singabantu njengani. Sililethela izindaba ezinhle, silitshela ukuthi litshiye izinto lezi eziyize liye kuNkulunkulu ophilayo owenza amazulu lomhlaba, lolwandle lakho konke okukuwo. 16 Endulo waziyekela izizwe zonke zahamba ngezindlela zazo. 17 Ikanti kazange ekele ukuzifakazela: Utshengisile umusa ngokulipha izulu laphezulu lamabele ngesikhathi sawo; ulipha ukudla okunengi njalo agcwalise inhliziyo zenu ngentokozo.” 18 Loba sebetsho lamazwi baba lobunzima ukuthi bekelise abantu bonke ukuba babenzele umhlatshelo.

19 Kwasekufika amaJuda evela e-Antiyokhi lase-Ikhoniyamu afika adunga abantu. UPhawuli bamkhanda ngamatshe bamhudulela ngaphandle kwedolobho, becabanga ukuthi wayesefile. 20 Kodwa ngemva kokuba abafundi sebembuthanele, waphaphama wabuyela edolobheni. Ngosuku olulandelayo yena loBhanabhasi basuka baya eDebhe.

Babuyela E-Antiyokhi Ese-Asiriya

21 Bazitshumayela izindaba ezinhle kulelodolobho bazuza inani elikhulu labafundi. Basebebuyela eListra, le-Ikhoniyamu le-Antiyokhi 22 beqinisa abafundi njalo bebakhuthaza ukuthi babambelele ekukholweni. Bathi, “Kufanele sedlule ezinhlungwini ezinengi ukuze singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” 23 UPhawuli loBhanabhasi babakhethela abadala kulelo lalelo bandla, babanikela eNkosini ngomkhuleko langokuzila ngoba bebeke ithemba labo kuyo iNkosi. 24 Sebehambe bedlula ePhisidiya, bafika ePhamfiliya, 25 kwathi sebetshumayele ilizwi ePhega basebesiya e-Athaliya.

26 Besuka e-Athaliya bawela ngomkhumbi babuyela e-Antiyokhi, lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni kaNkulunkulu ukwenza umsebenzi lowo abasebewufezile. 27 Ekufikeni kwabo khona, balihlanganisa ndawonye ibandla balibikela konke lokho uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo, lokuthi wayesevulele abeZizwe umnyango wokukholwa. 28 Bahlala khona isikhathi eside labafundi.

15

Umhlangano Omkhulu EJerusalema

1 Amadoda athile eza e-Antiyokhi evela eJudiya, afika afundisa abazalwane esithi: “Ngaphandle kokuthi lisokwe ngendlela yomkhuba eyafundiswa nguMosi lingeke lisindiswe.” 2 Lokhu kwenza uPhawuli loBhanabhasi baphikisana labo kakhulu. Ngakho uPhawuli loBhanabhasi bakhethwa kanye lamanye amakholwa ukuthi baye eJerusalema ukuyabona abapostoli labadala ngaloludaba. 3 Ibandla labavalelisa. Bathi bedabula eFenikhiya leSamariya balandisa ngokuthi abeZizwe basebephendukile. Indaba le yathokozisa bonke abazalwane. 4 Bafika eJerusalema bemukelwa kuhle libandla langabapostoli labadala, bababikela konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo.

5 Kwasekusithi amanye amakholwa ayengawoluhlu lwabaFarisi asukuma athi, “AbeZizwe kumele basokwe njalo batshelwe ukuthi balandele umthetho kaMosi.”

6 Abapostoli labadala bahlangana bakhuluma ngalindaba. 7 Ngemva kokuphikisana okukhulu uPhethro wasukuma wakhuluma kubo wathi: “Bazalwane, liyakwazi ukuthi esikhathini esedluleyo uNkulunkulu wangikhetha phakathi kwenu ukuthi abeZizwe bezwe kwezami izindebe ilizwi levangeli bakholwe. 8 UNkulunkulu owazi inhliziyo watshengisa ukuthi uyabemukela ngokubapha uMoya oNgcwele, njengalokhu akwenzayo kithi. 9 Kenzanga umahluko phakathi kwethu labo, ngoba wahlanza inhliziyo zabo ngokukholwa. 10 Pho-ke lizamelani ukulinga uNkulunkulu

ngokwethesa abafundi beZizweni ijogwe thina labokhokho bethu esehluleka ukulithwala? 11 Hatshi! Sikholwa ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa weNkosi uJesu, njengabo labo."
12 Wonke umhlangano wathula zwi balalela uBhanabhasi loPhawuli belandisa
ngemimangaliso lezimanga uNkulunkulu ayezenzile kwabeZizwe ngabo. 13 Bathi
sebeqedile uJakhobe wakhuluma wathi: "Bazalwane, ake lingilalele. 14 USimoni
usesilandisele ngokuthi ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu watshengisa njani ukunakekela
kwakhe abeZizwe ngokukhetha phakathi kwabo abantu ukuba babe ngabakhe.
15 Amazwi abaphrofethi ayavumelana lalokhu, njengalokhu kulotshiwe ukuthi:
16 'Ngemva kwalokhu ngizabuya
ngakhe kutsha indlu kaDavida ewileyo.
Amanxiwa ayo ngizawavuselela,
njalo ngizayimisa kutsha,
17 ukwenzela ukuthi lonke uluntu luyidinge iNkosi,
kanye labeZizwe abaziwa ngebizo lami,
kutsho iNkosi eyenza lezizinto'*:
18 ezivele zisaziwa kusukela endulo.
19 Ngokubona kwami, kakumelanga sikwenze kube lukhuni kwabeZizwe abaphen-
dukela kuNkulunkulu. 20 Esikhundleni salokho, kasibalobeleni sibatshele ukuthi
baxwaye ukudla okungcoliswe yizithombe, lokuhlobonga, lenyama yenyamazana
ekhanyiweyo lobubende. 21 Phela uMosi sekwatshunyayelwa ngaye kuwo wonke
amadolobho kusukela ekuqaleni njalo kufundwa ngaye emasinagogweni amaSabatha
wonke."

Incwadi Yomhlangano Omkhulu Kumakholwa AbeZizwe

22 Abapostoli labadala kanye lebandla lonke bamisa ukukhetha abanye babo ukuthi
babathume e-Antiyokhi loPhawuli loBhanabhasi. Bakhetha uJudasi owayethiwa
nguBhasabhasi, loSayilasi, la engamadoda amabili ayengabakhokheli kubazalwane.
23 Babaphathisa incwadi le:

Abapostoli labadala, abazalwane benu,
KwabeZizwe abakholwayo e-Antiyokhi, lase-Asiriya laseSilisiya:
Siyalibingelela.

24 Sesizwile ukuthi bakhona abasuka kithi bengelamvumo yethu bafika
balidunga, bedida ingqondo zenu ngalokho ababekutsho. 25 Ngakho sivumelene
sonke ukukhetha amadoda athile ukuthi siwathumele kini labangane bethu
abathandekayo, uBhanabhasi loPhawuli, 26 amadoda adele impilo zawo ngenxa
yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 27 Ngakho sithumela uJudasi loSayilasi
ukugcwalisa ngomlomo lokhu esikulobayo. 28 Kubonakale kufanele kuMoya
oNgcwele lakithi ukuthi singalethesi omthwalo omkhulu ngaphandle kwezimiso
lezi: 29 Xwayani ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni, ububende, inyama yenyamazana
ekhanyiweyo kanye lokuhlobonga. Lizabe lenze kuhle nxa lizixwaya lezizinto.

Salani kuhle.

30 Bawavalelisa amadoda ahamba aya e-Antiyokhi, lapho afika ahlanganisa ibandla
ndawonye ethula incwadi. 31 Abantu bayibala bathokoza ngenxa yamazwi ayo
akhuthazayo. 32 UJudasi loSayilasi, bona ngokwabo ababengabaphrofethi, bakhu-
luma okunengi ukukhuthaza lokuqinisa abazalwane. 33 Sebehlale isikhathi esithile
khonapho, abazalwane babavalelisa ngesibusiso sokuthula sebebuyela kulabo aba-
bathumayo. [34 Kodwa uSayilasi wakhetha ukusala khona.]† 35 Kodwa uPhawuli
loBhanabhasi basala e-Antiyokhi, lapho bona kanye labanye abanengi bafundisa
njalo batshumayela ilizwi leNkosi.

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* **15:17** 15.17 U-Amosi 9.11-12 † **15:34** 15.34 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

Ukungavumelani KukaPhawuli LoBhanabhasi

36 Emva kwesikhatshanyana uPhawuli wathi kuBhanabhasi, “Kasibuyele emuva
siyebona abazalwane emadolobheni wonke esitshumayele khona ilizwi leNkosi
ukuthi baqhuba njani.” 37 UBhanabhasi wayefuna ukuthi bahambe loJohane,
owayethiwa nguMakho, 38 kodwa uPhawuli wakubona kungafanele ukuhamba laye
ngoba wayeke wabafulathela besePhamfiliya kaze aqhubeka labo emsebenzini.
39 Baphikisana kakubi baze bacina betshiyana. UBhanabhasi wamthatha uMakho
bawelela eSiphrasi, 40 kodwa uPhawuli wakhetha ukuhamba loSayilasi, basuka
bebekwe ngabazalwane emuseni weNkosi. 41 Wahamba phakathi kwe-Asiriya
leSilisiya eqinisa amabandla.

16

UThimothi Usebenza LoPhawuli LoSayilasi

1 Wafika eDebhe wedlulela eListra lapho okwakuhlala khona umfundi owayethiwa
nguThimothi, olonina owaye ngumJudakazi, elikholwa, kodwa uyise engumGrikhi.
2 Abazalwane baseListra lase-Ikhoniyamu babemncoma. 3 UPhawuli wayefuna
ukuhamba laye, ngakho wasemsoka ngenxa yamaJuda akuleyondawo ngoba bonke
babekwazi ukuthi uyise wayengumGrikhi. 4 Ekuhambeni kwabo kulelo lalelodolobho,
babezethula izinqumo ezenziwa ngabapostoli labadala eJerusalema ukuze abantu
bazilandele. 5 Ngakho amabandla aqiniswa ekukholweni abantu banda mihla yonke.

Umbono KaPhawuli Ngendoda YeMasedoniya

6 UPhawuli labaphelekezeli bakhe bayibhoda yonke imango yaseFirigiya
laseGalathiya, uMoya oNgcwele esemalele ukuthi atshumayele ilizwi edolobheni
lase-Ezhiya. 7 Bathi sebefike emngceleni waseMisiya, bazama ukungena
eBhithiniya, kodwa uMoya kaJesu kawubavumelanga. 8 Ngakho bedlula eceleni
kweMisiya behlela eTrowasi. 9 Ebusuku uPhawuli wehlelwa ngumbono wendoda
yaseMasedoniya imi imncenga isithi, “Woza eMasedoniya uzosisiza.” 10 UPhawuli
esebone umbono lowo, sahle salungisa masinyane ukuthi siye eMasedoniya, sibona
ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayesibizile ukuba sitshumayele ivangeli kubo.

Ukuphenduka KukaLidiya EFiliphi

11 Sasuka eTrowasi sawela ulwandle santsheza saqonda eSamathrake, ngosuku
olulandelayo sedlulela eNiyapholi. 12 Sesisuka lapho saya eFiliphi, elaliyilona
idolobho elikhulu lesiqinti seMasedoniya eyayibuswa ngamaRoma. Sahlala lapho
okwensuku ezinengi.
13 NgeSabatha saphumela ngaphandle kwamasango omuzi saya emfuleni sifuna in-
dawo yokukhuleka. Sahlala phansi saqalisa ukukhuluma labesifazane ababebuthene
khonapho. 14 Omunye walabo ababelalele ngowesifazane owayethiwa nguLidiya,
umthengisi welembu eliyibubende evela edolobheni laseThiyathira, ekhonza uN-
kulunkulu. INkosi yayivula inhliziyo yakhe ukuba emukele ilizwi likaPhawuli.
15 Kwathi yena kanye labendlu yakhe sebebhaphathiziwe, wasinxusela emzini wakhe.
Wathi, “Nxa lingemukela njengekholwa eNkosini, wozani lizohlala endlini yami.”
Wasincenga savuma.

UPhawuli LoSayilasi Entolongweni

16 Ngelinye ilanga sathi sisiya endaweni yokukhuleka sahlangana lentombazana
eyayiyisigqili, ilomoya wobungoma. Yayizuzela abanini bayo imali enengi nga-
lokho kuhlahlula. 17 Intombazana le yalandela uPhawuli lathi sonke imemeza
isithi, “Amadoda la ayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, alitshela indlela
yokusindiswa.” 18 Yakwenza lokhu okwensuku ezinengi. Ekucineni uPhawuli

kwamcaphula lokho waphenduka wathi kuwo umoya, “Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Khristu ukuthi uphume kuyo!” Umoya wahle waphuma kuyo khonapho.

19 Abanikazi bentombazana bathi ngokunanzelela ukuthi ithemba labo lokuzuza imali laselinyamalele, bababamba, uPhawuli loSayilasi babadonsela enkundleni yokuthengisa ukuba bayeqondana leziphathamandla. 20 Babamisa phambi kwabomantshi bathi, “Amadoda la angamaJuda asedunge idolobho lakithi 21 ngokukhuthaza imikhuba engaphandle komthetho ukuthi thina amaRoma siyamukele kumbe siyilandele.”

22 Ixuku layingenela indaba yokuhlasela uPhawuli loSayilasi, ngakho omantshi bathi kabakhululwe izigqoko batshaywe. 23 Sebebatshaye kabuhlungu babaphosela entolongweni kwathiwa umlindijele abakhangele aqinisise. 24 Esezwe lowomlayo wabafuqela endlini yentolongo ephakathi wababopha inyawo, wazibophela ensikeni.

25 Sekungaba phakathi kwamabili ebusuku uPhawuli loSayilasi bakhuleka bahlabela amahubo kuNkulunkulu, ezinye izibotshwa zibalalele. 26 Masinyane kwaba lokuzamazama komhlaba kwaze kwanyikinyeka lezisekelo zentolongo. Izivalo zentolongo zathi gwabu zavuleka, amaketane ezibotshwa athukuluka. 27 Umlindijele waphaphama, wathi ngokubona iminyango yentolongo ivulekile, wakhokha inkemba yakhe esefuna ukuzibulala ngoba ekhumbula ukuthi izibotshwa zasezibalekile. 28 Kodwa uPhawuli wamemeza wathi, “Ungazilimazi bo! Sikhona sonke!”

29 Umlindijele wathi kakulethwe izibane, wangena wazilahla phambi kukaPhawuli loSayilasi eqhaqhazela. 30 Wasebakhuphela phandle wababuza wathi, “Madoda, ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe na?”

31 Baphendula bathi, “Kholwa eNkosini uJesu, uzasindiswa; wena kanye lendlu yakho.” 32 Basebemtshumayeza ngelizwi leNkosi kanye labanye abendlu yakhe. 33 Ngalelohola lebusuku umlindijele wabathatha wabagezisa imvimvinya zabo; kwasekusithi khonokho nje yena labendlu yakhe bahle babhaphathizwa. 34 Umlindijele wahamba labo endlini yakhe, wabapha ukudla. Indlu yakhe yonke yaba lokuthokoza ngoba basebekholwa kuNkulunkulu.

35 Kwathi sokusile, omantshi bathuma amanxusa abo kumlindijele lomlayo othi: “Bakhulule abantu labo.” 36 Umlindijele watshela uPhawuli wathi, “Omantshi sebethe wena loSayilasi likhululwe. Selingahamba. Lihambe ngokuthula.”

37 Kodwa uPhawuli wathi emanxuseni: “Basibhaxabule phambi kwabantu singazange sithonisiswe thina singamaRoma agcweleyo, basiphosela entolongweni. Kanti manje sebefuna ukusikhupha ngasese na? Hatshi! Kababuye bona ngokwabo bazesikhupha.”

38 Amanxusa akubika lokhu kubomantshi abathi ngokuzwa ukuthi uPhawuli loSayilasi babengamaRoma agcweleyo, bethuka. 39 Beza ukuzabancenga, babakhupha entolongweni, babacela ukuthi basuke kulelodolobho. 40 UPhawuli loSayilasi sebephumile entolongweni baya endlini kaLidiya lapho abahlangana khona labazalwane babaqinisa. Basebesuka bahamba.

17

EThesalonika

1 Bathi sebedlule e-Amfipholi le-Apholoniya, bafika eThesalonika lapho okwakulesinagogu yamaJuda khona. 2 Njengenjayelo yakhe uPhawuli waya esinagogweni, kwathi ngamaSabatha amathathu wabonisana labo ngeMibhalo, 3 echaza njalo eveza obala ukuthi uKhristu wayemele ahlupheke njalo avuke kwabafileyo. Wathi, “UJesu lo engitshumayela ngaye kini unguye uKhristu.” 4 Amanye amaJuda akukholwa lokho asehlanganyelana loPhawuli loSayilasi, njengalokho okwenziwa

linani elikhulu lamaGrikhi abesaba uNkulunkulu, kugoqela lehlekanyana labesifazane abahloniphekayo.

5 Kodwa amaJuda aba lomona; ngakho asehuga izixhwali endaweni yokuthengisa,
abalixuku elithile asevusa umsindo edolobheni. Aphuthumela endlini kaJasoni
edinga uPhawuli loSayilasi efuna ukubaletha phambi kukazulu. 6 Kodwa kwathi sebe-
baswele basebedonsela uJasoni labanye abazalwane abathile kubaphathi bedolobho
bememeza besithi: “Amadoda la abekade edala uhlupho emhlabeni wonke manje
aseze lapha, 7 uJasoni yena wawemukela endlini yakhe. Bonke bahlinikeza imithetho
kaKhesari besithi kulenye inkosi ethiwa nguJesu.” 8 Bathi bekuzwa lokhu abantu
labaphathi bedolobho bazonda kakhulu. 9 Kwasekuthiwa uJasoni labanye bakhe
kabakhuphe isibambiso ngemali ethile, kwayikhona bekhululwa ukuthi bahambe.

EBheriya

10 Konela ukuthi kuhlwe abazalwane babasusa uPhawuli loSayilasi babasa
eBheriya. Ekufikeni kwabo khona baya esinagogweni yamaJuda. 11 AmaJuda
eBheriya wona ayelesimilo esingcono kulaleso esamaThesalonika, ngoba alemukela
ilizwi ngomfutho omkhulu njalo ayihlola iMibhalo insuku zonke ukuze abone ukuthi
lokho uPhawuli ayekutsho kwakuliqiniso na. 12 AmaJuda amanengi akholwa, kanye
labesifazane abanengi bamaGrikhi abahloniphekayo lamadoda amanengi amaGrikhi.

13 Kwathi amaJuda aseThesalonika esezwile ukuthi uPhawuli wayesetshumayela
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu eBheriya, aya khona futhi, athela abantu umoya omubi
abadunga. 14 Abazalwane bahle bathumela uPhawuli ngasokhunjini lolwandle,
kodwa uSayilasi loThimothi basala eBheriya. 15 Amadoda ayephelekezela uPhawuli
amtshiya e-Athene asebuyela lomlayezo wokuthi uSayilasi loThimothi bamlandele
ngokuphangisa.

E-Athene

16 UPhawuli esabamelele e-Athene, wakhathazeka kakhulu ngokubona ukuthi idol-
obho lelo laligcwele izithombe. 17 Ngakho wabonisana lamaJuda kanye lamaGrikhi
ayemesaba uNkulunkulu esinagogweni lasendaweni yokuthengisa zonke insuku
lalabo ababekhonapho. 18 Ixuku lezazi zama-Ephikhuri lamaStoyikhi laphikisana
laye. Abanye babo babuza bathi, “Uwumani lolu luzama ukuthini kanti?” Abanye
bathi, “Kungathi utshumayela ngonkulunkulu bezizweni.” Bakutsho lokhu ngoba
uPhawuli wayetshumayela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu langokuvuka kwabafileyo.
19 Basebehamba laye enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi, bafika bathi kuye, “Ake usitshele
ukuthi imfundiso le entsha oyethulayo iyini. 20 Uletha ezindlebeni zethu imibono
engajayelekanga, ngakho sifuna ukwazi ukuthi itshoni.” 21 (Wonke ama-Atheni
labezizwe ababehlala khona babechitha isikhathi sabo bengenzi lutho ngaphandle
kokukhuluma lokulalela imibono emitsha.)

22 UPhawuli wasukuma enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi wathi, “Madoda ase-Atheni!
Ngiyabona ukuthi kukho konke lingabantu abakhonzayo. 23 Ngoba ngithe ngihamba-
hamba, ngabona izithombe zenu, ngaze ngafumana i-alithari elilombhalo othi:

Kunkulunkulu Ongaziwayo.

Manje-ke lokho elikukhonza njengolutho olungaziwayo yikho engizakutshumayela
kini.

24 UNkulunkulu owenza umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo uyiNkosi yezulu lomhlaba,
njalo kahlali emathempelini akhiwe ngezandla. 25 Njalo kancediswa yizandla
zabantu ingathi kukhona akuswelayo, ngoba yena ngokwakhe upha bonke abantu
impilo, umphefumulo lokunye konke. 26 Ngomuntu oyedwa wenza zonke izizwe
zabantu, ukuthi zakhe emhlabeni wonke; njalo wamisa izikhathi abazilungiselweyo
lazo kanye izindawo abamele bahlale kuzo. 27 UNkulunkulu wakwenza lokhu

ukuze abantu bamdinge lokuthi mhlawumbe bamfinyelele bamfumane, loba nje uvele engakhatshana komunye lomunye wethu. 28 'Ngoba siphila kuye, sihambe ngaye njalo sipheleliswe nguye.' Njengokutsho kwezinye izimbongi zakini ukuthi, 'Singabantwabakhe.'

29 Ngakho-ke njengoba singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kasingacabangini ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjengegolide, loba isiliva kumbe ilitshe; umfanekiso obunjwe ngobungcitshi bomuntu. 30 Endulo uNkulunkulu kakunakanga ukungazi lokhu, kodwa khathesi uselaya bonke abantu ezindaweni zonke ukuba baphenduke. 31 Ngoba uselumisile usuku lapho azakwahlulela khona umhlaba ngokulunga ngaye umuntu amkhethileyo. Usebuvezile ubufakazi balokhu kubo bonke abantu ngokumvusa kwabafileyo."

32 Bathi besizwa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, abanye babo bamklolodela, kodwa abanye bathi, "Sifuna ukuphinda sikuzwe ukhuluma ngale indaba njalo." 33 Ngalokho-ke, uPhawuli wasesuka enkundleni. 34 Abantu abathile baba ngabalandeli bakaPhawuli, bakholwa. Phakathi kwabo kwakuloDiyonisiyu owayelilunga le-Ariyophagasi, njalo lowesifazane okwakuthiwa nguDamari kanye labanye abalinani elithile.

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EKhorinte

1 Ngemva kwalokho uPhawuli wasuka e-Athene waya eKhorinte. 2 Khonapho wahlangana lomJuda owayethiwa ngu-Akhwila, owasePhontusi ngomdabuko, owayesanda kufika lapho evele e-Ithali lomkakhe uPhrisila ngoba uKlawudiyasi wayekhuphe isinqumo sokuthi amaJuda wonke aphume eRoma. UPhawuli wahamba wayababona, 3 kwathi ngoba engumenzi wamathente njengabo wasehlala labo, wasebenza labo. 4 NgamaSabatha wonke wayesiya esinagogweni ebonisana lamaJuda lamaGrikhi ezama ukuwaphendula.

5 Kwathi uSayilasi loThimothi sebefikile bevela eMasedoniya, uPhawuli wasenikela isikhathi sakhe sonke ekutshumayeleni kuphela efakaza kumaJuda ukuthi uJesu wayenguKhristu. 6 Kodwa kwathi lapho amaJuda emphikisa njalo emchothoza, wathintitha izembatho zakhe phambi kwawo wathi, "Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwamakhanda enu! Mina sengiwenzile owami umlandu. Kusukela manje sengisiya kwabeZizwe."

7 UPhawuli wasesuka esinagogweni waya endlini eseceleni, eyayingekaThithu Justusi, owayekhonza uNkulunkulu. 8 UKhrispasi, umphathi wesinagogu, kanye lendlu yakhe yonke bakholwa eNkosini; kwathi labanengi bamaKhorinte abamuzwayo bakholwa, babhaphathizwa.

9 Ngobunye ubusuku iNkosi yakhuluma kuPhawuli ngombono yathi: "Ungesabi; qhubeka utshumayela, ungathuli. 10 Ngoba mina ngilawe, kakho ozakuhlasela akulimaze, ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulelidolobho." 11 Ngakho uPhawuli wahlala khona okomnyaka olengxenye, ebafundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

12 UGaliyo esangusibalukhulu wase-Akhayiya, amaJuda eKhorinte amanyana ahlasela uPhawuli, amletha emthethwandaba, 13 amangalela esithi, "Indoda le idonsela abantu ekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu ngezindlela eziphambene lomthetho."

14 Kwathi uPhawuli esathi uyakhuluma, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda, "Kube lina maJuda libika ngokona okuthile loba icala lokuganga okubi, bekufanele ukuthi ngililalele. 15 Kodwa njengoba kuphathelane ngezinto zamazwi lamabizo, langomthetho wenu; kulungiseni lina. Mina kangiyikuba ngumahluleli wezinto ezinjalo." 16 Wasesithi kabaxotshwe enkantolo. 17 Bonke basebephendukela uSosithene,

umphathi wesinagogu, bamtshaya phambi kwenkantolo. Kodwa uGaliyo kazange athi thiki lakancane.

UPhrisila Lo-Akhwila Lo-Apholo

18 UPhawuli waphinda wahlala njalo okwesikhathi esithile eKhorinte. Wasetshiya abazalwane waya e-Asiriya, ephelekezelwa nguPhrisila lo-Akhwila. Engakaweli ulwandle waqala wagela inwele zakhe eKhenkireya ngenxa yesifungo ayesenzile. 19 Bafika e-Efesu lapho uPhawuli atshiya khona uPhrisila lo-Akhwila. Yena waya esinagogweni wayabonisana lamaJuda. 20 Bamcela ukuthi ahlale okwesikhathi eside kodwa wala. 21 Wathi esesuka wathembisa wathi, "Ngizaphenduka nxa kuyintando kaNkulunkulu." Wasewela ulwandle esuka e-Efesu. 22 Wakhuphukela eKhesariya wahamba wayabingelela ibandla eJerusalema, wasesehlela e-Antiyokhi.

23 UPhawuli eseke wahlala e-Antiyokhi wasuka lapho wabhoda indawo ngendawo kuwo wonke umango waseGalathiya lowaseFirigiya eqinisa bonke abafundi.

24 Kusenjalo, umJuda owayethiwa ngu-Apholo, owe-Alekizandriya ngomdabuko, weza e-Efesu. Wayeyindoda efundileyo, elolwazi olukhulu ngeMibhalo. 25 Yayifundisiwe ngendlela yeNkosi, ikhuluma ngomfutho njalo ifundisa okuqondileyo ngoJesu, isazi ngobhaphathizo lukaJohane kuphela. 26 Yakhuluma ngesibindi esinagogweni. Kwathi uPhrisila lo-Akhwila beyizwa, bayinxusa emzini wabo, bayichazela ngokugcweleyo indlela kaNkulunkulu.

27 U-Apholo wayefuna ukuya e-Akhayiya, abazalwane basebemkhuthaza, babhalela abafundi khonale ukuthi bamamukele. Wathi efika khona waba luncedo olukhulu kulabo ababekholwe beholwa ngumusa. 28 Ngoba watshukana lamaJuda ewaphikisa enkundleni, ebonisa obala eMibhalweni ukuthi uJesu wayenguKhristu.

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UPhawuli E-Efesu

1 Kwathi u-Apholo eseKhorinte uPhawuli wathatha indlela ehamba phakathi kwelizwe waze wayafika e-Efesu. Khonapho wafumana abafundi abathile, 2 wababuza wathi, "Lamamukela na uMoya oNgcwele ngesikhathi liqalisa ukukholwa?"

Baphendula bathi, "Hatshi, kasizwanga lokuzwa ukuthi kuloMoya oNgcwele."

3 Ngakho uPhawuli wasebuza wathi, "Pho lathola luphi ubhaphathizo?"

Baphendula bathi, "Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane."

4 UPhawuli wathi, "Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane lwalulubhaphathizo lokuphenduka. Watshela abantu ukuthi bakholwe kulowo owayezakuza ngemva kwakhe, esitsho ukuthi kuJesu." 5 Sebekuzwile lokhu babhaphathizelwa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu. 6 UPhawuli esebeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kubo, bakhuluma ngendimi njalo baphrofitha. 7 Babengamadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili bebonke.

8 UPhawuli wangena esinagogweni wakhuluma ngesibindi khona okwezinyanga ezintathu, echaza okusuthisayo ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. 9 Kodwa abanye babo baba yiziqholo; bala ukukholwa, bakhuluma kubi obala ngeNdlela. Ngakho uPhawuli wabatshiya. Wathatha abafundi wasuka wayahlangana labo baxoxisana nsuku zonke esikolweni sikaThiranu. 10 Lokhu kwaqhubeka okweminyaka emibili, kwaze kwathi wonke amaJuda lamaGrikhi ayehlala kulesosifunda sase-Ezhiya alizwa ilizwi leNkosi.

11 UNkulunkulu wenza imimangaliso engajayelekanga ngoPhawuli, 12 izifinyo lamathawulo okwakuthintiswe kuye kwakusiwa kwabagulayo bahle basile emikhuhlaneni yabo lemimoya emibi iphume kubo.

13 Amanye amaJuda ayebhoda exotsha imimoya emibi azama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo ababelamadimoni. Ayesithi, "Ngebizo likaJesu uPhawuli

atshumayela ngaye, ngikulaya ukuthi uphume.” 14 Ababesenza lokhu ngamadodana
ayisikhombisa kaSkeva umphristi omkhulu wamaJuda. 15 Kwelinye ilanga umoya
omubi waphendula wathi, “UJesu ngiyamazi, loPhawuli ngiyamazi, kodwa lina
lingobani na?” 16 Kwasekusithi indoda eyayilomoya omubi yabeqela, yabehlula
bonke. Yabatshaya okuzwayo baze baphuma endlini bebaleka benqunu njalo
besopha igazi.
17 Kwathi lokhu sekuzwakele kumaJuda lamaGrikhi ayehlala e-Efesu, onke ethuka
ngokwesaba, ibizo leNkosi uJesu laselihlonitshwa kakhulu. 18 Abanengi balabo
abasebekholwa beza baphumela egcekeni, bevuma iziphambeko zabo. 19 Abanengi
ababehlahlula baletha ndawonye imiqulu yabo bayitshisa obala. Bathi sebehlolile
izindleko zaleyomiqulu kwabonakala kungaba ngamadrakhima azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 20 Ngaleyondlela ilizwi leNkosi landa kabanzi njalo
lakhula laba lamandla.
21 Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu sekwenzakele, uPhawuli wazimisela ukuya
eJerusalema, ezadlula eMasedoniya lase-Akhayiya. Wathi, “Nxa sengike ngaya khona,
kuzamele ngethekelele laseRoma.” 22 Wathuma ababili abasizi bakhe eMasedoniya,
uThimothi lo-Erastu, yena esasele okwesikhatshana esifundeni sase-Ezhiya.

Isiyaluyalu E-Efesu

23 Ngalesosikhathi kwaba lokudungeka okukhulu ngeNdlela. 24 Umkhandi we-
siliva owayethiwa nguDemetriyasi owayesenza izikhonzelo zokukhonzela u-Athemisi
ngesiliva, wayengenisa imali ezwayo kubakhandi. 25 Wababizela ndawonye kanye
lezinye izisebenzi zemisebenzi efananayo wathi kubo, “Madoda, liyakwazi ukuthi
sizuza imali enengi ngomsebenzi lo. 26 Liyabona njalo liyezwa ukuthi uPhawuli lo
usenze abantu abanengi bakholwa njalo uzadukisa abantu abanengi lapha e-Efesu
lakuso sonke isifunda sase-Ezhiya. Uthi yena onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngumuntu
kabasibo onkulunkulu lakancinyane. 27 Kulengozi-ke yokuthi kakuyikuba ngum-
sebenzi wethu kuphela ozalahlekelwa libizo lawo elihle, kodwa lethempeli likanku-
lunkulukazi omkhulu u-Athemisi lizadunyazwa, laye unkulunkulukazi ngokwakhe,
yena okhonzwa kusosonke isifunda sase-Ezhiya lasemhlabeni wonke, uzakwemukwa
ubukhosi bakhe.”
28 Bathi bekuzwa lokhu bafuthelana ngokuzonda, bahle bamemeza besithi,
“Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-Efesu!” 29 Masinyane nje idolobho lonke laphithizela.
Abantu badumela uGayiyasi lo-Aristakhasi ababe ngabaphelekezeli bakaPhawuli,
bengabeMasedoniya, babahudulela enkundleni yemidlalo bonke bayakuthi cwi
khona. 30 UPhawuli wayefuna ukuzithela emphakathini, kodwa abafundi bamalela.
31 Labanye abaphathi besifunda, ababengabangane bakaPhawuli, labo bamthumela
ilizwi bathi angaqali ukuyavela enkundleni yemidlalo.
32 Kwakungasaqondakali enkundleni: Abanye babeklabalala besitsho lokhu,
abanye labo besitsho okunye. Abantu abanengi babevele bengazi lokuthi ba-
belandeni lapho. 33 AmaJuda afuqela u-Alekizanda phambili esithi kawakhu-
lumele. Waphakamisa isandla ukuwathulisa ukuze achasise kuhle indaba ebantwini.
34 Kodwa athi ngokunanzelela ukuthi wayengumJuda, onke ahlaba umkhosi
kanyekanye okwaphose kwathatha amahola amabili, besithi, “Mkhulu u-Athemisi
wama-Efesu!”
35 Unobhala wedolobho walithulisa ixuku wathi, “Madoda ase-Efesu, akusikho yini
ukuthi umhlaba wonke uyakwazi ukuthi idolobho lase-Efesu yilo elingumlondolozi
wethempeli lika-Athemisi omkhulu, kanye lomfanekiso wakhe owehla uvela ezul-
wini? 36 Pho-ke njengoba lokhu kuyinto engaphikiswayo, thulani lingenzi izinto za-
mawala. 37 Selilethe amadoda la lapha, kodwa wona engagqekezanga emathempelini
kumbe athuka unkulunkulukazi wethu. 38 Ngakho nxa uDemetriyasi lalabo akhanda

labo belensolo loba ngobani, imithethwandaba ivuliwe, njalo labahluleli bakhona. Bangamangala. 39 Nxa kukhona njalo okunye elifuna ukukutsho, kakuyethoniswa ngomthetho enkundleni. 40 Njengoba kunje nje sisengozini yokubekwa icala lokuvusa isiyaluyalu ngenxa yezehlakalo zalamuhla. Kungenzeka lokho sizakwehluleka ukuchaza imbangela yalesisiphithiphithi, ngoba ngempela kungekho sizatho." 41 Eqeda kukhuluma lokhu, wawuchitha umhlangano.

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Udlula EMasedoniya LaseGrisi

1 Kwathi umsindo usuphelile uPhawuli wabiza abafundi, wathi esebaqinisile wabavalelisa waqonda eMasedoniya. 2 Wahamba wadabula kulowomango, ekhuluma amazwi amanengi okukhuthaza abantu, wacina esefike eGrisi 3 lapho ahlala khona okwezinyanga ezintathu. AmaJuda abumba icebo ngaye eselungele ukuwela aye e-Asiriya yikho wacabanga ukuthi abuyele ngendlela yaseMasedoniya. 4 Wayephelekezelwa nguSophatha indodana kaPhirusi waseBheriya, lo-Aristakhasi, loSekhundu waseThesalonika, loGayiyasi waseDebhe, loThimothi laye, kwasekusiba nguThikhikhasi loThrofimasi abesifunda sase-Ezhiya. 5 Amadoda la asandulela ayasimelela eTrowasi. 6 Kodwa sawela ulwandle sisuka eFiliphi ngemva koMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, kwathi ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu sahlangana labanye eTrowasi lapho esahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa.

UYuthikhasi Uvuswa Ekufeni ETrowasi

7 Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki sahlangana ukuhlephuna isinkwa. UPhawuli watshumayela ebantwini, kwathi ngoba efuna ukusuka kusisa, wakhuluma kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku. 8 Endlini ephezulu lapho esasihlanganele khona kwakulezibane ezinengi. 9 Kwakulejaha elalithiwa nguYuthikhasi lihlezi ewindini, labanjwa yibuthongo uPhawuli elokhu ekhuluma engaqedi. Lathi selijumekile, lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu labuthwa selifile. 10 UPhawuli wehla, wazilahla phezu kwejaha lelo waligona wathi, "Lingethuki, liyaphila!" 11 Wasebuyela phezulu esitezi wahlephuna isinkwa wadla. Esekhulume kwaze kwasa, wasuka. 12 Abantu balisa ekhaya ijaha liphila, bona baduduzeka kakhulu.

UPhawuli Uvalelisa Abadala Base-Efesu

13 Sathungamela ukuya emkhunjini sagwedla sisiya e-Asosi lapho esasizathatha khona uPhawuli awele lathi. Lokhu wayekulungiselele ngoba wayezahamba ngenyawo esiya khonale. 14 Wathi ngokuhlangana lathi e-Asosi samngenisa saqonda eMithilene. 15 Ngosuku olulandelayo sawela sisuka lapho sayafika eKhiyosi. Kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo sachaphela eSamosi, ngosuku olulandelayo sayafika eMilethusi. 16 UPhawuli wayezimisele ukuwela edlule eceleni kwe-Efesu engafuni ukuchitha isikhathi esifundeni sase-Ezhiya, ngoba wayejahe ukuyafika eJerusalema, nxa kusenzeka kube ngosuku lwePhentekhosti.

17 EseMilethusi uPhawuli wathumela ilizwi e-Efesu ebiza abadala bebandla. 18 Sebefikile wathi kubo, "Liyakwazi ukuthi ngaphila njani ngesikhathi sonke ngilani, kusukela ngosuku engafika ngalo esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. 19 Ngayikhonza iNkosi ngokuzithoba okukhulu langezinyembezi, loba ngangilingwa kabuhlungu ngamacebo amaJuda. 20 Liyakwazi ukuthi kangizange ngithikaze ukutshumayela loba yikuphi obekungaba luncedo kini kodwa ngalifundisa obala njalo ngingena izindlu ngezindlu. 21 Ngitshumayele kumaJuda lakumaGrikhi ukuthi kumele baphendukele kuNkulunkulu ngokuphenduka, bakholwe eNkosini yethu uJesu.

22 Okwamanje ngiqhutshwa nguMoya ukuthi ngiye eJerusalema loba ngingazi ukuthi kuzakwenzakalani kimi khonale. 23 Ngazi kuphela ukuthi kuwo

wonke amadolobho uMoya oNgcwele ungixwayisa ukuthi ukubotshwa lobunzima kungimelele. 24 Kodwa eyami impilo ngiyibona ingasilutho kimi, injongo yami emqoka yikuqeda loluhambo lokufeza lumsebenzi engiwuphiwe yiNkosi uJesu, umsebenzi wokufakaza ivangeli lomusa kaNkulunkulu.

25 Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi kakho kini engihambe ngitshumayela khona umbuso ozaphinda angibone futhi. 26 Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini lamuhla ukuthi kangilacala ngegazi labantu bonke. 27 Ngoba kangingabazanga ukutshumayela kini yonke intando kaNkulunkulu. 28 Zigcineni lina kanye lawo wonke umhlambi uMoya oNgcwele olenze laba ngabathungameli. Wobani ngabelusi bebandla likaNkulunkulu, owalithenga ngegazi lakhe. 29 Ngiyazi ukuthi nxa sengisukile lapha, impisi eziphangayo zizakuza phakathi kwenu ziwungenele umhlambi. 30 Laphakathi kwenu kuzavela abantu abazalihlanekela iqiniso ukuze abanye abafundi babalandele. 31 Ngakho lihlale liqaphele! Khumbulani ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu kangizange ngiphumule ukuxwayisa omunye lomunye wenu ubusuku lemini ngezinyembezi.

32 Khathesi ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe elilamandla oku-lakha lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo. 33 Kangihawukelanga siliva samuntu, loba igolide kumbe izembatho. 34 Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi izandla zami lezi zagcwalisa zonke izinswelo zami lezabakhula bami. 35 Kukho konke engakwenzayo ngalibonisa ukuthi ngalindlela yokusebenza nzima kumele sisize ababuthakathaka, sikhumbula amazwi eNkosi uJesu athi, ‘Kubusiseke kakhulu ukupha ukwedlula ukwamukela.’ ”

36 Esekutshilo lokhu waguqa phansi kanye labo bonke, wakhuleka. 37 Bonke bakhala lapho bemgona lokumanga. 38 Okwabadanisa kakhulu kwaba yilizwi lakhe lokuthi babengasayikuphinde babubone njalo ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezela emkhunjini.

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Ukuya EJerusalema

1 Sathi sesizehlukanise kubo ngobuhlungu, sawela ulwandle saqonda nta eKhosi. Ngosuku olulandelayo saya eRodi, sasuka khona saya ePhathara. 2 Safumana umkhumbi owawuchaphela eFenikhiya, sangena kuwo, sahamba. 3 Sayithi tshazi iSiphrasi, sedlula ngeningizimu kwayo, saya e-Asiriya. Sakhuphukela eThire lapho umkhumbi wethu wawuzakwethula khona umthwalo wawo. 4 Safumana abafundi khona, sahlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa. Baholwa nguMoya ukuthi bamncenge uPhawuli ukuthi angayi eJerusalema. 5 Kodwa isikhathi sethu sesifikile, sasuka saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu. Bonke abafundi lamakhosikazi abo kanye labant-wana basiphelekezela basikhupha edolobheni, safika okhunjini saguqa sakhuleka. 6 Sesivalelisene, sangena emkhunjini, bona babuyela emakhaya.

7 Saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu sisuka eThire sayakhuphukela ePhetholemayi, lapho sabingelela abazalwane, sahlala labo usuku lonke. 8 Sasuka ngelanga elilandelayo safika eKhesariya sayahlala endlini kaFiliphu umvangeli, engomunye wabayisiKhombisa. 9 Wayelamadodakazi amane angendanga njalo ephrofitha.

10 Sesihlale insuku ezimbalwa kwafika umphrofethi owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi evela eJudiya. 11 Weza kithi, wathatha ibhanti likaPhawuli, wazibopha izandla lezinyawo zakhe ngalo, wathi, “UMoya oNgcwele uthi, ‘Ngayonale indlela amaJuda aseJerusalema azabopha umninibhanti leli abesemnikela kwabeZizwe.’ ”

12 Sathi sikuzwa lokhu sonke labantu bakhonapho sancengana loPhawuli ukuthi angayi eJerusalema. 13 UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Likhalelani lingidabula inhliziyo yami na? Kangilungelanga ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa lokufa eJerusalema

ngifela ibizo leNkosi uJesu.” 14 Kwathi ngoba engancengeki sadela sathi, “Mayenzeke
intando yeNkosi.”
15 Ngemva kwalokhu, salungisa sasesisiya eJerusalema. 16 Abafundi abathile
abaseKhesariya basiphelekezela basisa emzini kaMnasoni lapho esasizahlala khona.
Wayeyindoda edabuka eSiphrasi, engomunye wabafundi bakuqala.

Ukufika KukaPhawuli EJerusalema

17 Ekufikeni kwethu eJerusalema abazalwane basamukela ngokuthokoza.
18 Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli lathi sonke sahamba ukuyabona uJakhobe,
bonke abadala babekhona. 19 UPhawuli wababingelela, wabika ngokugcweleyo
konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile kwabeZizwe ngokusebenza kwakhe.
20 Bathi sebekuzwile lokhu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu. Ngakho basebesithi
kuPhawuli, “Uyabona mzalwane ukuthi izinkulungwane ezinengi zamaJuda
sezikholiwe njalo wonke atshisekela umlayo. 21 Sebetshelwe ukuthi wena ufundisa
wonke amaJuda ahlala phakathi kwabeZizwe ukuthi afulathele uMosi, ubatshela
ukuthi angasoki abantwababo lokuthi angalandeli amasiko ethu. 22 Pho senzeni?
Ngeqiniso bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile, 23 ngakho yenza lokhu esikutshela khona.
Kulamadoda amane phakathi kwethu asenze isifungo. 24 Hamba lawo amadoda
la, ubambisane lawo emkhutsheni wokuzihlambulula, uwabhadalele izindleko zawo
zakhona ukuze aphuce amakhanda awo. Ngakho umuntu wonke uzakwazi ukuthi
akulaqiniso kulimibiko ngawe, kodwa babone ukuthi wena ngokwakho uphila
ngokulandela umlayo. 25 AbeZizwe bona abakholwayo sesibalobele ngesinqumo
sethu ukuthi kabaxwaye ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni, bangadli ububende,
lenyama yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo lokuhlobonga.”
26 Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli wawathatha lawomadoda wayazihlambulula
kanye lawo. Wasesiya ethempelini ukuyakwazisa ngosuku lokuphela kwensuku
zokuhlambulula lokuthi umnikelo walowo lalowo wabo wawuzakwenziwa nini.

UPhawuli Uyabotshwa

27 Kwathi lezinsuku eziyisikhombisa sezizaphela, amaJuda athile esifunda sase-
Ezhiya abona uPhawuli ethempelini. Alidunga lonke ixuku ambamba 28 ehlaba
umkhosi esithi, “Madoda ako-Israyeli; sibambiseni! Yiyo le indoda efundisa abantu
bonke ezindaweni zonke okuphambene labantu bakithi lomlayo wakithi kanye
lendawo le. Ngaphandle kwalokho, usengenise amaGrikhi emagumeni ethempeli
wangcolisa indawo le eNgcwele.” 29 (Mandulo babebone uThrofimasi wase-Efesu
edolobheni eloPhawuli basebekhumbula ukuthi uPhawuli wayeze laye emagumeni
ethempeli.)
30 Idolobho lonke laphithizela, abantu beza begijima beqhamuka inxa zonke.
Bamdumela uPhawuli bamhudula bemsusa ethempelini, amasango alo ahle avalwa.
31 Bathi besazama ukumbulala, umbiko wafika kumlawuli wamabutho amaRoma
ukuthi idolobho lonke laseJerusalema laseliphithizela. 32 Khonokho nje wathatha
abanye abaphathi kanye lamabutho wagijimela esiphithiphithini leso. Kwathi labo
ababevusa uthuli bebona umlawuli lamabutho akhe bema ukutshaya uPhawuli.
33 Umlawuli weza wafika wambopha wathi kabotshwe ngamaketane amabili.
Wasembuza ukuthi wayengubani lokuthi wayoneni. 34 Abathile exukwini bamemeza
lokhu, abanye bamemeza okunye, kwasekusithi ngoba umlawuli engalizwa iqiniso
ngenxa yokuxokozela waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli kasiwe enkambeni yamabutho.
35 Esefikile ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini, abantu baphithizela ngamandla
waze wathwalwa ngamabutho. 36 Ixuku elalilandela laphikelela limemeza lisithi,
“Msusele amanqe!”

UPhawuli Ukhuluma Lexuku Labantu

37 Amabutho esathi amngenisa ngaphakathi, uPhawuli wacela kumlawuli wathi,
“Ngingaba lelizwi lawe na?”
Yena waphendula wathi, “Uyasikhuluma yini isiGrikhi? 38 Kawusuye yini umGibhithe owaqala umvukela, wakhokhela izinkulungwane ezine zamathekulambuso enkangala?”
39 UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “NgingumJuda waseThasasi eSilisiya, isakhamuzi sedolobho elihloniphekayo. Ngicela ukuthi kengikhulume labantu laba.”
40 Esethole imvumo kumlawuli, uPhawuli wema ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini wathulisa ixuku ngesandla. Kwathi bonke sebethule wakhuluma kubo ngesiHebheru wathi,

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1 “Bazalwane labobaba, manje lalelani lizwe ukuzivikela kwami.”
2 Bathi bemuzwa ekhuluma kubo ngesiHebheru bathula zwi.
UPhawuli wasesithi, 3 “Mina ngingumJuda owazalelwa eThasasi eseSilisiya, kodwa ngakhulela kulonaleli idolobho. Ngafunda ngaphansi kukaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa okugcweleyo ngomlayo wabokhokho, lami ngakhuthalela uNkulunkulu njengani lamuhla. 4 Ngabahlukuluza abalandeli bale iNdlela baze bafa, ngibopha abesilisa labesifazane ngibaphosela entolongweni, 5 into engafakazwa ngumphristi omkhulu kanye lenkundla. Ngaze ngathola izincwadi kubo zisiya kubazalwane babo eDamaseko, ngaya khona ngifuna ukubaletha labobantu beyizibotshwa eJerusalema ukuthi bazojeziswa.
6 Kwathi sekungaba yimini enkulu sengisondela eDamaseko, masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini kwangizingelezela. 7 Ngawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi lisithi kimi, ‘Sawuli! Sawuli! Ungihlukuluzelani na?’
8 Ngabuza ngathi, ‘Ungubani, Nkosi?’
Waphendula wathi, ‘NginguJesu waseNazaretha omhlukuluzayo.’ 9 Ababengiphelekezela bakubona ukukhanya, kodwa kabalizwanga ilizwi lalowo owayekhuluma lami.
10 Ngabuza ngathi, ‘Kumele ngenzeni Nkosi?’
INkosi yathi, ‘Phakama uye eDamaseko. Khonale uzatshelwa konke osumiselwe ukuthi ukwenze.’ 11 Abaphelekezeli bami bangihola ngesandla bangisa eDamaseko ngoba inkazimulo yokukhanya yayingenze ngaba yisiphofu.
12 Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya yeza yazangibona. Yayingumlandeli omkhulu womlayo njalo ihlonitshwa kakhulu yiwo wonke amaJuda ayehlala khona. 13 Wema eceleni kwami wathi, ‘Mzalwane Sawuli, bona njalo!’ Ngalesosikhathi ngahle ngazuza amandla okumbona.
14 Wasesithi, ‘UNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu usekukhethile ukuthi uyazi intando yakhe lokuthi umbone oLungileyo lokuba uzwe amazwi aphuma emlonyeni wakhe. 15 Uzakuba ngufakazi wakhe ebantwini bonke ngalokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo. 16 Pho usalindeni? Sukuma ubhaphathizwe, ugeze izono zakho, ubiza ibizo lakhe.’
17 Ngithe sengibuyile eJerusalema ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngafikelwa yisiyeziphupho, 18 ngabona iNkosi ikhuluma isithi kimi, ‘Phangisa! Suka masinyane eJerusalema ngoba kabayikubamukela ubufakazi bakho ngami.’
19 Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Nkosi, lababantu bayakwazi ukuthi nganginquma lamasinagogu ngibabopha njalo ngibatshaya labo abakholwa kuwe. 20 Lalapho kuchithwa igazi lomfakazi wakho uStefane ngangimi khonapho ngivumelana labo njalo ngilinde izigqoko zalabo ababembulala.’
21 INkosi yasisithi kimi, ‘Hamba; ngizakuthumela kude kwabeZizwe.’ ”

UPhawuli UngumRoma

22 Abantu bamlalela uPhawuli sonke isikhathi, kodwa esetsho lokhu bavungama
bamemeza bathi, “Kasuswe emhlabeni lo umuntu! Kamelanga aphile!”
23 Bathi sebeklabalala, behlubula amajazi abo, njalo bephosa uthuli emoyeni,
24 umlawuli wamabutho walaya ukuthi uPhawuli kangeniswe enkambeni yam-
abutho. Wayala ukuthi atshaywe njalo abuzisiswe ukuthi kungani abantu bemvukela
kanje. 25 Bathi sebemlalisa phansi ukuthi bambhaxabule bembophile, uPhawuli
wathi kumphathi wekhulu owayemi khonapho, “Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi ut-
shaye umuntu ongumRoma ongetheswanga cala na?”
26 Umphathi wekhulu esekuzwile lokho wayabikela umlawuli wamabutho wathi,
“Usuzathini manje? Indoda le ingumRoma.”
27 Umlawuli wamabutho waya kuPhawuli wambuza wathi, “Ake ungitshele, kanti
ungumRoma na?”
Wathi, “Yebo, nginguye.”
28 Umlawuli wamabutho wasesithi, “Mina ngahlawula imali ukuthi ngithole
ilungelo lokuba ngumRoma.”
UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Kodwa mina nginguye ngokuzalwa.”
29 Labo abasebelungele ukumbuzisisa bahle batshedela emuva masinyane. Um-
lawuli webutho ngokwakhe wethuka esenanzelela ukuthi wayebophe uPhawuli,
umRoma, ngamaketane.

Phambi KweSanihedrini

30 Ngosuku olulandelayo, njengoba umlawuli wamabutho wayefuna ukwazi isi-
bili ukuthi kungani uPhawuli wayebekwa icala ngamaJuda, wamkhulula walaya
abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke ukuthi bahlangane. Wasemletha uPhawuli
wamisa phambi kwabo.

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1 UPhawuli wawujolozela umphakathi weSanihedrini wathi, “Bazalwane, sengi-
wugcwalisile umlandu wami kuNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo eqotho kuze kube lamuhla.”
2 Umphristi omkhulu, u-Ananiya, kwamcunula lokhu, watshela labo ababemi eduze
kukaPhawuli ukuthi bamukule umlomo. 3 UPhawuli wathi kuye, “UNkulunkulu
uzakumukula, wena mduli oconjwe ngekalaga emhlophe! Lapha uhlalele ukun-
gahlulela ngomthetho, ikanti wena ngokwakho uyaweqa umthetho ngokulaya ukuthi
ngitshaywe!”
4 Labo ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli bathi, “Ulesibindi sokuthuka umphristi
omkhulu kaNkulunkulu wena?”
5 UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Bazalwane, bengingazi ukuthi ungumphristi
omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Ungakhulumi okubi ngombusi wabantu
bakini.’*”
6 UPhawuli wayesazi ukuthi abanye babo babe ngamaSadusi, abanye bengaba-
Farisi, wasememeza phakathi kweSanihedrini wathi, “Bazalwane, mina ngingum-
Farisi, indodana yomFarisi. Ngithoniselwa ukuthi ngilethemba lokuvuka kwabafi-
leyo.” 7 Wathi ngokutsho lokhu, kwavuka umsindo phakathi kwabaFarisi lamaSadusi,
umphakathi wasudabukana phakathi. 8 (AmaSadusi athi kakulakuvuka ekufeni,
lokuthi kakulazingilosi loba imimoya, kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma konke lokho
ukuthi kukhona.)
9 Kwaba lokuxokozela okukhulu, kwathi abanye abafundisi bomthetho ababe
ngabaFarisi basukuma bayidaza inkani. Bathi, “Kasiboni lutho olubi ngendoda le.
Mhlawumbe umoya kumbe ingilosi ikhulume kuye ke?” 10 Yavutha inkani umlawuli

* **23:5** 23.5 U-Eksodasi 22.28

webutho waze wesaba ukuthi uPhawuli sebengamdabudabula. Waselaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amsuse kubo ngamandla amlethe enkambeni yamabutho.

11 Ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema eduze kukaPhawuli yathi, “Iba lesibindi!
Njengoba usufakaze ngami eJerusalema, kusamele njalo uyofakaza eRoma.”

Icebo Lokubulala UPhawuli

12 Ngosuku olulandelayo amaJuda abumba icebo njalo enza isifungo sokuthi kawayikudla kumbe anathe engakambulali uPhawuli. 13 Kwakungamadoda edlula amatshumi amane ayehambisana lalelocebo. 14 Baya kubaphristi abakhulu labadala bathi, “Sesifunge ijoyi lokuthi kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale uPhawuli. 15 Ngakho-ke lina leSanihedrini khalazani kumlawuli webutho ukuthi amlethe kini ngenhloso yokuthi lifuna ubufakazi obugcweleyo ngecala lakhe. Thina sesilungisile ukuthi simbulale engakafiki lapha.”

16 Kodwa kwathi ukuba indodana kadadewabo kaPhawuli isilizwile lelicebo, yaya enkambeni yamabutho yayamtshela uPhawuli.

17 UPhawuli wasebiza omunye umphathi wekhulu wathi, “Hamba lejaha leli kumlawuli wamabutho; kukhona elifuna ukukutsho kuye.” 18 Ngakho wasemusa kumlawuli.

Umphathi wekhulu wathi, “Isibotshwa esinguPhawuli singibizile sangicela ukuthi ngilethe ijaha leli kuwe ngoba kukhona elifuna ukukutshela khona.”

19 Umlawuli wamthatha lowojaha, wambamba ngesandla waya laye eceleni, wambuza wathi, “Kuyini ofuna ukungitshela khona?”

20 Wathi: “AmaJuda asevumelene ukuthi akucele wena ukuthi ulethe uPhawuli phambi kweSanihedrini kusasa ngenhloso yokuthi afuna ingcazelo epheleleyo mayelana laye. 21 Ungabavumeli ngoba abeqa amatshumi amane bawo bazam-cathamela. Asenze isifungo sokuthi angadli njalo anganathi engakabulali uPhawuli. Kunje nje sebelungile, sebelindele imvumo yakho ngesicelo sabo.”

22 Umlawuli wathi kahambe umfana, wamqonqosela wathi, “Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi usungazisile ngalokhu.”

UPhawuli Udluliselwa EKhesariya

23 Wasebiza abaphathi bebutho ababili wabalaya wathi, “Lungisani ixuku lam-abutho angamakhulu amabili, abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa labangamakhulu amabili abahlome ngemikhonto ukuthi baye eKhesariya lamuhla ebusuku ngehola lesithathu. 24 Lilungisele loPhawuli amabhiza ukuze asiwe kuMbusi uFelikhe evikelekile.”

25 Wabhala incwadi kanje:

26 Klawudiyasi Lisiya,
Kumhlekazi, uMbusi uFelikhe:
Ngiyabingelela.

27 Indoda le yabanjwa ngamaJuda, okwathi esezama ukuyibulala ngafika lam-abutho ami sayilamulela ngoba ngasengizwile ukuthi ingumRoma. 28 Ngadinga ukwazi ukuthi ayesithi yoneni, yikho ngayiletha phambi kweSanihedrini yawo. 29 Ngezwa ukuthi icala layo laliphathelene lomlayo wawo, kodwa kwasweleka icala elingafanela ukufa loba ukugwetshelwa entolongweni. 30 Ngithe sengilunywe indlebe ngecebo lokuyibulala ngahle ngayedlulisela kuwe. Ngiphinde ngatshela omayimangalela ukuthi bazokwethula kuwe abamangalela ngakho.

31 Ngakho amabutho azilandela lezo ziqondiso amthatha uPhawuli ebusuku ayamfikisa e-Antiphatri. 32 Ngosuku olulandelayo amabutho amtshiya leqembu labagade amabhiza ukuthi liqhubeke laye, bona babuyela enkambeni. 33 Kwathi

abamabhiza sebefikile eKhesariya bayethula incwadi kumbusi loPhawuli laye bamnikela kuye. 34 Umbusi wayibala incwadi wambuza ukuthi wayedabuka kusiphi isifunda. Esezwile ukuthi wayengoweSilisiya, 35 Wathi, “Icala lakho ngizalihlola nxa labo abakumangalelayo sebefikile lapha.” Waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli agcinwe elindiwe esigodlweni sikaHerodi.

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Icala Lithethwa NguFelikhe

1 Ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu umphristi omkhulu u-Ananiya wehlela eKhesariya labadala abathile kanye lomeli owayethiwa nguThethula, bafika beneka ukumangalela kwabo uPhawuli kumbusi. 2 UPhawuli esebiziwe, uThethula walethula icala kuFelikhe wathi: “Mhlekazi! Ngaphansi kombuso wakho sesikholise isikhathi sokuthula eside, ikanti lombono wakho usulethe intuthuko kulesisizwe. 3 Yonke indawo, ngazozonke izindlela, mhlekazi omuhle Felikhe, siyakwamukela konke lokhu ngokubonga okukhulu. 4 Kodwa ukuthi ngingakuchitheli isikhathi, ngiyakucela ukuthi uke usizwe kancinyane esikutshoyo.

5 Indoda le siyifumane ukuthi iluhlupho, ivusa isiphithiphithi phakathi kwamaJuda kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ingumholi wequla lamaNazarini 6 futhi yazama njalo ukungcolisa ithempeli; yikho sayibamba. Sasifuna ukumahlulela ngokomlayo wethu. [7 Kodwa umlawuli uLisiya weza wazamthatha ngodlakela ezandleni zethu, wathi obamangalelayo kabeze phambi kwakhe].* 8 Ngokumhlola wena ngokwakho uzalibona iqiniso ngazozonke lezizinto esimangalela ngazo.”

9 AmaJuda lawo ayingenela indaba eqinisa ukuthi lezizinto zaziliqiniso.

10 Kwathi umbusi esemphile ithuba lokuthi akhulume uPhawuli waphendula wathi: “Ngiyazi ukuthi usube ngumahluli walesisizwe okweminyaka eminengi; ngakho ngizivikela ngesibindi langentokozo. 11 Ungalithola iqiniso lokuthi kakudluli insuku ezilitshumi lambili ngiyile eJerusalema ukuyakhonza. 12 Abangimangalelayo kabazange bangifumane ngiphikisana lomuntu ethempelini, loba ngitshotshozela amaxuku emasinagogweni kumbe ngaphi edolobheni. 13 Bangezake balethe ubufakazi kuwe balezizinto abangimangalela ngazo. 14 Kodwa ngiyavuma ukuthi ngikhonza uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, njengomlandeli weNdlela abayibiza ngokuthi ngumvukela. Ngiyakukholwa konke okuvumelana loMlayo lokubhaliweyo kubaphrofethi, 15 njalo ngilethemba elifana lelamadoda la kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuzakuba lokuvuka kwabafileyo, abalungileyo lababi. 16 Ngakho ngiyazama kokuphela ukuba isazela sami sihlale sihlanzekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu laphambi kwabantu.

17 Ngemva kweminyaka eminengi ngingekho, ngeza eJerusalema ukuletha izipho zabaswelayo ebantwini bakithi lokwethula iminikelo. 18 Ngangihlanzekile ngokomkhuba baze bangifumane ethempelini ngisenza lokhu. Kwakungelaxuku labantu elalilami, kumbe ukuthi ngangiphazamisa ngokuthile. 19 Kodwa kukhona amaJuda athile avela esifundeni sase-Ezhiya, okufanele ukuthi ngabe akhona lapha phambi kwakho, angethese icala nxa kukhona akusolayo ngami. 20 Kumbe wonala akhona kawachaze ukuthi licala bani alifumanayo kimi mhlazana ngimi eSanihedrini, 21 ngaphandle kwalokhu kodwa engakumemezayo ngimi phambi kwawo ukuthi: ‘Kungenxa yokuvuka kwabafileyo okwenza ngithonisiswe phambi kwenu lamuhla.’ ”

22 Ngakho uFelikhe, owayesazi kakhulu ngeNdlela walimisa icala. Wathi, “Kuzakuthi nxa uLisiya umlawuli angafika ngizaliquma icala lenu.” 23 Walaya umphathi

* **24:7** 24.7 Livesi ayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

wekhulu ukuthi agcine uPhawuli elindiwe kodwa amvumele ukukhululeka okuthile kanye labangane bakhe ukuthi bamuphe lokho akuswelayo.

24 Ngemva kwensuku ezinengi uFelikhe wafika lomkakhe uDrusila owaye ngumJudakazi. Wathi kakubizwe uPhawuli, wamlalela echaza ngokukholwa kuJesu Khristu.
25 UPhawuli wathi esebalisa ngokulunga, langokuzithiba langokwahlulelwa okuzayo uFelikhe wesaba wathi, “Sekwanele okwamanje! Usungahamba. Kungaze kulunge njalo ngizakubiza.” 26 Yena wayecabanga ukuthi uPhawuli uzamupha imali yokumfumbathisa, yikho wayembiza futhifuthi ekhuluma laye.

27 Isidlule iminyaka emibili, uFelikhe walandelwa esikhundleni nguPhokhiyu Festasi, kodwa ngoba uFelikhe wayefuna ukuthabisa amaJuda, watshiya uPhawuli elokhu esentolongweni.

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Ukuthonisiswa Phambi KukaFestasi

1 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu efikile esifundeni uFestasi, wasuka eKhesariya waya eJerusalema 2 lapho abaphristi abakhulu labakhokheli bamaJuda bema phambi kwakhe beneka amacala kaPhawuli. 3 Bamcela ngokuphangisa uFestasi, ukuba abenzele umusa, abalethele uPhawuli eJerusalema, ngoba babeceba ukumcathamela bambulale endleleni. 4 UFestasi waphendula wathi, “UPhawuli uvalelwe eKhesariya, njalo mina ngokwami Ngiya khona masinyane. 5 Akuthi abanye abakhokheli bakini bahambe lami bafike bamethese amacala khonale, nxa kukhona akonileyo.”

6 Esehlale insuku eziyisificaminwembili loba ezilitshumi labo, wehlela eKhesariya, kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo wangenisa inkundla wathi kalethwe uPhawuli phambi kwakhe. 7 Esefikile uPhawuli amaJuda ayebuyile evela eJerusalema ambuthanela, ethula amacala amanengi esabekayo ngaye, kodwa engelabufakazi ngawo.

8 UPhawuli wasezivikela wathi, “Angenzanga lutho oluphikisa umlayo wamaJuda kumbe ukudumaza ithempeli, kumbe oluphikisa uKhesari.”

9 UFestasi wayefuna ukwenzela amaJuda umusa, wathi kuPhawuli, “Uyavuma na ukuya eJerusalema ukuthi ngiyekuthonisela khona amacala la?”

10 Waphendula uPhawuli wathi, “Khathesi sengisiyakuma phambi kwenkundla kaKhesari, lapho engifanele ukuthonisiswa khona. Kangonanga lutho kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kakuhle. 11 Kodwa, nxa ngilecala lokwenza loba yini efanele ukufa kangali ukubulawa. Kodwa nxa lawomacala engiwetheswa ngamaJuda la engasiqiniso, kakho olelungelo lokunginikela kuwo. Ngilidlulisela kuKhesari!”

12 UFestasi esehlanganise amakhanda lomphakathi wakhe, wathi, “Usulidlulisele kuKhesari. Uzakuya-ke kuKhesari!”

UFestasi Ubonisana LeNkosi U-Agripha

13 Sekuyizinsuku ezimbalwa ngemva kwalokho iNkosi u-Agripha loBhenikhe bafika eKhesariya ukuyaqinisa ubudlelwano laye uFestasi. 14 Njengoba babezachitha insuku ezinengi khona, uFestasi wakhuluma leNkosi ngendaba kaPhawuli. Wathi, “Kulendoda lapha eyatshiywa nguFelikhe iyisibotshwa. 15 Ngathi ngiseJerusalema, abaphristi abakhulu labadala bamaJuda bayimangalela ngamacala athile, bacela ukuthi ibulawe.

16 Ngabatshela ukuthi kakusimkhuba wamaRoma ukunikela umuntu engakahlanganiswa labamangaleli bakhe, waphiwa ithuba lokuzivikela kulawo macala abambeka wona. 17 Bathi sebefikile lapha behamba lami, ngahle ngalingenisa icala, kodwa inkundla ngayihlanganisa ngosuku olulandelayo, ngathi indoda leyo kayingeniswe. 18 Sebephakamile ukuba bakhulume, kabasambekanga lawomacala engangiwakhumbula. 19 Kodwa, kulezinto ezithile ababephikisana ngazo laye

mayelana lenkolo yabo langenye indoda eyafayo ethiwa nguJesu, uPhawuli athi
yena iyaphila. 20 Ngisuke ngadideka ukuthi ngizicubungule njani izindaba ezinjalo;
yikho ngimbuzile ukuthi angavuma yini ukuya eJerusalema ayethonisiswa khona
ngamacala la. 21 Kuthe uPhawuli esethe ucela icala lakhe limiswe liyoqunywa
nguMbusi oMkhulu, ngathi kagcinwe entolongweni ngize ngimdlulisele kuKhesari.”
22 U-Agripha wasesithi kuFestasi, “Ngifuna ukuthi kengiyizwe mina ngokwami
indoda leyo.”
Waphendula wathi, “Uzayizwa kusasa.”

UPhawuli Phambi Kuka-Agripha

23 Kusisa u-Agripha loBhenikhe bafika ngodumo olukhulu bangena emthethwand-
aba lezikhulu zakhona ezaziwayo kanye labakhokheli bedolobho. UFestasi wathi
uPhawuli kalethwe. 24 UFestasi wasesithi, “Nkosi Agripha, lani lonke elikhona
lathi lapha, liyayibona indoda le! Sonke isizwe samaJuda eJerusalema lakhona
lapha eKhesariya senza isikhalazo kimi bememeza ukuthi kayisafanelanga ukuthi
ibe ilokhu iphila. 25 Ngafumana ukuthi kwakungelalutho alwenzayo olufanele
ukufa, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wacela ukudluliselwa kuMbusi oMkhulu, ngakhetha
ukuthi ngimdlulisele eRoma. 26 Kodwa kakulalutho olubambekayo engizalulobela
uMhlekazi ngaye. Ngakho sengimlethe lapha phambi kwenu lonke, ikakhulu
phambi kwakho wena Nkosi Agripha, ukuze kuthi ngemva kokumhlola hlezi ngithole
ulutho engingaluloba. 27 Ngibona kungaba liphutha elikhulu ukuthumela isibotshwa
ngingacacanga ngamacala esiwetheswayo.”

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1 U-Agripha wasesithi kuPhawuli, “Ulemvumo yokuzikhulumela.”
Ngakho uPhawuli wasephakamisa isandla sakhe waqalisa ukuzivikela, wathi,
2 “Nkosi Agripha, ngizibona ngilenhlanhla ukuma phambi kwakho lamuhla
ngisethula ukuzivikela kwami kuwo wonke amacala engiwetheswa ngamaJuda,
3 ikakhulu njengoba wena uwazi amasiko amaJuda kanye lokuphikisana kwawo.
Ngakho ngiyakucela ukuthi ungilalele ngokubekezela.
4 AmaJuda wonke ayayazi impilo engiyiphilileyo kusukela ebuntwaneni bami,
ekuqaleni kokuphila kwami elizweni lakithi njalo laseJerusalema. 5 Sebengazi
okwesikhathi eside njalo bangafakaza nxa bethanda, ukuthi ngenhlelo zenkolo yethu
eqinileyo, ngangiphila ngingumFarisi. 6 Manje sekungenxa yethemba lami kulokho
uNkulunkulu akuthembisa okhokho bethu okwenza ngithonisiswe lamuhla. 7 Lesi
yiso isithembiso esilindelwe yizizwana zakithi ezilitshumi lambili ukuthi zizasibona
sigcwaliseka zilokhu zimkhonza uNkulunkulu ngokutshiseka emini lebusuku. Mh-
lekazi, kungenxa yalo lelithemba engimangalelwa lona ngamaJuda. 8 Kungenzakala
kanjani ukuthi phakathi kwenu kube yinto engakholekiyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu
uyabavusa abafileyo na?
9 Lami ngokwami ngangizimisele ukuthi ngenze yonke imizamo yokuphikisana
lebizo likaJesu waseNazaretha. 10 Lakanye yikho lokho engakwenzayo eJerusalema.
Ngaphiwa amandla ngabaphristi abakhulu ngaphosela abanengi abangcwele en-
tolongweni, kwathi ekubulaweni kwabo lami ngasekela ukubalahla. 11 Izikhathi
ezinengi ngangihamba nginquma lamasinagogu ngisithi kabajeziswe, ngazama
njalo ukubabamba ngamandla ukuthi bahlambaze uJesu. Ngathi ngihlanyiswa
yikubazonda ngaya lakwamanye amadolobho asezizweni ukuyabahlukuluza khona.
12 Kolunye uhambo lwami ngalubangisa eDamaseko ngilamandla lomlayo en-
gawuphiwa ngabaphristi abakhulu. 13 Kwathi sekungaba yimini enkulu ngisendleleni
Mhlekazi Agripha, ngabona ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini, kukhazimula ukwedlula
ilanga, kungizingelezele kanye labakhula bami. 14 Sonke sawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi

lisithi kimi, ngesiHebheru, ‘Sawuli, Sawuli ungihlukuluzelani na? Kubuhlungu kuwe ukukhahlela izinciji.’

15 Ngasengibuza ngathi, ‘Ungubani, Nkosi?’

INkosi yaphendula yathi, ‘NginguJesu omhlukuluzayo. 16 Phakama khathesi ume ngezinyawo zakho. Ngizibonise kuwe ukuthi ngikukhethe ukuba yinceku njalo ube ngufakazi walokho osukubonile ngami, lalokho engisazakutshengisa khona. 17 Ngizakuphephisa ebantwini bakini lakwabeZizwe. Ngikuthuma 18 ukuthi uvule amehlo abo, ubaphendule basuke ebumnyameni baye ekukhanyeni, njalo basuke emandleni kaSathane baye kuNkulunkulu ukuze bemukele ukuthethelelwa kwezono lendawo phakathi kwalabo abangcweliswe ngokukholwa kimi.’

19 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Agripha, kangiqholozelanga umbono ovela ezulwini. 20 Ngaqala ngaba seDamaseko, kwalandela abaseJerusalema laseJudiya lonke, kwalandela labeZizwe labo, ngatshumayela ukuthi kumele baphenduke babuyele kuNkulunkulu njalo babonise ukuphenduka kwabo ngezenzo zabo. 21 Kungaleso isizatho okwenza amaJuda angibamba ngisemagumeni ethempeli azama ukungibulala. 22 Kodwa uNkulunkulu ungiphephisile kuze kube namuhla, yikho ngimi lapha ngifakaza kwabancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. Kakulalutho engilutshoyo ngaphezu kwalokho abaphrofethi loMosi abathi kuzakwenzakala, 23 ukuthi uKhristu wayezahlupheka, njalo njengowokuqala ukuvuka kwabafileyo, atshumayele ukukhanya ebantwini bakibo lakwabeZizwe.”

24 Khonapho uFestasi wasemphazamisa esazivikela wathi, “Phawuli, usangene ingqondo! Ukufunda kwakho okukhulu sekukuphambanise ingqondo.”

25 Waphendula uPhawuli wathi, “Kangihlanyi, Mhlekazi omkhulu Festasi. Engikutshoyo kuliqiniso njalo kulengqondo. 26 Inkosi izijayele lezizinto yikho ngikhuluma kuyo ngikhululekile. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi kakukho lokukodwa kukho okuyeqileyo inkosi, ngoba kakwenziwanga ejikweni ngokucatshelana. 27 Nkosi Agripha, uyabakholwa na abaphrofethi? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyabakholwa.”

28 U-Agripha wasesithi kuPhawuli, “Kambe ucabanga ukuthi ngesikhatshana esifitshane kangaka ungangiphendula ngibe ngumKhristu?”

29 UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Singaba sisifitshane loba sibeside, ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuthi kakungabi nguwe kuphela kodwa bonke abangizwayo lamuhla bangaba yilokho engiyikho khona, ngaphandle kwala amaketane.”

30 Inkosi yaphakama kanye lombusi loBhenikhe lalabo ababehlezi labo. 31 Baphuma endlini, bathi sebekhuluma bodwa, bathi, “Indoda le kakulalutho elwenzayo olufanele ukufa loba ukuvalelwa entolongweni.”

32 U-Agripha wathi kuFestasi, “Indoda le ibizakhululwa kube ibingedluliselanga icala layo kuKhesari.”

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UPhawuli Uya ERoma

1 Sekumisiwe ukuthi sizakuya e-Ithali, uPhawuli kanye lezinye izibotshwa banikelwa ezandleni zomphathi wekhulu owayethiwa nguJuliyasi owaye ngowe-Butho leSikhosini. 2 Sagada umkhumbi e-Adramithiya owawusulungele ukuya emathekwini asemakhunjini esifunda sase-Ezhiya, sahle salungena ulwandle. Sasilo-Aristakhasi, owayesuka eThesalonika.

3 Kusisa sakhuphukela eSidoni; uJuliyasi watshengisa umusa kuPhawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane bakhe bamenzele lokho ayengabe ekuswela. 4 Sesisuka lapho saluqonda ulwandle njalo sagudla ethunzini laseSiphrasi ngoba ukuvunguza komoya kwakuphambana lathi. 5 Sathi sesiwele sadabula ulwandle olubanzi

malungana lasokhunjini lweSilisiya lePhamfiliya, sakhuphukela eMira eseLikhiya.
6 Khonapho umphathi wekhulu wafumana umkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya uwelela
e-Ithali, wasingenisa kuwo. 7 Sahamba sitotoba okwensuku ezinengi, sathwala nzima
ukuyafika eKhinidu. Kwathi ngoba umoya usivalela ukuthi sihambe ngendlela yethu,
sawela sayagudla ethunzini laseKhrethe, malungana leSalimoni. 8 Sahamba siceza
okhunjini kanzima, safika endaweni ethiwa kuseMathekumahle, eduze ledolobho
laseLaseya.
9 Sasesilahlekelwe yisikhathi esinengi kakhulu, lokuhamba olwandle kwasekuyin-
gozi kabi ngoba ngalesisikhathi kwasekungemva kwesikhathi sokuzila. Yikho
uPhawuli wabaxwayisa wathi, 10 “Madoda, ngibona ukuthi uhambo lolu luzakuba
lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu, kubhidlike umkhumbi lempahla, lempilo zethu
lathi.” 11 Kodwa umphathi wekhulu, esikhundleni sokulalela lokho okwakut-
shiwo nguPhawuli, walandela iseluleko somtshayeli womkhumbi kanye lomnikazi
wawo. 12 Njengoba itheku lalingelihle ukuthi simise khona ebusika, abanengi
bakhetha ukuthi siqhubeke ngohambo, bethemba ukuthi sizafika eFenikhe simise
khona ebusika lobo. Leli kwakulitheku eliseKhrethe, elalikhangele eningizimu
yentshonalanga njalo lenyakatho yentshonalanga.

Isiphepho

13 Kwathi ngokuphephetha komoya opholileyo waseningizimu, banakana ukuthi
basebekutholile ababekudinga; ngakho bawukhulula umkhumbi wawela ugudle
iKhrethe. 14 Masinyazana nje, umoya olamandla esivunguvungu owawuthiwa
“yiNhlampumalanga” wavunguza usuka esihlengeni. 15 Umkhumbi watshaywa
yilesosiphepho wehluleka ukuqondana lomoya; ngakho wasehlula sasesindenda
nje siwulandela. 16 Sathi lapho sidlula ekusithekeni kwesihlenge esincane es-
ithiwa yiKhawuda, kwasekusala lokuthi simise kuhle isikepe sokuphephela siqonde.
17 Kwathi amadoda esesidonsele phezulu emkhunjini, basebethandela izintambo
bebopha umkhumbi ngokwawo ukuze uqine wonke. Bathi ngoba besesaba ukuthi
bazatshayeka emhlabathini wetshebetshebe laseSithisi, behlisa iseyili bayekela
umkhumbi wazindendela nje. 18 Isiphepho sasizunguza kabuhlungu kwaze kwathi
ngosuku olulandelayo saqalisa ukujikela umthwalo olwandle. 19 Ngosuku lwe-
sithathu baphosela phandle ngezabo izandla izintambo lezinye impahla zokuhambisa
umkhumbi. 20 Kwathi sekuyizinsuku ezinengi singaliboni ilanga loba izinkanyezi,
kodwa isiphepho silokhu sisidla ubhedu, saphelelwa lithemba lokuthi sizaphepha.
21 Amadoda ayesehlale isikhathi eside engadlanga, uPhawuli wasesima phambi
kwabo, wathi, “Madoda, ngabe lingilalele sangasuki eKhrethe; ngabe kalizifakanga
phakathi kwale inhlekenhleke lokulahlekelwa lokhu. 22 Kodwa manje ngiyalikhut-
haza ukuthi lime isibindi, ngoba kakukho lamunye wenu ozakufa; ngumkhumbi
kuphela ozabhidlika. 23 Izolo ebusuku ingilosi kaNkulunkulu engingowakhe mina
njalo lengimkhonzayo ime phambi kwami 24 yathi, ‘Ungesabi, Phawuli. Kumele
uyethonisiswa nguKhesari; njalo uNkulunkulu usebe lomusa wokukunika impilo
zabo bonke owela labo.’ 25 Ngakho manini isibindi, madoda, ngoba ngiyamethemba
uNkulunkulu ukuthi kuzakwenzakala njengokungitshela kwakhe. 26 Kodwa phela
sisezake sitshayeke phansi sikhaphazelwe esihlengeni esithile.”

Ukubhidlika Komkhumbi

27 Ngobusuku betshumi lane sasilokhu siyaluziswa oLwandle lwe-Adriyathi, lapho
okwathi phakathi kobusuku abaqhubi bomkhumbi bezwa kungathi basebesondela
emhlabathini. 28 Baphosa izintambo zokulinganisa bafumana ukuthi amanzi ayezike
okwezingalo ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. Ngemva kwesikhatshana baphinda
baziphosa njalo bafumana izingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye ukuzika.

29 Bathi ngoba besesaba ukuthi sasizasakazeka ematsheni basebesehlisa insika
zokumisa umkhumbi ngemuva bekhalela ukuthi kuse. 30 Abaqhubi bomkhumbi
bazama ukunyenya babaleke emkhunjini ngokwehlisela isikepe sokusinda olwandle
bezenza abafuna ukuyakwehlisa ezinye insika ngaphambili komkhumbi. 31 UPhawuli
wasesithi kumphathi wekhulu lasemabuthweni, “Nxa amadoda la engahlali emkhun-
jini, ngeke lisinde.” 32 Ngakho amabutho asequma izintambo ezazibambe isikepe
sokusinda asiyekela sayagxumukela emanzini.

33 Sekubanga emathathakusa, uPhawuli wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi badle.
Wathi, “Okwensuku ezilitshumi lane ezidluleyo belihlezi libambe amaphaphu enu;
lisehluleka lokudla; kalizange lidle lutho. 34 Okwamanje ngilicela ukuthi lidle.
Kumele lidle ukuze liphile. Kakho loyedwa wenu ozalahlekelwa lalunwele ekhanda
lakhe.” 35 Esekutshilo lokhu, wathatha isinkwa wabonga kuNkulunkulu phambi
kwabo bonke. Wasesihlephuna wadla. 36 Bonke baqunga isibindi basebesidla
labo. 37 Sisonke sasingabantu abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lesithupha (276) emkhunjini. 38 Bathi sebedlile basutha, baphungula ukusindwa
komkhumbi ngokuchithela amabele olwandle.

39 Kwathi sokusile kabawunanzelelanga umhlabathi, kodwa babona itheku
elaligcwele itshebetshebe, basebezimisela ukuthi umkhumbi bayewumisa khona nxa
kuvuma. 40 Baquma insika bazitshiya zicwila olwandle, baphinda banyomula lezin-
tambo ezazibambe okokugwedlisa. Basebephakamisa iseyili yaphambili beyiqondisa
emoyeni, basebeqonda ekhunjini. 41 Kodwa umkhumbi watshayelela esidulini
setshebetshebe olwandle wahle wabhajwa. Isihloko sawo sathi ngxi phansi asabe
sisanyikinyeka, ingemuva yona yahlakazeka itshaywa ngamagagasi.

42 Amabutho asesithi kungcono abulale izibotshwa ukuze kungabikhona es-
izantsheza sibaleke. 43 Kodwa umphathi wekhulu wayefuna ukuvikela impilo
kaPhawuli, yikho wabalela ukuthi bakwenze lokho abasebekumisile. Walaya
labo ababelamandla okuntsheza ukuba bazithele olwandle bona kuqala baqonde
emhlabathini. 44 Inengi lalizandenda ngamapulanka liye khona loba ngasiqa bani
somkhumbi. Ngale indlela wonke umuntu wafika emhlabathini ephephile.

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Emhlabathini EMalitha

1 Sathi sesiphephile safika emhlabathini, sezwa ukuthi isihlenge leso sasithiwa
yiMalitha. 2 Abantu bakhona basiphatha ngomusa ongajayelekanga. Basemukela
kuhle sonke, basibasela umlilo wekhanka ngoba izulu lalisina njalo kumakhaza.
3 UPhawuli watheza umnyaba wenkuni, wathi ebasela kwaphuma inhlangwana
isixotshwa ngumlilo yahle yamthandela esandleni. 4 Abahlali besihlengeni bathi be-
bona inyoka ilenga esandleni sakhe bakhulumisana besithi, “Indoda le iyisigebenga;
ngoba loba isindile olwandle, unkulunkulukazi uKulunga kayivumelanga ukuthi
iphile.” 5 Kodwa uPhawuli wayithintitha inyoka wayilabhulela emlilweni yena akaze
alimala lakancane. 6 Abantu babelinde okwesikhathi eside bengaboni lutho olubi
lusenzakala kuye, baguqula imicabango yabo basebesithi ungunkulunkulu.

7 Eduze kwalapho kwakulepulazi likaPhabhiliyasi, owayeyisikhulu esiphethe isih-
lenge. Wasemukela ngesihle emzini wakhe, wasihlalisa khona okwensuku ezintathu
esiphethe kuhle. 8 Uyise wayegula elele phansi ephethwe luqhuqho lesihudo.
UPhawuli wayambona, kwathi esekhulekile, wambeka izandla wamsilisa. 9 Kwathi
sekwenzakele lokhu, bonke abagulayo esihlengeni beza basiliswa. 10 Basidumisa
ngezipho ezinengi, kwasekusithi sesilungela ukuwela basilungisela umphako owane-
leyo.

Ukufika ERoma

11 Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu sangena olwandle sigade umkhumbi
owawuchithe ubusika khona lapho. Wawungumkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya
owawulophawu lwamakhanda amaphahla abonkulunkulu uKhasto loPholukhi.
12 Sakhuphukela eSirakhusi sahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu. 13 Sesisuka
lapho sawela sayafika eRegiyumi. Ngakusasa kwaphephetha umoya weningizimu,
kwathi ngelanga elilandelayo sayafika ePhuthewoli. 14 Lapho safumana abazalwane
abasicela ukuthi sihlale khona okweviki silabo. Sasesifika eRoma. 15 Abazalwane
balapho basebezwile ukuthi siyeza, ngakho bahamba baze bayafika eNkundleni
yase-Aphiya laseziNkantini eziNtathu besihlangabeza. Wathi ebabona lababantu
uPhawuli wabonga uNkulunkulu njalo waqiniswa. 16 Sithe sesifikile eRoma,
uPhawuli wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, elindwe ngelilodwa ibutho.

UPhawuli Utshumayela ERoma Elindiwe

17 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu uPhawuli wabiza abakhokheli bamaJuda. Bathi se-
behlangene wathi kubo, “Bazalwane bami, loba ngingenzanga lutho olubi ebantwini
bakithi kumbe olwephula imikhuba yabokhokho bethu, ngabotshwa eJerusalema
nganikelwa kwabaseRoma. 18 Wona esengihlolile afisa ukungikhulula ngoba
ngangingelacala loba elakuphi ukuganga okwakungafanela ukufa. 19 Kodwa kwathi
ngoba amaJuda ekwala lokho ngabona sekufanele ukuthi ngikhalaze kuKhesari;
kungayisikho ukuthi ngasengimangalela abantu bakithi. 20 Ngalesisizatho ngicelile
ukuthi ngilibone, ngikhulume lani. Kungenxa yethemba lika-Israyeli okwenza
ngibotshwe ngale iketane.”

21 Baphendula bathi, “Kasitholanga zincwadi ezivela eJudiya mayelana lawe, njalo
kakho umzalwane ovela khonale oke wabika kumbe wakhuluma ulutho olubi ngawe.
22 Kodwa sifuna ukuzwa imibono yakho, ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ezindaweni zonke
abantu bakhuluma kubi ngaloluhlelo lwenkolo.”

23 Balungiselela ukuhlangana loPhawuli ngelanga elithile elalibekiwe, njalo kweza
abantu abanengi endaweni ayehlala kuyo. Kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba ntam-
bama echaza umbuso kaNkulunkulu njalo efakaza ngokuseMthethweni kaMosi
lakubaPhrofethi. Wazama njalo ukubazisa ngoJesu 24 Abanye basuthiseka ngalokhu
ayekutsho, kodwa abanye kabazange bakholwe. 25 Baphikisana bona bodwa basebe-
suka ngemva kokuba uPhawuli esephethe inkulumo yakhe ngokuthi, “Nxa uMoya
oNgcwele wakhuluma iqiniso kubokhokho benu aze ukhulume ngomphrofethi u-
Isaya ukuthi:

26 ‘Hamba kulababantu uyekuthi,
“Lizahlala lisizwa kokuphela, kodwa lingaqedisisi;
lizahlala libona kokuphela kodwa lingabonisisi.”
27 Ngoba inhliziyo yalababantu isibuthundu;
kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo,
njalo sebevale amehlo abo;
ngoba bangaqabuka bebona ngamehlo abo,
bezwe ngezindlebe zabo,
baqedisise ngezinhliziyo zabo,
baphenduke, lami ngibasilise.’*

28 Ngakho ngithanda ukuthi lazi ukuba insindiso kaNkulunkulu isithunyelwe
kwabeZizwe, njalo bona bazalalela!” [29 Ngemva kwalokhu, amaJuda asuka,
ephikisana wodwa kakhulu.]†

* **28:27** 28.27 U-Isaya 6.9-10 † **28:29** 28.29 Livesi kayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

30 UPhawuli wahlala khona okweminyaka emibili egcweleyo, ehlala endlini
yakhe ayeloje kuyo, njalo esemukela ngesihle bonke ababesiza bezombona.
31 Watshumayela ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wafundisa ngeNkosi uJesu Khristu
ngesibindi njalo engaphazanyiswa muntu.

Incwadi kaPhawuli KwabaseRoma

1 UPhawuli, inceku kaKhristu uJesu, owabizelwa ukuba ngumpostoli njalo
wahlukaniselwa ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, 2 ivangeli alithembisa ngaphambilini
ngabaphrofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele 3 mayelana leNdodana yakhe,
yona okuthi ngokwemvelo yayo yoluntu yayiyinzalo kaDavida, 4 njalo ngoMoya
wobungcwele yabonakaliswa ngamandla ukuthi iyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngoku-
vuka kwayo kwabafileyo; uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu. 5 Ngaye samukela umusa
lobupostoli ukuba sinxusele abantu beZizwe bonke ekulaleleni okuza ngokukholwa
ngenxa yebizo lakhe. 6 Lani futhi lingabanye babeZizweni ababizelwe ukuba babe
ngabakaJesu Khristu.

7 Kubo bonke abaseRoma abathandwa nguNkulunkulu njalo ababizelwe ukuba
ngabangcwele bakhe:

Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube
kini.

UPhawuli Ufisa Ukwethekelela ERoma

8 Kuqala ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami ngoJesu Khristu ngilibongela lani, ngoba
ukukholwa kwenu kubikwa umhlaba wonke. 9 UNkulunkulu engimkhonza
ngenhliziyo yami yonke ngokutshumayela ivangeli leNdodana yakhe, ungufakazi
wami ekuthini ngilikhumbula kokuphela 10 emikhulekweni yami izikhathi zonke;
njalo ngiyakhuleka khathesi ukuthi sengathi ekucineni ngentando kaNkulunkulu
ngivulelwe indlela yokuza kini.
11 Ngiyafisa ukulibona ukuze ngilinike isipho somoya sokuliqinisa, 12 okuyikuthi
ngokufananayo lina lami siqiniswe lukholo lomunye wethu. 13 Kangifuni ukuba
lingaze lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi sengaceba kanengi ukuba ngize kini (kodwa
ngisehluleka ukwenzanjalo kuze kube khathesi) ukuze ngibe lesivuno phakathi
kwenu, njengalokhu engakwenzayo kwabanye abeZizweni.
14 Ngilomlandu kumaGrikhi lakwabangasiwo, kwabahlakaniphileyo labayiziwula.
15 Yikho-nje ngitshisekela ukutshumayela ivangeli lakini eliseRoma.
16 Kangilanhloni ngevangeli, ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu okusindiswa kwabo
bonke abakholwayo: kuqala amaJuda, kulandele abeZizwe. 17 Ngoba ukulunga oku-
vela kuNkulunkulu kubonakaliswa evangelini, ukulunga okungokukholwa kusukela
ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Abalungileyo bazaphila
ngokukholwa.”*

Ulaka LukaNkulunkulu Ebantwini

18 Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela ezulwini kulabo abangalunganga
kanye lobubi babantu abancindezela iqiniso ngobubi babo, 19 kalokho okungazakala
ngoNkulunkulu kusobala kubo, ngoba uNkulunkulu ekwenze kwabasobala kubo.
20 Ngoba kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba isimo sikaNkulunkulu esingabonakaliyo,
amandla akhe angapheliyo kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, sekubonakele ngoku-
sobala, kuzwisiseka ngokwenziweyo, ukuze abantu bangabi lasizatho sokuzigeza.

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* **1:17** 1.17 UHabhakhukhi 2.4

21 Ngoba lanxa uNkulunkulu babemazi, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu loba
bambonge, kodwa imicabango yabo yaba yize lezinhliziyo zabo eziyiziwula zaba
mnyama. 22 Lanxa bazenza abahlakaniphileyo baba yizithutha 23 benana inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu ongafiyo ngemfanekiso eyenziwa yafana labantu abalakho ukufa
lezinyoni lezinyamazana kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo.
24 Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabanikela esonweni sezinkanuko zezinhliziyo zabo
zobufebe ngokwenza imzimba yabo ihlazo phakathi kwabo. 25 Benana iqiniso
likaNkulunkulu ngamanga, badumisa bekhonza izinto ezadalwayo kuloMdali odun-
yiswa kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
26 Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu wabanikela ezinkanukweni ezilihlazo. Labesi-
fazane bakibo benana imvelo yobudlelwano bemacansini ngokungasikho kwemvelo.
27 Ngokufanayo abesilisa labo badela ukuphathana kwemvelo labesifazane batshiseka
ngokukhanukana. Abesilisa benza izenzo ezilihlazo lamanye amadoda, bazilethela
isijeziso esifanele ukuxhwala kwabo.
28 Phezu kwalokho, njengoba bengazange bacabange ukuthi kufanele bagcine uku-
mazi uNkulunkulu, wabanikela engqondweni yokuxhwala, ukuba benze okungame-
langa kwenziwe. 29 Sebegcwele ngokonakala konke, ububi, ubuhaga kanye lokux-
hwala. Bagcwele umhawu, lokubulala, lengxabano, lenkohliso kanye lolunya.
Bangabanyeyayo, 30 labahlebi, labazonda uNkulunkulu, leziqholo, labazigqajayo
kanye labazikhukhumezayo; baqala izindlela zokwenza okubi; badelela abazali babo;
31 kabaqedisisi, kabathembekanga, kabalathando njalo kabalamusa. 32 Lanxa besazi
isimiso esilungileyo sikaNkulunkulu sokuthi labo abenza izinto ezinje bafanele ukufa,
kabaqhubeki nje kuphela besenza zona kanye lezizinto, kodwa bayavumelana njalo
lalabo abazenzayo.

2

Ukwahlulela Okulungileyo KukaNkulunkulu

1 Ngakho-ke, kawulasizatho sokuzigeza wena owahlulela omunye, ngoba loba
kungaphi owahlulela khona omunye, uyazigweba wena ngokwakho, ngoba wena
owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifanayo. 2 Siyakwazi ukuthi ukubahlulela kwakhe
uNkulunkulu labo abenza izinto ezinje kweyame eqinisweni. 3 Ngakho lapho-
ke, wena muntu nje, ubahlulela, kodwa usenza izinto ezifanayo, ucabanga ukuthi
uzakubalekela ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu na? 4 Kumbe njalo weyisa ubukhulu
bomusa wakhe, ukubekezela kanye lesineke sakhe, ungananzeleli ukuthi umusa
kaNkulunkulu ujonge ukukusa ekuphendukeni na?
5 Kodwa ngenxa yobuqholo bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo, uziqoqela
ulaka oluzakuhlupha ngosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, lapho okuzabonakaliswa
khona ukwahlulela kwakhe okulungileyo. 6 UNkulunkulu “uzakupha umvuzo
emuntwini munye ngamunye ngokuhambelana lalokho akwenzileyo.”* 7 Kulabo
abaphikelela besenza okuhle bedinga inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokungabhubhi,
uzakubanika ukuphila okulaphakade. 8 Kodwa labo abazinqinekelayo labala iqiniso
balandele ububi, kuzakuba lolaka lokuthukuthela. 9 Kuzakuba lokuhlupheka losizi
emuntwini wonke owenza okubi, kuqala kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni, 10 kodwa
inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokuthula kuye wonke owenza okulungileyo, kuqala
kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni. 11 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo.
12 Bonke abenza isono ngaphandle komthetho bazabhubha ngaphandle komthetho,
njalo bonke abenza isono ngaphansi komthetho bazakwahlulelwa ngomthetho.
13 Ngoba akusilabo abezwa umthetho abalungileyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa

* **2:6** 2.6 AmaHubo 62.12; Izaga 24.12

yilabo abalalela umthetho okuzathiwa balungile. 14 (Ngempela, nxa abeZizwe,
abangelawo umthetho, besenza ngokwemvelo izinto ezifunwa ngumthetho, bangum-
thetho bona ngokwabo, lanxa bengelawo umthetho, 15 njengoba bebonakalisa ukuthi
okufunwa ngumthetho kulotshiwe ezinhliziyweni zabo, izazela zabo ziyafakaza,
imicabango yabo ibasola iphinde ibavikele.) 16 Lokhu kuzakwenzakala ngosuku uN-
kulunkulu azakwahlulela imfihlo zabantu ngoJesu Khristu, njengokutsho kwevangeli
lami.

AmaJuda LoMthetho

17 Khathesi-ke wena, nxa uzibiza ngokuthi ungumJuda; nxa uthembe umthetho
njalo uzincoma ngobudlelwane bakho loNkulunkulu; 18 nxa uyazi intando yakhe
njalo uvumela okuhle ngoba ufundiswe ngumthetho; 19 nxa ukholwa ukuthi
ungumkhokheli weziphofu, ukukhanya kwalabo abasemnyameni, 20 umeluleki
wezithutha, lomfundisi wezingane, ngoba kwezomthetho uhlanganisa ulwazi leqin-
iso, 21 ngakho wena ofundisa abanye, kambe lawe kawuzifundisi na? Wena
otshumayela ngokungebi, uyeba na? 22 Wena othi abantu bangafebi, uyafeba na?
Wena owenyanya izithombe, uyawaphanga amathempeli na? 23 Wena ozincoma
ngomthetho, uNkulunkulu uyamdelela ngokwephula umthetho na? 24 Njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Ibizo likaNkulunkulu lihlanjaziwe phakathi kwabeZizwe ngenxa
yakho.”†

25 Ukusoka kuligugu nxa ugcina umthetho, kodwa nxa usephula umthetho, usufana
lokuthi kawusokanga. 26 Nxa labo abangasokanga begcina imfanelo zomthetho,
kabayikukhangelwa njengabasokileyo na? 27 Lowo ongasokanga ngokwenyama,
kodwa elalela umthetho, uzakulahla wena, okuthi lanxa ulomlayo olotshiweyo njalo
usokile, ungumephuli womthetho.

28 Umuntu kasumJuda nxa enguye emehlweni kuphela, loba esokile emehlweni
lenyameni kuphela. 29 Hatshi, umuntu ungumJuda nxa enguye ngaphakathi, lokusoka
yikusoka kwenhliziyo, ngoMoya, hatshi ngomlayo. Ukubongwa komuntu onjalo
akuveli ebantwini, kodwa kuNkulunkulu.

3

Ukuthembeka KukaNkulunkulu

1 Pho yibungcono bani obukhona ekubeni ngumJuda, loba ligugu bani elikhona
ekusokeni na? 2 Kukhulu ngezindlela zonke. Okokuqala amaJuda aphathiswe wona
kanye amazwi kaNkulunkulu.

3 Kuba njani nxa abanye babo babengathembekanga? Ukungathembeki kwabo
kungachitha ukuthembeka kukaNkulunkulu na? 4 Akunjalo! UNkulunkulu kabe
qotho, umuntu wonke abe ngumqambi wamanga. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Ukuze ubonakaliswe ukuthi uqondile lapho ukhuluma,
njalo unqobe lapho usahlulela.”*

5 Kodwa nxa ukungalungi kwethu kusenza ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kucace
kakhulu, thina sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga ngokwehlisela ulaka
lwakhe phezu kwethu na? (Mina ngikhuluma njengokubona komuntu.) 6 Ngempela
akunjalo. Aluba kwakunjalo, uNkulunkulu ubengawahlulela kanjani umhlaba na?
7 Omunye angaphikisa athi, “Nxa amanga ami ekhulisa ubuqotho bukaNkulunkulu
ngalokho andise udumo lwakhe, kungani lokhe ngilahlwa njengesoni na?” 8 Kungani
singathi njengoba sigconwa kuthiwa sitsho njalo futhi abanye bathi “Kasenzeni okubi
ukuze kuvele okulungileyo na?” Ukulahlwa kwabo kufanele.

† **2:24** 2.24 U-Isaya 52.5; UHezekhiyeli 36.22 * **3:4** 3.4 AmaHubo 51.4

Kakho Olungileyo

9 Pho sizaphetha ngokuthini na? Kambe sesingcono na? Hatshi akunjalo! Sesitshilo
ukuthi umJuda loweZizwe bangokufanayo ngaphansi kwamandla esono. 10 Njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa;
11 kakho ozwisisayo,
kakho odinga uNkulunkulu.
12 Bonke baphambukile,
bonke kabasasizi ngalutho;
kakho owenza okuhle,
kakho loyedwa.”†
13 “Imiphimbo yabo ingamangcwaba avulekileyo;
inlimi zabo zisebenza ukukhohlisa.”‡
“Ubuhlungu bezinhlangwana busezindebeni zabo.”§
14 “Imilomo yabo igcwele ukuthuka lentukuthelo.”*
15 “Inyawo zabo zilesiqubu ekuchitheni igazi;
16 incithakalo losizi kuphawula izindlela zabo,
17 indlela yokuthula kabayazi.”†
18 “Ukumesaba uNkulunkulu akukho emehlweni abo.”‡
19 Siyakwazi ukuthi loba kuyini okutshiwo ngumthetho, ukutsho kulabo aban-
gaphansi komthetho, ukuze imilomo yonke ithuliswe lomhlaba wonke ube lom-
landu kuNkulunkulu. 20 Ngakho-ke, kakho okuzathiwa ulungile emehlweni akhe
ngokugcina umthetho; kodwa ngomthetho siba lakho ukwazi isono.

Ukulunga Ngokukholwa

21 Kodwa khathesi ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu, ngaphandle komthetho,
sekwazisiwe, njalo kwafakazelwa nguMthetho labaphrofethi. 22 Ukulunga lokhu
okuvela kuNkulunkulu kufika kubo bonke abakholwa kuJesu Khristu. Akulamehluko
phakathi komJuda loweZizwe, 23 ngoba bonke bonile njalo bayasilela enkazimul-
weni kaNkulunkulu, 24 njalo bakhululwa ngomusa wakhe kudlula ngensindiso
eyeza ngoKhristu uJesu. 25 UNkulunkulu wambeka njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo,
ngokukholwa egazini lakhe. Wenza lokhu ukuze abonakalise ukulunga kwakhe,
ngoba ngokubekezela kwakhe wayekela izono ezenziwe ngaphambilini kungekho
kujeziswa, 26 wakwenzela ukubonakalisa ukulunga kwakhe ngalesisikhathi, ukuze
abe ngolungileyo njalo onguye obenza babe ngabalungileyo labo abakholwa kuJesu.
27 Pho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kutshiywe ngaphandle. Ngasimiso bani na?
Esokugcina umthetho na? Hatshi, kodwa ngesokukholwa. 28 Ngoba siyaqinisa ukuthi
umuntu ulungiswa yikukholwa langaphandle kokugcina umthetho. 29 UNkulunkulu
unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda kuphela na? KasuNkulunkulu wabeZizwe njalo na?
Yebo, ungowabeZizwe futhi, 30 njengoba uNkulunkulu emunye kuphela, ozalungisa
abasokileyo ngokukholwa labangasokanga ngalokho kukholwa okufanayo. 31 Pho,
siyawuchitha umthetho ngalokhu kukholwa na? Hatshi, akunjalo! Kodwa, okuyikho
yikuthi umthetho siyawusekela.

4

U-Abhrahama Walungiswa Ngokukholwa

1 Pho sizakuthi kuyini u-Abhrahama, ukhokho wethu, akufumanayo ngokwenyama
kule indaba na? 2 Nxa, ngempela, u-Abhrahama walungisiswa ngemisebenzi,

† **3:12** 3.12 AmaHubo 14.1-3; 53.1-3; UMtshumayeli 7.20 ‡ **3:13** 3.13 AmaHubo 5.9 § **3:13** 3.13 AmaHubo 140.3 * **3:14** 3.14 AmaHubo 10.7 † **3:17** 3.17 U-Isaya 59.7-8 ‡ **3:18** 3.18 AmaHubo 36.1

wayelakho okokuzincoma ngakho, kodwa hatshi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Kanje
umbhalo uthini na? Uthi, “U-Abhrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa
kuye njengokulunga.”*
4 Nxa umuntu esebenza, umholo wakhe kawubalwa kuye njengesipho, kodwa
njengomlandu. 5 Ikanti emuntwini ongasebenziyo kodwa ethemba uNkulunkulu
owenza ababi balunge, ukukholwa kwakhe kubalwa njengokulunga. 6 UDavida
utsho okufanayo lapho ekhuluma ngokubusiseka komuntu uNkulunkulu ambalela
ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, esithi:
7 “Babusisiwe labo
oziphambeko zabo zithethelelwe,
ozono zabo zisibekelwe.
8 Ubusisiwe lowo
ongasoze abalelwe isono sakhe yiNkosi.”†
9 Ukubusiseka lokhu ngokwabasokileyo kuphela, kumbe njalo lakwabangasokanga
na? Kade sisithi ukukholwa kuka-Abhrahama kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga.
10 Kwabalelwa kusiphi isimo na? Kwakungemva kokuba esesokile, loba ngapham-
bilini na? 11 Wamukela isibonakaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga abalalo
ngokulunga engakasoki. Ngakho-ke, unguyise wabo bonke abakholwayo, kodwa
bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe kubo. 12 Njalo unguyise wabasokileyo
futhi, abangasokanga nje kuphela, kodwa abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo ubaba
u-Abhrahama ayelalo engakasoki.
13 Akuzanga ngomthetho ukuthi u-Abhrahama lenzalo yakhe amukele isithembiso
sokuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa kweza ngokulunga okuza ngokukholwa.
14 Ngoba nxa labo abaphila ngomthetho bezindlalifa, ukukholwa kakulasizo lesithem-
biso siyize, 15 ngoba umthetho uletha ulaka. Njalo lapho okungelamthetho khona
akukho ukona.
16 Ngakho, isithembiso siza ngokukholwa, ukuze sifike ngomusa njalo siqiniseke
kuyo yonke inzalo ka-Abhrahama, hatshi kulabo abangabomthetho kuphela, kodwa
njalo lakulabo abangabokholo luka-Abhrahama. Ungubaba wethu sonke. 17 Njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Sengikwenze waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi.”‡ Ungubaba
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu akholwa kuye, yena onika abafileyo ukuphila njalo enze
izinto ebezingekho zibe khona.
18 Kungekho themba, u-Abhrahama ngethemba wakholwa waba nguyise wezizwe
ezinengi, njengoba kwakutshiwo kuye ukuthi, “Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho.”§
19 Engekethisanga ekukholweni kwakhe, wamelana lobuqotho bokuthi umzimba
wakhe wawusufana lofileyo, njengoba wayeseleminyaka ephosa ibe likhulu ubudala
kanye lokuthi isibeletho sikaSara laso sasesifile. 20 Waqiniswa ekukholweni kwakhe,
wapha udumo kuNkulunkulu, 21 ekholwe ngokupheleleyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wayelamandla okwenza lokho ayekuthembisile. 22 Yikho-nje “kwabalelwa kuye
njengokulunga.”* 23 Amazwi athi “kwabalelwa kuye” kawalotshelwanga yena yedwa,
24 kodwa lathi futhi, uNkulunkulu azabalela ukulunga kwethu, thina esikholwa kuye,
yena owavusa uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo. 25 Wanikelwa ekufeni ngenxa yezono
zethu njalo wavuselwa ekuphileni ukuze silungisiswe.

5

Ukuthula Lethemba

1 Ngakho-ke, njengoba silungisiswe ngokukholwa, silokuthula kuNkulunkulu
ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, 2 esifinyelele ngaye umusa esimi kuwo khathesi

* **4:3** 4.3 UGenesisi 15.6 † **4:8** 4.8 AmaHubo 32.1-2 ‡ **4:17** 4.17 UGenesisi 17.5 § **4:18** 4.18 UGenesisi 15.5
* **4:22** 4.22 UGenesisi 15.6

ngokukholwa. Njalo siyathokoza ngethemba enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu.
3 Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa siyathokoza njalo ezinhluphekweni zethu, ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kudala ukuqinisela; 4 ukuqinisela, ubuntu; lobuntu, ithemba. 5 Njalo ithemba kalisidanisi, ngoba uNkulunkulu usethululele uthando lwakhe ezinhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele, asinike yena.
6 Liyabona, ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, lapho sisesebuthakathaka, uKhristu wafela abangakholwa kuNkulunkulu. 7 Kulivelakancane ukuthi umuntu afele umuntu olungileyo, lanxa kungaba lolesibindi sokufela umuntu olungileyo. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu ubonakalisa uthando lwakhe kithi ngalokhu: Siseseyizoni, uKhristu wasifela.
9 Njengoba khathesi sesilungisiswe ligazi lakhe, pho sizasindiswa kakhulu kangakanani olakeni lukaNkulunkulu ngaye! 10 Ngoba ngesikhathi sisaseyizitha zikaNkulunkulu, sabuyiselwa kuye ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, kuzakuba kukhulu kangakanani, sesibuyiselwe, sahlengwa ngokuphila kwakhe! 11 Lokhu akunjalo nje kuphela, kodwa siyathokoza njalo kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, khathesi esesithole ngaye ukubuyisana.

Ukufa Ngo-Adamu, Ukuphila NgoKhristu

12 Ngakho-ke, njengalokhu isono sangena emhlabeni ngomuntu oyedwa, lokufa ngesono, njalo ngale indlela ukufa kwafika ebantwini bonke, ngoba bonke bona.
13 Ngeqiniso isono saba khona emhlabeni umthetho ungakaphawulwa, kodwa isono kasibalelwa emuntwini umthetho ungekho. 14 Lanxa kunjalo, ukufa kwabusa kusukela ngesikhathi sika-Adamu kusiya esikhathini sikaMosi, kanye lakulabo abangazange benze isono ngokweqa umlayo, njengokwenziwa ngu-Adamu, owayengumfanekiso walowo owayezakuza.
15 Kodwa isipho kasifani lesiphambeko. Ngoba nxa abanengi bafa ngesiphambeko salowomuntu oyedwa, umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho eseza ngomusa walowomuntu oyedwa, uJesu Khristu, kwaphuphuma kakhulu okungakanani kwabanengi!
16 Njalo, isipho sikaNkulunkulu kasifani lalokho okudalwa yisono salowomuntu oyedwa. Ukwahlulela kwalandela isono esisodwa kwaletha ukulahlwa, kodwa isipho salandela iziphambeko ezinengi saletha ukulungisiswa. 17 Ngoba nxa ngesiphambeko salowomuntu oyedwa, ukufa kwabusa ngalowomuntu oyedwa, labo abamukela umusa omnengi kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho sokulunga bazabusa kakhulu okungakanani ekuphileni ngalowomuntu oyedwa uJesu Khristu.
18 Ngakho-ke, njengoba okwalandela isiphambeko esisodwa kwaba yikulahlwa kwabantu bonke, ngokunjalo isenzo sokulunga esisodwa saletha ukulungisiswa lokuphila kwabantu bonke. 19 Ngoba ngokungalaleli kwalowomuntu oyedwa abanengi baba yizoni, ngokunjalo futhi ukulalela kwalowomuntu oyedwa abanengi bazakwenziwa abalungileyo.
20 Umthetho wabekwa ukuze isiphambeko sande. Kodwa lapho okwanda khona isono, umusa wanda kakhulukazi, 21 ukuze kuthi njengoba isono sabusa ekufeni, kuthi ngokunjalo umusa lawo ubuse ngokulunga ukuba ulethe ukuphila okungapheliyo ngoJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu.

6

Ukufa Esonweni, Ukuphila KuKhristu

1 Ngakho, sizakuthini na? Sizaqhubeka sisenza isono ukuze umusa wande na?
2 Akunjalo! Safa ngenxa yesono; pho singaphila kanjani kuso futhi na? 3 Kumbe njalo kalazi yini ukuthi sonke thina esabhaphathizelwa kuJesu Khristu sabhaphathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe na? 4 Ngakho sangcwatshwa laye ngokubhaphathizelwa ekufeni,

ukuze kuthi njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngobukhosi bukaYise, lathi siphile ukuphila okutsha.
5 Nxa sihlanganiswe laye kanje ekufeni kwakhe, ngempela sizahlanganiswa
laye futhi ekuvukeni kwakhe. 6 Ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ubuntu bethu obudala
babethelwa laye ukuze umzimba wesono ulahlwe, khona singezukuba yizigqili
zesono futhi, 7 ngoba lowo osefile usekhululwe esonweni.
8 Nxa safa loKhristu, siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila laye. 9 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi
njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, angeke afe futhi; ukufa akuselawo
amandla phezu kwakhe. 10 Ukufa akufayo wakufela bonke kanye ngenxa yesono;
kodwa ukuphila akuphilayo, ukuphilela uNkulunkulu.
11 Ngokufanayo, zibaleni njengabafileyo esonweni, kodwa abaphilayo kuNku-
lunkulu ngoKhristu uJesu. 12 Ngakho lingavumeli isono ukuba sibuse imizimba yenu
efayo ukuba livumele izinkanuko zaso ezimbi. 13 Linganikeli izitho zemizimba yenu
esonweni njengezikhali zobubi, kodwa zinikeleni kuNkulunkulu njengabavuswe
kwabafileyo balethwa ekuphileni; linikele izitho zemizimba yenu kuye njengezikhali
zokulunga. 14 Ngoba isono kasiyikuba ngumbusi wenu, ngoba lina kalikho ngaphansi
komthetho, kodwa ngaphansi komusa.

Izigqili Zokulunga

15 Pho-ke, sizakwenza isono ngoba kasikho ngaphansi komthetho, kodwa ngaphansi
komusa na? Akunjalo! 16 Kalazi yini ukuthi nxa lizinikela komunye umuntu
ukuba njengezigqili ezilaleyo, liyizigqili kulowo elimlalelayo, langabe liyizigqili
zesono, okuholela ekufeni, loba ezokulalela, okuholela ekulungeni na? 17 Kodwa-ke,
kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngokuthi lanxa laliyizigqili zesono, layilalela ngezinhliziyo
ezipheleleyo indlela yemfundiso elabekwa kuyo. 18 Lakhululwa esonweni laselisiba
yizigqili zokulunga.
19 Lokhu ngikubeka ngamazwi abantu ngoba libuthakathaka ngokwemvelo
yobuntu benu. Njengoba lalinikela izitho zemizimba yenu njengezigqili emanyaleni
lekuxhwaleni okwandayo, ngakho khathesi zinikeleni njengezigqili ekulungeni
okuholela ebungcweleni. 20 Lapho laliyizigqili zesono, lalikhululekile emandleni oku-
lunga. 21 Ngumvuzo bani elawutholayo ngalesosikhathi ezintweni eseliyangeka ngazo
khathesi? Lezozinto ziphetha ngokufa! 22 Kodwa njengoba khathesi selikhululwe
esonweni laba yizigqili kuNkulunkulu, umvuzo eliwutholayo uholela ebungcweleni,
lesiphetho yikuphila okungapheliyo. 23 Ngoba inhlawulo yesono yikufa, kodwa isipho
sikaNkulunkulu siyikuphila okungapheliyo kuJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu.

7

Ukukhululwa Emthethweni, Ukubotshwa KuKhristu

1 Kalazi yini bazalwane, ngoba ngikhuluma ebantwini abawaziyo umthetho, ukuthi
umthetho ulamandla phezu komuntu nxa esaphila kuphela na? 2 Njengesibonelo,
ngomthetho owesifazane owendileyo ubotshelwe kumkakhe nxa esaphila, kodwa
umkakhe angafa, uyakhululwa emthethweni wokuthathana. 3 Kungakho-ke, angen-
dela kwenye indoda umkakhe esaphila uthiwa yisifebe. Kodwa umkakhe angafa,
uyakhululwa kulowomthetho angabi yisifebe, lanxa esesendela kwenye indoda.
4 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, lani lafela emthethweni ngomzimba kaKhristu,
ukuze libe ngabomunye, kuye owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithele izithelo kuNku-
lunkulu. 5 Ngoba sisabuswa yimvelo elesono, izinkanuko zesono ezavuswa ngum-
thetho zazisebenza emzimbeni yethu, okwenza sathelela ukufa izithelo. 6 Kodwa
khathesi, ngokufela kulokho okwake kwasibopha, sesikhululiwe emthethweni ukuze
sikhonze ngendlela entsha yoMoya hatshi ngendlela endala yezimiso ezilotshiweyo.

Umthetho Lesono

7 Ngakho sizakuthini na? Umthetho uyisono na? Ngempela kawusiso! Ngeqiniso
mina ngangingasoze ngazi ukuthi isono siyini kungesiwo umthetho. Ngoba ngangin-
gayikwazi ukuthi ukuhawukela ngempela kuyini aluba umthetho ungatshongo
ukuthi, "Ungahawukeli."* 8 Kodwa isono, sathatha ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo,
saveza kimi inhlobo zonke zenkanuko yokuhawukela. Ngoba ngaphandle komthetho,
isono sifile. 9 Mina ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komthetho; kodwa kwathi ekufikeni
komlayo, isono savuka saphila, mina ngafa. 10 Ngathola ukuthi umlayo lowo
owawuhlose ukuletha ukuphila waletha ukufa. 11 Ngoba isono sathatha ithuba
elalethwa ngumlayo, sangikhohlisa, kwathi ngomthetho sangibulala. 12 Ngakho-ke,
umthetho ungcwele, lomlayo ungcwele, ulungile njalo muhle.

13 Kanti lokho okuhle kube yikufa kimi na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ukuze isono si-
bonakale siyisono, saletha ukufa kimi ngalokho okwakukuhle, ukuze kuthi ngomlayo
isono sibe yisono esipheleleyo.

14 Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ungokomoya; kodwa mina ngingowenyama,
ngathengiswa esonweni njengesigqili. 15 Engikwenzayo angikuzwisisi. Ngoba
lokho engifuna ukukwenza angikwenzi, kodwa lokho engikuzondayo ngiyakwenza.
16 Ngakho nxa ngisenza lokho engingafuni kukwenza, ngiyavuma ukuthi umthetho
ulungile. 17 Njengoba kunje, akuseyimi uqobo okwenzayo, kodwa isono esihlala
kimi. 18 Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulalutho oluhle oluhlala kimi, okutsho imvelo yami
elesono. Ngoba ngilesifiso sokwenza okuhle, kodwa angingeke ngikufeze. 19 Ngoba
engikwenzayo akusikho okuhle engifuna ukukwenza; hatshi, okubi engingafuniyo
ukukwenza, lokhu ngiqhubeka ngikwenza. 20 Nxa ngisenza engingafuni kukwenza,
akuseyimi okwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi esikwenzayo.

21 Ngakho ngithola umthetho lo usebenza ukuthi: Lapho ngifuna ukwenza okuhle,
okubi kulami khonapho. 22 Ngoba ebuntwini bami bangaphakathi ngiyathokoza
ngomthetho kaNkulunkulu; 23 kodwa ngibona omunye umthetho usebenza ezithweni
zami, usilwa lomthetho wengqondo yami ungenza ngibe yisibotshwa somthetho
wesono osebenzayo ezithweni zami. 24 Yeka isinothongwana esengiyiso sona.
Ngubani ozangihlenga kulo umzimba wokufa? 25 Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngoJesu
Khristu iNkosi yethu!

Ngakho-ke, mina engqondweni yami ngiyisigqili somthetho kaNkulunkulu, kodwa
ngokwemvelo yami yesono ngiyisigqili somthetho wesono.

8

Ukuphila NgoMoya

1 Ngakho, khathesi akusekho ukulahlwa kulabo abakuKhristu uJesu, 2 ngoba
ngoKhristu uJesu umthetho woMoya wokuphila wangikhulula emthethweni wesono
lokufa. 3 Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungelamandla okukwenza ngoba waxegiswa
yimvelo elesono, uNkulunkulu wakwenza ngokuthuma iNdodana yakhe ngesimo
somuntu olesono ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono. Ngakho isono yasilahla emuntwini
olesono, 4 ukuze izimiso ezilungileyo zomthetho zipheleliswe kithi, thina esingaphili
ngokwemvelo yesono, kodwa ngokoMoya.

5 Labo abaphila ngokwemvelo yesono ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho okufiswa
yileyomvelo, kodwa labo abaphila ngokwakoMoya ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho
okufiswa nguMoya. 6 Ingqondo yomuntu olesono yikufa, kodwa ingqondo ebuswa
nguMoya yikuphila lokuthula; 7 ingqondo yimvelo yesono iyamzonda uNkulunkulu.

* **7:7** 7.7 U-Eksodasi 20.17; UDutheronomi 5.21

Kayiwuvumi umthetho kaNkulunkulu, njalo ayingeke yenze njalo. 8 Labo ababuswa
yimvelo yesono abangeke bamthokozise uNkulunkulu.
9 Kodwa lina kalibuswa yimvelo yesono, kodwa nguMoya, nxa uMoya kaNku-
lunkulu ehlala kini. Njalo nxa umuntu engelaye uMoya kaKhristu, kasuye kaKhristu.
10 Kodwa nxa uKhristu ekini, umzimba wenu ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya
wenu uyaphila ngenxa yokulunga. 11 Njalo nxa uMoya walowo owavusa uKhristu
kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo, imizimba yenu efayo
uzayinika ukuphila ngoMoya wakhe ohlala kini.
12 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, silomlandu, kodwa kawungabi yimvelo yesono ukuba
siphile ngokwawo. 13 Ngoba nxa liphila ngokwemvelo yesono, lizakufa; kodwa nxa
kungoMoya libulala izenzo ezimbi zomzimba, lizaphila, 14 ngoba labo abakhokhelwa
nguMoya kaNkulunkulu bangamadodana kaNkulunkulu. 15 Ngoba kalamuke-
langa umoya olenza libe yizigqili, ukuze liphile ngokwesaba, kodwa lamukela
uMoya wobundodana. Njalo siyamemeza ngawo sithi, *"Abha,* Baba." 16 UMoya
uqobo uyafakaza lomoya wethu ukuthi thina singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.
17 Ngakho, nxa singabantwana, sizindlalifa, izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu lezindlalifa
kanye loKhristu, nxa sihlanganyela laye impela ezinhluphekweni zakhe ukuze
sihlanganyele laye njalo enkazimulweni yakhe.

Inhlupheko Zakhathesi Lenkazimulo Ezayo

18 Ngikholwa ukuthi inhlupheko zethu zakhathesi kazifanelanga ukulinganiswa
lenkazimulo ezabonakaliswa kithi. 19 Indalo ilindile ngokulangazelela okukhulu
ukuba abantwana bakaNkulunkulu babonakaliswe. 20 Ngoba indalo ihlezi ih-
lukuluzekile, kungasintando yayo, kodwa kungentando yalowo oyihlukuluzayo,
ngethemba 21 lokuthi indalo yona ngokwayo izakhululwa ebugqilini bokonakala
ilethwe enkululekweni elenkazimulo yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.
22 Siyakwazi ukuthi indalo yonke ibubula njengosebuhlungwini bokuhelelwa kuze
kube khathesi. 23 Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa lathi uqobo esilezithelo zakuqala
zikaMoya, siyabubula ngaphakathi silindile ngokutshiseka ukwamukelwa njenga-
madodana, ukuhlengwa kwemizimba yethu. 24 Ngoba ngalelithemba sasindiswa.
Kodwa ithemba elibonakalayo kalisilothemba. Ngubani othemba lokho avele
eselakho na? 25 Kodwa nxa sithemba lokho esingakabi lakho, siyakulindela
ngokubekezela.
26 Ngokufananayo, uMoya uyasisiza ebuthakathakeni bethu. Kasikwazi okumele
sikukhulekele, kodwa uMoya uqobo uyasinxusela ububula okungeke kuchazwe
ngamazwi. 27 Njalo yena lowo ohlola inhliziyo zethu uyayazi ingqondo kaMoya,
ngoba uMoya uyabanxusela abangcwele ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu.
28 Njalo siyakwazi ukuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu usebenzela okuhle kulabo
abamthandayo, ababizwe ngokwenjongo yakhe. 29 Ngoba labo uNkulunkulu abazi
ngaphambilini wabamisela ukuba babe lesimo esifana leseNdodana yakhe, ukuze
abe lizibulo phakathi kwabazalwane abanengi. 30 Labo abamiselayo, wababiza; labo
ababizayo, wabenza balunga; labo abenza balunga, wabanika inkazimulo.

Okwedlula Abanqobi

31 Pho sizakuthini ngalokhu na? Nxa uNkulunkulu elathi ngubani ongamelana
lathi na? 32 Yena ongayigodlanga iNdodana yakhe, kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke,
angayekela kanjani ukusipha ngesihle izinto zonke kanye layo na? 33 Ngubani
ozababeka icala labo abakhethwe nguNkulunkulu na? NguNkulunkulu olungisayo.
34 Ungubani lowo olahlayo? UKhristu Jesu owafayo, okudlula lokho, owavuswayo
waphila, usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu njalo laye uyasinxusela. 35 Ngubani
ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKhristu na? Yikuhlupheka kumbe ukudubeka loba

ukuhlukuluzwa kumbe indlala loba ukuhamba ze loba ingozi kumbe inkemba na?
36 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Ngenxa yakho, sikhangelane lokufa ilanga lonke;
sithathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa.”*
37 Hatshi, kuzozonke lezizinto singaphezu kokuba ngabanqobi ngaye owasithandayo.
38 Ngoba ngiyakholwa ukuthi loba yikufa kumbe ukuphila, loba yizingilosi kumbe amadimoni, loba khathesi kumbe isikhathi esizayo, loba kungamandla bani, 39 loba kuyikuphakama kumbe ukuzika, loba olunye ulutho kukho konke okudaliweyo, akuyikusehlukanisa lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu.

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Ukukhathazeka KukaPhawuli Ngo-Israyeli

1 Ngikhuluma iqiniso ngikuKhristu, kangiqambi manga, isazela sami siyakufakaza lokhu ngoMoya oNgcwele, 2 Ngilosizi olukhulu lobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyweni yami. 3 Ngoba ngangifisa ukuba ngabe mina uqobo ngiyaqalekiswa ngisuswe kuKhristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami, labo abohlanga lwami ngokwenyama, 4 abantu bako-Israyeli. Okwabo yikwamukelwa njengamadodana, ngeyabo inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, lesivumelwano, lokwamukela umthetho, lenkonzo yasethempelini kanye lezithembiso. 5 Okhokho ngababo, njalo lusukela kubo usendo lwenyama lukaKhristu, onguNkulunkulu ophezu kwakho konke, odunyiswa kokuphela! Ameni.

Ukukhetha Kobukhosi KukaNkulunkulu

6 Akunjengokuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lehluleka. Ngoba akusibo bonke abayinzalo ka-Israyeli abangama-Israyeli. 7 Njalo ngoba yinzalo yakhe akusibo bonke abangabantwana baka-Abhrahama. Kodwa-ke, “Isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka.”* 8 Ngamanye amazwi, akusibantwana benyama abangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngabantwana besithembiso ababalwa njengenzalo ka-Abhrahama.
9 Ngoba isithembiso satshiwo kanje: “Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizaphenduka, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana.”†
10 Akusilokho kuphela, kodwa abantwana bakaRabheka bazalwa sikhathi sinye ngubaba wethu u-Isaka. 11 Kodwa amaphahla engakazalwa loba ukwenza ulutho oluhle kumbe olubi, ukuba inhloso kaNkulunkulu yokukhetha iqhubeke; 12 hatshi ngemisebenzi kodwa ngaye obizayo, watshelwa ukuthi, “Omdala uzakhonza omncinyane.”‡ 13 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, “UJakhobe ngamthanda, kodwa u-Esawu ngamzonda.”§
14 Pho sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga na? Akunjalo! 15 Ngoba uthi kuMosi:
“Ngizakuba lesihawu kulowo engilesihawu kuye,
njalo ngizakuba lozwelo kulowo engilozwelo kuye.”*
16 Ngakho-ke, akuyi ngesifiso somuntu loba umzamo wakhe, kodwa ngesihawu sikaNkulunkulu. 17 Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro, “Ngakuphakamisela injongo yonale kanye, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami kuwe lokuthi ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke.”† 18 Ngakho uNkulunkulu ulesihawu kulowo athanda ukuba lesihawu kuye, njalo umenza abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza abe lukhuni.
19 Omunye wenu uzakuthi kimi: “Pho kungani uNkulunkulu esisola? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe na?” 20 Kodwa ungubani wena, ungumuntu, ukuba uphendule uNkulunkulu na? Kambe okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kulowo

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* **8:36** 8.36 AmaHubo 44.22 * **9:7** 9.7 UGenesisi 21.12 † **9:9** 9.9 UGenesisi 18.10, 14 ‡ **9:12** 9.12 UGenesisi 25.23 § **9:13** 9.13 UMalaki 1.2-3 * **9:15** 9.15 U-Eksodasi 33.19 † **9:17** 9.17 U-Eksodasi 9.16

owakubumbayo kuthi, “Kungani wangenza ngabanje na?”‡ 21 Umbumbi kalalo
yini ilungelo lokuba ngengxenye yebumba efanayo enze okunye okubunjiweyo
okomsebenzi omuhle lokomsebenzi ojayelekileyo na?
22 Kwakungaba njani-ke nxa uNkulunkulu wakhetha ukutshengisa ukubekezela
okukhulu ezidalweni zentukuthelo yakhe ezazimiselwe ukubhujiswa etshengisa
ulaka lwakhe lokwenza amandla akhe aziwe. 23 Kube kunjani nxa wenza lokhu ukuze
enze ubuhle benkazimulo yakhe bazakale ezintweni zesihawu sakhe, azilungisela
inkazimulo ngaphambilini, 24 kanye lathi asibizayo, hatshi kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa
lakwabeZizweni? 25 Njengoba esitsho kuHosiya ukuthi:
“Ngizababiza ngokuthi ‘ngabantu bami,’§
labo Abangasibantu bami;
njalo ngizambiza ‘sithandwa sami,’
lowo ongasiso isithandwa sami,”
26 njalo,
“Kuzakwenzakala ukuba kuyo kanye indawo lapho okwathiwa kubo,
‘Kalisibo bantu bami,’*
bazabizwa ngokuthi
‘ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.’ ”
27 U-Isaya uyamemezela ngo-Israyeli esithi:
“Lanxa inani labako-Israyeli linjengetshebetshebe ngasolwandle,
kuzasindiswa insalela kuphela.
28 Ngoba iNkosi izasifeza
isigwebo sayo emhlabeni ngesiqubu langokuphelelisa.”†
29 Kunjengoba u-Isaya watsho mandulo ukuthi:
“Aluba iNkosi uSomandla
wayengasitshiyelanga inzalo,
sasizakuba njengeSodoma,
sasizafana leGomora.”‡

Ukungakholwa Kuka-Israyeli

30 Pho sizakuthini na? Sithi abeZizweni abangakudinganga ukulunga, sebekutho-
lile, ukulunga okungokukholwa; 31 kodwa u-Israyeli owalandela umthetho woku-
lunga, kakutholanga. 32 Kungani na? Ngoba kabawulandelanga ngokukholwa, kodwa
kwakungemisebenzi. Bakhubeka elitsheni elikhubayo. 33 Njengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi:
“Khangelani, ngibeka eZiyoni ilitshe elikhubekisa abantu
ledwala elibenza bawe,
njalo lowo okholwa kuye kazukuyangiswa.”§

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1 Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami lomkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu ngabako-
Israyeli yikuba basindiswe. 2 Ngoba ngingafakaza ngabo ukuthi batshisekela
uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukutshiseka kwabo akugxilanga ekwazini. 3 Njengoba ukulunga
okuvela kuNkulunkulu bengakwazanga bafuna ukumisa okwabo, kabavumanga
ukuzibeka ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. 4 UKhristu uyisiphetho somthetho
ukuze kube lokulunga kubo bonke abakholwayo.
5 UMosi ukuchaza ngale indlela ukulunga okungomthetho: “Umuntu owenza izinto
lezi uzaphila ngazo.”* 6 Kodwa ukulunga okungokukholwa kuthi: “Ungabokutsho

‡ **9:20** 9.20 U-Isaya 29.16; 45.9 § **9:25** 9.25 UHosiya 2.23 * **9:26** 9.26 UHosiya 1.10 † **9:28** 9.28 U-Isaya 10.22-23 ‡ **9:29** 9.29 U-Isaya 1.9 § **9:33** 9.33 U-Isaya 8.14; 28.16 * **10:5** 10.5 ULevi 18.5

enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi, ‘Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini na?’†” (okuyikuthi, ukwehlisa uKhristu) 7 “loba, ‘Ngubani ozakwehlela ekuzikeni kolwandle na?’‡” (okuyikuthi, ukuvusa uKhristu kwabafileyo). 8 Kodwa kuthini na? “Ilizwi liseduze lawe, lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyweni yakho,”§ lokho yikuthi, ilizwi lokukholwa esilitshumayelayo: 9 nxa uvuma ngomlomo wakho usithi, “UJesu uyiNkosi,” njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa. 10 Ngoba ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho njalo ulungiswa ngayo, njalo kungomlomo wakho ovuma ngawo usindiswe. 11 Njengoba uMbhalo usithi, “Loba ngubani okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa.”* 12 Ngoba kawukho umahluko phakathi komJuda loweZizwe, iNkosi yinye iyiNkosi yabo bonke njalo iyababusisa kakhulu bonke abakhuleka kuyo, 13 ngoba, “Wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa.”†

14 Pho, bangakhuleka kanjani kulowo abangakholwa kuye? Njalo bangakholwa njani kulowo abangakaze bezwe ngaye na? Njalo bangezwa njani kungekho otshumayela kubo na? 15 Njalo bangatshumayela njani ngaphandle kokuba bethunyiwe na? Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Yeka ubuhle bezinyawo zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle!”‡

16 Kodwa akusibo bonke abako-Israyeli abazamukelayo izindaba ezinhle. Ngoba u-Isaya uthi, “Nkosi, ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu na?”§ 17 Ngakho-ke, ukukholwa kuvela ekuzweni ilizwi, lelizwi lizwakala ngelizwi likaKhristu. 18 Kodwa ngiyabuza ngithi: Kabezwanga na? Impela bezwa ukuthi:

“Ilizwi labo liphumile laya kuwo wonke umhlaba,
amazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba.”*

19 Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: U-Israyeli kaqedisisanga na? Kuqala uMosi uthi,

“Mina ngizalenza libe lomona kulabo abangasiso sizwe;
ngizalenza lithukuthelele isizwe esingelakho ukuqedisisa.”†

20 Lo-Isaya ukhuluma ngesibindi uthi,

“Ngatholwa yilabo ababengangidingi;
ngazibonakalisa kulabo abangangicelanga.”‡

21 Kodwa mayelana lo-Israyeli uthi,

“Ilanga lonke ngelulele izandla zami
ebantwini abangalaleliyo labayiziqholo futhi.”§

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Insalela Yako-Israyeli

1 Lapho-ke ngiyabuza ngithi: Kanti uNkulunkulu wabalahla yini abantu bakhe? Hatshi akunjalo! Mina uqobo ngingum’Israyeli inzalo ka-Abhrahama, owesizwana sikaBhenjamini. 2 UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi kuqala. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi uMbhalo uthini esahlukwaneni ngo-Elija, ukuthi wakhalaza njani kuNkulunkulu esola u-Israyeli esithi: 3 “Nkosi, bababulele abaphrofethi bakho, badiliza lama-alithare akho; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo bafuna ukungibulala?”* 4 Impendulo kaNkulunkulu kuye yathini na? Yathi, “Ngizigodlele mina ngokwami abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa abangamkhothamelanga uBhali.”† 5 Ngakho futhi, ngalesisikhathi kulensalela ezakhethwa ngomusa. 6 Njalo nxa kungomusa, ngakho akuseyikho ngemisebenzi; nxa kwakunjalo, umusa wawungeke ube usaba ngumusa.

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† **10:6** 10.6 UDutheronomi 30.12 ‡ **10:7** 10.7 UDutheronomi 30.13 § **10:8** 10.8 UDutheronomi 30.14 * **10:11** 10.11 U-Isaya 28.16 † **10:13** 10.13 UJoweli 2.32 ‡ **10:15** 10.15 U-Isaya 52.7 § **10:16** 10.16 U-Isaya 53.1 * **10:18** 10.18 AmaHubo 19.4 † **10:19** 10.19 UDutheronomi 32.21 ‡ **10:20** 10.20 U-Isaya 65.1 § **10:21** 10.21 U-Isaya 65.2 * **11:3** 11.3 1 Amakhosi 19.10, 14 † **11:4** 11.4 1 Amakhosi 19.18

7 Pho-ke? Lokho u-Israyeli akufuna ngokuzimisela kakuzuzanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola. Abanye baba lukhuni, 8 njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wokozela,
lamehlo ukuze bangaboni,
lendlebe ukuze bangezwa,
kuze kube lamhla.”‡
9 Njalo uDavida uthi:
“Sengathi itafula yabo ingaba ngumjibila lesifu,
isikhubekiso kanye lesijeziso kubo.
10 Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni,
lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela.”§

Amagatsha Axhunyelelweyo

11 Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: Kambe bangabe bakhubeka bawa okungangokuthi kakuselakuphepha na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ngenxa yesiphambeko sabo, ukusindiswa sekufikile kwabeZizwe ukuba kwenze u-Israyeli abe lomona. 12 Kodwa nxa isiphambeko sabo sisitsho inotho emhlabeni, lencithakalo yabo isitsho inotho kwabeZizwe, inkulu kangakanani inotho elethwa yikuphelela kwabo!
13 Ngikhuluma lani lina abeZizwe. Njengoba ngingumpostoli wabezizwe, ngikhulisa inkonzo yami 14 ngethemba lokuthi mhlawumbe ngingavusa umona ebantwini bakithi ngisilise abanye babo. 15 Ngoba nxa ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyisana komhlaba, ukwamukelwa kwabo kuzakuba yini na ngaphandle kokuphila okuvela kwabafileyo? 16 Nxa ingxenye yenhlama enikelwe njengezithelo zakuqala ingcwele, injalo yonke enye; nxa impande zingcwele, zinjalo lezingatsha.
17 Nxa ezinye ingatsha zephulwe, njalo wena, lanxa ulihlumela lom’oliva weganga, usuxhunyelelwe phakathi kwezinye njalo usuhlanganyela emhluzini okhulisayo ovela empandeni zom’oliva, 18 ungazincomi ngalezongatsha. Nxa ukwenza, cabanga ngalokhu: Impande kakusuwe oyithwalayo, kodwa impande yiyo ekuthweleyo. 19 Lapho-ke lina lizakuthi, “Ingatsha zephulwa ukuze mina ngixhunyelelwe.” 20 Yebo. Kodwa zephulwa ngenxa yokungakholwa, kodwa lina limi ngokukholwa. Lingazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesabani. 21 Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, lani kasoze aliyekele.
22 Ngakho cabangani ngesisa njalo lobulukhuni bukaNkulunkulu: ubulukhuni kulabo abawayo, kodwa isisa kini, nxa liqhubeka esiseni sakhe. Kungenjalo, lani lizaqunywa. 23 Njalo nxa bengaphikeleli ngokungakholwa, bazaxhunyelelwa, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyenelisa ukubaxhumelela futhi. 24 Phezu kwalokho, nxa laliqunywe esihlahleni som’oliva weganga ngemvelo, kwathi ngokuphambene lemvelo laxhunyelelwa esihlahleni se-oliva esilinywayo, pho kuzakuba lula kakhulu okunjani kulezi, ingatsha zemvelo, ukuba zixhunyelelwe esihlahleni sazo se-oliva.

U-Israyeli Wonke Uzasindiswa

25 Bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingaze lazi ngale imfihlakalo, ukuze lingazikhukhumezi: U-Israyeli useyibonile ingxenye yokuba lukhuni inani elipheleleyo labeZizwe lize lingene. 26 Ngokunjalo u-Israyeli wonke uzasindiswa, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Umkhululi uzafika eZiyoni:
uzasusa kuJakhobe ukungakholwa.
27 Lesi yisivumelwano sami labo
lapho ngizisusa izono zabo.”*

‡ **11:8** 11.8 UDutheronomi 29.4; U-Isaya 29.10 § **11:10** 11.10 AmaHubo 69.22-23 * **11:27** 11.27 U-Isaya 59.20-21; 27.9; UJeremiya 31.33-34

28 Mayelana levangeli, bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa mayelana lokukhetha,
bayathandwa ngenxa yabokhokho, 29 ngoba izipho zikaNkulunkulu lokubiza kwakhe
akuguquleki. 30 Njengoba lina elake ladelela uNkulunkulu khathesi selamukele
umusa ngenxa yokudelela kwabo, 31 ngokunjalo labo, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu
kini, kabasalaleli ukuze labo khathesi bamukele umusa. 32 Ngoba uNkulunkulu
ubophele abantu bonke ekudeleleni ukuze abe lomusa kubo bonke.

Ihubo Lokubonga

33 Yeka ukuzika kwenotho yenhlakanipho kanye lokwazi kukaNkulunkulu!
Yeka ukwahlulela kwakhe okungeke kuhlolwe,
kanye lezindlela zakhe ezingeke zilandelwe!
34 “Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi na?
Loba owake waba ngumcebisi wayo na?”†
35 “Ngubani owake wanika uNkulunkulu
ulutho ukuba uNkulunkulu aluhlawule na?”‡
36 Ngoba izinto zonke zivela kuye langaye njalo futhi zikuye.
Udumo kalube kuye kuze kube laphakade! Ameni.

12

Imihlatshelo Ephilayo

1 Ngakho-ke, ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu, ukuba
linikele imizimba yenu njengemihlatshelo ephilayo, engcwele lemthokozisayo uNku-
lunkulu, okuyikukhonza kwenu ngomoya. 2 Lingavumi futhi ukulingisa umhlaba lo,
kodwa liguqulwe ingqondo zenu zibe zintsha. Lapho-ke lizakwenelisa ukuhlola lok-
wamukela lokho okuyintando kaNkulunkulu, intando yakhe elungileyo, ethokozisayo
lepheleleyo.

Inkonzo Yokuzehlisa Emzimbeni KaKhristu

3 Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo ngithi kini lonke: Lingacabangi ngokuzazisa
kakhulu ukwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa lizicabangele ngokuqonda, ngokuhambelana
lesilinganiso sokukholwa uNkulunkulu aliphe khona. 4 Njengalokhu omunye
lomunye wethu elomzimba owodwa olezitho ezinengi, njalo izitho lezi zonke
kazenzi msebenzi munye, 5 Ngokunjalo kuKhristu thina abanengi sibumba umzimba
owodwa, njalo ilunga linye ngalinye ngelawamanye wonke. 6 Silezipho ezehlukeneyo,
kusiya ngomusa esawuphiwayo. Nxa isipho somuntu siyikuphrofitha, kasisebenzise
ngokulingana lokukholwa kwakhe. 7 Nxa siyikukhonza, kakhonze: nxa siyikufundisa,
kafundise; 8 nxa singesokukhuthaza, kakhuthaze; nxa siyikupha, kasiphe ngothando;
nxa siyibukhokheli, kabuse ngokukhuthala; nxa siyikubonakalisa umusa, kakwenze
ngokuthokoza.

Uthando

9 Uthando kumele lube qotho. Zondani okubi libambelele kokulungileyo.
10 Zimiseleni omunye komunye ngothando lobuzalwane. Hloniphanani okudlula
ukuzihlonipha kwenu. 11 Lingaphelelwa yikutshiseka, kodwa gcinani ukutshiseka
kwenu komoya, likhonza iNkosi. 12 Thokozani ekwethembeni, libekezele ekuhluku-
luzweni, libambelele ekukhulekeni. 13 Bapheni abantu bakaNkulunkulu abaswelayo.
Zejwayezeni ukuphana.
14 Babusiseni labo abalihluphayo; busisani lingaqalekisi. 15 Thokozani lalabo
abathokozayo, lilile lalabo abalilayo. 16 Hlalisanani ngokuzwana. Lingazigqaji, kodwa
lihlanganyele labantukazana. Lingazikhukhumezi.

† **11:34** 11.34 U-Isaya 40.13 ‡ **11:35** 11.35 UJobe 41.11

17 Lingaphindiseli muntu okubi ngokubi. Nanzelelani ukwenza okulungileyo
phambi kwabantu bonke. 18 Nxa kusenzakala, kusiya mayelana lokubona
kwenu, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke. 19 Lingaphindiseli, bangane bami
abathandekayo, kodwa litshiyele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu ithuba, ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: “Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela,”* kutsho iNkosi. 20 Esikhundleni
salokho:
“Nxa isitha sakho silambile, siphe ukudla;
nxa somile, sinikeni okunathwayo.
Ngokwenza lokhu, lokhela amalahle avuthayo ekhanda laso.”†
21 Linganqotshwa ngokubi, kodwa nqobani ububi ngobuhle.

13

Ukuzithoba Kubabusi

1 Umuntu wonke kumele azithobe kulabo ababusayo, ngoba akukho mbuso
ngaphandle kwalowo obekwe nguNkulunkulu. Imibuso ekhona ibekwe nguNku-
lunkulu. 2 Ngakho, lowo ovukela umbuso uvukela okumiswe nguNkulunkulu,
njalo labo abenza njalo bazilethela ukwahlulelwa. 3 Ngoba ababusi kabesabeki
kulabo abenza okulungileyo, kodwa kulabo abenza okubi. Liyafuna ukukhululeka
ekwesabeni lowo obusayo na? Ngakho yenzani okulungileyo yena uzalincoma.
4 Ngoba yena uyinceku kaNkulunkulu yokulenzela okuhle. Kodwa nxa lisenza
okubi, yesabani, ngoba inkemba kayiphatheli ize. Uyinceku kaNkulunkulu, umeli
wentukuthelo ukuba ehlisele isijeziso kowenza okubi. 5 Ngakho, kuyaswelakala
ukuzithoba kubabusi, hatshi kuphela ngenxa yokujeziswa okungenzakala, kodwa
langenxa yesazela.
6 Ngenxa yalokhu futhi yikho-nje lithela imithelo, ngoba ababusi bazinceku
zikaNkulunkulu, ezinikela isikhathi sazo sonke ekubuseni. 7 Phanini abantu bonke
okungokwabo: Nxa ungathelanga, thela imithelo, nxa kuyikuqoqwa kwemali,
iqoqeni. Nxa kuyikwesaba, yesabani. Nxa kuyikuhlonipha, hloniphani; nxa
kuyikudumisa, dumisani.

Uthando Lugcwalisa Umthetho

8 Lingayekeli umlandu ungahlawulwanga, ngaphandle kokuqhubeka komlandu
wokuthandana, ngoba lowo othanda umuntu wakibo usewugcwalisile umthetho.
9 Imilayo ethi, “Ungafebi, Ungabulali, Ungebi, Ungahawukeli”* kanye leminye imilayo
engabe ikhona ihlanganiswa ngumthetho lo othi: “Thanda umakhelwane wakho
njengoba uzithanda.”† 10 Uthando kalwenzi ngozi kumakhelwane. Ngakho uthando
luyikugcwaliswa komthetho.

Usuku Selusondele

11 Njalo yenzani lokhu liqedisisa isikhathi sakhathesi. Isikhathi sesifikile
ukuba livuke ebuthongweni benu, ngoba ukusindiswa kwethu khathesi sekuseduze
kakhulu kulekuqaleni kwethu ukukholwa. 12 Ubusuku sebuzadlula; ukusa sekuson-
dele. Ngakho kasilahleni imisebenzi yobumnyama sigqoke isivikelo sokukhanya.
13 Kasiziphatheni kuhle, njengasemini, hatshi emadilini okuminza lokudakwa, hatshi
ekuhlobongeni lentokozo yobugangi, hatshi ngokuxabana langomona. 14 Kodwa
zigqokiseni iNkosi uJesu Khristu, njalo lingacabangi ngokuthokozisa inkanuko
yemvelo yenu yokona.

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* **12:19** 12.19 UDutheronomi 32.35 † **12:20** 12.20 Izaga 25.21-22 * **13:9** 13.9 U-Eksodasi 20.13-15, 17; UDutheronomi 5.17-19, 21 † **13:9** 13.9 ULevi 19.18

14

Ababuthakathaka Labalamandla

1 Mamukeleni lowo okholo lwakhe lubuthakathaka, kungekho kwahlulela ezindabeni eziphikisekayo. 2 Omunye umuntu ukholo lwakhe luyamvumela ukuba adle izinto zonke, kodwa omunye umuntu olokholo olubuthakathaka, udla imbhida kuphela. 3 Umuntu odla izinto zonke akumelanga eyise lowo ongadli konke, lomuntu ongadli konke akumelanga asole umuntu odla konke, ngoba uNkulunkulu umamukele. 4 Ungubani wena ukuba wahlulele inceku yomunye? Ukuma lokuwa kwayo ngokwenkosi yayo. Izakuma, ngoba iNkosi ilamandla okuyimisa.

5 Omunye umuntu ubona olunye usuku lungcwele kakhulu kulolunye; omunye umuntu ubona insuku zonke zifanana. Umuntu ngamunye kumele akholwe ngokupheleleyo engqondweni yakhe. 6 Lowo obona olunye usuku njengoluqakathekileyo, wenzela iNkosi. Lowo odla inyama, udlela iNkosi, ngoba uyambonga uNkulunkulu; njalo lowo oyekelayo, wenzela iNkosi, njalo uyambonga uNkulunkulu. 7 Ngoba kakho phakathi kwethu oziphilela yena yedwa njalo kakho phakathi kwethu ozifelayo yena yedwa. 8 Nxa siphila, siphilela iNkosi; njalo nxa sisifa, sifela eNkosini. Ngakho, loba siphila kumbe sisifa, singabeNkosi.

9 Ngenxa yasonalesi isizatho, uKhristu wafa, wabuya waphila ukuze abe yiNkosi yabafileyo labaphilayo. 10 Pho wena, kungani usahlulela umzalwane wakho na? Loba kungani useyisa umzalwane wakho na? Ngoba sonke sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sikaNkulunkulu sokwahlulela. 11 Kulotshiwe ukuthi:

“ ‘Ngeqiniso njengoba ngikhona, ngiphila,’* kutsho UThixo,
‘amadolo wonke azaguqa phambi kwami;
ulimi lunye ngalunye luzavuma kuNkulunkulu.’ ”

12 Ngakho-ke, omunye lomunye wethu uzabika akwenzayo kuNkulunkulu.

13 Ngakho kasiyekeleni ukwahlulelana. Esikhundleni salokho zimisele engqondweni yakho ukuba ungabeki isikhubekiso kumbe umgoqo endleleni yomzalwane wakho. 14 Njengalowo oseNkosini uJesu, ngiyakholwa ngokupheleleyo ukuthi akulakudla okungcolileyo khona ngokwakho. Kodwa nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuba ulutho lungcolile, ngakho kuye lungcolile. 15 Nxa umfowenu ekhathazeka ngenxa yalokho okudlayo, kawusenzi okothando. Ungachithi umfowenu owafelwa nguKhristu ngokudla kwakho. 16 Ungavumi ukuba lokho wena ocabanga ukuthi kuhle kuthiwe kubi. 17 Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba yokudla lokunatha, kodwa ngowokulunga, lokuthula kanye lokuthokoza kuMoya oNgcwele, 18 ngoba lowo okhonza uKhristu ngale indlela uthokozisa uNkulunkulu abukwe langabantu.

19 Ngakho kasenzeni imizamo yonke yokwenza okusilethela ukuthula lokusizana ekuphilisaneni koluntu. 20 Ungachithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokudla. Ukudla konke kuhlanzekile, kodwa kubi ukuthi umuntu adle ulutho olwenza omunye akhubeke. 21 Kungcono ukungadli inyama lokunganathi iwayini loba ukungenzi lutho oluzawisa umfowenu.

22 Ngakho loba kuyini okukholwayo ngalezizinto akube phakathi kwakho loNkulunkulu. Ubusisiwe umuntu ongazisoliyo ngalokho akukholwayo. 23 Kodwa umuntu olokuthandabuza uyalahlwa nxa esidla, ngoba ukudla kwakhe akuveli ekukholweni; njalo konke okungaveli ekukholweni kuyisono.

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1 Thina esilamandla sifanele ukubekezelela ukwehluleka kwababuthakathaka, hatshi ukuba sizithokozise. 2 Lowo lalowo wethu kumele athokozise umakhelwane

* **14:11** 14.11 U-Isaya 45.23

wakhe ngokuhle kuye, ukuze amakhe. 3 Ngoba loKhristu kazithokozisanga, kodwa
njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukuthuka kwalabo abalithukayo kwehlele phezu
kwami.”* 4 Ngoba konke okwalotshwa kudala kwalotshelwa ukusifundisa, ukuze
kuthi ngokubekezela langokukhuthazwa yimibhalo sibe lethemba.
5 Sengathi uNkulunkulu onika ukubekezela lenkuthazo angalipha umoya woku-
manyana phakathi kwenu lapho lilingisa uKhristu Jesu, 6 ukuze kuthi Nganhliziyonye
langomlomo munye lidumise uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu.
7 Ngakho yamukelani omunye lomunye njengalokhu uKhristu walamukela, ukuze
kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu. 8 Ngoba ngiyalazisa ukuthi uKhristu waba yinceku
yamaJuda emele iqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuba aqinise izithembiso ezenziwa
kubokhokho, 9 ukuze abezizwe badumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yomusa wakhe,
njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngizakudumisa phakathi kwabeZizwe,
ngizahlabela amahubo ebizweni lakho.”†
10 Njalo, kuthi,
“Thokozani, lina beZizwe, labantu bakhe.”‡
11 Njalo,
“Dumisani iNkosi, lonke lina beZizwe,
lihlabelele indumiso kuyo, lonke lina bantu.”§
12 Njalo, u-Isaya uthi,
“Impande kaJese izavela,
lowo ozavuka ukuba abuse izizwe;
abeZizwe bazathembela kuye.”*
13 Sengathi uNkulunkulu wethemba angaligcwalisa ngentokozo enkulu lan-
gokuthula ekumethembeni kwenu, ukuze libe lethemba elikhaphakayo ngamandla
kaMoya oNgcwele.

UPhawuli Isikhonzi KwabeZizweni

14 Mina ngokwami ngiyakholwa bazalwane bami, ukuthi lina ngokwenu ligcwele
ukulunga, lilokwazi okupheleleyo njalo liyenelisa ukufundisana. 15 Ngililobele
ngesibindi mayelana leminye imicijo, njengokungathi ngilikhumbuza yona futhi,
ngenxa yomusa uNkulunkulu angiphe wona 16 ukuba yisikhonzi sikaKhristu uJesu
kwabeZizwe ngilomlandu wobuphristi wokutshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu
ukuze abeZizwe babe ngumnikelo owamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu, ongcweliswe
nguMoya oNgcwele.
17 Ngakho ngiyaziqhenya kuKhristu uJesu emsebenzini wami kuNkulunkulu.
18 Kangiyikuba lesibindi sokukhuluma ngolunye ulutho ngaphandle kwalokho
uKhristu asekufeze ngami ekukhokheleni abeZizwe ukuba balalele uNkulunkulu
ngalokhu engakutshoyo lengakwenzayo, 19 ngamandla ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso,
langamandla kaMoya kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho indlela yonke kusukela eJerusalema
kusiya e-Ilirikhumu, sengilitshumayele ngokugcweleyo ivangeli likaKhristu.
20 Bekuhlezi kuyisifiso sami ukutshumayela ivangeli lapho uKhristu ayengaziwa
khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye. 21 Ikanti kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Labo abangatshelwanga ngaye bazabona,
lalabo abangakezwa bazaqedisisa.”†
22 Yikho-nje kade ngixakeka ekubeni ngize kini.

Icebo LikaPhawuli Lokwethekelela ERoma

* **15:3** 15.3 AmaHubo 69.9 † **15:9** 15.9 2 USamuyeli 22.50; AmaHubo 18.49 ‡ **15:10** 15.10 UDutheronomi 32.43 § **15:11** 15.11 AmaHubo 117.1 * **15:12** 15.12 U-Isaya 11.10 † **15:21** 15.21 U-Isaya 52.15

23 Kodwa khathesi njengoba kungaselandawo engingasebenza kuyo kulezizigaba,
njalo njengoba bengifisa okweminyaka eminengi ukulibona, 24 ngiceba ukwenzanjalo
lapho sengisiya eSpeyini. Ngithemba ngizalibona ngisedlula lokuba lingisize
ngohambo lwami lokuya khonale, emva kokuba sengithokoze ukuba lani okwesikhat-
shana. 25 Kodwa khathesi ngisendleleni yokuya eJerusalema emsebenzini wabantu
beNkosi khonale. 26 Ngoba abeMasedoniya labe-Akhayiya kwabathokozisa ukusiza
abayanga phakathi kwabantu beNkosi eJerusalema. 27 Kwabathokozisa ukwenza
lokho, njalo impela balomlandu walokho kubo. Ngoba nxa abeZizwe bahlanganyela
ezibusisweni zakomoya zamaJuda, balomlandu kumaJuda wokuhlanganyela lawo
ezibusisweni zokwenyama. 28 Ngakho emva kokuqeda umsebenzi lo, njalo sengibe
leqiniso ukuthi sebesamukele isithelo lesi, ngizakuya eSpeyini njalo ngilethekelele
ohanjweni lwami. 29 Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lapho ngisiza kini, ngizakuza ngilesibusiso
esigcweleyo sikaKhristu.
30 Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu langothando lukaMoya,
ukuba lihlanganyele lami ekutshikatshikeni kwami ngokungikhulekela kuNku-
lunkulu. 31 Khulekelani ukuba ngihlengwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya lokuthi
umsebenzi wami eJerusalema wamukeleke ebantwini beNkosi khonale, 32 ukuze
ngize kini ngentokozo kuthi ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngivuselelwe kanye lani.
33 UNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

16

Ukubingelela Kwakhe

1 Ngimethula kini udadewethu uFebhi, isikhonzikazi sebandla eKhenkireya.
2 Ngiyalicela ukuba limamukele eNkosini ngendlela efanele abangcwele njalo limsize
ngakho konke angakuswela kini, ngoba laye ubelosizo olukhulu ebantwini abanengi,
lakimi.

3 Bingelelani uPhrisila lo-Akhwila, abayizisebenzi kanye lami kuKhristu uJesu.
4 Babeka impilo yabo engozini ngenxa yami. Akusimi kuphela, kodwa wonke
amabandla abeZizwe ayababonga kakhulu.
5 Bingelelani lebandla elihlanganela endlini yabo.
Bingelelani umngane wami othandekayo u-Ephenethasi, owaba ngowokuqala
ukuphendukela kuKhristu esiqintini sase-Ezhiya.
6 Bingelelani uMariya owalisebenzela kanzima.
7 Bingelelani u-Andronikhasi loJuniyasi, izihlobo zami ezazisentolongweni kanye
lami. Badumile phakathi kwabapostoli, njalo babekuKhristu mina ngingakabi khona.
8 Bingelelani u-Ampiliyathasi, engimthandayo eNkosini.
9 Bingelelani u-Abhanusi, oyisisebenzi kanye lathi kuKhristu, lomngane wami
othandekayo uStakhisi.
10 Bingelelani u-Aphele, owahlolwayo wamukelwa kuKhristu.
Bingelelani labo abangabendlu ka-Aristobhulasi.
11 Bingelelani uHerodiyoni, isihlobo sami.
Bingelelani labo abasemzini kaNakhisu abaseNkosini.
12 Bingelelani uTrayifina loTrifosa, abesifazane labo abasebenza kakhulu eNkosini.
Bingelelani umngane wami othandekayo, uPhesisi, omunye owesifazane os-
esebenze kakhulukazi eNkosini.
13 Bingelelani uRufasi, okhethiweyo eNkosini, lonina, obengumama lakimi.
14 Bingelelani u-Asinkrithasi, loFilegoni, loHemesi, loPhathirobhasi, uHemasi kanye
labazalwane abalabo.

15 Bingelelani uFilologu, loJuliya, loNerusi lodadewabo, kanye lo-Olimpasi labo
bonke abangcwele abalabo.
16 Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele.
Wonke amabandla kaKhristu ayalibingelela.

17 Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuba libaqaphele labo abadala ukwehlukana bebeka
izikhubekiso endleleni yenu, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundayo. Baxwayeni.
18 Ngoba abantu abanjalo kabakhonzi Nkosi yethu uKhristu, kodwa izinkanuko
zabo. Ngenkulumo emnandi langobuqili bakhohlisa ingqondo zabantu abayiziphuku-
phuku. 19 Abantu bonke sebezwile ngokulalela kwenu, ngakho ngilokuthokoza
okukhulu ngani; kodwa ngifuna ukuba lihlakaniphele okuhle, njalo libemsulwa
kokubi.

20 UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzamchoboza masinyane uSathane ngaphansi
kwezinyawo zenu.

Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu kawube lani.

21 UThimothi, engisebenza laye, uyalibingelela, loLukhiyu, loJasoni kanye
loSosiphatha, izihlobo zami.
22 Mina Thethiyasi, engilobe incwadi le, ngiyalibingelela eNkosini.
23 UGayiyasi, osiphatho sakhe esihle siyangijabulisa mina kanye lebandla lonke
lapha, uyalibingelela.
U-Erastu, ongumqondisi wemisebenzi yabantu bonke wedolobho, lomzalwane
wethu uKhwathu bayalibingelela.

[24 Sengathi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ungaba lani lonke. Ameni.]*

25 Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngevangeli lami langentshumayelo kaJesu Khristu,
mayelana lokwambulwa kwemfihlakalo eyayifihlakele okweminyakanyaka eyed-
lulayo, 26 kodwa khathesi yambulwe yaziswa ngemibhalo yabaphrofethi ngoku-
laya kukaNkulunkulu waphakade, ukuze abaZizwe bonke bamlalele ngokukholwa,
27 kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa olenhlakanipho, udumo kalube kuye ingunaphakade
ngoJesu Khristu! Ameni.

* **16:24** 16.24 Livesi kayikho kwamanye amaBhayibhili esiLungu.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yakuqala KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPhawuli, obizelwe ukuba ngumpostoli kaJesu Khristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
kanye lomzalwane wethu uSosithene.

2 Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kulabo abangcweliswe kuJesu Khristu
babizelwa ukuba ngabangcwele bakhe kanye labo bonke abasezindaweni zonke
abakhuleka ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, iNkosi yabo leyethu:

3 Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube
kini.

Ukubonga

4 Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami ngani, ngenxa yomusa
wakhe eliwuphiweyo kuJesu Khristu. 5 Ngoba kuye linothiswe ngezindlela zonke,
ekukhulumeni kwenu konke lasekwazini konke, 6 ngoba ubufakazi bethu ngoKhristu
baqiniswa kini. 7 Ngakho kalisileli lakusiphi isipho somoya lapho lilindele ngokut-
shiseka ukuba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ibonakaliswe. 8 Izaligcina liqinile kuze
kube sekupheleni ukuze lingabi lasici ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu.
9 UNkulunkulu olibizele ekuhlanganyeleni leNdodana yakhe uJesu Khristu iNkosi
yethu, uthembekile.

Ukudabukana Ebandleni Ngenxa Yabathungameli

10 Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, ukuba lonke
livumelane ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana phakathi kwenu kanye lokuthi libe ngaba-
manyeneyo engqondweni lasemcabangweni. 11 Bazalwane bami, abanye abendlu
yakoKlowe bangitshele ukuthi kulezingxabano phakathi kwenu. 12 Engikutshoyo
yilokhu: Omunye wenu uthi, “Mina ngilandela uPhawuli”; omunye uthi, “Mina
ngilandela u-Apholo”; omunye uthi, “Mina ngilandela uKhefasi”; omunye laye uthi,
“Mina ngilandela uKhristu.”
13 Kambe uKhristu wehlukene na? UPhawuli wake wabethelwa ngenxa yenu na?
Labhaphathizwa ngebizo likaPhawuli na? 14 Ngibonga uNkulunkulu ngokuthi kan-
gibhaphathizanga lamunye wenu ngaphandle kukaKhrispasi loGayiyasi, 15 ngakho
kakho ongathi labhaphathizwa ngebizo lami. 16 (Yebo ngabhaphathiza abendlu
KaStefane, ngaphandle kwalokho angikhumbuli ngibhaphathiza omunye.) 17 Ngoba
uKhristu kangithumanga ukuba ngibhaphathize kodwa ukuba ngitshumayele ivan-
geli, hatshi ngamazwi enhlakanipho yabantu, funa isiphambano silahlekelwe nga-
mandla aso.

UKhristu Owabethelwayo UyiNhlakanipho LaMandla KaNkulunkulu

18 Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi
abasindisiweyo lingamandla kaNkulunkulu. 19 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Ngizachitha inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo;
ukwazi kwezazi ngizakunqunda.”*
20 Ungaphi umuntu ohlakaniphileyo na? Singaphi isifundiswa somthetho na?
Singaphi isazi salesisikhathi na? UNkulunkulu kenzanga ukuhlakanipha kwasemh-
labeni kwaba yibuthutha na? 21 Ngoba ekuhlakanipheni kukaNkulunkulu, umhlaba

* **1:19** 1.19 U-Isaya 29.14

ngokuhlakanipha kwawo kawumazanga, uNkulunkulu wathokoza ngobuthutha
balokho okwatshunyayelwayo ukuze kusindise abakholwayo 22 AmaJuda afuna
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso lamaGrikhi adinga ukuhlakanipha, 23 kodwa thina
sitshumayela uKhristu owabethelwayo: isikhubekiso kumaJuda lobuthutha kwabeZ-
izwe, 24 kodwa kulabo ababizwe nguNkulunkulu, amaJuda lamaGrikhi, uKhristu
ungamandla lokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu. 25 Ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu
buhlakaniphile kulokuhlakanipha komuntu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bula-
mandla kulamandla omuntu.
26 Bazalwane, khumbulani ngalokho elaliyikho ekubizweni kwenu. Kababanengi
phakathi kwenu ababehlakaniphile ngesilinganiso sabantu; kababanengi ababela-
mandla; kababanengi ababezalwa yizikhulu. 27 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto
zasemhlabeni eziyizithutha ukuba ayangise izihlakaniphi; uNkulunkulu wakhetha
izinto zasemhlabeni ezibuthakathaka ukuba ayangise abalamandla. 28 Wakhetha
izinto zalo umhlaba eziphansi lezinto ezeyisekayo kanye lezinto ezingekho ukuba
achithe okukhona, 29 ukuze kungabi lamuntu ozazincoma phambi kwakhe. 30 Ngenxa
yakhe lina likuKhristu uJesu, yena osebe yikuhlakanipha okuvela kuNkulunkulu
esenzela thina, okuyikulunga kwethu, ubungcwele lokusindiswa. 31 Ngakho-ke,
njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Lowo ozincomayo kazincome eNkosini.”†

2

1 Ekufikeni kwami kini bazalwane, kangifikanga lobugabazi bokukhuluma kumbe
ukuhlakanipha okukhulu lapho ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi ngoNkulunkulu.
2 Ngoba ngazimisela ukungazi lutho ngiseselani ngaphandle kukaJesu Khristu yena
owabethelwayo. 3 Ngafika kini ngibuthakathaka, ngisesaba njalo ngithuthumela
kakhulu. 4 Ilizwi lami lentshumayelo yami akubanga ngamazwi okuhlakanipha
lahugayo, kodwa kubonakalisa amandla kaMoya, 5 ukuze ukukholwa kwenu
kungeyami ekuhlakanipheni kwabantu, kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu.

Ukuhlakanipha Okuvela KuMoya

6 Kodwa siyalikhuluma ilizwi lokuhlakanipha kulabo asebekhulile, belo kungasikho
kuhlakanipha kwalesisikhathi loba okwababusi balesisikhathi, asebezakuba yize.
7 Hatshi, sikhuluma ngokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu okufihlakeleyo, ukuhlaka-
nipha obekukade uNkulunkulu akumisela inkazimulo yethu isikhathi singakaqalisi.
8 Kakho kubabusi balesisikhathi owakuzwisisayo ngoba aluba kwakube njalo,
babengasoze bayibethele iNkosi yenkazimulo. 9 Kodwa kunjengoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi:
“Akulalihlo eselibonile,
akulandlebe esizwile;
njalo akulangqondo yomuntu esicabangile
ngalokho uNkulunkulu akulungisele labo abamthandayo,”*
10 kodwa uNkulunkulu ukuvezile kithi ngoMoya.
UMoya uyazihlolisisa izinto zonke, kanye lezinto ezizikileyo zikaNkulunkulu.
11 Kambe ngubani phakathi kwabantu oyaziyo imicabango yomuntu ngaphandle
komoya walowomuntu ongaphakathi kwakhe na? Ngokufanayo, kakho oyaziyo
imicabango kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaMoya kaNkulunkulu. 12 Kasamukelanga
umoya wasemhlabeni, kodwa uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu ukuze siqedisise ngalokho
uNkulunkulu asiphe khona ngesihle. 13 Lokhu yikho esikukhulumayo, hatshi nga-
mazwi esawafundiswa yikuhlakanipha kwabantu kodwa ngamazwi esawafundiswa
nguMoya. 14 Umuntu ongelaMoya kazamukeli izinto ezivela kuMoya kaNkulunkulu
ngoba kuye ziyibuthutha njalo angeke aziqedisise ngoba zibonakaliswa ngomoya.

† **1:31** 1.31 UJeremiya 9.24 * **2:9** 2.9 U-Isaya 64.4

15 Umuntu womoya uyazahlulela izinto zonke kodwa yena ngokwakhe akukho muntu
ongamahlulela, 16 ngoba,
“Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi
ukuba ayeluleke na?”†
Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKhristu.

3

Ibandla Labathungameli Balo

1 Bazalwane, ngangingeke ngikhulume lani njengabaphila ngomoya, kodwa
njengabomhlaba, insane nje kuKhristu. 2 Ngalinika uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqini-
leyo, ngoba lalingakakulungeli. Impela lilokhu lingakakulungeli. 3 Lilokhu
lingabomhlaba. Kalokho njengoba kulomona lokuxabana phakathi kwenu, kambe
kalisibo bomhlaba na? Kalenzi njengabantu nje na? 4 Ngoba nxa omunye esithi,
“Mina ngilandela uPhawuli,” omunye laye athi, “Mina ngilandela u-Apholo,” kambe
kalisibantu nje na?

5 Kanti u-Apholo uvele uyini na? LoPhawuli uyini na? Bazinceku nje
kuphela lina elakholwa ngazo, njengoba iNkosi imisele omunye lomunye umsebenzi
wakhe. 6 Mina ngahlanyela inhlanyelo, u-Apholo wayithelela, kodwa nguNkulunkulu
owayikhulisayo. 7 Ngakho lowo ohlanyelayo, loba othelelayo, akasilutho, kodwa
nguNkulunkulu kuphela owenza izinto zikhule. 8 Umuntu ohlanyelayo lomuntu oth-
elelayo banhlosonye, njalo lowo lalowo uzanikwa umvuzo wakhe njengokusebenza
kwakhe. 9 Ngoba thina siyizisebenzi emsebenzini kaNkulunkulu; lina liyinsimu
kaNkulunkulu, isakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu.

10 Ngomusa uNkulunkulu angipha wona, ngabeka isisekelo njengengcitshi yomakhi,
njalo abanye bakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa omunye lomunye kumele ananzelele ukuthi
wakha njani. 11 Ngoba kakho ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esivele
sesibekiwe, esinguJesu Khristu. 12 Nxa umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo
ngegolide, ngesiliva, ngamatshe adulayo, ngezigodo, ngotshani loba ngamahlanga,
13 umsebenzi wakhe uzabonakaliswa unjalo, ngoba usuku luzawubeka ekukhanyeni.
Uzavezwa obala ngomlilo, njalo umlilo uzahlola umsebenzi womuntu ngamunye
ukuthi unjani. 14 Nxa lokho okwakhiweyo kuzasala kukhona, umakhi uzakwamukela
umvuzo wakhe. 15 Kodwa nxa kusitsha kuphele du, umakhi uzalahlekelwa kodwa
yena ngokwakhe uzaphepha, loba nje kunjengomuntu ophunyuka edabula phakathi
kwamalangabi.

16 Kanti kalazi yini ukuthi lina ngokwenu lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi
uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwenu? 17 Nxa umuntu echitha ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele
njalo lina lonke liyilelothempeli.

18 Lingazikhohlisi. Nxa omunye wenu ecabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile ngokwesilin-
ganiso salesisikhathi kabe yisithutha ukuze ahlakaniphe. 19 Ngoba ukuhlakanipha
kwalo umhlaba kuyibuthutha phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo,”* 20 lokuthi, “UThixo uyakwazi ukuthi
imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo iyize nje.”† 21 Ngakho, Akungabikhona ukuzincoma
ngabathungameli abangabantu. Izinto zonke ngezenu, 22 loba nguPhawuli kumbe u-
Apholo loba uKhefasi kumbe umhlaba loba ukuphila kumbe ukufa loba kukhathesi
kumbe kwelizayo, konke ngokwenu, 23 njalo lina lingabakaKhristu, loKhristu
ungokaNkulunkulu.

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† **2:16** 2.16 U-Isaya 40.13 * **3:19** 3.19 UJobe 5.13 † **3:20** 3.20 AmaHubo 94.11

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AbaPostoli Beqiniso

1 Ngakho abantu kumele basibone njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu lanjengalabo
abagciniswe izinto ezifihlakeleyo zikaNkulunkulu. 2 Kuyadingeka ukuthi labo
abagcinisiweyo babonakalise ukuthi bathembekile. 3 Kanginaki kakhulu nxa
ngahlulelwe yini loba omunye umthethwandaba wabantu; impela, kangizahluleli
lami. 4 Isazela sami simsulwa, kodwa lokho kakungenzi ngingabi lacala. INkosi
yiyo engahlulelayo. 5 Ngakho-ke, lingahluleli lutho isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki;
manini iNkosi ize ifike. Yona izakubeka ekukhanyeni okufihlwe emnyameni, njalo
izaziveza obala injongo zezinhliziyo zabantu. Ngalesosikhathi omunye lomunye
uzakwamukela ukubongwa kwakhe kuNkulunkulu.
6 Bazalwane, izinto lezi ngizisebenzisile kimi laku-Apholo ngenxa yenu ukuze
lifunde kithi okutshiwo yisitsho esithi, “Lingenzi okudlula okulotshiweyo.” Lapho-
ke, kaliyikuzigqaja ngomunye umuntu komunye. 7 Kambe ngubani olenza lehluke
omunye komunye na? Kuyini elilakho elingakwamukelanga na? Njalo nxa
lakwamukela, pho kungani lizincoma kungathi alikwamukelanga?
8 Livele selilakho konke elikufunayo! Selinothile! Selibe ngamakhosi, njalo
ngaphandle kwethu! Yeka ukufisa kwami ukuthi ngabe laba ngamakhosi ukuze
lathi sibe ngamakhosi kanye lani! 9 Ngoba kini kukhanya angathi thina abapostoli
uNkulunkulu usibeke embukisweni ekucineni kodwendwe, njengalabo abagwet-
shelwe ukufa enkundleni. Senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni wonke, ezingilosini kanye
lasebantwini. 10 Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKhristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphe
kangaka kuKhristu! Thina sibuthakathaka lina lilamandla! Liyahlonitshwa, thina
siyadelelwa. 11 Kuze kube yilesisikhathi, siyalamba njalo some, simanikiniki,
siyahlukuluzwa ngolunya, kasilamakhaya. 12 Sisebenza nzima ngezandla zethu.
Nxa siqalekiswa, thina siyabusisa; lapho sihlukuluzwa, thina siyaqinisela; 13 lapho
sinyeywa, siphendula kuhle. Kuze kube yilesisikhathi sesibe ngamanyala omhlaba,
izibi zomhlaba.

Ukuncenga Lokuxwayisa KukaPhawuli

14 Kangilobi lokhu ukuba ngiliyangise kodwa ukulixwayisa njengabantwabami
abathandekayo. 15 Lanxa lilabondli abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi kuKhristu,
kalilabo oyihlo abanengi, ngoba kuJesu Khristu ngaba nguyihlo ngevangeli. 16 Ngakho
ngiyalicela ukuba lenze njengami. 17 Ngenxa yalesisizatho, ngilithumela uThimothi,
indodana yami ethandekayo, ethembekileyo eNkosini. Uzalikhumbuza indlela
yokuphila kwami kuJesu Khristu, evumelana lalokho engikufundisayo ezindaweni
zonke, emabandleni wonke.
18 Abanye benu sebezikhukhumeza, kungazathi kangizi kini. 19 Kodwa ngizakuza
kini masinyane, nxa iNkosi ithanda, njalo lapho-ke angizukudinga kuphela ukwazi
ukuthi lababantu abazikhukhumezayo bakhulumani, kodwa ukuba balamandla an-
jani. 20 Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba yokukhuluma kodwa eyamandla.
21 Likhetha kuphi? Ngize kini lomqwayi wokuliqondisa, kumbe ngothando kanye
lomoya othobekileyo na?

5

Ukuphatha Umzalwane Oxhwalileyo!

1 Kuyabikwa impela ukuthi kulokuhlobonga phakathi kwenu njalo obohlobo olun-
genzakaliyo laphakathi kwabangakholwayo: Umuntu uthatha umkayise. 2 Njalo lina
liyazigqaja! Kwakungamelanga libe buhlungu kakhulu yini limsuse enhlanganweni
yenu umuntu owenze lokhu na? 3 Lanxa mina ngingekho mathupha, ngilani emoyeni.

Njengomunye olani endaweni enje, sengimahlulele lowo owenze lokhu ebizweni
lenkosi yethu uJesu. 4 Lapho libuthene ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu ngilani ngomoya,
lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu akhona, 5 umuntu lo mnikeleni kuSathane ukuze
umzimba wakhe wesono uchithwe lomoya wakhe usindiswe ngosuku lweNkosi.
6 Ukuzincoma kwenu akulunganga. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encane
ibilisa inhlama yonke? 7 Susani imvubelo endala ukuze libe yinhlama entsha
engelamvubelo, njengoba linjalo impela. Ngoba uKhristu, iwundlu lethu lePhasika,
lihlatshiwe. 8 Ngakho, kasigcineni uMkhosi, hatshi kulemvubelo endala, imvubelo
yenzondo lobubi, kodwa lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa sobuqotho leqiniso.
9 Ngalilobela encwadini yami ukuba lingahlanganyeli labantu abayizixhwali
ngobufebe, 10 ngingatsho abantu bakulo umhlaba abagangileyo, loba abayizihwaba
lamaqili, loba abakhonza izithombe. Nxa kunjalo kuzamele liwutshiye umhlaba
lo. 11 Kodwa khathesi ngililobela ukuba lingahlanganyeli lomuntu ozibiza ngokuthi
ngumzalwane, kodwa exhwalile, eyisifebe, isihwaba, umkhonzi wezithombe loba
onyeyayo, isidakwa loba iqili. Umuntu onjalo lingalokothi lidle laye.
12 Kungumlandu wami na ukuba ngahlulele abangaphandle kwebandla? Akume-
langa lahlulele labo abaphakathi na? 13 UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela labo aban-
gaphandle. “Mxotsheni umuntu omubi phakathi kwenu.”*

6

Ukumangalelana Phakathi Kwabakholwayo

1 Nxa owakini elombango lomunye uyahamba ayemangalela kwabangakholwayo
endaweni yokuya kwabakholwayo na? 2 Kalazi yini ukuthi abantu bakaNkulunkulu
bazakwahlulela umhlaba na? Nxa lizakwahlulela umhlaba, kalenelisi ukwahlulela
amacala amancane na? 3 Kalazi yini ukuthi sizakwahlulela izingilosi? Pho sizak-
wehlulwa yini ukwahlulela izindaba zalimpilo! 4 Ngakho-ke, nxa lilemibango yezind-
aba ezinje, lidinga ukwahlulelwa ngabantu abalempilo ezisolekayo ebandleni na?
5 Ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. Kungenzakala yini ukuthi akulamuntu phakathi
kwenu ohlakaniphe okwaneleyo ukuba ahlulele umbango phakathi kwabazalwane
na? 6 Kodwa esikhundleni salokho, omunye umzalwane uya emthethweni ukuya-
mangalela omunye, njalo lokhu ekwenza phambi kwabangakholwayo!
7 Khona lokhu ukuthi impela kulokumangalelana phakathi kwenu kutsho ukuba
selehlulwe ngokupheleleyo. Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukoniwa? Kakung-
cono yini ukwamukela ukuqilibezelwa? 8 Esikhundleni salokho, lina ngokwenu
liyaqilibezela njalo lone, futhi lokhu likwenza kubazalwane benu. 9 Kalazi yini
ukuthi abonayo kabayikuba zindlalifa zombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa.
Akulazifebe ezixhwalileyo loba abakhonza izithombe kumbe iziphingi loba izitabane
10 kumbe amasela loba izihwaba kumbe izidakwa loba abanyeyayo kumbe amaqili
azakudla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. 11 Njalo lokho yikho abanye benu ababeyikho.
Kodwa selageziswa, selangcweliswa, selalungiswa ngebizo leNkosi uJesu Khristu
langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu.

Ukuhlobonga

12 Lithi “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusikho konke okusizayo.
“Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini” kodwa angiyikubuswa lutho. 13 Lithi “Ukudla
kwesisu lesisu sokudla, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili.” Umzimba
kawusiwokuhlobonga, kodwa ngoweNkosi, leNkosi ngeyomzimba. 14 Ngamandla
akhe uNkulunkulu wayivusa kwabafileyo iNkosi, lathi futhi uzasivusa. 15 Kalazi
yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKhristu uqobo na? Kambe ngingathatha

* **5:13** 5.13 UDutheronomi 17.7; 19.19; 21.21; 22.21, 24; 24.7

izitho zikaKhristu ngizihlanganise lesiphingi na? Hatshi! 16 Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo
ozihlanganise lesiphingi uba munye laso emzimbeni? Ngoba kuthiwa, “Labo ababili
bazakuba nyamanye.”* 17 Kodwa lowo ozihlanganisa leNkosi munye layo emoyeni.
18 Balekelani ukuhlobonga. Zonke ezinye izono umuntu azenzayo zingaphandle
komzimba wakhe, kodwa lowo owenza isono sobufebe wenza isono emzimbeni
wakhe. 19 Kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele,
ophakathi kwenu, elamamukela kuNkulunkulu na? Kalisibo benu, 20 lathengwa
ngentengo. Ngakho-ke, dumisani uNkulunkulu ngemizimba yenu.

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Okuphathelane Lokuthathana

1 Mayelana lezindaba elaloba ngazo: “Kuhle ukuba indoda ingabi lobudlelwano
bemacansini lowesifazane.” 2 Kodwa njengoba kulokuhlobonga okungaka, indoda
yinye kumele ibe lobudlelwano bemacansini lomkayo, lomfazi munye abe lendoda
yakhe. 3 Indoda kumele igcwalise umlandu wayo wokuthathana kumkayo, kube
njalo lomfazi endodeni yakhe. 4 Umfazi kalamandla ngomzimba wakhe kodwa
uwunikela kumkakhe. Ngokufanayo, lendoda kayilamandla ngomzimba wayo kodwa
iwunikela kumkayo. 5 Lingancitshani ngaphandle kokuba kungokokuvumelana njalo
okwesikhatshana, ukuze lizinikele ekukhulekeni. Libuye lihlangane futhi ukuze
uSathane angalilingi ngenxa yokusilela kokuzithiba kwenu. 6 Lokhu ngikutsho
njengokuvumela, hatshi njengomlayo. 7 Sengathi ngabe lonke linjengami. Kodwa
umuntu ngamunye ulesipho sakhe esivela kuNkulunkulu, omunye ulalesi isipho,
omunye laye ulalesiyana.
8 Kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo ukuba bahlale bengendanga,
njengami. 9 Kodwa nxa bengeke bazithiba, kabende, ngoba ukwenda kungcono
kulokutshiseka ngokufisa.
10 Abathatheneyo ngibapha umlayo lo (hatshi mina, kodwa iNkosi): Umfazi
akumelanga ehlukane lendoda yakhe. 11 Kodwa nxa ekwenzile, kahlale engendanga
loba abuyisane lendoda yakhe. Lendoda akumelanga imlahle umkayo.
12 Kwabanye ngithi (mina, hatshi iNkosi): Nxa umzalwane elomfazi ongasilokholwa
kodwa evuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga amlahle. 13 Njalo nxa owesifazane elendoda
engakholwayo ivuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga ayilahle. 14 Ngoba indoda engakhol-
wayo isingcweliswe ngomkayo, lomfazi ongakholwayo usengcweliswe ngendoda
yakhe ekholwayo. Kungenjalo ngabe abantwana benu bangcolile, kodwa okwamanje
bangcwele.
15 Kodwa nxa ongakholwayo etshiya, myekeleni enze njalo. Owesilisa kumbe owe-
sifazane okholwayo phakathi kabotshelwanga phakathi komumo onje; uNkulunkulu
usibizele ukuhlala ngokuthula. 16 Wazi njani, mfazi, mhlawumbe uzasindisa indoda
yakho? Loba, wazi njani ndoda, mhlawumbe uzasindisa umkakho?

Mayelana Lokuguquka Kwesimo

17 Lanxa kunjalo, lowo lalowo ekuphileni kumele agcine leyondawo iNkosi emuphe
yona njalo abizelwe kuyo nguNkulunkulu. Lo ngumlayo engiwubeka emabandleni
wonke. 18 Indoda yayivele isisokile ekubizweni kwayo na? Kayingabi ngengasokanga.
Indoda yayingasokanga ekubizweni kwayo na? Akumelanga isokwe. 19 Ukusoka
lokungasoki konke kuyize. Ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu yikho okuqakathekileyo.
20 Lowo lalowo kahlale kulesosimo ayekuso ekubizweni kwakhe nguNkulunkulu.
21 Wawuyisigqili na ekubizweni kwakho? Kakungakukhathazi, lanxa ungathola
ukukhululeka kwakho, yenza njalo. 22 Ngoba lowo owayeyisigqili ekubizweni kwakhe

* **6:16** 6.16 UGenesisi 2.24

yiNkosi, ungokhululekileyo weNkosi; ngokufanayo, lowo owayekhululekile ekubizweni kwakhe uyisigqili sikaKhristu. 23 Lathengwa ngentengo; kalingabi yizigqili zabantu. 24 Bazalwane, umuntu munye ngamunye, njengolomlandu kuNkulunkulu, kumele ahlale ekulesosimo uNkulunkulu ambizela kuso.

Mayelana Labangendanga Kumbe Abangathathanga

25 Mayelana lezintombi ezigcweleyo: Kangilamlayo ovela eNkosini, kodwa ngahlulela njengothembekileyo ngomusa weNkosi. 26 Ngenxa yokukhathazeka kwakhathesi, ngicabanga ukuthi kuhle kini ukuba lihlale linjengoba linjalo. 27 Uthethe na? Ungadingi ukwehlukana. Kawuthathanga na? Ungathathi. 28 Kodwa nxa uthatha, kawenzanga sono njalo nxa intombi egcweleyo isenda kayonanga. Kodwa labo abathathanayo bazabona inhlupho ezinengi kulokhukuphila, njalo ngifuna ukuliphephisa kulokhu.

29 Engikutshoyo, bazalwane, yikuthi isikhathi sifitshane. Kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili labo abalabafazi kabaphile kungathi kabalabo: 30 labo abakhalayo, kube sengathi kabakhali; labathokozayo babe njengabangathokoziyo; labo abathenga ulutho, kube sengathi kalusilo lwabo ukuba balugcine; 31 labo abasebenzisa izinto zasemhlabeni, kube sengathi kabathathekanga kuzo. Ngoba umhlaba lo kulesisimo sawo sakhathesi uyedlula.

32 Ngifuna ukuba linganqineki. Umuntu ongathathanga unqinekela izindaba zeNkosi, ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani iNkosi. 33 Kodwa umuntu othetheyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe, 34 lezifiso zakhe zehlukene phakathi. Umfazi ongendanga loba intombi egcweleyo inqinekela izindaba zeNkosi: Isifiso sayo yikuzinikela eNkosini ngakho kokubili umzimba lomoya. Kodwa umfazi owendileyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe. 35 Ngitsho lokhu ukuba kube lusizo kini, hatshi ukulivimbela. Ngifuna ukuba liphile ngendlela eqondileyo ngokuzinikela okupheleleyo eNkosini.

36 Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini egcweleyo athandana layo, esilokhu isiba ndala, njalo esizwa kusithi kufanele athathe, kenze njengokuthanda kwakhe. Kenzi sono. Kumele bathathane. 37 Kodwa umuntu osenze isinqumo engqondweni yakhe engancindezelwanga kodwa elamandla okuzibamba esifisweni sakhe, njalo osemise engqondweni yakhe ukungayithathi intombi leyo, umuntu lo laye wenza into eqondileyo. 38 Ngakho-ke, lowo othatha intombi egcweleyo wenza okuqondileyo, kodwa lowo ongayithathiyo wenza okungcono kakhulu.

39 Owesifazane ubotshelwe endodeni yakhe nxa isaphila. Kodwa indoda yakhe ingafa, ukhululekile ukwendela kwenye ayithandayo, kodwa kumele ibe seNkosini. 40 Ngokubona kwami, uyathokoza kakhulu nxa ehlala enjalo, njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

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Okuphathelane Lokudla Okunikelwe Ezithombeni

1 Mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha. 2 Umuntu ocabanga ukuthi wazi ulutho kakazi lutho njengoba efanele ukwazi. 3 Kodwa umuntu othanda uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uyamazi lowomuntu.

4 Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi “Isithombe kasisilutho emhlabeni” kanye lokuthi “UNkulunkulu munye kuphela kakho omunye.” 5 Ngoba lanxa kulabonkulunkulu abatshiwoyo, langabe ezulwini

loba emhlabeni (njengoba impela kulabonkulunkulu abanengi lamakhosi amanengi),
6 kodwa kithi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa kuphela, uYise, okwavela kuye izinto zonke
njalo okunguye esimphilelayo; njalo kuleNkosi eyodwa kuphela, uJesu Khristu, izinto
zonke zeza ngaye njalo esiphila ngaye.
7 Kodwa akusimuntu wonke okwaziyo lokhu. Abanye abantu balokhu bejayele
izithombe kuze kuthi lapho besidla ukudla okunjalo, bacabange ukuthi kunikelwe
esithombeni njalo njengoba isazela sabo sibuthakathaka, siyangcoliswa. 8 Kodwa
ukudla akusisondezi eduzane loNkulunkulu; kasilahlekelwa yilutho nxa singadli,
njalo kasizuzi lutho nxa sisidla.
9 Kodwa qaphelani ukuba ukusebenza kwamalungelo enu akubi yisikhubekiso
kwababuthakathaka. 10 Ngoba nxa umuntu olesazela esibuthakathaka ebona lina
elilalolulwazi lisidla ethempelini lesithombe, kambe kazukuba lesibindi sokudla
okunikelwe ezithombeni na? 11 Ngakho umzalwane lo, uKhristu amfelayo, uchithwa
yikwazi kwenu. 12 Nxa lisenza isono kubazalwane benu kanje lilimaza isazela sabo
esibuthakathaka, lenza isono kuKhristu. 13 Ngakho-ke, nxa engikudlayo kusenza
umzalwane wami awele esonweni, angiyikudla inyama futhi, ukuze ngingamwisi.

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Amalungelo KaPhawuli NjengomPostoli

1 Kangikhululekanga na? Kangisumpostoli na? Kanje kangimbonanga uJesu iNkosi
yethu na? Kalisizithelo zomsebenzi wami eNkosini na? 2 Lanxa ngingasuye umpostoli
kwabanye, impela nginguye kini! Ngoba lina liluphawu lobupostoli bami eNkosini.
3 Lokhu kuyisivikelo sami kulabo abazangahlulela. 4 Kasilalungelo lokudla loku-
natha na? 5 Kambe silelungelo bani lokuthatha owesifazane okholwayo owendileyo
sihambe laye njengokwenziwa ngabanye abapostoli labafowabo beNkosi kanye
loKhefasi na? 6 Kumbe yimi loBhanabhasi kuphela esingelalo ilungelo lokusebenzela
impilo?
7 Ngubani osebenza njengebutho ngendleko zakhe na? Ngubani olima isivini
angadli izithelo zaso na? Ngubani owelusa umhlambi anganathi uchago lwawo na?
8 Lokhu ngikutsho ngokwengqondo yabantu na? Umthetho kawutsho okufanayo
na? 9 Ngoba kulotshiwe emthethweni kaMosi ukuthi: “Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke
nxa ibhula amabele.”* UNkulunkulu ukhathazeka ngenkabi na? 10 Impela
uyasikhulumela lokhu; akunjalo na? Yebo, lokhu kwalotshelwa thina, ngoba nxa
umlimi elima lobhulayo ebhula kumele benzenjalo belethemba lokwabelana isivuno.
11 Nxa sahlanyela inhlanyelo yakomoya kini, kambe kunengi kakhulu yini nxa sivuna
isivuno sempahla kini na? 12 Nxa abanye belaleli ilungelo losizo oluvela kini, thina
akumelanga sibe lalo kakhulu na?
Kodwa thina kasilisebenzisanga ilungelo leli. Esikhundleni salokho sibekezelele
konke kulokuthi sivimbele ivangeli likaKhristu.
13 Kalazi yini ukuthi abasebenza ethempelini bathola ukudla kwabo ethempelini,
lokuthi labo abakhonza e-alithareni babelana lokho okunikelwe e-alithareni na?
14 Ngokufanayo iNkosi ilaye ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli kumele bathole
ukuphila kwabo evangelini.
15 Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalinye lala amalungelo. Njalo kangilobi lokhu
ngethemba lokuthi lizangenzela izinto ezinjalo. Ngingakhetha ukufa kulokuthi
umuntu angemuke ukuzincoma lokhu. 16 Ikanti lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli,
angingeke ngizincome ngoba kumele ngitshumayele! Maye kimi nxa ngingatshu-
mayeli ivangeli! 17 Nxa ngitshumayela ngokuzithandela, ngithola umvuzo; nxa

* **9:9** 9.9 UDutheronomi 25.4

ngingazithandeli, ngifeza umlandu obekwe kimi. 18 Pho umvuzo wami uyini
na? Uyilokhu nje: ukuthi lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, ngilitshumayela kungekho
mbadalo, kalokho ngingasebenzisi malungelo ami ekulitshumayeleni.

Ukusebenzisa KukaPhawuli Amalungelo Akhe

19 Lanxa ngikhululekile ngingasuye womunye umuntu, ngizenza isigqili ebantwini
bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi nxa kusenzeka. 20 KumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda,
ukuba ngizuze amaJuda. Kulabo abangaphansi komthetho ngaba njengongaphansi
komthetho (lanxa nje mina ngingekho ngaphansi komthetho), ukuba ngizuze
labo abangaphansi komthetho. 21 Kulabo abangelamthetho ngaba njengonge-
lamthetho (lanxa ngingakhululekanga emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngingaphansi
komthetho kaKhristu), ukuba ngizuze labo abangelamthetho. 22 Kwababuthakathaka
ngababuthakathaka, ukuba ngizuze ababuthakathaka. Sengibe yizinto zonke
ebantwini bonke ukuze kuthi ngazozonke izindlela ezingenzakala ngisilise abanye.
23 Ngenza konke lokhu ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngihlanganyele ezibusisweni
zalo.

Indingeko Yokuziphatha

24 Kalazi yini ukuthi emncintiswaneni wokugijima abagijimi bayagijima bonke,
kodwa ngoyedwa kuphela othola umvuzo? Gijimani ngendlela ezakwenza ukuthi
lithole umvuzo. 25 Umuntu wonke oncintisayo emidlalweni uba sekufundisweni
okulukhuni. Bakwenzela ukuzuza umqhele wamaluba ongasoze uhlale isikhathi
eside, kodwa thina sikwenzela ukuba sithole umqhele ozahlala ukhona kuze kube
laphakade. 26 Ngakho kangigijimi njengomuntu ogijima engahlose lutho; kangilwi
njengomuntu obindana lomoya. 27 Hatshi, ngitshaya umzimba wami ngiwenze isigqili
sami ukuze kuthi lapho sengitshumayele kwabanye, mina uqobo ngingemukwa
ilungelo lokuthola umvuzo.

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Izixwayiso Ezivela Emlandweni Ka-Israyeli

1 Ngoba, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingalazi iqiniso lokuthi okhokho baben-
gaphansi kweyezi kanye lokuthi bonke badabula phakathi kolwandle. 2 Bonke
babhaphathizelwa kuMosi eyezini kanye lasolwandle. 3 Bonke badla kudla kunye
komoya 4 banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya, ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya
elalihamba labo, njalo lelodwala lalinguKhristu. 5 Kodwa uNkulunkulu kathokozanga
ngenengi labo, ngakho imizimba yabo yahlakazwa enkangala.

6 Lezizinto zenzakala njengezibonelo, ukuba zisinqabele ekubekeni inhliziyo zethu
ezintweni ezimbi njengalokhu abakwenzayo. 7 Lingakhonzi izithombe, njengokwen-
ziwa ngabanye babo; njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Abantu bahlala phansi badla,
banatha, basukuma bagida.”* 8 Akumelanga sihlobonge njengokwenziwa ngabanye
babo, njalo ngosuku olulodwa kwafa abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lantathu. 9 Akumelanga silinge uKhristu njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa
zinyoka. 10 Lingakhononi, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa yingilosi
ebhubhisayo.

11 Izinto lezi zenzakala kubo njengezibonelo njalo zalotshwa njengezixwayiso
kithi, osekufike kubo ukugcwaliseka kwezikhathi. 12 Ngakho nxa licabanga ukuthi
limi liqinile, qaphelani ukuba lingawi. 13 Akulazilingo ezilehleleyo ngaphandle
kokwejayelekileyo ebantwini. Njalo uNkulunkulu uthembekile; akayikuvumela
ukuba lilingwe ngokwedlula lokho elingakumela. Kodwa lapho lilingwa, uzalinika
indlela yokuphunyuka ukuze limelane lakho.

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* **10:7** 10.7 U-Eksodasi 32.6

AmaDili Ezithombe Lesidlo SeNkosi

14 Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe.
15 Ngikhuluma labantu abalengqondo; zenzeleni esenu isinqumo ngalokho engikutshoyo. 16 Konje inkezo yokubonga esiyibongelayo kayisikuhlanganyela egazini likaKhristu na? Lesinkwa esisihlephunayo kasisisokuhlanganyela emzimbeni kaKhristu na? 17 Njengoba kulesinkwa sinye, thina abanengi, singumzimba munye, ngoba sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye.
18 Khumbulani abantu bako-Israyeli: Kakusikho yini ukuthi labo abadla imihlatshelo balokuhlanganyela e-alithareni na? 19 Pho ngitsho ukuthi umhlatshelo onikelwe esithombeni uyilutho, loba ukuthi isithombe siyilutho na? 20 Hatshi, kodwa imihlatshelo yabangakholwayo inikelwa emadimonini hatshi kuNkulunkulu, njalo kangifuni ukuba libe ngabahlanganyela lamadimoni. 21 Kalingeke linathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni njalo, alingeke libe lokuhlanganyela etafuleni yeNkosi lasetafuleni yamadimoni. 22 Sizama ukuvusa umona weNkosi na? Kambe silamandla kulayo na?

Inkululeko Yekholwa

23 “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezilosizo. “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezakhayo. 24 Akulamuntu omele azidingele okuhle, kodwa okuhle kwabanye.
25 Dlanini konke okuthengiswa lapho okuthengiswa khona inyama kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela, 26 ngoba, “Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukuwo.”†
27 Nxa omunye wabangakholwayo elibizela ukudla njalo lifuna ukuhamba, dlanini loba kuyini okubekwe phambi kwenu kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela. 28 Kodwa nxa omunye esithi kini, “Lokhu kunikelwe njengomhlatshelo,” lokho-ke lingakudli, ngenxa yomuntu lowo olitshelileyo langenxa yesazela, 29 ngitsho isazela salowomuntu, hatshi esenu. Kungani ukukhululeka kwami kumele kwahlulelwe ngesazela somunye na? 30 Nxa ngihlanganyela ekudleni ngokubonga, kungani ngisolwa ngolutho engilubongela iNkosi na?
31 Ngakho ingabe liyadla kumbe liyanatha, loba kuyikuphi elikwenzayo, kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu. 32 Lingakhubekisi muntu, loba kungamaJuda, amaGrikhi loba ibandla likaNkulunkulu, 33 lalapho ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu bonke ngezindlela zonke. Ngoba kangidingi okuhle kwami, kodwa okuhle kwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

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1 Landelani isibonelo sami, njengalokhu lami ngilandela isibonelo sikaKhristu.

Imfanelo Ekukhonzeni

2 Ngiyalibonga ngokungikhumbula ezintweni zonke langokubambelela emfundisweni njengokuyethula kwami kini. 3 Kodwa ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi inhloko yamadoda wonke nguKhristu, lenhloko yowesifazane yindoda, lenhloko kaKhristu nguNkulunkulu. 4 Yonke indoda ekhuleka loba iphrofithe ikhanda layo limboziwe ihlayaza ikhanda layo. 5 Lowesifazane wonke okhuleka loba aphrofithe ikhanda lakhe lingembozwanga uhlayaza ikhanda lakhe, kufana lokuthi ikhanda lakhe liphuciwe. 6 Nxa owesifazane engambozi ikhanda lakhe, angagela inwele zakhe; kodwa nxa kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane agele loba aphuce inwele zakhe, kumele alimboze ikhanda lakhe.
7 Indoda akumelanga imboze ikhanda layo, ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu kodwa owesifazane uludumo lwendoda. 8 Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazane kodwa owesifazane wavela endodeni 9 njalo indoda kayidalelwanga

† **10:26** 10.26 AmaHubo 24.1

owesifazane kodwa owesifazane wadalelwa indoda. 10 Ngakho-ke, njalo ngenxa
yezingilosi, owesifazane kumele abe lophawu lwamandla ekhanda lakhe. 11 Kodwa
eNkosini, owesifazane weyeme endodeni, lendoda yeyeme kowesifazane. 12 Ngoba
njengoba owesifazane wavela endodeni, ngokunjalo indoda layo izalwa ngowesi-
fazane. Kodwa izinto zonke zivela kuNkulunkulu.
13 Zahluleleni ngokwenu: Kulungile yini ukuba owesifazane akhuleke kuNku-
lunkulu ikhanda lakhe lingembozwanga? 14 Imvelo yezinto uqobo kayilifundisi yini
ukuba nxa owesilisa elenwele ezinde, kulihlazo kuye, 15 kodwa owesifazane nxa
elenwele ezinde, kuludumo lwakhe? Ngoba waphiwa inwele ezinde njengesimbozo.
16 Nxa umuntu efuna ukuba lenkani ngalokho, kasilawo omunye umkhuba, lama-
bandla kaNkulunkulu kawalawo.

Ukuqondisa Ukungaphathwa Kuhle Kwesidlo SeNkosi

17 Kuziqondiso ezilandelayo angilincomi, ngoba imihlangano yenu yenza ububi
obunengi kulobuhle. 18 Okokuqala, ngizwa kuthiwa nxa libuthene njengebandla,
kulokwahlukana phakathi kwenu, njalo ngiphosa ngikholwe. 19 Akuthandabuzeki
ukuthi kufanele kube lokungavumelani phakathi kwenu ukuba kubonakale ukuthi
yibaphi abenu abamukelwe nguNkulunkulu. 20 Lapho libuthene, akusiSidlo seNkosi
elisidlayo, 21 ngoba ekudleni kwenu, lowo lalowo wenu uyaqhubeka engamelelanga
omunye. Omunye usala elambile, omunye adakwe. 22 Kanti kalilamakhaya yini
okudlela lokunathela kuwo? Kumbe liyaleyisa yini ibandla likaNkulunkulu lidumaza
lalabo abangelalutho na? Ngizakuthini kini na? Ngingalincoma ngenxa yalokhu na?
Impela hatshi!
23 Ngoba eNkosini ngamukela lokho lami engakudlulisela kini ukuthi: INkosi
uJesu, ngalobobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo, yathatha isinkwa, 24 kwathi isibongile,
yasihlephuna yathi, “Lokhu kungumzimba wami, ongowenu; yenzani lokhu njenge-
sikhumbuzo sami.” 25 Ngokunjalo, emva kokudla yathatha inkezo, yathi, “Inkezo le
iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami; yenzani lokhu izikhathi zonke lapho liyinatha,
njengesikhumbuzo sami.” 26 Ngoba lapho lisidla isinkwa lesi linatha lenkezo le,
litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ibuye.
27 Ngakho-ke, lowo odla isinkwa loba anathe inkezo yenkosi ngokungafanelanga
uzakuba lecala lokwenza isono ngomzimba langegazi leNkosi. 28 Umuntu kumele
azihlole phambi kokuba adle isinkwa loba anathe inkezo. 29 Ngoba lowo odlayo
anathe engawukholwa umzimba kaKhristu udla anathe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe.
30 Yikho-nje abanengi phakathi kwenu bebuthakathaka begula, njalo labanye benu
sebelele. 31 Kodwa nxa sizahlulela kasiyikwahlulelwa. 32 Lapho sisahlulelwa yiNkosi,
siyajeziswa ukuze singalahlwa lomhlaba.
33 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthene ukuba lidle, kumele lidle ndawonye.
34 Nxa omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya, ukuze kuthi lapho selibuthene kungabi
lokwahlulelwa.
Ekufikeni kwami ngizalipha ezinye iziqondiso.

12

Izipho Zikamoya

1 Mayelana lezipho zikamoya, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuba lingaze lazi. 2 Liyakwazi
ukuthi ngesikhathi lingakabi ngabakholwayo, ngezinye indlela laholelwa njalo
ledukiselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu. 3 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi kakho
okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi, “UJesu kathukwe,” njalo kakho ongathi,
“UJesu yiNkosi,” ngaphandle kokuba kungoMoya oNgcwele.

4 Kulenhlobo ezehlukeneyo zezipho zikamoya kodwa uMoya munye. 5 Kulezindlela
ezehlukeneyo zokukhonza, kodwa iNkosi yinye. 6 Kulezindlela ezehlukeneyo
zokukhonza kodwa uNkulunkulu munye njalo uzisebenza zonke ebantwini bonke.
7 Emuntwini ngamunye ukubonakaliswa kukaMoya kwenzelwa ukusiza umuntu
wonke. 8 Omunye ngoMoya uphiwa amandla okukhuluma ngokuhlakanipha, omunye
amandla okukhuluma ngokwazi ngaye uMoya munye lowo, 9 omunye uphiwa
ukukholwa ngoMoya munye lowo, omunye uphiwa izipho zokusilisa ngawona lowo
Moya munye, 10 omunye uphiwa amandla okwenza izimangaliso, omunye uphiwa
ukuphrofitha, omunye uphiwa amandla okuhlola omoya, omunye njalo aphiwe
ukuchasisa izindimi. 11 Konke lokhu kungumsebenzi kaMoya munye, njalo ukupha
umuntu ngamunye, njengokuthanda kwakhe.

Umzimba Munye, Izitho Ezinengi

12 Umzimba munye lanxa ubunjwe ngezitho ezinengi; njalo lanxa izitho zawo
zonke zinengi, zibumba umzimba owodwa. Kunjalo ngoKhristu. 13 Ngoba sonke
sabhaphathizwa ngoMoya munye kulowomzimba munye, loba singamaJuda kumbe
abeZizwe, izigqili loba abakhululekileyo, sonke saphiwa uMoya munye ukuba
siwunathe. 14 Umzimba kawenziwanga ngesitho esisodwa kodwa ezinengi.
15 Nxa unyawo lungathi, “Njengoba ngingasisandla, kangisingxenye yomzimba,”
ngalesosizatho alungeke lwekele ukuba yingxenye yomzimba. 16 Njalo nxa in-
dlebe ingathi, “Njengoba ngingasilihlo, kangisingxenye yomzimba,” ngalesosizatho
ayingeke yekele ukuba yingxenye yomzimba. 17 Aluba umzimba wonke wawulilihlo,
pho ukuzwa kwakuzakuba ngaphi na? Aluba umzimba wonke wawuyindlebe,
pho kwakuzanukwa ngani na? 18 Kodwa okuyikho yikuthi uNkulunkulu wabeka
izitho zomzimba, zonke, njengayefune ukuba zibe yikho khona. 19 Aluba zonke
zaziyisitho sinye, pho umzimba wawuzakuba ngaphi na? 20 Njengoba kunjalo,
kulezitho ezinengi, kodwa umzimba munye.
21 Ilihlo alingeke lithi esandleni, “Kangikudingi!” Lekhanda alingeke lithi
enyaweni, “Kangikudingi!” 22 Kodwa, lezozitho zomzimba ezikhanya zibuthakathaka
ziyadingeka, 23 lezitho thina esicabanga ukuthi kazihlonipheki kakhulu siziphatha
ngokuhlonipha okuthize. 24 Izitho ezihloniphisayo siziphatha ngokuhlonipha
kakhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlanganisa izitho zomzimba njalo usenike udumo
olukhulu kulezozitho ezazingelalo, 25 ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana emzimbeni,
kodwa ukuba izitho zawo zibe lokuzwelana okufananayo. 26 Nxa esinye isitho
sibongwa, izitho zonke zithokoza laso.
27 Lina lingumzimba kaKhristu njalo omunye lomunye wenu uyingxenye yawo.
28 Ebandleni uNkulunkulu wabeka abapostoli kuqala kulabo bonke, okwesi-
bili abaphrofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, kwaba labenza izimangaliso, lalabo
abalezipho zokusilisa, abalezokusiza abanye, abalezipho zokuthungamela, kanye
lalabo abakhuluma inhlobo zezindimi ezehlukeneyo. 29 Bonke bangabapostoli
na? Bonke bangabaphrofethi na? Bonke bangabafundisi na? Bonke bayazenza
izimangaliso na? 30 Bonke balezipho zokusilisa na? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi na?
Bonke bayachasisa na? 31 Kodwa zifuneni ngokutshiseka izipho ezinkulu.

Uthando Lubalulekile

Khathesi-ke ngizalitshengisa indlela eyiyo enhle kakhulu.

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1 Loba ngikhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilosi, kodwa ngingelalo uthando,
ngiyinsimbi nje ekhalayo loba izenge elincencethayo. 2 Loba ngilesipho
sokuphrofitha, ngingaqedisisa imfihlakalo zonke kanye lokwazi konke, njalo nxa

ngilokukholwa okungasusa izintaba, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangisilutho. 3 Loba
nginganika abayanga konke engilakho nginikele lomzimba wami emalangabini,
kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangizuzi lutho.
4 Uthando luyabekezela, uthando lulomusa. Kalulamona, kaluzincomi, kaluzigqaji.
5 Kalusisosiqholo, kaluzifuneli okwalo, kaluphangisi ukuthukuthela, kalubambeli
zikhwili. 6 Uthando kaluthokozeli okubi, kodwa luthokozela iqiniso. 7 Luhlezi
luvikela, luhlezi lukholwa, luhlezi lusethemba, luhlezi lubekezela.
8 Uthando kalupheli. Kodwa lapho okuleziphrofethi khona, zizaphela, lapho
okulezindimi khona, zizathuliswa; lapho okulokwazi khona, kuzakwedlula. 9 Ngoba
sazi ingxenye, njalo siphrofitha ingxenye, 10 kodwa lapho ukuphelela kufika,
ukungapheleli kuyanyamalala. 11 Ngisesengumntwana, ngakhuluma njengomnt-
wana, ngacabanga njengomntwana, nganakana njengomntwana. Sengiyindoda,
ngaziyekela izindlela zobuntwana. 12 Khathesi sibona kalufifi esibukweni; sizabuye
sibone ubuso ngobuso. Khathesi ngazi ingxenye; ngizabuye ngazi okupheleleyo,
njengoba lami ngisaziwa ngokupheleleyo.
13 Okuthathu lokhu kuma kunjalo: ukukholwa, ithemba lothando. Kodwa okukhulu
kwalokhu luthando.

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Izipho Zokuphrofitha Lezezindimi

1 Landelani indlela yothando lizifune ngokutshiseka izipho zikamoya ikakhulu
isipho sokuphrofitha. 2 Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini kodwa
kuNkulunkulu. Impela kakho obezwayo, bakhuluma imfihlakalo ngoMoya. 3 Kodwa
umuntu wonke ophrofithayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukuba abaqinise, abakhuthaze
njalo abaduduze. 4 Lowo okhuluma ngolimi oluthile uyazakha kodwa lowo
ophrofithayo wakha ibandla. 5 Ngifisa ukuba lonke likhulume ngendimi kodwa
ikakhulu ukuba liphrofithe. Ophrofithayo mkhulu kulalowo okhuluma ngendimi,
ngaphandle kokuba echasisa, ukuze ibandla lakheke.
6 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, nxa ngifika kini ngikhulume ngendimi, ngilosizo bani kini,
ngaphandle kokuba ngililethele ukwambulwa okuthile loba ukwazi loba isiphrofethi
kumbe imfundiso, na? 7 Lezizinto ezingaphiliyo ezenza umsindo njengomhubhe loba
ichacho, umuntu angalazi njani iculo elikhaliswayo ngaphandle kokuba kulomahluko
empawini zomculo? 8 Njalo nxa icilongo lisitsho umbiko ongacacanga, ngubani
ozalungela impi na? 9 Kunjalo-ke lakini. Nxa lingakhulumi amazwi azwakalayo
ngolimi lwenu, umuntu uzakwazi njani elikutshoyo? Lizakuba likhuluma lomoya
nje. 10 Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi kulenhlobonhlobo zezindimi emhlabeni kodwa zonke
zilomutsho. 11 Nxa ngingakuzwa okutshiwo ngomunye, ngingowezizweni kulowo
okhulumayo, laye ngowezizweni kimi. 12 Kunjalo-ke lakini. Njengoba litshisekela
izipho zikamoya, zamani ukwenza okuhle kakhulu ngezipho ezakha ibandla.
13 Ngakho-ke, umuntu okhuluma ngendimi kumele akhulekele ukuba achasise
lokho akutshoyo. 14 Ngoba nxa ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka
kodwa ingqondo yami kayilazithelo. 15 Pho ngenzeni na? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya
wami njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo yami; ngizahlabela ngomoya wami njalo
ngizahlabela langengqondo yami. 16 Nxa libonga uNkulunkulu ngomoya wenu,
angatsho kanjani ozithola esephakathi kwalabo abangazwisisiyo ukuthi, “Ameni”
ekubongeni kwenu, yena engakwazi elikutshoyo na? 17 Lingabe libonga kuhle sibili
kodwa omunye umuntu kabusisekanga.
18 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ngoba mina ngikhuluma ngendimi ukudlula lina
lonke. 19 Kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu azwakalayo
ngifundisa abanye kulamazwi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi.

20 Bazalwane, yekelani ukucabanga njengabantwana. Mayelana lobubi, wobani
zingane kodwa ekucabangeni kwenu wobani ngabadala. 21 Emthethweni kulotshiwe
ukuthi:
“Ngabantu bezindimi ezingaziwayo
langezindebe zabezizweni
ngizakhuluma lalababantu,
kodwa loba kunjalo kabayikungilalela,
kutsho iNkosi.”*
22 Ngakho-ke, izindimi ziyisibonakaliso, hatshi kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwa-
bangakholwayo; kodwa ukuphrofitha ngokwabakholwayo hatshi abangakholwayo.
23 Ngakho nxa ibandla lonke libuthene umuntu wonke akhulume ngendimi, kuthi
abanye abangezwayo loba abangakholwayo bangene, kambe kabazukuthi ingqondo
zenu ziphambene na? 24 Kodwa nxa ongakholwayo loba omunye ongaqedisisiyo
engena lapho abantu bonke bephrofitha, uzavunyiswa yibo bonke ukuthi uyisoni
njalo ahlulelwe yibo bonke, 25 lezimfihlo zenhliziyo yakhe zizavezwa obala. Ngakho
uzakhothamela phansi akhonze uNkulunkulu esithi, “UNkulunkulu impela uphakathi
kwenu!”

Ukukhonza Okuhlelwe Kuhle

26 Pho sizakuthini, bazalwane? Lapho libuthana ndawonye, umuntu wonke
ulehubo loba ilizwi lokufundisa, lokwambula, lezindimi, loba ukuchasisa. Konke
lokhu kumele kwenziwe ukuze ibandla lakheke. 27 Nxa omunye ekhuluma ngendimi,
ababili loba kungabangadluli abathathu, kumele kukhulume oyedwa ngasikhathi
sinye, njalo omunye kumele achasise. 28 Nxa kungelamchasisi, okhulumayo kumele
athule ebandleni, azikhulumele yedwa, kuye lakuNkulunkulu.
29 Kumele kukhulume abaphrofethi ababili loba abathathu, kuthi abanye bakuhloli-
sise ngokunanzelela okutshiwoyo. 30 Njalo nxa ukwambulelwa kufika komunye
ohlezi phansi, okhulume kuqala kumele athule. 31 Ngoba lonke lingaphrofitha
lintshintshana ukuze umuntu wonke afundiswe njalo akhuthazwe. 32 Imimoya
yabaphrofethi iphathwa ngabaphrofethi. 33 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasuye Nkulunkulu
wengxabangxoza kodwa ungowokuthula. Njengasemabandleni wonke abantu
beNkosi.
34 Abesifazane kumele bathule emabandleni. Kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma kodwa
kumele bazithobe njengokutsho komthetho. 35 Nxa befuna ukubuza ngolutho
oluthile, kumele babuze omkabo emakhaya ngoba kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane
akhulume ebandleni.
36 Konje ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lavela kini na? Kumbe lafika kini kuphela? 37 Nxa
umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumphrofethi loba ukuthi ulesipho sikaMoya, kavume
ukuthi lokhu engililobela khona kungumlayo weNkosi. 38 Nxa lokhu engakunaki,
laye akayikunakwa.
39 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, tshisekelani ukuphrofitha njalo lingenqabeli
ukukhuluma ngendimi. 40 Kodwa izinto zonke kumele zenziwe ngendlela efaneleyo
lehlelwe kuhle.

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Ukuvuka KukaKhristu Ekufeni

1 Bazalwane, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ngevangeli engalitshumayela kini, elala-
mukelayo njalo eselimi ngalo. 2 Ngalelivangeli liyasindiswa, nxa libambelela elizwini
engalitshumayela kini. Nxa kungenjalo, selikholwe ize.

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* **14:21** 14.21 U-Isaya 28.11-12

3 Ngoba engakwamukelayo lami ngakudlulisela kini njengokuqakatheke kakhulu:
ukuthi uKhristu wafela izono zethu mayelana lemibhalo,
4 lokuthi wangcwatshwa,
lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwemibhalo,
5 kanye lokuthi wabonakala kuKhefasi, wasebonakala kwabalitshumi lambili.
6 Emva kwalokho wabonakala kubazalwane abadlula amakhulu amahlanu sikhathi sinye,
inengi labo lilokhu lisaphila, lanxa abanye sebalala.
7 Wabuya wabonakala kuJakhobe, wasebonakala kubapostoli bonke,
8 kwathi ekucineni wabonakala kimi futhi, njengalowo ozelwe ngendlela engajayelekanga.
9 Ngoba mina ngingomncane kubapostoli njalo kangifanelanga lokuthiwa ngingumpostoli ngoba ngahlukuluza ibandla likaNkulunkulu.
10 Kodwa ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu ngiyilokhu engiyikho njalo umusa wakhe kawubanga yize kimi.
Hatshi, mina ngasebenza kakhulu kulabo bonke, kungayisimi belo kodwa kungumusa kaNkulunkulu owawukimi.
11 Ngakho langabe kwakuyimi loba kuyibo,
lokhu yikho esikutshumayelayo njalo lokhu yikho elakukholwayo.

Ukuvuka Kwabafileyo

12 Kodwa nxa kutshunyayelwa ukuthi uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, pho bangakutsho kanjani abanye benu ukuthi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo na?
13 Nxa kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loKhristu kavuswanga phela.
14 Njalo nxa uKhristu engavuswanga, ukutshumayela kwethu akusizi lutho njalo lunjalo lokholo lwenu.
15 Phezu kwalokho, singatholakala singofakazi bamanga ngoNkulunkulu ngoba sifakaze ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo. Kodwa kamvusanga nxa ngempela abafileyo bengayi kuvuswa.
16 Nxa abafileyo bengayi kuvuswa, ngakho loKhristu kavuswanga.
17 Nxa uKhristu engavuswanga kwabafileyo ukholo lwenu luyize; lilokhu lisezonweni zenu.
18 Lalabo abafa bekuKhristu balahlekile phela.
19 Nxa sithembele kuKhristu kulokhukuphila kuphela, sizazwelwa usizi kakhulu kulabantu bonke.
20 Kodwa ngempela uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, izithelo zakuqala zalabo asebelele.
21 Ngoba njengoba ukufa kweza ngomuntu, ukuvuka kwabafileyo lakho kuza ngomuntu.
22 Ngoba njengoba ku-Adamu bonke besifa, ngokunjalo kuKhristu bonke bazaphiliswa.
23 Kodwa yilowo lalowo ngethuba lakhe: UKhristu, oyizithelo zakuqala; kuzakuthi ekubuyeni kwakhe, kuvuke labo abangabakhe.
24 Lapho-ke isiphetho sizafika esenikela umbuso kaNkulunkulu uBaba emva kokuba esechithe imibuso yonke, ubukhosi kanye lamandla.
25 Ngoba kumele abuse uNkulunkulu aze azibeke zonke izitha zakhe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.
26 Isitha sokucina esizachithwa, yikufa.
27 Ngoba uNkulunkulu “usebeke izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.”* Kodwa nxa kuthiwa “izinto zonke” sezibekwe ngaphansi kwakhe, kusobala ukuthi lokhu akugoqeli uNkulunkulu yena ngokwakhe, owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kukaKhristu.
28 Lapho esekwenzile lokhu, iNdodana uqobo izakuba ngaphansi kwakhe yena owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke, kukho konke.
29 Nxa kungelakuvuka ekufeni, pho bazakwenzani labo ababhaphathizelwe abafileyo na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa, pho kungani abantu bebhaphathizwa ngenxa yabo na?
30 Thina-ke, sizifakelani engozini isikhathi sonke na?
31 Mina ngifa nsuku zonke, ngitsho khonokho bazalwane, ngeqiniso engiziqhenya ngalo ngani kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu.
32 Nxa ngalwa lezilo zeganga e-Efesu ngenxa yabantu, ngazuzani na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa,

“Kasidleni sinathe,
ngoba kusasa sizakufa.”†

* **15:27** 15.27 AmaHubo 8.6 † **15:32** 15.32 U-Isaya 22.13

33 Lingedukiswa: “Abangane ababi bayasona isimilo esihle.” 34 Khumbulani
ngengqondo zenu njengokumele likwenze, licine ukwenza izono; ngoba kulabanye
abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu, ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni.

Umzimba Wokuvuswa Ekufeni

35 Kodwa omunye angabuza athi, “Abafileyo bavuswa njani na? Bazabuya
belemizimba enjani na?” 36 Yeka ubuwula! Elikuhlanyelayo akuphili ngaphandle
kokuba kufe. 37 Lapho lihlanyela, kalihlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona kodwa
inhlanyelo nje, mhlawumbe eyengqoloyi loba okunye lakho. 38 Kodwa uNkulunkulu
uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe njalo uhlobo ngalunye lwenhlanyelo
ulunika umzimba walo. 39 Inyama yonke kayifanani: Abantu balohlobo lunye
lwenyama, izinyamazana zilolunye, izinyoni olunye lenhlanzi olunye. 40 Njalo
kulezidalwa zasezulwini lezidalwa zasemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezidalwa
zasezulwini ingolunye uhlobo, lenkazimulo yezidalwa zasemhlabeni ingolunye.
41 Ilanga lilolunye uhlobo lwenkazimulo, inyanga olunye lezinkanyezi olunye; njalo
inkanyezi iyehluka kwenye inkanyezi ngokukhazimula.

42 Kuzakuba njalo-ke ngokuvuka kwabafileyo. Umzimba ohlanyelwayo uyabola,
uvuswa ungasaboli; 43 uhlanyelwa useyiswa, uvuswe ngenkazimulo; uhlanyelwa
ubuthakathaka, 44 uvuswe usungumzimba olamandla.

Nxa kulomzimba wemvelo, ukhona njalo lomzimba womoya. 45 Ngakho kulotshiwe
ukuthi: “Umuntu wakuqala u-Adamu waba yisidalwa esiphilayo”‡; kodwa u-
Adamu wokucina waba ngumoya ophilisayo. 46 Owomoya kafikanga kuqala, kodwa
owemvelo, emva kwalokho kwafika owomoya. 47 Umuntu wakuqala wayenziwe
ngothuli lomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili wavela ezulwini. 48 Njengoba wayenjalo
umuntu wasemhlabeni, banjalo lalabo abangabomhlaba; njalo njengoba enjalo
umuntu ovela ezulwini, banjalo labo abangabasezulwini. 49 Njalo njengoba silesimo
somuntu wasemhlabeni, ngokunjalo sizakuba lesimo somuntu ovela ezulwini.

50 Bazalwane, ngithi kini inyama legazi akungeke kudle ilifa lombuso kaNku-
lunkulu, lokubolayo akulidli ilifa lokungaboliyo. 51 Lalelani, ngilitshela im-
fihlakalo: Kasiyikufa sonke, kodwa sonke sizaguqulwa, 52 ngesikhatshana,
ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ngecilongo lokucina. Ngoba icilongo lizakhala, abafi-
leyo bazavuswa bengabolanga, njalo sizaguqulwa. 53 Ngoba okubolayo kumele
kuzigqokise ngokungaboliyo, lokufayo ngokungafiyo. 54 Nxa okubolayo sekugqokiswe
okungaboliyo, lokufayo okungafiyo, kuzagcwaliseka isitsho esilotshiweyo esithi:
“Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni.”§

55 “Kungaphi, we kufa, ukunqoba kwakho?
Lungaphi udonsi lwakho, we kufa?”*

56 Udonsi lokufa yisono, lamandla esono ngumthetho. 57 Kodwa kabongwe uNku-
lunkulu! Uyasinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu.

58 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini liqine. Akungabi lalutho
olulinyikinyayo. Zinikeleni ngokupheleleyo emsebenzini weNkosi izikhathi zonke
ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukusebenza kwenu eNkosini akusilo ize.

16

Umnikelo Onikelelwa Abantu BakaNkulunkulu

1 Mayelana lomnikelo onikelelwa abantu bakaNkulunkulu: Yenzani lokhu en-
gatshela amabandla aseGalathiya ukuba akwenze. 2 Ngosuku lwakuqala maviki
wonke, yilowo lalowo wenu kabeke eceleni imali ethile kusiya mayelana leholo lakhe,

‡ **15:45** 15.45 UGenesisi 2.7 § **15:54** 15.54 U-Isaya 25.8 * **15:55** 15.55 UHosiya 13.14

ayigcine, ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami kungabi lokuqoqa okwenziwayo. 3 Ngakhoke, ekufikeni kwami ngizabapha izincwadi zokubaveza labobantu elibakhethileyo ngibathume eJerusalema lesipho senu. 4 Kungabonakala kufanele ukuba ngihambe labo, bazangiphelekezela.

Izicelo ZikaPhawuli

5 Sengidlule eMasedoniya ngizakuza kini, ngoba ngizadlula eMasedoniya. 6 Mhlawumbe ngizahlala lani okwesikhatshana, mhlawumbe ubusika bonke, ukuze lingisize ohanjweni lwami, ezindaweni zonke engiya kuzo. 7 Kangifisi ukulibona khathesi ngilethekelela okwesikhatshana nje; ngithemba ngizahlala lani okwesikhathi esithile, nxa iNkosi ivuma. 8 Kodwa ngizahlala e-Efesu kuze kufike iPhentekhosti, 9 ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu womsebenzi ophumelelayo, njalo banengi abangiphikisayo.

10 UThimothi angafika, libone ukuthi akulalutho alwesabayo eseselani ngoba uqhubeka ngomsebenzi weNkosi njengami. 11 Ngakho akungabi lomuntu owalayo ukumamukela. Medluliseni ngokuthula ukuze abuye kimi. Ngimlindele kanye labazalwane.

12 Mayelana lomzalwane wethu u-Apholo: Ngamncenga kakhulu ukuba eze kini labazalwane. Ubengafisi ukuhamba khathesi kodwa uzahamba lapho eselethuba.

13 Lindani; qinani ekukholweni kwenu; libe ngabantu abalesibindi, wobani lamandla. 14 Yenzani konke ngothando.

15 Liyakwazi ukuthi abendlu KaStefane baba ngamakholwa akuqala e-Akhayiya njalo sebazinikela emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi. Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, 16 ukuba lizinikele kwabanjengalaba lakubo bonke abahlanganyela emsebenzini basebenze khona. 17 Ngathokoza ekufikeni kukaStefane loFothunathu kanye lo-Akhayikhu ngoba balethe obekusilela kuvela kini. 18 Ngoba bavuselela umoya wami kanye lowenu. Abantu abanjalo bafanele ukuqakathekiswa.

Ukuvalelisa

19 Amabandla asesifundeni sase-Ezhiya ayalibingelela.
U-Akhwila loPhrisila ngokuthokoza eNkosini bayalibingelela kakhulu, lenza njalo lebandla elihlanganela endlini yabo.
20 Bonke abazalwane abalapha bayalibingelela.
Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele.

21 Mina, Phawuli, ngiloba ukubingelela lokhu ngesami isandla.

22 Nxa umuntu engayithandi iNkosi, kehlelwe yisithuko. Woza, awu Nkosi!

23 Umusa weNkosi uJesu kawube lani.

24 Uthando lwami kini lonke kuKhristu uJesu. Ameni.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yesibili KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu.

Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kanye lakubangcwele bonke kulolonke elase-Akhayiya:

2 Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini.

UNkulunkulu Wenduduzo Yonke

3 Makabongwe uNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uBaba wesihawu loNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke, 4 osiduduzayo kuzozonke inhlupheko zethu ukuze lathi siduduze abasekuhluphekeni ngenduduzo esiduduzwe ngayo nguNkulunkulu. 5 Njengoba inhlupheko zikaKhristu zigelezela ekuphileni kwethu, ngakho ngokunjalo futhi induduzo yethu iyaphuphuma ngoKhristu. 6 Nxa sihlupheka, kungenxa yenduduzo lokusindiswa kwenu; nxa siduduzekile, kungenxa yokududuzwa kwenu okulenza liqinisele ekubekezeleleni zona lezo zinhlupheko ezisihluphayo. 7 Ithemba lethu ngani liqinile ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi njengoba lahlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwethu, ngokunjalo liyahlanganyela ekududuzweni kwethu.

8 Kasithandi, bazalwane, ukuba libe ngabangaziyo ngobunzima esabuzwayo esabelweni sase-Ezhiya. Sasilokuncindezeleka okukhulu, okungaphezu kwamandla ethu okuqinisela, saze saphelelwa lalithemba lokuphila. 9 Impela isigwebo sokufa sasizwa ezinhliziyweni zethu. Kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze singazithembi thina ngokwethu kodwa uNkulunkulu, ovusa abafileyo. 10 Wasihlenga engozini ebulalayo, njalo uzasikhulula. Ithemba lethu silibeke kuye ukuba uzaqhubeka esihlenga, 11 lapho lisisiza ngemikhuleko yenu. Abanengi bazasibongela ngomusa omangalisayo esiwuphiweyo kuyimpendulo yemikhuleko yabanengi.

UPhawuli Uguqula Amalungiselelo

12 Thina sizincoma ngokuthi izazela zethu ziyafakaza ukuthi siziphathe kuhle emhlabeni, ikakhulu phakathi kobudlelwano bethu lani, ngobungcwele langobuqotho obuvela kuNkulunkulu. Lokhu kasikwenzanga sigxile ekuhlakanipheni kwasemhlabeni, kodwa ngomusa kaNkulunkulu. 13 Ngoba kasililobeli ngolutho elingeke lilubale loba liluqedisise. Njalo ngiyathemba ukuthi, 14 njengoba seliqedisisa okunye ngathi, lizaqedisisa ngokupheleleyo lizincome ngathi njengoba lathi sizazincoma ngani ngosuku lweNkosi uJesu.

15 Ngoba ngangilethemba kulokhu, ngangifuna ukwethekelela lina kuqala ukuze lisizakale kabili. 16 Ngangifuna ukulethekelela ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya, ngedlule kini futhi sengivela eMasedoniya, beselingithuma-ke eJudiya. 17 Ngakunakana ngingabaza yini lokhu? Kumbe ngenza amalungiselelo ami ngendlela yasemhlabeni okokuthi ngasikhathi sinye ngithi, “Yebo, yebo,” ngibuye ngithi, “Hatshi, hatshi,” na?

18 Kodwa ngeqiniso njengoba uNkulunkulu ethembekile, ilizwi lethu kini kalisikuthi “Yebo,” lokuthi, “Hatshi.” 19 Ngoba iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uJesu Khristu, eyatshunyayelwa kini yimi, uSayilasi kanye loThimothi, yayingasi “Yebo” lo “Hatshi,” kodwa kuyo kokuphela kwakungu “Yebo.” 20 Ngoba lanxa zizinengi kangakanani izithembiso uNkulunkulu azenzileyo zingu “Yebo” kuKhristu. Ngakho

ngaye ibizo elithi “Ameni” litshiwo yithi sidumisa uNkulunkulu. 21 Njalo nguNkulunkulu owenza thina kanye lani siqine kuKhristu. Wasigcoba, 22 wasibeka uphawu lwakhe lokuba ngabakhe, wabeka loMoya wakhe ezinhliziyweni zethu njengesibambiso, esipha isiqiniseko sokuzayo.

23 Ngibiza uNkulunkulu njengomfakazi wami ukuthi kangibuyanga eKhorinte ukuze ngingalikhathazi. 24 Akusikuthi silibamba ngamandla ekukholweni kwenu kodwa sisebenza lani ukuze lithokoze, ngoba liqiniswa lukholo.

2

1 Ngakho ngenza isinqumo engqondweni yami ukuba ngingenzi olunye uhambo olubuhlungu lokuza kini. 2 Ngoba nxa ngilibangela usizi, ngubani omunye ozangithokozisa ngaphandle kwenu lina esengilibangele usizi? 3 Ngaloba ngokunjalo ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingadaniswa yilabo obekumele bangithokozise. Ngalethemba lonke, ukuba lonke lizathokoza kanye lami. 4 Ngoba ngalilobela ngokukhathazeka okukhulu lobuhlungu benhliziyo njalo langezinyembezi ezinengi, hatshi ukuba ngilizwise ubuhlungu kodwa ukuba ngilazise ngokuzika kothando lwami kini.

Ukuthethelelwa kwesoni

5 Nxa kukhona obange usizi, kalubanganga kimi kangako, kodwa ngenye indlela ulubange kini lonke, ukuze kungedlulisi amalawulo. 6 Isijeziso asinikwe ngabanengi simlingene. 7 Esikhundleni salokhu, kumele limthethelele njalo limduduze, ukuze angagajelwa lusizi olukhulu. 8 Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuba liluqinise futhi uthando lwenu kuye. 9 Isizatho sokulilobela kwakuyikuba ngibone ukuthi lingamelana lobunzima njalo lilalele ezintweni zonke. 10 Nxa lithethelela omunye umuntu, lami ngiyamthethelela. Njalo lokho esengikuthethelele, nxa kwakukhona okwakumele kuthethelelwe, ngithethelele phambi kukaKhristu ngenxa yenu, 11 ukuze uSathane angasiqilibezeli. Ngoba amacebo akhe siyawazi.

Izisebenzi Zesivumelwano Esitsha

12 Ekuyeni kwami eTrowasi ukuyatshumayela ivangeli likaKhristu njalo ngathola ukuthi iNkosi yayingivulele umnyango, 13 ngangilokhe ngingelakho ukuthula emoyeni wami ngoba ngingamtholanga umzalwane wami uThithu khonale. Ngakho ngavalelisa ngasengisedlulela eMasedoniya.

14 Kodwa-ke, kabongwe uNkulunkulu, yena osikhokhelela kokuphela njengabathunjiweyo ekunqobeni kukaKhristu njalo esenza sithele iphunga elimnandi lokumazi ezindaweni zonke. 15 Ngoba kuNkulunkulu siliphunga elimnandi likaKhristu phakathi kwalabo abasindiswayo lalabo ababhubhayo. 16 Komunye siliphunga elibi lokufa; komunye siliphunga elimnandi lokuphila. Ngubani olingene umsebenzi lo na? 17 Thina kasihambi sithengisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu njengabanengi. Kodwa kuKhristu siyakhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngobuqotho, njengabantu abathunywe nguNkulunkulu.

3

1 Kanti sesiqala futhi ukuzethula na? Kumbe njengabanye abantu kumele sibe lezincwadi zokusikhulumela kini kumbe ezivela kini na? 2 Lina ngokwenu liyizincwadi zethu ezibhalwe ezinhliziyweni zethu, ezaziwayo lezifundwa ngumuntu wonke. 3 Liyabonakalisa ukuba liyincwadi evela kuKhristu, isithelo sokutshumayela kwethu, engabhalwanga nge-inki kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, hatshi ezibhebhedwini zamatshe kodwa ezibhebhedwini zezinhliziyo zabantu.

4 Ithemba elinjengaleli ngelethu ngoKhristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 5 Kungayisikho ukuthi siyenelisa ukwahlulela konke esikwenzayo kodwa ukwenelisa

kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu. 6 Usiphe amandla okuba zinceku zesivumelwano
esitsha, kungayisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo
kuyabulala kodwa uMoya uletha ukuphila.

Inkazimulo Yesivumelwano Esitsha

7 Nxa imfundiso eyaletha ukufa eyayibhalwe ngamabala elitsheni, yeza lenkaz-
imulo, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli kokuphela ubuso bukaMosi ngenxa
yenkazimulo yabo, lanxa nje yayisifiphala, 8 kambe imfundiso kaMoya kayiyikuba
lenkazimulo enkulu na? 9 Nxa imfundiso elahla abantu ilenkazimulo, pho inkulu
kangakanani inkazimulo yemfundiso eletha ukulunga. 10 Ngoba okwakulenkazimulo
khathesi akuselayo inkazimulo kuqathaniswa lenkazimulo enkulu. 11 Njalo nxa
okwakufiphala kwaletha inkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yalokho
okungulaphakade!

12 Ngakho, njengoba silethemba elinje, silesibindi. 13 Thina kasinjengoMosi
owamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli lapho inkazimulo
yayisifiphala. 14 Kodwa ingqondo zabo zathundubezwa, ngoba kuze kube lamhla
lesosembeso sisala sikhona lapho isivumelwano esidala sibalwa. Kasisuswanga
ngoba sisuswa ngoKhristu kuphela. 15 Langalolosuku nxa kubalwa umlayo kaMosi,
isembeso sembesa inhliziyo zabo. 16 Kodwa nxa umuntu ephendukela eNkosini,
“isembeso siyasuswa.” 17 INkosi inguMoya njalo lapho okuloMoya weNkosi khona,
kulokukhululeka. 18 Njalo thina, sonke esibonakalisa inkazimulo yeNkosi ngobuso
obungembeswanga, siguqulelwa ekufananeni layo ngenkazimulo ekhula kokuphela,
evela eNkosini, enguMoya.

4

Ubuthakathaka Bakhathesi Lokuvuswa Kwabafileyo

1 Ngakho, njengoba ngomusa kaNkulunkulu silale imfundiso, kasiphelelwa
lithemba. 2 Kodwa-ke sizilahlile izindlela zangasese lezilihlazo; kasisebenzisi
buqili loba ukuhlanekela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. Kodwa ngokubeka iqiniso obala,
sizinikela kunembeza womuntu wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Lanxa ivangeli
lethu lembesiwe, lembeswe kulabo ababhubhayo. 4 Unkulunkulu walesisikhathi
usephumputhekise ingqondo zabangakholwayo, ukuze bangakuboni ukukhanya kw-
evangeli lenkazimulo kaKhristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. 5 Ngoba kasizitshu-
mayeli thina ngokwethu, kodwa uJesu Khristu njengeNkosi, njalo thina njengezinceku
zenu ngenxa kaJesu. 6 Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi, “Ukukhanya kakube khona
emnyameni,”* wenza ukukhanya kwakhe kwakhanya ezinhliziyweni zethu ukuba
asiphe ukukhanya kokwazi inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Khristu.

7 Kodwa inotho le silayo ezimbizeni zebumba ukubonakalisa ukuthi amandla
amakhulukazi la avela kuNkulunkulu hatshi kithi. 8 Sincindezelwe kalukhuni
enhlangothini zonke kodwa kasifihlizeki; sididekile kodwa kasilahlanga ithemba;
9 siyahlukuluzwa kodwa kasidelwanga; sitshayelelwa phansi kodwa kasibhujiswanga.
10 Sikuthwele njalonje emzimbeni yethu ukufa kukaJesu, ukuze ukuphila kukaJesu
lakho kubonakaliswe emizimbeni yethu. 11 Ngoba thina abaphilayo sihlezi sinikelwa
ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze ukuphila kwakhe kubonakaliswe emizimbeni yethu
efayo. 12 Ngakho ukufa kuyasebenza kithi kodwa ukuphila kuyasebenza kini.

13 Kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ngakholwa; ngakho ngasengikhuluma.”† Ngalowomoya
wokukholwa lathi siyakholwa, yingakho siyakhuluma, 14 ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi
lowo owavusa iNkosi uJesu kwabafileyo lathi uzasivusa loJesu asethule kanye lani

* **4:6** 4.6 UGenesisi 1.3 † **4:13** 4.13 AmaHubo 116.10

phambi kwakhe. 15 Konke lokhu ngokokusiza lina, ukuze kuthi umusa ofika
ebantwini abanengi ungenza ukubonga kwande ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu.
16 Ngakho-ke, kasililahli ithemba. Lanxa ngaphandle sicikizeka kodwa ngaphakathi
senziwa sibe batsha insuku zonke. 17 Ngoba ukukhanya kwethu lezinhlupheko zethu
zesikhatshana zisilethela inkazimulo elaphakade, enkulu kulazo zonke. 18 Ngakho
amehlo ethu kasiwakhangelisanga kokubonakalayo, kodwa kokungabonakaliyo,
ngoba okubonakalayo kuyedlula, kodwa okungabonakaliyo kuyahlala laphakade.

5

Ukulindela Umzimba Omutsha

1 Siyakwazi ukuthi nxa ithente lethu lasemhlabeni lidilizwa, silesakhiwo es-
ivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu yaphakade ezulwini, engakhiwanga ngezandla zabantu.
2 Okwakhathesi siyabubula, sifisa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini, 3 ngoba
nxa sesembesiwe kasiyikutholakala sinqunu. 4 Ngoba nxa sisesekuleli ithente,
siyabubula njalo siyasindwa ngoba kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa
ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini ukuze okufayo kuginywe yikuphila. 5 UNkulunkulu
nguye owasidala ngenxa yale injongo njalo wasinika uMoya njengesibambiso, eqinisa
okuzayo.
6 Ngakho sihlezi silethemba njalo siyakwazi ukuthi nxa sisesekhaya emzimbeni,
sikhatshana leNkosi. 7 Ngoba siphila ngokukholwa hatshi ngokubona. 8 Ngithi
silethemba njalo ngingakhetha ukuba khatshana lomzimba ngisekhaya kanye
leNkosi. 9 Ngakho sikwenza kube yinjongo yethu ukuyithokozisa, langabe sisekhaya
emzimbeni loba kude lawo. 10 Ngoba sonke kumele sime phambi kwesihlalo
sokwahlulela sikaKhristu ukuze lowo lalowo amukele okumfaneleyo, okwezinto
azenzayo esemzimbeni, langabe ngezinhle loba ezimbi.

Imfundiso Yokubuyisana

11 Ngakho njengoba sikwazi ukuthi ukwesaba iNkosi kuyini, siyazama ukubancenga
abantu. Lokhu thina esiyikho kusobala kuNkulunkulu njalo ngithemba kusobala
lakuzazela zenu. 12 Kasizami ukuzibika kini futhi kodwa silinika ithuba lokuba
lizigqaje ngathi, ukuze lenelise ukubaphendula labo abazigqaja ngokubonakalayo
endaweni yalokho okusenhliziyweni. 13 Nxa sesiphambene ingqondo, kungenxa
yokwenzela kwethu uNkulunkulu; nxa siphelele engqondweni, senzela lina. 14 Ngoba
uthando lukaKhristu luyasifuqa, ngoba siyakholwa ukuba oyedwa wafela bonke,
ngakho bonke bafa. 15 Wafela abantu bonke ukuze abaphilayo bangaziphileli bona
ngokwabo kodwa lowo owabafelayo wavuswa njalo.
16 Ngakho-ke, kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili kasikhangeli muntu ngengqondo
yasemhlabeni. Lanxa sake sakhangela uKhristu ngale indlela, kasisakwenzi.
17 Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu ekuKhristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala akusekho,
sekufike okutsha. 18 Konke lokhu kuvela kuNkulunkulu owasibuyisela kuye
ngoKhristu wasinika imfundiso yokubuyisana: 19 ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayebuyisa
umhlaba kuye ngoKhristu, abantu engababaleli izono zabo. Njalo usesinike ilizwi
lokubuyisana. 20 Ngokunjalo, singabameli bakaKhristu, ngokungathi uNkulunkulu
wenza isikhalazo sakhe ngathi. Siyalincenga simele uKhristu sithi: Buyisanani
loNkulunkulu. 21 UNkulunkulu wamenza waba yisono owayengelasono ngenxa yethu
ukuze kuthi kuye sibe yikulunga kukaNkulunkulu.

6

1 Njengezisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu siyalincenga ukuba lingamukeli umusa kaNku-
lunkulu ngeze. 2 Ngoba uthi:
“Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kimi ngalizwa,

langosuku lokusindiswa ngalisiza.”*
Zwanini, khathesi sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo, khathesi lusuku lokusindiswa.

Inhlupheko ZikaPhawuli

3 Kasibeki zikhubekiso endleleni yomuntu ukuze imfundiso yethu ingasolwa.
4 Kodwa, njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu sizethula ngazozonke izindlela:
ngokubekezela okukhulu; ekuhluphekeni, ebunzimeni kanye lasezinsizini;
5 ekutshayweni, ekuvalelweni entolongweni laseziphithiphithini; ukusebenza nzima,
ukungalali ebusuku kanye lendlala; 6 ukuhlambuluka, ukuqedisisa, ukubekezela
kanye lomusa, ngoMoya oNgcwele langothando oluqotho, 7 ngokukhuluma
iqiniso langamandla kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga esandleni sokudla
lesenxele; 8 ngodumo langehlazo, ukukhulunyelwa kubi lokukhulunyelwa kuhle;
siqotho, kodwa sikhangelwa njengabakhohlisi; 9 siyaziwa kodwa sikhangelwa
njengabangaziwayo, abafayo, kodwa siqhubeka siphila; siyatshaywa kodwa
kasibulawa, 10 sisosizini kodwa sihlezi sijabula; simpofu kodwa sinothisa abanengi;
kasilalutho kodwa silezinto zonke.
11 Sikhulume kini sikhululekile, maKhorinte, sazivula ngokupheleleyo inhliziyo
zethu kini. 12 Kasilugodli uthando lwethu kini kodwa lina liyalugodla olwenu kithi.
13 Okungaba yikuphana okuhle, ngikhuluma njengasebantwaneni bami, lani zivuleni
ngokupheleleyo inhliziyo zenu kithi.

Lingadlelani Labangakholwayo

14 Lingahlanganyeli labangakholwayo. Ngoba ukulunga lobubi kulokuhambe-
lana bani na? Loba yibudlelwano bani obungaba khona phakathi kokukhanya
lobumnyama na? 15 Yikuzwana bani okukhona phakathi kukaKhristu loBheliyali
na? Yikuhambelana bani okholwayo alakho longakholwayo na? 16 Yisivumelwano
bani esikhona phakathi kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe na? Ngoba thina
silithempeli likaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathi:
“Ngizahlala labo
ngihambe phakathi kwabo
njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo
bona babengabantu bami.”†
17 Ngakho,
“phumani kubo
lehlukane labo,
kutsho iNkosi.
Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo,
mina ngizalemukela.”‡
18 Njalo,
“mina, ngizakuba nguYihlo,
lina lizakuba ngamadodana lamadodakazi ami,
kutsho iNkosi uSomandla.”§

7

1 Njengoba silezithembiso lezi, bazalwane abathandekayo, kasizihlambululeni
ezintweni zonke ezingcolisa umzimba lomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ngokwesaba
uNkulunkulu.

Intokozo KaPhawuli

* **6:2** 6.2 U-Isaya 49.8 † **6:16** 6.16 ULevi 26.12; UJeremiya 32.38; UHezekhiyeli 37.27 ‡ **6:17** 6.17 U-Isaya 52.11; UHezekhiyeli 20.34, 41 § **6:18** 6.18 2 USamuyeli 7.14; 7.8

2 Sivuleleni inhliziyo zenu. Kasonelanga muntu, kasixhwalisanga muntu, kasenzanga nzuzo ngomuntu. 3 Kangitsho lokhu ukuba ngililahle; ngitshilo ngaphambilini ukuthi likhona ezinhliziyweni zethu okungenza siphile kumbe sife lani. 4 Ngilethemba elikhulu ngani; ngiyazigqaja kakhulu ngani. Ngiduduzekile kakhulu; kuzozonke inhlupho zethu intokozo yami kayilamikhawulo.

5 Ngoba ekufikeni kwethu eMasedoniya, umzimba wethu lo wawungelakuphumula kodwa sasikhathazwa ezindaweni zonke, ingxabano ngaphandle, lokwesaba ngaphakathi. 6 Kodwa uNkulunkulu oduduza abadanileyo wasiduduza ngokufika kukaThithu, 7 kungayisikho ngokufika kwakhe nje kuphela kodwa langokumduduza kwenu. Wasitshela ngokungikhumbula kwenu, usizi lwenu olukhulu, lokutshiseka kwenu likhathazeka ngami, ukuthokoza kwami kwaze kwaba kukhulu kakhulu.

8 Lanxa ngalibangela usizi ngencwadi yami, angizisoli ngayo. Lanxa ngazisola ngayo, ngiyabona ukuba incwadi yami yalikhuba, kodwa okwesikhatshana nje, 9 ikanti khathesi ngiyathokoza, hatshi ngoba ladaniswa kodwa ngoba usizi lwenu lwalenza laphenduka. Ngoba laba lusizi njengokujonga kukaNkulunkulu njalo thina kasizange sililimaze langayiphi indlela. 10 Usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu luletha ukuphenduka okuholela ekusindisweni kungatshiyi nsolo, kodwa usizi lwasemhlabeni luletha ukufa. 11 Khangelani ukuba usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu lolu selufezeni kini: ukutshisekela okungaka, lokufisa okungaka ukuba lizigeze, lentukuthelo engaka, lokwethuka okungaka ekuboneni ukulunga kusenziwa. Kukho konke libonakalise ukuthi lina limsulwa kule indaba. 12 Ngakho lanxa ngalilobela, ngangingajonganga owonayo loba lowo owonelwayo kodwa ukuba phambi kukaNkulunkulu lizibonele ngokwenu ukuthi lizimisele kangakanani kithi. 13 Konke lokhu thina kuyasikhuthaza.

Phezu kokukhuthazwa kwethu, sijabuliswa ikakhulu yikubona uThithu ethokoza ngoba lonke lasiza ngokwenza ukuthi umoya wakhe ube lokuthula. 14 Ngangizincomile kuye ngani njalo kalingiyangisanga. Kodwa njengoba konke esakutshoyo kini kwakuliqiniso, ngakho ukuzincoma kwethu kuThithu ngani lakho kubonakale kuliqiniso. 15 Njalo ukulithanda kwakhe kukhulu kakhulu lapho ekhumbula ukuthi lonke lalilalela, limamukela ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela. 16 Ngiyathokoza ngoba ngilethemba elipheleleyo ngani.

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Ukuphana Kwabantu BeNkosi

1 Bazalwane, sithanda ukuba lazi ngomusa uNkulunkulu awunike amabandla aseMasedoniya. 2 Ekulingweni kwawo okunzima kakhulu lokuthokoza kwawo okukhulu kanye lobuyanga bawo bokucina kugcwele ukuphana okumangalisayo. 3 Ngoba ngiyafakaza ukuthi anikela okunengi njengayengakwanelisa, kanye lokudlula amandla awo. Bona ngokwabo, 4 basincenga ngokuphangisa ukuba babe lethuba lokuhlanganyela kulokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. 5 Kabenzanga njengesasikulindele kodwa bazinikela eNkosini kuqala, muva bazinikela kithi kuvumelana lentando kaNkulunkulu. 6 Ngakho-ke, samncenga uThithu, njengoba wayeseqalisile ngaphambilini, ukuba lawo awuqede umsebenzi womusa lo kini. 7 Kodwa njengoba lisenza kuhle ezintweni zonke, ekukholweni, ekukhulumeni, ekwazini, ekuzimiseleni okupheleleyo kanye lakukho ukusithanda kwenu, bonani ukuthi liyaqhubeka futhi kulumusa wokuphana.

8 Angilibekeli mlayo kodwa ngifuna ukuhlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu ngokuluqathanisa lokuzimisela kwabanye. 9 Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ukuthi lanxa wayenothile kodwa waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze kuthi ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe.

10 Njalo nansi iseluleko sami mayelana lalokho okuhle kakhulu kini kule indaba:
Nyakenye libe ngabokuqala kungayisikho ekupheni nje kuphela kodwa lekubeni
lesifiso sokwenza njalo. 11 Khathesi-ke uqediseni umsebenzi ukuze ukutshiseka
kokufuna kwenu ukwenza kungalingana lokuwuqeda kwenu, kusiya ngalokho
elilakho. 12 Ngoba nxa isifiso sikhona, isipho siyamukeleka kusiya ngalokho umuntu
alakho hatshi ngalokho angelakho.
13 Isifiso sethu akusikuthi abanye bakhululwe lina lilokhu lincindezelekile kodwa
ukuba kube lokulingana. 14 Ngenala yenu yalesisikhathi lizabanika abakuswelayo,
ukuze kuthi labo ngenala yabo baliphe elikuswelayo. Lapho-ke kuzakuba lokulin-
gana, 15 njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi
kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu."*

UThithu Uthunywa EKhorinte

16 Kabongwe uNkulunkulu owabeka enhliziyweni kaThithu ukukhathazeka kunye
engilakho ngani. 17 Ngoba uThithu kamukelanga isicelo sethu nje kuphela kodwa
uyeza kini ngokutshiseka okukhulu njalo ngokuzithuma kwakhe. 18 Njalo kanye
laye sithuma umzalwane obatshazwa ngamabandla wonke ngenxa yomsebenzi
wakhe wokutshumayela ivangeli. 19 Phezu kwalokho, wakhethwa ngamabandla
ukuba asiphelekezele sithwele umnikelo esiwuphetheyo ukuze sidumise iNkosi uqobo
lokuba sibonakalise ukutshisekela kwethu ukusiza. 20 Sifuna ukuxwaya insolo
ngendlela esiphatha ngayo lesisipho sokuphana. 21 Ngoba siyalwisa kakhulu ukuba
senze okulungileyo, kungasikho emehlweni eNkosi kuphela, kodwa lasemehlweni
abantu.
22 Phezu kwalokho, sithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu ohlezi ebonakalisa
kithi ngezindlela ezinengi ukuthi ukhuthele, ikakhulu khathesi ngenxa yethemba
lakhe elikhulu kini. 23 UThithu yena-ke ungohlanganyela lami loyisisebenzi kanye
lami phakathi kwenu; abazalwane bethu bona-ke bangabameli bamabandla lodumo
kuKhristu. 24 Ngakho-ke, tshengisani abantu laba ubufakazi bothando lwenu kanye
lesisusa sokuzigqaja kwethu ngani, ukuze amabandla wonke alubone.

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1 Akudingeki ukuba ngililobele mayelana lalokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi.
2 Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukutshisekela kwenu ukuba lisize njalo kade ngizincoma
ngakho kwabaseMasedoniya, ngibatshela ukuthi kusukela nyakenye lina e-Akhayiya
belizimisele ukunikela; njalo ukutshiseka kwenu kukhuthaze inengi labo ukuba
baphathise. 3 Kodwa ngithuma abazalwane ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani ngale
indaba kungabi yize kodwa ukuba libe ngabalungiseleleyo, njengoba ngatsho ukuthi
lizakuba lilungiselele. 4 Ngoba nxa abanye baseMasedoniya besiza lami, bengathola
lingalungiselanga, singayangeka ngokulethemba ebesilakho. 5 Ngakho ngibone ku-
fanele ukukhuthaza abazalwane ukuba balethekelele mandulo baqedise amalungise-
lelo esipho esihle elasithembisa sona. Ngalesosikhathi sizakuba sesilungile njenge-
sipho esihle hatshi esinikelwe ngomona.

Ukuhlanyela Okunengi

6 Khumbulani lokhu: Lowo ohlanyela okunengi uvuna okunengi. 7 Umuntu nga-
munye kanike lokho amise ukukunikela enhliziyweni yakhe, kungabi ngokudonda
loba ukubanjwa ngamandla ngoba uNkulunkulu uthanda onikela ngokuthokoza.
8 Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okwenza umusa wande kini ukuze kuthi ezintweni
zonke ngezikhathi zonke, lilakho konke elikuswelayo, lizakuba lokunengi kuyo yonke
imisebenzi emihle. 9 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

* **8:15** 8.15 U-Eksodasi 16.18

“Uchithele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke;
ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade.”*
10 Lowo onika umhlanyeli inhlanyelo lesinkwa sokudla uzanika njalo aqhelise
isiphala senu senhlanyelo, andise lesivuno sokulunga kwenu. 11 Lizanothiswa
ngezindlela zonke ukuze liphane ngezikhathi zonke, kuthi ngathi ukupha kwenu
kulethe ukubongwa kukaNkulunkulu.
12 Umsebenzi lo eliwenzayo kawuqedi zinswelo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu kuphela
kodwa ugcwele amazwi amanengi okubonga uNkulunkulu. 13 Ngenxa yomsebenzi
eselizibonakalise ngawo, abantu bazamdumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yokulalela
lokuvuma kwenu ivangeli likaKhristu, kanye lomusa wenu ekwabelananeni labo
kanye labanye futhi. 14 Ekulikhulekeleni kwabo, inhliziyo zabo zizakuba kini ngenxa
yomusa ongelamkhawulo uNkulunkulu alinike wona. 15 Kabongwe uNkulunkulu
ngenxa yesipho esingeke sichazwe.

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UPhawuli Uvikela Imfundiso Yakhe

1 Ngenxa yokuthobeka lobumnene bukaKhristu ngiyalincenga, mina Phawuli
“owethukayo” nxa ngilani ubuso ngobuso kodwa ngilesibindi nxa ngikude!
2 Ngiyalicela ukuthi ekufikeni kwami kungaze kwadingeka ukuba ngize ngibe lesi-
bindi njengalokhu engikhangelele ukuba laso mayelana labanye abantu abacabanga
ukuthi siphila ngokwezilinganiso zomhlaba lo. 3 Ngoba lanxa sihlala emhlabeni,
kasilwi mpi njengokwenziwa ngumhlaba. 4 Izikhali esilwa ngazo akusizo zikhali
zasemhlabeni. Kodwa zilamandla kaNkulunkulu okudiliza izinqaba. 5 Sichitha inkani
lokuzazisa konke okuzibekayo kumelane lokwazi uNkulunkulu njalo siyayithumba
yonke imicabango ukuba siyenze ibe ngemlalelayo uKhristu. 6 Njalo sizakuba
silungele ukujezisa zonke izenzo zokungalaleli nxa ukulalela kwenu kungaphelela.
7 Lina likhangela kuphela lokho okubonakalayo. Nxa umuntu ekholwa ukuthi
ungokaKhristu, kakhumbule njalo ukuthi lathi singabakaKhristu njengaye. 8 Ngoba
lanxa ngizincoma kancane ngamandla iNkosi eyasinika wona ukuba lakhiwe
kulokuba lichithwe, angiyikuyangeka ngakho. 9 Kangifuni ukuba kube sengathi
ngiyalethusela ngezincwadi zami. 10 Ngoba abanye bathi, “Izincwadi zakhe
zilesisindo lomfutho kodwa yena uqobo uyeyiseka lakukhulumayo kufana leze.”
11 Abantu abanjalo kumele bakwazi ukuthi lokho okukhanya siyikho ezincwadini
zethu nxa singekho, sizakuba yikho kanye ngezenzo zethu nxa sesikhona.
12 Kasenelisi ukuzilinganisa loba ukuziqathanisa labanye abazibabazayo. Nxa
bezilinganisa bona ngokwabo babuye baziqathanise bona ngokwabo, kabahlaka-
niphanga. 13 Kodwa thina kasizincomi kudlule imikhawulo efaneleyo. Kodwa ukuzin-
coma kwethu sikukhawulisa ebangeni uNkulunkulu asibekele lona, ibanga elifikayo
lakini. 14 Kasedlulisi malawulo ekuzincomeni kwethu, njengokuba kungenzakala
lapho kungabe kasizanga kini, ngoba safinyelela ukuzafika kini levangeli likaKhristu.
15 Njalo kasedluli mikhawulo yethu ngokuzincoma ngomsebenzi owenziwe ngabanye.
Ithemba lethu yikuthi lapho ukukholwa kwenu kuqhubeka kukhula, indawo yethu
yokusebenza phakathi kwenu izaqhela kakhulu, 16 sitshumayele ivangeli ezigabeni
ezingale kwenu. Ngoba kasifuni kuzincoma ngomsebenzi ovele usuyenziwe en-
daweni yomunye umuntu. 17 Kodwa, “Lowo ozincomayo kazincome eNkosini.”*
18 Ngoba akusimuntu ozibabazayo onguye ovunywayo, kodwa umuntu onconywa
yiNkosi.

* **9:9** 9.9 AmaHubo 112.9 * **10:17** 10.17 UJeremiya 9.24

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UPhawuli LabaPostoli Bamanga

1 Ngithemba lizabekezelela okuncane kobuthutha bami; kodwa livele selikwenza
lokho. 2 Mina ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bokukholwa. Ngathembisa
ukulendisela endodeni eyodwa, uKhristu, ukuze ngilethule kuyo liyintombi egcwe-
leyo. 3 Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi njengo-Eva owakhohliswa yibuqili benyoka,
ingqondo zenu zingaphanjulwa kancane ekuzinikeleni kwenu kuKhristu okuqotho
lokungelasici. 4 Ngoba nxa umuntu angafika kini atshumayele uJesu ongasuye esamt-
shumayelayo thina, loba nxa lisamukela umoya ohlukene lalowo elawamukelayo,
loba ivangeli elehlukileyo kulelo elalivumayo, likubekezelele lula kakhulu.

5 Kodwa kangicabangi ukuthi ngiyeyiseka okokucina kulabo “bapostoli
abaphezulu.” 6 Ngingaba yisikhulumi esingafundiswanga kodwa ulwazi ngilalo.
Lokhu sesikwenze kwacaca ngokupheleleyo kini ngezindlela zonke. 7 Kambe
kwakuyisono yini ukuba ngizehlise ukuze ngiliphakamise ngokutshumayela
ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kungekho mbadalo na? 8 Ngaphanga amanye amabandla
ngokwamukela usizo kuwo ukuze ngilisebenzele. 9 Njalo lalapho ngikini kulolutho
engangilufuna, kangibanga ngumthwalo lakubani ngoba abazalwane ababesuka
eMasedoniya bangipha engangikuswela. Ngizithibile ekubeni ngumthwalo kini
langayiphi indlela njalo ngizaqhubeka ngisenza njalo. 10 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
iqiniso likaKhristu likhona kimi, akulamuntu ezigabeni zase-Akhayiya ozangalisa
ukuzincoma kwami lokhu. 11 Kungani na? Ngoba angilithandi na? UNkulunkulu
uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyalithanda!

12 Njalo ngizaqhubeka ngisenza lokhu engikwenzayo ukuze amacebo alabo abafuna
ithuba lokuba bakhangelwe njengabalingana lathi ezintweni abazincoma ngazo
abe liphutha. 13 Ngoba abantu abanjalo bangabapostoli bamanga, izisebenzi
ezikhohlisayo, ezizenza abapostoli bakaKhristu. 14 Akumangalisi ngoba loSathane
uqobo uzenza ingilosi yokukhanya. 15 Ngakho akumangalisi nxa izinceku zakhe
zizenza izinceku zokulunga. Isiphetho sazo sizakuba ngokufanele izenzo zazo.

UPhawuli Uyazincoma Ngokuhlupheka Kwakhe

16 Ngiyaphinda ngithi: Akungabi lamuntu ongithatha njengesithutha. Kodwa
nxa lisenza njalo, ngamukelani ngendlela elingamukela ngayo isithutha ukuze
ngizincome kancane. 17 Ngalokhu kuzincoma kwami ngesibindi, angikhulumi
njengeNkosi kodwa njengesithutha. 18 Njengoba abanengi bezincoma ngendlela
eyenziwa ngumhlaba, lami-ke ngizazincoma. 19 Labekezelela izithutha ngentokozo
ngoba lihlakaniphe kangaka! 20 Ngeqiniso, lina libekezelela loba ngubani oligqilazayo
loba ethola inzuzo ngani loba ezisiza ngani loba ezikhukhumeza loba elimakala
ngempama ebusweni. 21 Ngivuma ngilenhloni ukuthi thina sasibuthakathaka
kakhulu kulokho!

Lokho omunye umuntu angaba lesibindi sokuzincoma ngakho, ngikhuluma njen-
gesithutha, lami ngilesibindi sokuzincoma ngakho. 22 BangamaHebheru na? Lami
nginguye. Bangama-Israyeli na? Lami nginguye. Bayinzalo ka-Abhrahama na? Lami
ngiyiyo. 23 Bazinceku zikaKhristu na? (Sengiphambene ingqondo ukuba ngikhulume
kanje.) Mina ngedlula lokho. Sengisebenze nzima, ngibe sentolongweni kanengi,
ngabhaxabulwa kakhulukazi, ngabekwa engozini yokufa njalonjalo. 24 Kahlanu
ngatshaywa ngamaJuda imvimvinya ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemu-
nye. 25 Kathathu ngatshaywa ngemiqwayi, kanye ngatshaywa ngamatshe, ngafelwa
ngumkhumbi kathathu, ngachitha ubusuku losuku ngindenda olwandle, 26 kade
ngihlezi ngingohambayo njalonje. Ngike ngaba sezingozini zemifula, ezingozini

zezigebenga, ezingozini zabantu bakithi, ezingozini zabeZizweni, ezingozini edolobheni, ezingozini emaphandleni, ezingozini elwandle; lasezingozini zabazalwane bamanga. 27 Ngasebenza nzima, ngatshikatshika njalo kanengi ngingalali; ngezwa indlala lokoma, ngaswela lokudla kanengi; ngagodola njalo ngahamba nqunu. 28 Langaphandle kwezinye zonke izinto; ngibhekane lokuncindezelwa yikukhathazeka kwami ngamabandla wonke. 29 Ngubani obuthakathaka, mina ngingabuzwa lobo buthakathaka na? Ngubani oholelwa esonweni, ngingatshi ngaphakathi kwami na?

30 Nxa kumele ngizincome, ngizazincoma ngezinto ezibonakalisa ubuthakathaka bami. 31 UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi uJesu, ozadunyiswa okungulaphakade, uyakwazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga. 32 EDamaseko umbusi ongaphansi kweNkosi u-Aretha walaya ukuba idolobho laseDamaseko lilindwe ukuze ngibotshwe. 33 Kodwa ngehliswa ngesilulu ewindini elalisemdulini, ngaphunyuka ezandleni zakhe.

12

Umbono KaPhawuli Lameva Akhe

1 Kumele ngiqhubeke ngizincoma. Lanxa kungelalutho oluzuzwayo, mina ngizaqhubeka ngemibono langezambulo ezivela eNkosini. 2 Mina ngazi umuntu okuKhristu okwathi ngeminyaka elitshumi lane eyedlulayo wathathwa wasiwa ezulwini lesithathu. Langabe kwakuphakathi komzimba loba ngaphandle komzimba kangikwazi, kwazi uNkulunkulu. 3 Mina ngazi ukuthi umuntu lo loba phakathi komzimba kumbe ngaphandle komzimba, kangikwazi, kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazi, 4 wahlwithwa wasiwa ePharadise. Wezwa izinto ezingakhulumekiyo, izinto umuntu angavunyelwa ukuzitsho. 5 Ngazincoma ngomuntu onjalo, kodwa mina angiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle kwangobuthakathaka bami. 6 Lanxa ngingakhetha ukuzincoma, ngiyabe ngingesisithutha ngoba ngiyabe ngikhuluma iqiniso. Kodwa ngiyazibamba ukuze kungabikhona ozacabanga okunengi ngami kulalokho okufanele engikwenzayo loba engikutshoyo. 7 Ukuze ngenqabele ukuzikhukhumeza ngenxa yalezizambulo ezinkulu kakhulukazi, ngahlatshwa ngameva emzimbeni wami, ayisithunywa sikaSathane, ukuba angihluphe. 8 Ngalabhela eNkosini kathathu ukuba iwasuse kimi. 9 Kodwa yathi kimi, "Umusa wami ukwanele ngoba amandla ami apheleliswa ebuthakathakeni." Ngakho ngizazincoma kakhulu-ke ngokuthokoza ngobuthakathaka bami, ukuze amandla kaKhristu ahlale phezu kwami. 10 Yikho-nje, ngenxa kaKhristu, ngithokozela ubuthakathaka, izithuko, inhlupho, ukuhlukuluzwa lokukhathazeka. Ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka, kulapho-ke ngilamandla.

Ukunqineka KukaPhawuli NgabaseKhorinte

11 Sengenze ubuthutha, kodwa yini elingingenise kubo. Kade kufanele nginconywe yini ngoba kangiphansi okokucina "kubapostoli abaphezulu," lanxa nje ngingasilutho. 12 Izinto eziphawula umpostoli zigoqela izibonakaliso, izimanga kanye lezimangaliso ezenziwa phakathi kwenu ngokubekezela okukhulu. 13 Laliphansi okunjani kulamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi angizange ngibe ngumthwalo kini. Ngithethelelani kulokhu!

14 Khathesi sengilungele ukuba ngilethekelele okwesithathu njalo angiyikuba ngumthwalo kini ngoba engikufunayo akusimpahla yenu kodwa lina. Ikanti belo abantwana akumelanga banakekele abazali babo kodwa abazali yibo okumele banakekele abantwababo. 15 Ngakho ngizathokozela kakhulu ukuchitha konke engilakho ngenxa yenu lami futhi ngizinikele. Ngingalithanda kakhulu, lina lizangithanda kancane na? 16 Loba kunjalo, mina angibanga ngumthwalo kini. Kodwa mina njengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngalibamba ngobuqili! 17 Ngaliqilibezela

yini ngomunye wabantu engabathuma kini na? 18 Ngacela uThithu ukuba eze
kini njalo ngathuma lomzalwane wethu kunye laye. UThithu kazange aliqilibezele,
waliqilibezela na? Kasisebenzanga ngamoya munye salandela indlela yinye na?
19 Isikhathi sonke lesi kade licabanga ukuthi besizivikela kini na? Kade
sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu njengabakuKhristu; njalo konke esikwenzayo,
bazalwane abathandekayo, ngokokuliqinisa. 20 Ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni
kwami angiyikulifica liyilokho engifuna libe yikho, mhlawumbe lani lingangifumani
ngiyilokho elifuna ngibe yikho. Ngiyesaba ukuthi kungaba khona ukuxabana,
umona, ukuthukuthela, imibango, isinyeyo, ukuhleba, ukuzikhukhumeza kanye
lokuphithizela. 21 Ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami
uzangithoba phambi kwenu njalo ngizakuba lusizi ngabanengi abenze izono
ngaphambilini njalo bengaphendukanga kulokho kungcola, isono sokufeba kanye
lamanyala abangena kuwo.

13

Izixwayiso Zokucina

1 Ukuza kwami kini lokhu kuzakuba ngokwesithathu. “Izindaba zonke kumele
ziqiniswe yibufakazi babantu ababili loba abathathu.”* 2 Ngavela ngalixwayisa
lapho ngilani okwesibili. Ngiyakuphinda njalo ngingekho: Ekubuyeni kwami futhi
angiyikubayekela labo abenza izono ngaphambilini loba nguphi wabanye, 3 njengoba
lifuna ubufakazi bokuthi uKhristu ukhuluma ngami. Yena kabuthakathaka
ekuliphatheni kwakhe kodwa ulamandla phakathi kwenu. 4 Ngoba ngeqiniso,
wabethelwa ebuthakathakeni, ikanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu. Ngoku-
fanayo, sibuthakathaka kuye, ikanti ngamandla kaNkulunkulu sizaphila laye ukuba
silisebenzele.
5 Zihloleni ukuba libone ingabe lisekukholweni, zihloleni. Kaliboni yini ukuthi
uKhristu uJesu uphakathi kwenu, ngaphandle nje kokuba lehluleke ekuhlolweni?
6 Ngithemba ukuba lizafumana ukuthi thina kasisibo abehlulekileyo ekuhlolweni.
7 Siyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuba lingenzi lutho olubi. Kungayisikho ukuba abantu
babone ukuthi sifanele kodwa ukuba lina lenze okulungileyo lanxa singakhanya
singabehlulekileyo. 8 Ngoba asingeke senze lutho oluphambene leqiniso kodwa
olweqiniso kuphela. 9 Siyathokoza lapho singabe sibuthakathaka kodwa lina liqinile
njalo umkhuleko wethu ngowokuba lipheleliswe. 10 Yikho-nje ngiloba izinto lezi
ngingekho ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingabi lukhuni ekusebenziseni kwami
amandla, amandla okulakha engiwaphiwe yiNkosi hatshi ukulidiliza.

Ukuvalelisa

11 Okokucina, bazalwane, salani kuhle. Funani ukuphelela, lilalele isicelo sami, libe
ngqondo yinye, lihlale ngokuthula. UNkulunkulu wothando lokuthula uzakuba lani.

12 Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele.
13 Abantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke bayalibingelela.

14 Sengathi umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lokuh-
langanyela kukaMoya oNgcwele kungaba lani lonke.

* **13:1** 13.1 UDutheronomi 19.15

Incwadi KaPhawuli KwabaseGalathiya

1 UPhawuli umpostoli ongathunywanga evela ebantwini loba ngumuntu, kodwa
nguJesu Khristu loNkulunkulu uBaba, owamvusayo kwabafileyo, 2 labo bonke
abazalwane abalami.

Emabandleni aseGalathiya:

3 Umusa lokuthula akube kini kuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu
Khristu, 4 owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu ukuthi asihlenge kulesisikhathi esibi,
ngenxa yentando kaNkulunkulu uBaba wethu, 5 udumo kalube kuye kuze kube
laphakade. Ameni.

Kalikho Elinye Ivangeli

6 Ngiyamangala ukuthi limdela masinya kangaka lowo owalibiza ngomusa
kaKhristu njalo liphendukela evangelini elehlukileyo, 7 elingasivangeli langempela
ngitsho. Kusobala abanye abantu bayaliphambanisa njalo bazama ukungcolisa
ivangeli likaKhristu. 8 Kodwa lanxa thina loba ingilosi evela ezulwini ingatshumayela
elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo esalitshumayela kini, kasilahlwe kuze kube
nini lanini! 9 Njengoba sesivele sitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi ngithi: Lanxa
kungaba ngubani otshumayela kini elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo elalamuke-
layo, kaqalekiswe nguNkulunkulu!
10 Kambe sengizama ukuzuza ukwamukelwa ngabantu loba nguNkulunkulu na?
Kumbe njalo ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu na? Aluba lokhe ngizama ukuthokozisa
abantu, bengingayikuba yinceku kaKhristu.

Ukubizwa KukaPhawuli NguNkulunkulu

11 Ngithanda ukuthi lazi bazalwane, ukuthi ivangeli engalitshumayelayo kaliveli
ebantwini. 12 Kangilamukelanga emuntwini njalo kangilifundiswanga; kodwa
ngalamukela ngokwambulelwa nguJesu Khristu.
13 Selizwile ngokuhamba kwami kwakuqala enkolweni yesiJuda, ukuthi ngalih-
lukuluza ngaliphatha ngochuku ibandla likaNkulunkulu njalo ngazama lokulichitha.
14 Ngangisiya phambili ngokholo lwesiJuda ukwedlula amaJuda amanengi ayintanga
yami njalo ngangitshisekela imikhuba yabokhokho bami kakhulu. 15 Kodwa kwathi
uNkulunkulu owangiphawula ngisesesiswini sikamama engibiza ngomusa wakhe,
wathokoza 16 ukuthi aveze iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngitshumayele phakathi
kwabeZizwe, kangibuzanga muntu. 17 Angizange ngiye eJerusalema ukuyabona
labo ababengabapostoli ngingakabi nguye, kodwa ngahle ngaya e-Arabhiya. Emva
kwalokho ngabuyela eDamaseko.
18 Emva kweminyaka emithathu, ngaya eJerusalema ukuze ngijayelane loKhefasi,
ngahlala laye insuku ezilitshumi lanhlanu. 19 Kangibonanga lamunye wabanye
abapostoli ngaphandle kukaJakhobe umfowabo weNkosi kuphela. 20 Ngikugcizelela
kini lokhu phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi lokhu engililobela khona akusimanga.
21 Ngasengisuka ngaya e-Asiriya kanye laseSilisiya. 22 Mina ngokwami
ngangingaziwa emabandleni aseJudiya akuKhristu. 23 Ayesizwa umbiko nje kuphela
usithi: “Umuntu owayesihlukuluza kuqala khathesi usetshumayela ukholo ake
wazama ukuluchitha.” 24 Amdumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yami.

2

UPhawuli Wamukelwa NgabaPostoli

1 Emva kweminyaka elitshumi lane ngaya eJerusalema futhi, ngalesisikhathi
ngangiloBhanabhasi. Ngathatha loThithu futhi. 2 Ngaya khona njengokwambulelwa
ngethula phambi kwabo ivangeli engilitshumayela kwabeZizweni. Kodwa lokhu
ngakwenza ngasese kulabo ababekhanya bengabakhokheli. Ngangifuna ukuba
lesiqiniseko sokuthi angigijimeli ize. 3 Ikanti loThithu owayelami kazange abanjwe
ngamandla ukuba asoke lanxa wayengumGrikhi. 4 Indaba le yavela ngoba abanye
abazalwane bamanga basebengene phakathi kwethu ukuba bahlole ukukhululeka
esilakho kuKhristu uJesu ukuze basenze izigqili. 5 Kasibavumelanga lakancane ukuze
iqiniso levangeli lihlale likhona kini.

6 Labo ababeqakathekiswa, loba beyilokho ababeyikho khona akwenzi mahluko
kimi; uNkulunkulu kahluleli ngokubonakala ngaphandle, labobantu kabengezanga
lutho elizwini lami. 7 Esikhundleni salokho babona ukuthi ngangiphiwe umsebenzi
wokutshumayela ivangeli kwabeZizweni njengoPhethro owaphiwa umsebenzi
wokutshumayela ivangeli kwabasokiweyo. 8 Ngoba uNkulunkulu, owayesebenza
kuPhethro njengompostoli kwabasokiweyo, wayesebenza kimi futhi ekutshumaye-
leni kwami njengompostoli kwabeZizweni. 9 UJakhobe, loKhefasi kanye loJohane,
abadume njengensika, banika mina loBhanabhasi ilungelo lokuhlanganyela labo
lapho sebebone umusa engawuphiwayo. Bavuma ukuthi siye kwabeZizweni, bona
baye kwabasokiweyo. 10 Abakucelayo kuphela nje yikuthi siqhubeke sikhumbula
abayanga, yona kanye into engangitshisekela ukuyenza.

UPhawuli Uphikisa UPhethro

11 Ekufikeni kukaKhefasi e-Antiyokhi ngamphikisa sikhangelene ngoba wayesoleka.
12 Ngaphambilini kwafika abantu abathile bevela kuJakhobe owayevame ukudla
labeZizweni. Kodwa sebefikile waqalisa ukuhlehlela emuva, wazehlukanisa labeZ-
izweni ngoba wayesesaba ababengabeqembu lokusoka. 13 Amanye amaJuda lawo
ahlanganyela laye kulokhukuzenzisa kwakhe, kwaze kwathi ngenxa yokuzenzisa
kwawo uBhanabhasi waholelwa ekulahlekeni.

14 Kwathi lapho ngibona ukuba babengenzi okuhambelana leqiniso levangeli,
ngathi kuKhefasi phambi kwabo bonke, “Wena ungumJuda kodwa uphila njen-
goweZizweni hatshi njengomJuda. Pho kwenzeka njani ukuba ubambe ngamandla
abeZizweni ukuba balandele imikhuba yamaJuda na?

15 Thina esingamaJuda ngokuzalwa hatshi ‘izoni zeZizweni’ 16 siyakwazi ukuthi
umuntu kalungisiswa yikugcina umthetho kodwa yikukholwa kuJesu Khristu.
Ngakho-ke, lathi futhi, sibeke ukukholwa kwethu kuKhristu uJesu ukuba silungiswe
yikukholwa kuKhristu hatshi ngokugcina umthetho ngoba kakho ozalungisiswa
ngokugcina umthetho.

17 Kodwa nxa sisafuna ukulungisiswa kuKhristu, kube sokubonakala ukuthi thina
ngokwethu siyizoni, lokho kutsho ukuthi uKhristu usekela isono na? Akunjalo
lakancane! 18 Nxa ngikwakha kutsha lokho engakudilizayo, ngibonakalisa ukuthi
ngiyisaphulamthetho.

19 Ngoba ngomthetho ngafa emthethweni ukuze ngiphilele uNkulunkulu.
20 Sengibethelwe kanye loKhristu, akuseyimi engiphilayo, kodwa uKhristu uphila
phakathi kwami. Ukuphila engikuphila emzimbeni, ngikuphila ngokukholwa eNdo-
daneni kaNkulunkulu, eyangithandayo njalo yazinikela ngenxa yami. 21 Kangiwudeli
umusa kaNkulunkulu ngoba nxa ukulunga kuzuzwa ngomthetho, uKhristu wafela
ize.”

3

Ukukholwa Kumbe Ukugcinwa Komthetho

1 Lina maGalathiya ayizithutha! Ngubani oliloyileyo? Phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu
Khristu wabonakaliswa obala ebethelwe. 2 Mina ngifuna ukwazi into eyodwa nje kini:
UMoya lamamukela ngokugcina umthetho loba ngokukholwa lokho elakuzwayo na?
3 Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Emva kokuqalisa ngoMoya, khathesi selizama ukuzuza
ukuphelela ngemizamo yabantu na? 4 Kanti lihlupheke kangaka lihluphekela ize
na, nxa impela kwakungokweze? 5 Kanti uNkulunkulu ulinika uMoya wakhe abuye
enze izimangaliso phakathi kwenu ngoba ligcina umthetho loba ngoba likholwa
lokho elakuzwayo na? 6 Khumbulani u-Abhrahama: “Wamkholwa uNkulunkulu,
kwabalelwa kuye njengokulunga.”*
7 Ngakho zwisisani ukuthi labo abakholwayo bangabantwana baka-Abhrahama.
8 Umbhalo wabona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayezalungisa abeZizweni
ngokukholwa, wahle wamemezela ivangeli ngaphambili ku-Abhrahama esithi:
“Zonke izizwe zizabusiswa ngawe.”† 9 Ngakho labo abalokholo babusiswa kanye lo-
Abhrahama, umuntu wokholo.
10 Bonke abathembe umthetho bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke ongaqhubeki esenza konke okulotshwe eNcwa-
dini yoMthetho.”‡ 11 Kusobala ukuthi akakho olungisiswa ngomthetho phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ngoba, “Abalungileyo bazaphila ngokukholwa.”§ 12 Umthetho
kaweyamanga ekukholweni; kodwa, “Umuntu owenza izinto lezi uzaphila ngazo.”*
13 UKhristu wasihlenga esiqalekisweni somthetho ngokuba yisiqalekiso ngenxa
yethu, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke olengiswa esih-
lahleni.”† 14 Wasihlenga ukuze isibusiso esaphiwa u-Abhrahama sifike kwabeZizweni
ngoKhristu uJesu, ukuze samukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokukholwa.

Umthetho Lesithembiso

15 Bazalwane, ake ngithathe isibonelo sokuphila kwansukuzonke. Njengoba en-
gekho ongabeka eceleni loba engeze kusivumelwano sabantu esenziwe ngemfanelo,
kunjalo-ke lakule indaba. 16 Izithembiso zatshiwo ku-Abhrahama lakunzalo yakhe.
Umbhalo kawuthi “kwabenzalo,”‡ usitsho abantu abanengi, kodwa uthi, “lakunzalo
yakho,” usitsho umuntu oyedwa, lowo kunguKhristu. 17 Engikutshoyo yilokhu:
Umthetho owabekwa eminyakeni engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu (430)
muva, kawusibeki eceleni isivumelwano esamiswa ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu
ngalokho wesule isithembiso. 18 Ngoba nxa ilifa leyame emthethweni, ngalokho
kaliseyamanga esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu ngomusa wakhe, walinika u-
Abhrahama ngesithembiso.
19 Pho, yayiyini-ke injongo yomthetho? Wengezelelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko kwaze
kwafika iNzalo eyayitshiwo yisithembiso. Umthetho wenziwa wasebenza ngezingilosi
lomeli. 20 Kodwa umeli kameli icele elilodwa; kodwa uNkulunkulu munye.
21 Kambe ngalokho umthetho uphambene lezithembiso zikaNkulunkulu na? Akun-
jalo lakancane! Ngoba nxa kwakubekwe umthetho onika ukuphila, ukulunga impela
kwakuzavela ngomthetho. 22 Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi kwesono,
ukwenzela ukuthi okwakuthenjisiwe, kuphiwa ngokukholwa kuJesu Khristu, sokun-
gaphiwa labo abakholwayo.

Abantwana BakaNkulunkulu

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* **3:6** 3.6 UGenesisi 15.6 † **3:8** 3.8 UGenesisi 12.3; 18.18; 22.18 ‡ **3:10** 3.10 UDutheronomi 27.26 § **3:11** 3.11 UHabhakhukhi 2.4 * **3:12** 3.12 ULevi 18.5 † **3:13** 3.13 UDutheronomi 21.23 ‡ **3:16** 3.16 UGenesisi 12.7; 13.15; 24.7

23 Ukholo§ lolu lungakabi khona sasiyizibotshwa zomthetho, sivalelwe ukholo
olwaluzakuza luze lubonakaliswe. 24 Ngakho umthetho waphiwa amandla okusi-
holela kuKhristu ukuba silungisiswe ngokukholwa. 25 Khathesi-ke njengoba ukholo
selukhona, kasisekho ngaphansi kwamandla omthetho.
26 Lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu 27 ngoba
lonke lina elabhaphathizelwa kuKhristu selizembathise ngoKhristu. 28 AkulamJuda
loba oweZizweni, isigqili loba okhululekileyo, owesilisa loba owesifazane, ngoba
lonke limunye kuKhristu uJesu. 29 Nxa lingabakaKhristu, ngalokho liyinzalo ka-
Abhrahama, lezindlalifa njengokutsho kwesithembiso.

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1 Engikutshoyo yikuthi nxa indlalifa isesengumntwana, kayehlukananga lesigqili
lanxa nje ingumnikazi welifa lonke. 2 Ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababambeli kuze
kufike isikhathi esabekwa nguyise. 3 Ngokunjalo lathi ngesikhathi sisesengabantwana
sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwempi yemimoya yalumhlaba. 4 Kodwa kwathi lapho
isikhathi sesifike ngokupheleleyo, uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa
ngowesifazane, izalwa ngaphansi komthetho, 5 ukuba ihlenge abangaphansi kom-
thetho, ukuze sithole amalungelo apheleleyo amadodana atholakeleyo. 6 Njengokuba
lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathumela uMoya weNdodana yakhe enhliziyweni
zenu, omemezayo usithi, *"Abha,* Baba." 7 Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili kodwa
indodana kaNkulunkulu; njalo njengoba usuyindodana, uNkulunkulu usekwenze
waba yindlalifa futhi.

Ukuphatheka KukaPhawuli NgamaGalathiya

8 Ekuqaleni, lingakamazi uNkulunkulu laliyizigqili zalabo abangayisibo onku-
lunkulu ngemvelo. 9 Kodwa khathesi uNkulunkulu selimazi, loba ngithi uNkulunkulu
uselazi, pho kungani libuyela emuva empini yemimoya yalumhlaba ebuthakathaka
leyize na? Liyafisa ukuthi ligqilazwe yiyo njalo na? 10 Lina ligcina insuku ezithile
lezinyanga, izikhathi zomnyaka kanye leminyaka! 11 Ngiyalesabela, ukuthi ngenye
indlela sengichithe imizamo yami kini.
12 Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, wobani njengami, ngoba lami ngaba njengani.
Kalingenzelanga lutho olubi. 13 Njengoba lisazi, ngatshumayela ivangeli kini
kuqala ngenxa yomkhuhlane. 14 Lanxa isimo somzimba wami sasiyisilingo kini,
kalizange lingeyise kumbe lingihleke. Kodwa langamukela sengathi ngangiyingilosi
kaNkulunkulu, sengathi nganginguKhristu uJesu yena ngokwakhe. 15 Intokozo yenu
yonke isiyengaphi na? Ngingafakaza ukuthi aluba lalingenzanjalo, lalingakopola
amehlo enu linginike wona. 16 Khathesi sengibe yisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso
na?
17 Labobantu batshisekela ukulenza abazalwane babo, kodwa hatshi ngobuhle.
Abakufunayo yikulehlukanisa lathi ukuze litshisekele bona. 18 Ukutshiseka kulungile
nxa injongo inhle, lokuba kube njalo kokuphela, hatshi kuphela nxa ngilani.
19 Bantwabami abathandekayo, lina engilomhelo ngani futhi uKhristu aze abunjwe
phakathi kwenu, 20 ngiyafisa kakhulu ukuba lani khathesi ngiguqule isimo sami,
ngoba ngikhathazekile ngani!

UHagari LoSara

21 Ngitshelani lina elifuna ukuba ngaphansi komthetho, kalikwazi yini ukuthi
umthetho uthini? 22 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi u-Abhrahama wayelamadodana
amabili, enye ingeyesigqilikazi lenye ingeyowesifazane okhululekileyo. 23 Indodana

§ **3:23** 3.23 ukukholwa kuJesu Khristu

yakhe yesigqilikazi yazalwa ngokwenyama; kodwa indodana yakhe yowesifazane
okhululekileyo yazalwa kulandela isithembiso.
24 Izinto lezi zingathathwa njengomzekeliso; ngoba abesifazane ababili bamele
izivumelwano ezimbili. Esinye isivumelwano sivela eNtabeni yeSinayi e-Arabhiya
njalo sizala abantwana abazakuba yizigqili: Lo nguHagari. 25 UHagari umele iNtaba
yeSinayi e-Arabhiya njalo uhambelana ledolobho lakhathesi eleJerusalema, ngoba
lisebugqilini kanye labantwana balo. 26 Kodwa iJerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile,
njalo ingumama wethu. 27 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
“Thokoza mfazi oyinyumba,
wena ongazange uzale umntwana;
umemeze ngenjabulo ukhale kakhulu,
wena ongakaze uhelelwe;
ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo banengi
kulabalowo olendoda.”*
28 Ngakho lina bazalwane, njengo-Isaka, lingabantwana besithembiso.
29 Ngalesosikhathi indodana eyazalwa ngokwenyama yahlukuluza indodana
eyazalwa ngamandla kaMoya. Kunjalo lakhathesi. 30 Kodwa umbhalo uthini
na? Uthi: “Susa isigqilikazi lendodana yaso, ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi
kayiyikwabelana ilifa lendodana yowesifazane okhululekileyo.”† 31 Ngakho,
bazalwane, thina kasisibo bantwana besigqilikazi, kodwa abowesifazane
okhululekileyo.

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Ukukhululeka KuKhristu

1 UKhristu wasikhululela ukuthi sibe lenkululeko. Ngakho manini liqine, lin-
gavumeli ukuthi libotshelwe futhi ejogeni lobugqili.
2 Qaphelani amazwi ami! Mina Phawuli, ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingavuma ukusoka,
uKhristu kayikuba lusizo kini. 3 Njalo ngiyaqinisa ebantwini bonke abavumayo uku-
soka ukuthi balomlandu wokulalela umthetho wonke. 4 Lina elizama ukulungisiswa
ngomthetho selehlukaniswe loKhristu; selehlukane lomusa. 5 Kodwa ngokukholwa
siholwa nguMoya silindele ithemba lokulunga ngokutshiseka. 6 Ngoba kuKhristu
uJesu ukusoka loba ukungasoki akulasizo. Into kuphela eyiyo eqakathekileyo
yikukholwa okuzibonakalisa ngothando.
7 Kade lihamba kuhle. Ngubani olikhuphe ekulandeleni iqiniso na? 8 Ukuncenga
okunjalo kakuveli kulowo olibizayo. 9 “Imvubelo encinyazana ibilisa inhlama
yonke.” 10 Ngiyathemba eNkosini ukuthi kaliyikwamukela omunye umnakano. Lowo
olibeka phakathi kwenyakanyaka uzajeziswa, loba engubani. 11 Bazalwane, nxa
ngisatshumayela ngokusoka, pho kungani ngilokhu ngihlukuluzwa? Nxa kunjalo
isikhubekiso sesiphambano sesisusiwe. 12 Labo abahluphayo, ngifisa ukuthi ngabe
bayaqhubeka bazithene!

Ukuphila NgoMoya

13 Lina bazalwane bami, labizelwa ukuthi likhululeke. Kodwa lingasebenzisi
inkululeko yenu ukuthokozisa inyama*; kodwa sizanani omunye lomunye lizehlisa
ngothando. 14 Umthetho wonke uhlanganiswa ngumlayo owodwa othi: “Thanda
umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda.”† 15 Nxa liqhubeka lilumana lokudlanana,
qaphelani hlezi liqedane du.

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* **4:27** 4.27 U-Isaya 54.1 † **4:30** 4.30 UGenesisi 21.10 * **5:13** 5.13 ibala elithi inyama ngesiGrikhi litsho imvelo yesono okuyindlela yokona koluntu okuphambene lokwenza intando kaMoya; lelibala litholakala lakuvesi 16, 17, 19 lo 24 kanye laku 6.8. † **5:14** 5.14 ULevi 19.18

16 Ngakho ngithi philani ngoMoya, kaliyikuthokozisa izinkanuko zenu zenyama.
17 Ngoba imvelo yesono ikhanuka okuphambene loMoya, loMoya ufuna okuphambene lemvelo yesono. Kuyaphikisana ukuze lingenzi elikuthandayo. 18 Kodwa nxa likhokhelwa nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi komthetho.
19 Izenzo zenyama zisobala: ukuhlobonga, lokungesabi ukujeziswa, lokuxhwala;
20 ukukhonza izithombe lobuthakathi; inzondo lokuxabana, umona lentukuthelo, lobuhwaba, ukungezwani lokungavumelani 21 lomhawu; ukudakwa lokuzitika ngamanyala kanye lokunye okunjalo. Ngiyalixwayisa, njengoba lami ngaphila phakathi kwakho ukuthi abaphila kanje kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu.
22 Kodwa izithelo zikaMoya luthando, lokuthokoza, lokuthula, lokubekezela, lomusa, lokulunga, lokuthembeka, 23 lobumnene kanye lokuzithiba. Ezintweni ezinje akulamthetho. 24 Labo abangabakaKhristu uJesu sebayibethela esiphambanweni imvelo yabo yesono lokufutheka kwayo kanye lezinkanuko. 25 Njengoba siphila ngoMoya, kasenzeni okuhambelana loMoya. 26 Kasingazikhukhumezi, singaqalani kumbe senzelane umona.

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Ukwenza Okulungileyo Kubo Bonke

1 Bazalwane, nxa umuntu ethunjwe yisono esithile lina eliphila ngokoMoya kumele limbuyise kakuhle. Kodwa lizinanzelele ukuthi lani futhi lingalingwa.
2 Thwalani imithwalo yomunye lomunye, ngalokho lizagcwalisa umthetho kaKhristu.
3 Nxa umuntu ezitshaya ulutho yena engasilutho, uyazikhohlisa. 4 Umuntu munye ngamunye kahlole izenzo zakhe. Ngalokho angaziqhenya, kungekho ukuziqathanisa lomunye, 5 ngoba lowo lalowo kumele athwale umthwalo wakhe. 6 Loba ngubani othola ukufundiswa ngelizwi umele abelane zonke izinto ezinhle lalowo omfundisayo.
7 Lingakhohliswa: UNkulunkulu kahlekwa. Umuntu uvuna lokho akuhlanyelayo.
8 Lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa inyama yakhe, kuleyonyama uzavuna ukuchitheka; lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa uMoya, kuMoya uzavuna ukuphila okulaphakade.
9 Kasingadinwa yikwenza okuhle ngoba ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna isivuno nxa singadeli. 10 Ngakho-ke, njengokuba silethuba kasenzeni okulungileyo ebantwini bonke ikakhulu kulabo abangabemuli yabakholwayo.

Hatshi Ukusoka Kodwa Indalo Entsha

11 Khangelani ukuthi makhulu kanganani amabala engiwasebenzisayo lapho ngililobela ngesami isandla!

12 Labo abafuna ukubukwa enyameni bazama ukulincindezela ukuba lisoke. Isizatho sokuba benze lokhu yikuba babalekele ukuhlukuluzelwa isiphambano sikaKhristu kuphela. 13 Lalabo abasokileyo kabawulaleli umthetho kodwa bafuna ukuba lisoke ukuze bazincome ngemizimba yenu. 14 Mina kangingazincomi lanini ngaphandle kwangesiphambano seNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, umhlaba wonke owabethelwa ngaso kimi, lami njalo emhlabeni. 15 Ukusoka loba ukungasoki akutsho lutho; okuqakathekileyo yikudalwa kutsha. 16 Ukuthula lesihawu kubo bonke abalandela umthetho lo, kanye laku-Israyeli kaNkulunkulu.

17 Okokucina, akungabi lamuntu ongibangela uhlupho, ngoba emzimbeni wami ngilempawu zikaJesu.

18 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wenu bazalwane. Ameni.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Kwabase-Efesu

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,

Lakwabangcwele bakaNkulunkulu abase-Efesu, abathembekileyo kuKhristu uJesu:

2 Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini.

Izibusiso ZikaMoya KuKhristu

3 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, osibusise ebukhosini basezulwini ngezibusiso zonke zakomoya kuKhristu. 4 Ngoba wasikhetha umhlaba ungakadalwa ukuthi sibe ngcwele lokuthi singabi lasici ebusweni bakhe. Ngothando 5 wasimisela ukuba senziwe amadodana akhe ngoJesu Khristu, ngokwentokozo yakhe kanye lentando yakhe, 6 ukuze kudunyiswe umusa wakhe omangalisayo asiphe wona ngesihle kuLowo amthandayo. 7 Kuye silokuhlengwa ngegazi lakhe lokuthethelelwa kwezono ngokwenotho yomusa kaNkulunkulu 8 awuthululele phezu kwethu ngenhlakanipho yonke langokuqedisisa. 9 Wasazisa imfihlakalo yentando yakhe mayelana lentokozo yakhe elungileyo ayiceba kuKhristu, 10 ukuba kuhlanganiswe ndawonye zonke izinto ezisezulwini lasemhlabeni ngaphansi kwenhloko yinye enguKhristu.

11 Sakhethwa kuye,* simiselwe lokho ngokwecebo lakhe yena osebenza izinto zonke ngokuvumelana lenjongo yentando yakhe, 12 ukuze kuthi thina esaba ngabokuqala ukubeka ithemba lethu kuKhristu sibe ngabokubonga udumo lwakhe. 13 Lani labalwa kanye loKhristu lapho selizwe ilizwi leqiniso, levangeli lokusindiswa kwenu. Selikholwe kuye, labekwa uphawu, uMoya oNgcwele owathenjiswayo, 14 oyisibambiso esiyisiqiniselo selifa lethu kuze kufike ukuhlengwa kwalabo abangabakaNkulunkulu ukuba kudunyiswe udumo lwakhe.

Ukubonga Lokukhuleka

15 Ngenxa yalokhu, sekulokhu ngezwa ngokukholwa kwenu eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando lwenu kubo bonke abantu bakaNkulunkulu abangcwele, 16 angikaze ngiyekele ukulibongela lokulikhumbula emikhulekweni yami. 17 Ngiyaqhubeka ngicela ukuba uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uYise oyinkazimulo, alinike uMoya wokuhlakanipha lokwambulelwa ukuze limazi ngcono. 18 Ngikhulekela njalo lokuthi amehlo ezinhliziyo zenu akhanyiselwe ukuze lilazi ithemba alibizela kulo, inotho yelifa lakhe elimangalisayo kwabangcwele, 19 lamandla akhe amakhulu angelakulinganiswa kithi thina esikholwayo. Amandla lawo afana lokusebenza kwamandla akhe amakhulu 20 awasebenzisa evusa uKhristu kwabafileyo, emhlalisa esandleni sakhe sokunene ebukhosini basezulwini 21 phezu kokubusa konke lobukhosi, amandla kanye lombuso, lamabizo wonke angatshiwo, kungayisikho kwalesisikhathi kuphela kodwa lakuleso esizayo. 22 UNkulunkulu wabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe wamkhetha ukuba abe yinhloko yezinto zonke zebandla, 23 lona elingumzimba wakhe, ukuphelela kwakhe yena ophelelisa izinto zonke ngezindlela zonke.

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* **1:11** 1.11 kumbe saba zindlalifa

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Senziwa Saba Ngabaphilayo KuKhristu

1 Lina lalifile eziphambekweni lasezonweni zenu, 2 elaliphila kuzo ngesikhathi
lisalandela izindlela zalo umhlaba lezombusi wombuso wasemoyeni, umoya os-
ebenzayo lakhathesi kulabo abangalaleliyo. 3 Lathi sonke sake saphila phakathi
kwabo ekuqaleni, sithokozisa izinkanuko zemvelo yethu yesono, silandela lezifiso
kanye lemicabango yazo. Njengabanye, ngokwemvelo sasifanele ulaka. 4 Kodwa
ngenxa yothando lwakhe olukhulu kithi, uNkulunkulu olesihawu esikhulu, 5 wasenza
saba ngabaphilayo loKhristu lanxa sasifile eziphambekweni, ngomusa selisindisiwe.
6 UNkulunkulu wasivusa ekufeni kanye loKhristu wasihlalisa laye ebukhosini
basezulwini kuKhristu uJesu 7 ukuze kuthi ezikhathini ezizayo atshengise inotho
yomusa wakhe engeke ilinganiswe, ebalulwe yibubele bakhe kithi kuKhristu uJesu.
8 Ngoba ngomusa lisindisiwe, kungokukholwa njalo lokhu akuveli kini, kuyisipho
sikaNkulunkulu, 9 hatshi ngemisebenzi, ukuze kungabi lozazincoma. 10 Ngoba
siyibuciko bukaNkulunkulu, sidalelwe kuKhristu uJesu ukuba senze imisebenzi
emihle, uNkulunkulu ayilungisa ngaphambili ukuba siyenze.

UmJuda LoweZizweni Babuyiswa NgoKhristu

11 Ngakho, khumbulani ukuthi kuqala lina elingabeZizweni ngokuzalwa njalo eli-
bizwa ngokuthi “ngabangasokanga” yilabo abazibiza ngokuthi “ngabokusoka” (lokho
okwenziwa emzimbeni ngezandla zabantu), 12 khumbulani ukuthi ngalesosikhathi
lalehlukene loKhristu, lingabalelwa enzalweni yako-Israyeli njalo lingabezizweni ku-
sivumelwano sesithembiso, lingelathemba njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni.
13 Kodwa khathesi kuKhristu uJesu lina elake laba khatshana le selisondezwe eduzane
ngegazi likaKhristu.

14 Ngoba yena uqobo uyikuthula kwethu, yena owenza ababili baba munye,
wadiliza uthango olungumduli wobutha owehlukanisayo, 15 ngokuchitha emzimbeni
wakhe umthetho lemilayo yawo kanye lezimiso. Injongo yakhe yayingeyokudala
phakathi kwakhe umuntu oyedwa njalo omutsha ngabantu ababili, ngalokho
enze ukuthula, 16 kuthi kulo umzimba munye kube lokubuyisana kwayo yomibili
kuNkulunkulu ngesiphambano, achitha ngaso ubutha bayo. 17 Weza wazatshumayela
ukuthula kini elalikhatshana lokuthula kulabo ababeseduzane. 18 Ngoba ngaye
sobabili siyafinyelela kuYise ngoMoya munye.

19 Ngalokho-ke, kaliseyibo bezizweni lezihambi, kodwa seliyinzalo yakithi labantu
bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lamalunga abendlu kaNkulunkulu, 20 lakhelwe phezu
kwesisekelo sabapostoli labaphrofethi, uKhristu uJesu yena uqobo eyilitshe elikhulu
lekhoneni. 21 Indlu yonke ihlanganiselwe kuye njalo ikhula ukuze ibe lithempeli
elingcwele eNkosini. 22 Lani futhi lakhelwa ndawonye kuye ukuze libe yindawo
yokuhlala uNkulunkulu ahlala kuyo ngoMoya wakhe.

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Icebo LikaNkulunkulu Elimangalisayo NgabeZizweni

1 Ngenxa yalesisizatho, mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu ngenxa yenu
lina bantu beZizweni.

2 Ngeqiniso selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwayo
ngenxa yenu, 3 ukuthi ngaziswa imfihlakalo ngokwambulelwa njengoba sengabhala
ngamafitshane. 4 Nxa libala lokhu lizenelisa ukuzwisisa umbono wami ngemfih-
lakalo kaKhristu, 5 engazange yaziswe abantu kwezinye izizukulwane njengoba

khathesi isiveziwe nguMoya kubapostoli abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu lakubaphrofethi. 6 Imfihlakalo le iyikuthi ngevangeli abeZizweni bazindlalifa bekanye labakoIsrayeli, amalunga omzimba munye ndawonye, labahlanganyeli kuso isithembiso kuKhristu uJesu.

7 Mina ngaba yinceku yevangeli leli ngesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu engasiphiwa ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. 8 Lanxa ngimncane kulabancane bonke babantu bakaNkulunkulu, umusa lo ngawunikwa: ukuba ngitshumayele kwabeZizweni inotho kaKhristu engacubungulekiyo, 9 njalo ngikubeke obala ukuphatha kwami imfihlakalo le eyayifihliwe okweminyaka eminengi eyedlulayo kuNkulunkulu, owadala izinto zonke. 10 Injongo yakhe yayiyikuthi ibandla lazise ababusi leziphathamandla zemibuso yasezulwini ngenhlakanipho emangalisayo kaNkulunkulu, 11 ngokwenhloso yakhe engulaphakade ayifeza kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu. 12 Kuye langokukholwa kuye singasondela kuNkulunkulu ngokukhululeka langesibindi. 13 Ngakho, ngiyalicela ukuba lingalahli ithemba ngenxa yokulihluphekela kwami, okuludumo kini.

Ukukhulekela Abase-Efesu

14 Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyaguqa phambi kukaBaba, 15 lapho yonke imuli yamakholwa asezulwini lasemhlabeni ethola khona ibizo layo. 16 Ngikhulekela ukuthi ngenotho yobukhosi bakhe aliqinise ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe ezinhliziyweni zenu 17 ukuze uKhristu ahlale ezinhliziyweni zenu ngokukholwa. Ngikhulekela ukuba ligxile njalo liqine othandweni, 18 libe lamandla kanye labangcwele beNkosi bonke ukuba liqedisise ububanzi lobude lokujula kanye lokuzika kothando lukaKhristu, 19 lokuba lilwazi uthando lolu oludlula ukwazi ukuze ligcwaliswe ngesilinganiso sokugcwala okupheleleyo kukaNkulunkulu.

20 Ngakho-ke, kuye lowo oyenza okukhulu kakhulu kulalokho esikucelayo kumbe esikucabangayo, ngokwamandla akhe asebenza phakathi kwethu, 21 udumo kalube kuye ebandleni lakuKhristu uJesu kuzizukulwane zonke kuze kube nini lanini! Ameni.

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Ukumanyana Emzimbeni KaKhristu

1 Njengesibotshwa seNkosi, ngiyalincenga ukuba liphile impilo efanele ubizo elalwamukelayo. 2 Wobani ngabathobekileyo labamnene ngokupheleleyo; bekezelani, libekezelelane omunye komunye ethandweni. 3 Zamani ngamandla wonke ukugcina ukumanyana kukaMoya ngesibopho sokuthula. 4 Kulomzimba munye loMoya munye; njengalokhu labizelwa ethembeni linye ekubizweni kwenu, 5 iNkosi yinye, lokholo lunye, ubhaphathizo lunye; 6 uNkulunkulu munye uYise wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke njalo okubo bonke.

7 Kodwa yilowo lalowo wethu waphiwa umusa ngokwaba kukaKhristu. 8 Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi:

“Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe phezulu,
wahola abathunjiweyo abanengi
njalo wanika izipho ebantwini bakhe.”*

9 (Ukuthi “wenyuka” kutshoni ngaphandle kokuthi njalo wehlela lezigabeni zangaphansi komhlaba na? 10 Yena lowo owehlela phansi nguye kanye owenyukela phezulu kakhulu kulamazulu wonke ukuze agcwale izindawo zonke emhlabeni lasezulwini.) 11 UKhristu nguye owanika abanye ukuba babe ngabapostoli, abanye

* **4:8** 4.8 AmaHubo 68.18

babe ngabaphrofethi, abanye babe ngabavangeli, abanye babe ngabaphathi labanye babe ngabafundisi, 12 ukuba balungisele abantu bakaNkulunkulu imisebenzi yenkonzo, ukuze umzimba kaKhristu wakhiwe 13 sonke size sifinyelele ekumanyaneni, ekukholweni lasekwazini iNdodana kaNkulunkulu sikhule ngokupheleleyo, sithole isilinganiso sokuphelela okufunyanwa kuKhristu.

14 Ngakho kasisayikuba zingane, siphoswa emuva laphambili ngamagagasi, siphetshulwa lapha lalaphaya yimimoya yonke yemfundiso kanye lokuhlakanipha lobuqili babantu ngamazwi abo enkohliso. 15 Kodwa-ke, sikhuluma iqiniso ngothando, sizakhula ezintweni zonke kuye yena oyiNhloko, yena enguKhristu. 16 Kusukela kuye umzimba wonke ohlanganiswe wabanjaniswa yimisipha yonke ewusekelayo uyakhula uzakhe ngothando, isitho sinye ngasinye sisenza umsebenzi waso.

Izeluleko Zokuphila KomKhristu

17 Ngakho-ke, ngilitshela lokhu, ngikugcizelela eNkosini, ukuba akumelanga liphile njengabeZizweni emicabangweni yabo eyize. 18 Kubamnyama ekuqedisiseni kwabo njalo behlukene lokuphila kukaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokungazi kwabo okungenxa yobulukhuni bezinhliziyo zabo. 19 Sebelahlekelwe ngunembeza wonke, sebezinikele ekuthokoziseni inyama ukuze benze inhlobo zonke zokuxhwala, inkanuko iqhubeka ifuna okunengi.

20 Kodwa lina uKhristu kalimazanga ngaleyondlela. 21 Impela lezwa njalo lafundiswa ngaye ngokweqiniso elikuJesu. 22 Lafundiswa mayelana lendlela yenu yakuqala yokuphila ukuba lilahle uqobo lwenu oludala, olonakaliswa yizinkanuko zalo zenkohliso; 23 ukuba lenziwe libe batsha esimeni sengqondo zenu; 24 lifake uqobo lomzimba olutsha, oludalelwe ukuba njengoNkulunkulu ekulungeni okuqotho lobungcwele.

25 Ngakho-ke, yilowo lalowo wenu kumele alahle amanga akhulume iqiniso kumakhelwane wakhe ngoba sonke siyizitho zomzimba munye. 26 “Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni”†: Ilanga kalingatshoni lilokhu lithukuthele 27 njalo lingamniki indawo yokugxila uSathane. 28 Lowo obekade entshontsha kangantshontshi futhi kodwa kumele asebenze, enze ulutho oluhle ngezandla zakhe ukuze abe langakwabela abaswelayo.

29 Akungabi lenkulumo embi ephuma emilonyeni yenu kodwa okusizayo ekwakheni abanye ngokwezinswelo zabo, ukuba kusize labo abalalelayo. 30 Njalo lingamdabukisi uMoya oNgcwele kaNkulunkulu elabekwa ngaye uphawu lwelanga lokuhlengwa. 31 Susani yonke inzondo, ulaka lokuthukuthela, ingxabano lesinyeyo, kanye lobubi bonke. 32 Wobani lomusa kanye lozwelo komunye lomunye wenu njalo lithethelelane njengalokhu uNkulunkulu walithethelela ngoKhristu.

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1 Ngakho-ke, wobani ngabalingiseli bakaNkulunkulu njengabantwana abathandwa kakhulu 2 liphile impilo yothando, njengalokhu uKhristu wasithanda wazinikela ngenxa yethu njengomnikelo olephunga elimnandi lomhlatshelo kaNkulunkulu.

3 Kodwa phakathi kwenu Akungabikhona umthonselanyana wokuhlobonga loba uhlobo luphi lokungcola kumbe ubuhwaba ngoba lezizinto kazifanelanga ebantwini abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu. 4 Njalo akumelanga kube lenhlamba lenkulumo zobuthutha loba ubuphoxo khona okuyizinto ezingafanelanga kodwa kakube lokubonga. 5 Ngoba kuliqiniso ukuthi: Akulamuntu oyisixhwali, ongcolileyo loba oyisihwaba, umuntu onjalo ukhonza izithombe, olelifa embusweni kaKhristu lokaNkulunkulu. 6 Lingavumi ukukhohliswa ngumuntu ngamazwi ayize ngoba

† **4:26** 4.26 AmaHubo 4.4

ngenxa yezinto ezinje ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwehlela phezu kwalabo abangalaleliyo.
7 Ngakho lingahlanganyeli labo.
8 Ngoba lake laba yibumnyama kodwa khathesi seliyikukhanya eNkosini. Philani
njengabantwana bokukhanya 9 (ngoba izithelo zokukhanya zikhona kubo bonke
ubuhle lokulunga kanye leqiniso) 10 lidinge okuthokozisa iNkosi. 11 Lingahlanganyeli
ezenzweni zobumnyama ezingelazithelo kodwa zichayeni sobala. 12 Ngoba kulihlazo
lokukutsho nje okwenziwa yizigangi ensitha. 13 Kodwa konke okuvezwe obala
yikukhanya kuyabonakala, 14 ngoba yikukhanya okwenza izinto zonke zibonakale.
Yikho-nje kuthiwa:
“Phaphama, wena oleleyo,
vuka kwabafileyo,
uKhristu uzakhanya kuwe.”
15 Ngakho-ke, qaphelani kakhulu ukuba liphila njani, kungabi njengezithutha
kodwa njengabahlakaniphileyo, 16 liwasebenzise ngokupheleleyo amathuba wonke
ngoba insuku zimbi. 17 Ngakho-ke, lingabi yiziwula kodwa qedisisani ukuthi
intando kaThixo iyini. 18 Lingadakwa liwayini okuthungamela ekoneni. Kodwa
gcwaliswani ngoMoya, 19 likhulumisana omunye komunye ngamahubo, amaculo
kanye lezingoma zakoMoya. Hlabelani lenzele iNkosi imiculo ezinhliziyweni zenu
20 limbonge kokuphela uNkulunkulu uBaba kukho konke, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu.

Izeluleko Ezimulini ZamaKhristu

21 Zehliseni omunye komunye lihlonipha uKhristu.
22 Bafazi, zehliseni kubomkenu njengaseNkosini. 23 Ngoba indoda yinhloko yomfazi
njengoKhristu eyinhloko yebandla elingumzimba wakhe, yena onguMsindisi walo.
24 Ngakho njengebandla lizehlisa kuKhristu ngokunjalo abesifazane kumele bazehlise
kubomkabo ezintweni zonke.
25 Madoda thandani omkenu njengoKhristu owathanda ibandla wazinikela ngenxa
yalo 26 ukuba alenze libengcwele, elihlambulula ngokuligezisa ngamanzi esebenzisa
ilizwi, 27 kanye lokulethula kuye njengebandla elilenkazimulo, elingelasici loba ukuba
mxhilibane kumbe esinye nje isici kodwa lingcwele njalo lingelacala. 28 Ngokunjalo,
amadoda kumele athande omkawo njengemizimba yawo. Lowo othanda umkakhe
uyazithanda yena ngokwakhe. 29 Belo, kakho owake wazonda umzimba wakhe
kodwa uwunika ukudla awulondoloze njengokwenziwa nguKhristu ebandleni,
30 ngoba thina siyizitho zomzimba wakhe. 31 “Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya
uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo njalo ababili laba bazakuba nyamanye.”* 32 Le
yimfihlakalo enkulu kodwa mina ngikhuluma ngoKhristu lebandla. 33 Kodwa
omunye lomunye wenu laye kathande umkakhe njengoba ezithanda, lomfazi kumele
ahloniphe indoda yakhe.

6

Abantwana Labazali

1 Bantwana lalelani abazali benu eNkosini ngoba lokhu kulungile. 2 “Hlonipha
uyihlo lonyoko,” okungumlayo wakuqala olesithembiso, 3 “ukuze kukulungele lokuba
ube lempilo ende emhlabeni.”*
4 Bobaba†, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu kodwa bondleni ngokufundisa
langokulaya kweNkosi.

Izigqili Lamakhosi

* **5:31** 5.31 UGenesisi 2.24 * **6:3** 6.3 UDutheronomi 5.16 † **6:4** 6.4 Kumbe Bazali

5 Zisebenzi, lalelani amakhosi enu asemhlabeni ngenhlonipho langokwesaba,
langobuqotho benhliziyo, ngendlela elingalalela ngayo uKhristu. 6 Lingawalaleli
ukuba liwathokozise nje kuphela nxa elikhangele kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu,
lisenza intando kaNkulunkulu kuvela ezinhliziyweni zenu. 7 Sebenzani ngenhliziyo
yonke kube sengathi lisebenzela iNkosi hatshi abantu 8 ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi iNkosi
izakupha umuntu wonke umvuzo ngenxa yokuhle akwenzayo loba eyisigqili kumbe
ekhululekile.
9 Lani makhosi phathani izigqili zenu ngendlela efanayo. Lingazisongeli njengoba
likwazi ukuthi lowo oyiNkosi yazo leyenu usezulwini njalo akukho ubandlululo kuye.

Isihlangu SikaNkulunkulu

10 Ekucineni, qinani eNkosini lasemandleni ayo amakhulu. 11 Fakani isih-
langu esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze lenelise ukumelana lamacebo kaSathane.
12 Ngoba kasilwi lenyama legazi kodwa silwa lababusi, lemibuso kanye lamandla
omhlaba lo ogcwele ubumnyama, silwe njalo lamabutho emimoya emibi emibusweni
yasemazulwini. 13 Ngakho-ke, fakani isihlangu esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze
kuthi lapho usuku lobubi lufika libe lamandla okuma kuthi lalapho selenze konke,
lime. 14 Manini liqine, ibhanti leqiniso libotshelwe ngensimbi ezinkalweni zenu,
lesihlangu sasesifubeni sokulunga sisendaweni yaso, 15 lezinyawo zenu zigqokiswe
zalungiselelwa ngokuvela evangelini lokuthula. 16 Phezu kwakho konke lokhu,
thathani ihawu lokukholwa elizacitsha ngalo yonke imitshoko yomubi evuthayo.
17 Thathani ingowane yokusindiswa lenkemba kaMoya eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
18 Khulekani ngoMoya ezikhathini zonke ngezinhlobo zonke zemikhuleko lez-
icelo. Lilalokhu emicabangweni, qaphelani liqhubeke kokuphela libakhulekela
bonke abantu beNkosi abangcwele. 19 Lami lingikhulekele ukuba kokuphela
lapho ngivula umlomo wami, ngiphiwe amazwi ukuze ngitshumayele ngesibindi
imfihlakalo yevangeli, 20 engingumeli walo ngibotshwe ngamaketane. Khulekani
ukuba ngilitshumayele ngesibindi njengokumele ngikwenze.

Ukuvalelisa

21 UThikhikhasi umzalwane othandekayo loyinceku ethembekileyo eNkosini uzalit-
shela konke ukuze lani lazi ukuba nginjani kanye lengikwenzayo. 22 Ngimthuma kini
ngenjongo yokuthi likwazi ukuthi sinjani lokuthi alikhuthaze.

23 Ukuthula kakube kubazalwane, lothando lokukholwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uYise laseNkosini uJesu Khristu.

24 Umusa kawube kubo bonke abayithandayo iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ngothando
olungapheliyo.

Incwadi KaPhawuli KwabaseFiliphi

1 UPhawuli loThimothi, inceku zikaKhristu uJesu,

Lakubo bonke abangcwele kuKhristu uJesu eFiliphi kanye lababonisi labadikoni:

2 Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini.

Ukubonga Lokukhuleka

3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami izikhathi zonke lapho ngilikhumbula.
4 Emikhulekweni yami yonke ngilikhulekela lonke, ngihlezi ngikhuleka ngokuthokoza
5 ngenxa yokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini kusukela ngosuku lwakuqala kuze
kube khathesi, 6 ngilethemba lokuthi lowo owaqalisa umsebenzi omuhle kini
uzawuqhubekisela phambili kuze kube lusuku lukaKhristu uJesu.
7 Kuqondile ukuthi ngicabange ngokunjalo ngenxa yenu lonke, njengoba ngilani
enhliziyweni yami njalo lanxa ngibotshiwe kumbe ngivikela ivangeli loba ngiliqinisa,
lonke lihlanganyela lami emuseni kaNkulunkulu. 8 UNkulunkulu angafakaza ukuthi
lonke ngilifiselani ngothando lukaKhristu uJesu.
9 Umkhuleko wami ngowokuthi uthando lwenu lwande kokuphela ekwazini
lasekuzikeni kokuqedisisa 10 ukuze lenelise ukubona okuhle njalo lihlambuluke
lingabi lasici kuze kube lusuku lukaKhristu, 11 ligcwele izithelo zokulunga ezibuya
ngoJesu Khristu ekudunyisweni lasekubongweni kukaNkulunkulu.

Ukubotshwa KukaPhawuli Kuqhubekelisa Ivangeli Phambili

12 Bazalwane, ngifuna ukuba lazi ukuthi okwenzakale kimi kusizile impela
ekuqhubekeliseni ivangeli phambili. 13 Ngalokho, sekube sobala kubo bonke abalindi
besigodlo lakwabanye bonke ukuthi ngibotshelwe uKhristu. 14 Ngenxa yokubotshwa
kwami, abazalwane abanengi sebelethemba eNkosini njalo sebelesibindi esikhulu
sokutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu bengelakwesaba.
15 Kuliqiniso ukuthi abanye batshumayela uKhristu ngenxa yomona lombango
kodwa abanye ngenxa yesifiso esihle. 16 Laba benza lokhu ngothando bekwazi
ukuthi ngifakwe lapha ukuba ngivikele ivangeli. 17 Abakuqala batshumayela
ngoKhristu ngokuzikhukhumeza, bengeqotho, becabanga ukuthi bangangidalela
uhlupho ngisekubotshweni. 18 Kodwa-ke, kusizani pho? Into eqakathekileyo
yikuthi ngezindlela zonke, ingabe kuyinjongo engalunganga loba eyeqiniso, uKhristu
uyatshunyayelwa. Njalo ngenxa yalokhu mina ngiyathokoza.
Yebo, ngizaqhubeka ngithokoza, 19 ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu lan-
gosizo lukaMoya kaJesu Khristu, okwenzakale kimi kuzaletha ukukhululwa kwami.
20 Ngokutshiseka ngilindele njalo ngithemba ukuthi angiyikuyangeka langayiphi
indlela, kodwa ngizakuba lesibindi esaneleyo ukuze kuthi khathesi njengenjwayelo
uKhristu uzakudunyiswa emzimbeni wami, loba ngokuphila kumbe ngokufa.
21 Ngoba kimi, ukuphila kunguKhristu lokufa kuyinzuzo. 22 Nxa ngingaqhubeka
ngiphila emzimbeni, lokhu kuzakutsho umsebenzi olezithelo kimi. Kodwa-ke, kuyini
engizakukhetha? Angazi! 23 Ngiphakathi kwakho kokubili: Ngifisa ukusuka ngibe
loKhristu, okungcono kakhulu; 24 Kodwa kuyasweleka kakhulu kini ukuba ngibe
ngilokhu ngiphila kulumzimba. 25 Sengikholwe lokhu, ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngizakuba

khona, njalo ngizaqhubeka ngilani lonke ngenxa yokuthuthuka kwenu lokuthokoza
ekukholweni, 26 ukuze kuthi ngokuba lani kwami futhi, ukuthokoza kwenu kuKhristu
uJesu kuzakwanda ngenxa yami.

Impilo Efanele Ivangeli

27 Loba kusenzakalani, lina ziphatheni ngendlela efanele ivangeli likaKhristu.
Ngakho, langabe ngiyeza ukuzalibona loba ngizwe nje kuphela ngani ngingekho,
ngizakwazi ukuba liqinile ngaMoya munye, lilwela ukholo lwevangeli njengomuntu
munye, 28 kungekho kwethuswa langayiphi indlela yilabo abaliphikisayo. Lokhu
kuyisibonakaliso kubo ukuthi bazachithwa, kodwa lina lizasindiswa nguNkulunkulu.
29 Ngoba kunikelwe kini ngenxa kaKhristu kungasikukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa
lokumhluphekela, 30 njengoba lilwisa hlupho lunye elabona ngilalo, lakhathesi
liyezwa ukuba ngilokhu ngilalo.

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Ukulingisela Ukuthobeka KukaKhristu

1 Nxa kukhona okukhuthazayo ngokuhlangana loKhristu, nxa kulenduduzo
evela ethandweni lwakhe, nxa kulobudlelwano loMoya, nxa kulozwelo lesi-
hawu, 2 phelelisani intokozo yami ngokuba ngqondo nye, lilothando lunye,
limunye emoyeni njalo linjongo yinye. 3 Lingenzi lutho ngokuzikhukhumeza loba
ukuziphakamisa okuyize. Kodwa ngokuthobeka khangelani abanye njengabangcono
kulani 4 lingazikhathaleli izifiso zenu lodwa kodwa likhathalele lezifiso zabanye.
5 Ekuphilisaneni kwenu, isimo sengqondo yenu kumele sifanane lesikaKhristu
uJesu,

6 Yena okwathi ngemvelo enguNkulunkulu,
kacabanganga ukulingana loNkulunkulu
kuyilutho olungafinyelelwa,
7 kodwa wazithoba,
wathatha isimo senceku,
yena elesimo somuntu.
8 Wathi ebunjwe wabonakala njengomuntu,
wazehlisa
walalela kwaze kwaba sekufeni,
ukufa kwasesiphambanweni!

9 Ngakho-ke, uNkulunkulu wamphakamisela endaweni ephezulu kakhulu,
wamnika ibizo elingaphezu kwamabizo wonke,
10 ukuba amadolo wonke aguqe ebizweni likaJesu,
ezulwini lasemhlabeni kanye langaphansi komhlaba,
11 lezindimi zonke zivume ukuthi uJesu Khristu uyiNkosi,
kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu uYise.

Ukucwebezela Njengezinkanyezi

12 Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo, njengoba lihlezi lilalela kungayisikho
ukuthi ngikhona kuphela kodwa ikakhulu nxa ngingekho, qhubekani lisebenzela
ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela 13 ngoba nguNkulunkulu os-
ebenzayo phakathi kwenu ukuba lifune njalo lenze okumthokozisayo.
14 Yenzani konke kungela kusola kumbe ukuphikisana 15 ukuze libe ngabant-
wana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici labahlambulukileyo, abamsulwa phakathi kwe-
sizukulwane esonakeleyo lesixhwalileyo, lina elicwebezela phakathi kwaso liletha
ukukhanya emhlabeni 16 ligagadlela ilizwi lokuphila. Ngalokho ngizazincoma

ngosuku lukaKhristu ukuthi kangigijimelanga kumbe ngasebenzela ize. 17 Kodwa
lanxa ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwa phezu komhlatshelo lenkonzo evela
ekukholweni kwenu, ngiyathaba ngithokoza lani lonke. 18 Ngakho-ke, lani njalo
thabani lithokoze lami.

UThimothi Lo-Ephafrodithusi

19 Ngiyethemba eNkosini uJesu ukuba ngizathuma uThimothi kini masinyane
ukuba lami ngithokoze lapho ngisamukela izindaba ngani. 20 Kangilaye omunye
onjengaye, othakazelela inhlalakahle yenu ngobuqotho. 21 Ngoba abantu bonke
bazifunela okwabo, hatshi okukaJesu Khristu. 22 Kodwa lina liyakwazi ukuthi
uThimothi usezifakazele ngoba njengendodana eloyise usesebenze lami emsebenzini
wevangeli. 23 Ngakho-ke, ngithemba ngizamthuma masinyane lapho sengibonile
ukuba izinto zingihambela njani. 24 Njalo ngiyathemba eNkosini ukuthi lami uqobo
ngizakuza masinyane.

25 Kodwa ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngimthume kini futhi u-Ephafrodithusi, umzal-
wane wami, obambisane lami umsebenzi lolibutho kanye lami, oyisithunywa senu
futhi, elamthumayo ukuthi angisize ngendingeko zami. 26 Ngoba uyalilangatha
lonke njalo ukhathazekile njengoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula. 27 Ngempela wayegula
njalo waphose wafa. Kodwa uNkulunkulu waba lesihawu kuye, kungayisikho kuye
kuphela kodwa lakimi ukuba angiphephise osizini phezu kosizi. 28 Ngakho-ke,
ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma ukuze kuthi lapho limbona futhi lithokoze lami
ngikhathazeke okunganeno. 29 Mamukeleni eNkosini ngokuthokoza okukhulu njalo
libahloniphe abantu abanjengaye 30 ngoba waphosa wafela umsebenzi kaKhristu,
wafaka impilo yakhe engozini ukuze angiphe usizo elingangiphanga lona.

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Akulathemba Emzimbeni

1 Okokucina, bazalwane, thokozani eNkosini! Akusihlupho kimi ukulilobela
ngezinto ezifanayo futhi ngoba lokho kuyisivikelo kini. 2 Qaphelani izinja lezo, abantu
labo abenza okubi lalabo abalimaza umzimba. 3 Ngoba thina yithi abokusokwa,
thina esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya wakhe, esiziqhenya ngoKhristu uJesu njalo
esingabeki ithemba kokwenyama 4 lanxa nje mina ngokwami ngilezizatho zethemba
elinjalo.

Nxa kulomuntu ocabanga ukuthi ulezizatho zokuthemba okwenyama, mina
ngilezinengi: 5 ngasokwa ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, ngingowako-Israyeli, owe-
sizwana sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru wamaHebheru; ngokomthetho, ngingum-
Farisi; 6 ngokutshiseka, ngahlukuluza ibandla; ngokulunga okugxile emthethweni,
angilacala.

7 Kodwa loba kuyini okwakuyinzuzo kimi khathesi ngikubala njengokulahlekelwa
ngenxa kaKhristu. 8 Phezu kwalokho, konke ngikubona kuyize lapho kulinganiswa
lobukhulu obumangalisayo bokwazi uKhristu Jesu iNkosi yami esengilahlekelwe
yizinto zonke ngenxa yakhe. Ngikubona kuyimfucuza ukuze ngizuze uKhristu 9 njalo
ngitholakale kuye, ngingelakulunga okungokwami okuvelela emthethweni, kodwa
lokho kungenxa yokukholwa kuKhristu, ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu njalo
okungokukholwa. 10 Ngifuna ukumazi uKhristu lamandla okuvuka kwakhe ekufeni
lobudlelwano bokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, ngibe njengaye ekufeni,
11 ukuze ngenye indlela, ngithole ukuvuka kwabafileyo.

12 Akusikuthi sengikuzuzile konke lokhu loba ukuthi sengiphelelisiwe kodwa
ngilwisa ukuba ngibambe lokho uKhristu Jesu angibambela khona. 13 Bazalwane,
angikazibali njengosekubambile lokho. Kodwa yinye into engiyenzayo,

ngiyakukhohlwa okusemuva ngizama ngamandla ukufinyelela kokuphambili,
14 ngilwisa ukuthi ngiyefinyelela ekucineni ukuba ngithole umvuzo uNkulunkulu
angibizela wona ezulwini ngoKhristu uJesu.

Ukulingisa Isibonelo SikaPhawuli

15 Sonke thina esesiphelele kumele sikhangele izinto ngengqondo enjalo. Nxa
kokunye licabanga ngokwehlukileyo, lalokho uNkulunkulu uzakwenza kucace kini.
16 Kuphela nje kasiqhubekeni ngalokho esesikuzuzile.
17 Bazalwane, hlanganyelani labanye ekulandeleni isibonelo sami, libananzelele
labo abaphila ngokwesibonelo esalitshengisa sona. 18 Ngoba, njengoba ngangihlala
ngilitshela kuqala lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi langezinyembezi ukuthi abanengi
baphila njengezitha zesiphambano sikaKhristu. 19 Isiphetho sabo yikubhubha,
unkulunkulu wabo yisisu sabo, lodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo. Ingqondo yabo
isezintweni zasemhlabeni. 20 Kodwa elethu ikhaya lisezulwini. Njalo simlindele
ngokutshiseka uMsindisi evela khonale, iNkosi uJesu Khristu, 21 yena okuzakuthi
ngamandla amenza abeke izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, uzaguqula imizimba
yethu elesimo esiphansi ibe njengomzimba wakhe olenkazimulo.

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Isicelo Sokuma Ngesibindi Lokubambana

1 Ngakho-ke bazalwane bami, lina engilithandayo lengilikhumbulayo, liyintokozo
yami lomqhele wami, kumele liqine kanjalo eNkosini bangane abathandekayo!
2 Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya loSintikhe ukuba bavumelane eNkosini. 3 Ngiyakucela
mhlobo wami oqotho, siza abesifazane labo abasebenza lami kanzima ngenxa
yevangeli, kanye loKlementi labanye engisebenza labo, abalamabizo abo asencwadini
yokuphila.

Ukukhuthaza Kokucina

4 Thokozani eNkosini kokuphela. Ngiyatsho futhi ngithi: Thokozani! 5 Ukuthobeka
kwenu kakubonakale kubo bonke. INkosi isiseduze. 6 Lingakhathazeki kodwa
ngazo zonke izikhathi bikani izicelo zenu kuNkulunkulu ngokukhuleka, ngokuncenga
langokubonga. 7 Ukuthula kukaNkulunkulu okudlula ukuqedisisa konke kuzabusa
inhliziyo zenu lezingqondo zenu kuKhristu uJesu.
8 Okokucina bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, lokulesithunzi, lokulungileyo, lokuh-
lambulukileyo, lokuhle, lokubukekayo, nxa ulutho luluhle kakhulu loba lubongeka,
cabangani ngezinto ezinje. 9 Loba kuyini elikufundileyo loba elikwamukeleyo
loba elikuzwileyo kuvela kimi, loba elikubonileyo kimi, kwenzeni. UNkulunkulu
wokuthula uzakuba lani.

Ukubonga Izipho Zabo

10 Ngiyathokoza kakhulu eNkosini ngokuthi khathesi selize lavuselela
ukungikhathalela kwenu. Impela kade likhathazeka kodwa lingelalo ithuba
lokukubonakalisa. 11 Kangitsho lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaswela ngoba sengafunda
ukwaneliseka kuyo yonke imimo. 12 Ngiyakwazi ukuba ukuswela kuyini njalo
ngiyakwazi ukuba kuyini ukuba lokunengi. Sengafunda imfihlo yokwaneliseka
kuzozonke izimo, langabe ngiyasutha loba ngilambile, loba ngilokunengi kumbe
ngiswela. 13 Ngingazenza zonke izinto ngaye onginika amandla.
14 Kodwa kwakukuhle ukuthi lihlanganyele lami ekuhluphekeni kwami. 15 Phezu
kwalokho, lina bantu baseFiliphi liyakwazi ukuthi ensukwini elaqala ngazo ukwazi
ivangeli ngesikhathi ngisuka eMasedoniya, akukho lalinye ibandla elahlanganyela
lami endabeni yokupha lokwamukela ngaphandle kwenu kuphela; 16 ngoba lan-
gesikhathi ngiseThesalonika langithumela usizo kanengi lapho ngidinga uncedo.

17 Akusikuthi ngifuna isipho kodwa ngifuna okuzakuba yinzuzo kini. 18 Sengamukele
umvuzo ogcweleyo lodlulisileyo; ngiphiwe okwaneleyo njengoba khathesi senga-
mukele ku-Ephafrodithusi izipho elazithumelayo. Zingumnikelo wephunga elim-
nandi, umhlatshelo owamukelekayo lothokozisa uNkulunkulu. 19 UNkulunkulu
wami uzakugcwalisa konke ukuswela kwenu ngenkazimulo yenotho yakhe kuKhristu
uJesu.
20 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uBaba kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

Ukuvalelisa
21 Bingelelani bonke abangcwele abakuKhristu.
Abazalwane abalami bayalibingelela.
22 Abangcwele bonke bayalibingelela, ikakhulu labo abangabendlu kaKhesari.

23 Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wenu.

Incwadi KaPhawuli KwabaseKholose

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu,

2 Lakubazalwane abangcwele labathembekileyo kuKhristu abaseKholose:

Umusa lokuthula kakube kini kuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu.

Ukubonga Lokukhuleka

3 Sihlezi simbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu, uBaba weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu,
nxa silikhulekela, 4 ngoba sizwile ngokukholwa kwenu kuKhristu uJesu langothando
elithanda ngalo abangcwele bonke. 5 Ukukholwa lothando okuvela ethembeni
eligcinelwe lina ezulwini, eselezwa ngalo elizwini leqiniso, elilivangeli 6 eselifikile
kini. Emhlabeni wonke ivangeli leli lithela izithelo njalo liyakhula njengebe-
likwenza phakathi kwenu kusukela ngelanga elalizwa ngalo lawuqedisisa umusa
kaNkulunkulu ngawo wonke amaqiniso alo. 7 Lalifundiswa ngu-Ephafrasi oyinceku
ethandekayo, ongumfundisi othembekileyo kaKhristu emele thina, 8 owasitshela
ngothando lwenu kuMoya.
9 Ngenxa yalokhu, kusukela mhla sisizwa ngani kasizange siyekele ukulikhulekela
sicela uNkulunkulu ukuthi aligcwalise ngokwazi intando yakhe ngakho konke ukuh-
lakanipha koMoya kanye lokuqedisisa. 10 Sikhulekela ukuba liphile impilo efanele
iNkosi lokuba liyithokozise ngezindlela zonke, lithele izithelo kuyo yonke imisebenzi
emihle, ukwazi kwenu uNkulunkulu kukhule, 11 liqiniswa ngamandla wonke
mayelana lamandla akhe amangalisayo ukuze libe lokubekezela kanye lesineke
esikhulu, kuthi njalo ngokuthokoza 12 limbonge ngentokozo uYise owalenza lafanela
ukuhlanganyela elifeni labangcwele bakhe embusweni wokukhanya. 13 Ngoba
wasihlenga embusweni wobumnyama wasiletha embusweni weNdodana yakhe
ayithandayo, 14 okukuyo ukuhlengwa kwethu lokuthethelelwa kwezono.

Ukuphakama KukaKhristu

15 Indodana ingumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonakaliyo, izibulo kukho konke
okwadalwayo. 16 Ngoba izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo: izinto ezisezulwini lezisemh-
labeni, ezibonakalayo lezingabonakaliyo loba kuyizihlalo zobukhosi kumbe amandla
loba ababusi kumbe abaphathi; izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo zidalelwa yona. 17 Yona
iphambi kwezinto zonke njalo kuyo izinto zonke zibambene. 18 Iyinhloko yomzimba
okulibandla; iyikuqala lezibulo elivela kwabafileyo ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala
ezintweni zonke. 19 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathokoza ukuba ukuphelela kwakhe kube
kuyo 20 lokuthi ngayo abuyisane lezinto zonke, loba kuyizinto ezisemhlabeni kumbe
izinto ezisezulwini ngokwenza ukuthula ngegazi layo elachithwa esiphambanweni.
21 Lina lake laba ngabehlukane loNkulunkulu, liyizitha ezingqondweni zenu
ngenxa yokuziphatha kwenu okubi. 22 Kodwa khathesi uselibuyisile ngomzimba
kaKhristu uqobo lwawo ngokufa ukuze alethule lingcwele ebusweni bakhe, lingelasici
njalo limsulwa. 23 Nxa liqhubeka ngokukholwa kwenu ligxile njalo liqinile, lingasuki
ethembeni eliliphiwa ngevangeli. Leli yilo ivangeli elalizwayo eselitshunyayelwe
kuzozonke izidalwa ngaphansi kwezulu, mina Phawuli esengibe yinceku yalo.

Ukusebenzela Ibandla KukaPhawuli

24 Khathesi ngiyathokoza ngokulihluphekela kwami njalo ngiyagcwalisa emzimbeni
okulokhu kusasilela mayelana lezinhlupheko zikaKhristu ngenxa yomzimba wakhe
olibandla. 25 Sengaba yinceku yalo ngomsebenzi uNkulunkulu anginika wona
ukuba ngililethele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liphelele, 26 ebeliyimfihlakalo ebifihlakele
okweminyakanyaka kanye lezizukulwane ezedluleyo kodwa khathesi isibekwe obala
kwabangcwele beNkosi. 27 UNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa phakathi kwabeZ-
izweni inotho emangalisayo yemfihlakalo le, enguKhristu phakathi kwenu, ithemba
lenkazimulo.
28 Sitshumayela yena, seluleke njalo sifundise abantu bonke ngenhlakanipho yonke
ukuze bonke sibalethe kuKhristu bephelele. 29 Ngisebenza nzima ukuba lokhu
kufezeke, ngilwisa ngawo wonke amandla uKhristu asebenza ngawo phakathi kwami.

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1 Ngifuna ukuba lazi ukuthi ngilizamela kakhulu okunganani lina labaseLodikheya,
kanye labo bonke abangakangiboni mathupha. 2 Injongo yami yikuthi bakhuthazeke
ezinhliziyweni njalo bamanyane ethandweni ukuze babe lenotho egcweleyo yokuqe-
disisa okupheleleyo, ukuze bayazi imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu kubalisa uKhristu,
3 okufihlwe kuye yonke ingcebo yokuhlakanipha lokwazi. 4 Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze
kungabikhona olikhohlisayo ngamazwi amnandi. 5 Ngoba lanxa ngingekho kini
ngomzimba ngilani ngomoya njalo ngithokozela ukubona ubuntu benu lokuqina
kokholo lwenu kuKhristu.

Ukuphelela Kokuphila KuKhristu

6 Ngakho-ke, njengoba uKhristu Jesu lamamukela njengeNkosi, qhubekani liphila
kuye, 7 ligxile njalo lakhelwe kuye, liqine ekukholweni njengokufundiswa kwenu,
liphuphuma ngokubonga.
8 Qaphelani kungabikhona olithumbayo ngenhlakanipho eyize lekhohlisayo, eye-
yame emdabukweni wabantu lakuzimiso zemvelo yakulo umhlaba kungesikho
kuKhristu.
9 Ngoba bonke ubuNkulunkulu buhlezi kuKhristu ngesimo somzimba 10 njalo
lina lilakho lokhu kuphelela kuKhristu oyinhloko yamandla wonke kanye lokubusa
konke. 11 Lasokelwa kuye ngokususwa kwemvelo yenu yesono, kungayisikho ngoku-
soka okwenziwa ngezandla zabantu kodwa ngokulahla umzimba wenyama, lokhu
kuyikusoka okwenziwa nguKhristu 12 ngokungcwatshwa laye ngobhaphathizo labuye
lavuswa kanye laye ngokukholwa kwenu emandleni kaNkulunkulu owamvusa
kwabafileyo.
13 Ngesikhathi lifile ezonweni zenu lokungasoki kwemvelo yenu yesono, uNku-
lunkulu walenza laba ngabaphilayo kanye loKhristu. Wasithethelela zonke izono
zethu 14 ngokwesula yonke imithetho elotshiweyo lezimiso zayo eyayimelane lathi
njalo isivimbela. Wayisusa, wayibethela esiphambanweni. 15 Kwathi eselahlise
imibuso lababusi izikhali, wenza umbukiso oyinhlekisa ngabo, wabanqoba nge-
siphambano.

Ukukhululeka Emthethweni Yabantu

16 Ngakho-ke, lingavumeli umuntu elahlulela ngalokho elikudlayo loba eliku-
nathayo loba ngokuphathelane lomkhosi wokholo, ukuthokozela ukuthwasa
kwenyanga loba usuku lweSabatha. 17 Lezizinto ziyisithunzi nje sezinto ezazizakuza
kodwa ubuqotho butholakala kuKhristu. 18 Lingavumeli umuntu othokoziswa
yikuzithoba kwamanga lokukhonza izingilosi eliphuthisa umvuzo wenu. Umuntu
onjalo ubalisa ngokupheleleyo konke akubonileyo, kuthi ingqondo yakhe engayisiyo
yomoya imkhukhumeze ngemicabango eyize. 19 Usehlukane lenhloko yomzimba

wonke wona ohlanganiswa ndawonye yimisipha lemithambo, okhula ngokuthanda kukaNkulunkulu.
20 Njengoba lafa loKhristu ezimisweni zalo umhlaba, kungani liphila sengathi
lilokhu lingabawo, lizibeka ngaphansi kwemithetho yawo yokuthi, 21 “Ungabambi!
Unganambithi! Ungathinti!”? 22 Konke lokhu kumiselwe ukuqedwa yikusetshenziswa
ngoba kweyame phezu kwemilayo yabantu lemfundiso yabo. 23 Impela izimiso ezinje
zibonakala njengenhlakanipho, ngenkonzo yazo yokuzenzela, ukuzithoba kwamanga
lokuphatha umzimba kabuhlungu kodwa kazilalo usizo lokuzithiba ezinkanukweni
zomzimba.

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Imilayo Yokuphila Okungcwele

1 Ngakho-ke njengoba livuswe kanye loKhristu, bekani inhliziyo zenu ezin-
tweni eziphezulu lapho uKhristu ahlezi khona esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu.
2 Bekani ingqondo zenu ezintweni eziphezulu hatshi ezintweni zasemhlabeni.
3 Ngoba lafa, ukuphila kwenu khathesi kufihlwe loKhristu kuNkulunkulu. 4 Lapho
uKhristu oyikuphila kwenu, ebonakala, lani futhi lizabonakala laye enkazimulweni.
5 Ngakho-ke, kubulaleni konke okungokwemvelo yenu yasemhlabeni: okubalisa
ukuhlobonga, ukungcola, inkanuko, izifiso ezimbi, ubuhwaba lokukhonza izithombe.
6 Ngenxa yalezizinto, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyeza. 7 Lalijayele ukuhamba kulez-
izindlela empilweni elake layiphila. 8 Kodwa khathesi zilahleni zonke izinto
ezinjengalezi: ulaka, ukuthukuthela, inzondo, ukunyeya lenkulumo ebolileyo.
9 Lingaqambelani amanga njengoba selihlubule uqobo lwenu oludala lezenzo zalo
10 lembatha uqobo lwenu olutsha olwenziwa lube lutsha ekwazini ngomfanekiso
kaMdali walo. 11 Lapha akula oweZizwe loba umJuda, osokileyo loba ongasokanga,
iqaba, umSikhethiya, isigqili loba okhululekileyo kodwa uKhristu uyikho konke njalo
ukubo bonke.
12 Ngakho, njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu abakhethiweyo, abangcwele labathandwa
kakhulu, zembeseni ngesihawu, umusa, ukuzithoba, ubumnene kanye lokubekezela.
13 Bekezelelanani, lithethelelane loba kuyinsolo bani omunye angaba layo ngo-
munye. Thethelelani njengoba iNkosi yalithethelela. 14 Phezu kwakho konke lokhu
yembathani uthando olukubophela ndawonye konke lokhu, kube yikumanyana
okupheleleyo.
15 Ukuthula kukaKhristu kakubuse ezinhliziyweni zenu ngoba njengezitho
zomzimba munye labizelwa ukuthula. Njalo bongani. 16 Ilizwi likaKhristu
kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokupheleleyo lapho lifundisana njalo liselulekana
ngenhlakanipho yonke, ngamahubo, amaculo kanye lezingoma zakoMoya, lihlabelele
lilokubonga uNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zenu. 17 Njalo kukho konke elikwenzayo,
ngelizwi loba ngesenzo, konke kwenzeni ngebizo leNkosi uJesu, libonge uNkulunkulu
uYise ngaye.

Imilayo Yemizi YamaKhristu

18 Bafazi, zehliseni kubomkenu njengokufanele eNkosini.
19 Madoda, thandani omkenu njalo lingabi lesihluku kubo.
20 Bantwana, lalelani abazali benu ezintweni zonke ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa
iNkosi.
21 Bazali, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu hlezi badumazeke.
22 Zigqili, lalelani amakhosi enu omhlaba ezintweni zonke; likwenze hatshi
ngoba elikhangele loba ukuthi alithande kodwa ngobuqotho bezinhliziyo lan-
gokuhlonipha iNkosi. 23 Konke elikwenzayo kusebenzeni ngenhliziyo yenu yonke
njengokusebenzela iNkosi hatshi abantu, 24 njengoba lisazi ukuthi lizathola ilifa

eNkosini njengomvuzo. YiNkosi uKhristu elimkhonzayo. 25 Loba ngubani oyenza
okubi uzaphindiselwa ngobubi bakhe njalo akula kubandlulula.

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1 Makhosi, nikani izigqili zenu okulungileyo lokufaneleyo ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi
lani lileNkosi ezulwini.

Ezinye Iziqondiso

2 Zinikeleni ekukhulekeni ngokuqaphela langokubonga. 3 Lisikhulekele lathi futhi
ukuba uNkulunkulu avulele ilizwi lethu umnyango ukuze sitshumayele imfihlakalo
kaKhristu engayibotshelwayo. 4 Khulekelani ukuba ngiyitshumayele ngokucaca
okufanele ngikwenze. 5 Hlakaniphani kulokho elikwenzayo kwabangaphandle
lisebenzisa amathuba wonke ngokugcweleyo. 6 Ingxoxo yenu kayihlale igcwele
umusa, ifakwe itswayi ukuze likwazi ukuphendula umuntu wonke.

Ukuvalelisa

7 UThikhikhasi uzalitshela izindaba zonke ngami. Ungumzalwane othandekayo,
umfundisi othembekileyo loyinceku eNkosini. 8 Ngimthuma kini ngenjongo
enxwanele ukuthi lazi ngomumo wethu lokuthi akhuthaze inhliziyo zenu. 9 Ubuya lo-
Onesimasi, umzalwane wethu othembekileyo lothandekayo njalo ongomunye wenu.
Bazalitshela konke okwenzakala lapha.

10 U-Aristakhasi engibotshwe laye loMakho umzawakhe kaBhanabhasi bayalibin-
gelela. (Selamukela iziqondiso ngaye; angabuya kini limamukele.)
11 UJesu othiwa nguJustusi laye uyalibingelela. Laba yibo kuphela abangamaJuda
kulabo engisebenzela umbuso kaNkulunkulu labo njalo sebebonakalise ukuthi
bayinduduzo kimi.
12 U-Ephafrasi ongomunye wenu lenceku kaKhristu uJesu uyalibingelela. Uhlezi
elikhulekela kakhulu ukuba liqine kuyo yonke intando kaNkulunkulu liphelele njalo
lithembile. 13 Ngiyamfakazela ukuthi uyalisebenzela kakhulu lina kanye lalabo
abaseLodikheya leHiyerapholisi.
14 Umngane wethu othandekayo uLukha ongudokotela, loDemasi bayalibingelela.
15 Ngibingelelelani abazalwane abaseLodikheya loNimfa kanye lebandla endlini
yakhe.

16 Emva kokuba incwadi le seliyifundelwe, bonani ukuthi iyafundwa lasebandleni
laseLodikheya lokuthi lani libale incwadi evela eLodikheya.

17 Tshelani u-Akhiphasi lithi: “Bona ukuba uyawuqeda umsebenzi owamukele
eNkosini.”

18 Mina Phawuli, ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu ngesami isandla. Khumbulani
ukubotshwa kwami. Umusa kawube lani.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yakuqala KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPhawuli, uSayilasi kanye loThimothi,

Lebandleni labaseThesalonika abakuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu:

Umusa lokuthula kakube kini.

Ukubongela Ukholo LwabaseThesalonika

2 Sihlala silibongela lonke kuNkulunkulu njalo silibeka emikhulekweni yethu. 3 Siyawukhumbula kokuphela phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu uBaba umsebenzi wenu ongenxa yokukholwa lokusebenza kwenu okufuqwa luthando kanye lokubekezela kwenu okuqiniswa yikwethemba eNkosini uJesu Khristu.
4 Bazalwane abathandwa nguNkulunkulu, siyakwazi ukuthi ulikhethile 5 ngoba ivangeli lethu lafika kini hatshi ngamazwi nje kuphela kodwa langamandla loMoya oNgcwele kanye lokukholwa okujulileyo. Liyakwazi ukuba sahlala njani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. 6 Lina laba ngabasilingisayo thina kanye leNkosi ngoba lalamukela ilizwi esikhathini esinzima ngokuthokoza okuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. 7 Ngakho-ke, laba yisibonelo kuwo wonke amakholwa eMasedoniya kanye le-Akhayiya. 8 Ilizwi leNkosi lezwakala livela kini hatshi eMasedoniya lase-Akhayiya kuphela kodwa ukukholwa kwenu kuNkulunkulu sekusaziwa ezindaweni zonke. Ngakho-ke, akudingeki ukuba sikhulume ngakho 9 ngoba bona ngokwabo bayabika ukuthi lasamukela njani. Bayatsho ngokuphendukela kwenu kuNkulunkulu lidela ukukhonza izithombe ukuba likhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo loqotho 10 lilindele leNdodana yakhe evela ezulwini, ayivusayo kwabafileyo, uJesu osihlenga elakeni oluzayo.

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Inkonzo KaPhawuli KwabaseThesalonika

1 Liyakwazi bazalwane ukuthi ukuza kwethu kini akubanga liphutha. 2 Sike sahlupheka ngaphambili njalo sathukwa eFiliphi njengoba lisazi kodwa ngosizo lukaNkulunkulu wethu saba lesibindi sokulitshela ivangeli lakhe lanxa nje kwaku-lobunzima obukhulu. 3 Ngoba isicelo esisenzayo kasiveli ekuphosiseni loba en-jongweni engcolileyo njalo kasizami kulikhohlisa. 4 Kodwa sikhuluma njengabantu abavunywe nguNkulunkulu ukuba siphathiswe ivangeli. Kasizami kuthokozisa abantu kodwa uNkulunkulu, yena ohlola inhliziyo zethu. 5 Liyakwazi ukuthi ka-sizange sisebenzise inkohliso loba isisitho ukuba sifihle ubuhwaba njalo uNkulunkulu ungufakazi wethu. 6 Kasifuni dumo oluvela ebantwini loba kini kumbe omunye laye.
Njengabapostoli bakaKhristu sasingaba ngumthwalo kini 7 kodwa saba mnene kini njengomama esondla abantwana bakhe abancinyane. 8 Salithanda kakhulu, sathokoza ukuhlanganyela lani kungayisikho evangelini likaNkulunkulu kuphela kodwa lasekuphileni kwethu ngoba lina laselithandeka kakhulu kithi. 9 Impela liyakhumbula bazalwane, ukusebenza nzima lokuhlupheka kwethu; sasebenza ebusuku lemini ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani lapho sitshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kini. 10 Lingofakazi kanye loNkulunkulu bokuthi sasingcwele, silungile njalo singasoleki phakathi kwenu lina elalikholwa. 11 Ngoba liyak-wazi ukuthi ngamunye wenu saliphatha njengobaba ephatha abantwana bakhe,

12 siliqinisa, silidudza kanye lokulikhuthaza ukuthi liphile impilo efanele uNkulunkulu yena olibizela embusweni wakhe lasenkazimulweni.
13 Njalo uNkulunkulu siyambonga kokuphela ngoba ekwamukeleni kwenu ilizwi likaNkulunkulu elalizwa ngathi, lalamukela hatshi njengelizwi labantu kodwa njengoba linjalo impela, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, elisebenzayo kini lina abakholwayo.
14 Ngoba lina bazalwane laba ngabalingisi bamabandla kaNkulunkulu eJudiya akuKhristu uJesu; abantu belizwe lakini balihluphela izinto ezifana lalezo amabandla lawo azihlutshelwa ngamaJuda, 15 abulala iNkosi uJesu labaphrofethi, thina asixotsha. Ayamdabukisa uNkulunkulu njalo ayizitha zabantu bonke 16 ekuzameni kwawo ukusinqabela ukukhuluma labeZizweni ukuba basindiswe. Ngalokho-ke, bandisa izono zabo kakhulu. Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu seluze lwehlela phezu kwabo.

UPhawuli Ulangazelela Ukubona AbaseThesalonika

17 Kodwa-ke, bazalwane, ekuhlukanisweni kwethu kini okwesikhatshana (uqobo lwethu, hatshi umcabango), kwathi ngokulangazelela okukhulu senza imizamo yonke ukuba silibone. 18 Ngoba sasifuna ukuza kini, impela mina Phawuli ngazama kanengi kodwa uSathane wasivimbela. 19 Ngoba liyini ithemba lethu, intokozo yethu loba umqhele esizazincoma ngawo phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ekufikeni kwakhe na? Akusini na? 20 Ngempela lina liludumo lwethu lentokozo yethu.

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1 Ngakho-ke, kwathi singasenelisi ukukumela sabona kungcono ukuba sisale sodwa e-Athene. 2 Sathuma uThimothi ongumzalwane wethu lesisebenzi kanye lathi kuNkulunkulu ekutshumayeleni ivangeli likaKhristu, ukuliqinisa lokulikhuthaza ekukholweni kwenu 3 ukuze angabikhona ongayikuhlaliseka ngenxa yalezizilingo. Liyakwazi kakuhle ukuthi samiselwa zona. 4 Ngeqiniso, siseselani sasihlala silitshela ukuthi sizahlukuluzwa. Kwabanjalo njengoba lisazi kakuhle. 5 Ngenxa yalokhu, kwathi ngingasanelisi ukukumela ngathumela ukuba ngazi ngokholo lwenu. Ngangisesaba ukuthi engxenye umlingi uselilingile lemizamo yethu kayisizanga.

Umbiko KaThimothi Okhuthazayo

6 Kodwa uThimothi usanda kufika kithi khathesi evela kini njalo ulethe izindaba ezinhle ngokholo lwenu kanye lothando lwenu. Usitshele ukuthi lihlala lilemikhumbulo emihle ngathi kanye lokuthi lifisa ukusibona njengoba lathi sifisa ukulibona.
7 Ngakho bazalwane, kulolonke usizi lwethu kanye lokuhlukuluzwa kwethu, sakhuthazeka ngani ngenxa yokukholwa kwenu. 8 Ngoba khathesi sesiphila ngempela, njengoba liqinile eNkosini. 9 Singalibongela njani ngokwaneleyo kuNkulunkulu sibuyisela yonke intokozo esilayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa yenu na?
10 Ebusuku lemini siyakhuleka ngokuzimisela ukuba silibone futhi silinike okusilelayo ekukholweni kwenu.
11 Sengathi uNkulunkulu wethu loBaba uqobo kanye leNkosi yethu uJesu angasivulela indlela yokuza kini. 12 Sengathi iNkosi ingandisa uthando lwenu kuthi olomunye lomunye luphumelele komunye kanye lasemuntwini wonke njengokwenziwa ngolwethu kini. 13 Kaziqinise inhliziyo zenu ukuze lingasoleki njalo libengcwele phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu loBaba ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu labangcwele bayo bonke.

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Ukuphilela Ukuthokozisa UNkulunkulu

1 Okokucina bazalwane, salifundisa ukuba liphile njani ukuze limthokozise uNkulunkulu njengoba impela liphila. Siyalicela njalo silincenga ngeNkosi uJesu ukuba

lokhu likwenze kokuphela. 2 Liyayazi imilayo esalinika yona ngokulaya kweNkosi uJesu.
3 Kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ukuba libengcwele: ukuba lixwaye ukuhlobonga;
4 ukuba omunye lomunye wenu afunde ukuthiba umzimba wakhe ngendlela engcwele lehloniphekayo 5 hatshi ngomfutho wenkanuko njengabezizweni abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu. 6 Njalo kulokhu akukho okumele onele umzalwane wakhe kumbe amzuzele khonapho ekuthini ngumzalwane. INkosi izabajezisa bonke abenza izono ezinje njengoba sesavela salitshela njalo salixwayisa ngazo. 7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga ukuba sibe ngabangcolileyo kodwa ukuba siphile impilo engcwele. 8 Ngakho-ke, lowo owalayo umlayo lo kalimuntu kodwa uNkulunkulu, yena olinika uMoya wakhe oNgcwele.
9 Mayelana lothando lobuzalwane, akudingeki ukuba sililobele ngoba lina uqobo lafundiswa nguNkulunkulu ukuba lithandane. 10 Njalo ngempela, liyabathanda abazalwane bonke kulolonke elaseMasedoniya. Kodwa siyalincenga bazalwane ukuthi lenzenjalo kokuphela. 11 Akube yisifiso senu ukuphila impilo yokuthula lokukhathalela umsebenzi wenu kanye lokusebenza ngezandla zenu njengoba salitshela 12 ukuze ukuphila kwenu kwansukuzonke kubukwe ngabangaphandle njalo lingathembeli komunye umuntu.

Ukuza KweNkosi

13 Bazalwane, kasifuni ukuba libe ngabangaziyo ngalabo abalalayo loba lidabuke njengabanye abantu abangelalo ithemba. 14 Siyakholwa ukuthi uJesu wafa wabuya wavuka njalo ngalokho siyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzabavusa kanye loJesu labo asebelele kuye. 15 Ngelizwi leNkosi siyalitshela ukuthi thina esisaphila, esasalayo iNkosi ize ifike, kasiyikubaqalela impela labo asebelele. 16 Ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezulwini ngelizwi elikhulu, ngelizwi lengilosi enkulu langokumemeza kwecilongo likaNkulunkulu, kuthi abafileyo kuKhristu bavuke kuqala. 17 Emva kwalokho, thina esisaphila njalo sisele sizahlwithwa kanye labo emayezini ukuba sihlangabeze iNkosi emoyeni. Ngakho sizahlala leNkosi kuze kube nininini.
18 Ngakho-ke, khuthazanani ngala amazwi.

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Usuku LweNkosi

1 Bazalwane, mayelana lezikhathi lezinsuku akudingeki ukuba sililobele 2 ngoba likwazi kahle ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela ebusuku. 3 Abantu besathi, “Ukuthula lokuvikeleka,” incithakalo izakwehlela phezu kwabo ngokujuma njengomhelo kowesifazane ozithweleyo njalo kabayikuphunyuka.
4 Kodwa lina bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni ukuba lolusuku lulijume njengesela.
5 Lonke lingamadodana okukhanya lamadodana emini. Kasisibo bobusuku loba abobumnyama. 6 Ngakho-ke, kasingafani labanye abaleleyo kodwa kasiphaphameni njalo sizithibe. 7 Ngoba labo abalalayo balala ebusuku, lalabo abadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. 8 Kodwa njengoba singabemini, kasizithibeni, sembathe ukukholwa lothando njengesihlangu sesifuba, lethemba lokusindiswa njengengowane. 9 Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka kodwa ukuba sithole ukusindiswa ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 10 Wasifela ukuze loba sikhangele kumbe silele, siphile laye. 11 Ngakho-ke, qinisanani njalo lakhane njengoba likwenza.

Iziqondiso Zokucina

12 Siyalicela bazalwane, ukuba libahloniphe labo abasebenza nzima phakathi kwenu, abalikhathalelayo eNkosini njalo beliqondisa futhi. 13 Bahlonipheni kakhulu ngothando ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula. 14 Njalo siyalincenga

bazalwane, baxwayiseni labo abangamavila, likhuthaze abadele inhliziyo, lisize ababuthakathaka njalo libekezelele umuntu wonke. 15 Qaphelani kungabikhona ophindisela okubi ngokubi kodwa lihlale lizama ukwenzelana okuhle kanye lakwabanye abantu.
16 Thokozani kokuphela, 17 likhuleke kokuphela 18 njalo libonge konke okulehlelayo ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ngani kuKhristu uJesu.
19 Lingawucitshi umlilo kaMoya; 20 lingazeyisi iziphrofethi 21 kodwa zihloleni zonke; libambelele kokulungileyo, 22 lixwaye konke okubi.
23 Sengathi uNkulunkulu uqobo, uNkulunkulu wokuthula angalenza libengcwele ngokupheleleyo. Sengathi umoya wenu wonke lomphefumulo kanye lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungelasici ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 24 Lowo olibizayo uthembekile njalo uzakukwenza lokho.

25 Lisikhulekele bazalwane.

26 Bingelelani abazalwane bonke ngokwangana okungcwele.

27 Ngiyalilaya phambi kweNkosi ukuba incwadi le ibalelwe abazalwane bonke.

28 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yesibili KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPhawuli, loSayilasi kanye loThimothi,

Lebandleni leThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu:

2 Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini.

Ukubonga Lokukhuleka

3 Kumele sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu bazalwane njengoba kufanele ngoba ukholo lwenu lukhula kokuphela lothando elilalo komunye lomunye wenu luyanda. 4 Ngakho-ke, phakathi kwamabandla kaNkulunkulu thina siyazincoma ngokuqinisela kwenu lokukholwa phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuhlukuluzwa kanye lokuhlupheka elikubekezelelayo.

5 Konke lokhu kuyibufakazi bokuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kulungile njalo lizabalwa njengabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu eliwuhluphekelayo. 6 UNkulunkulu ulungile: Uzaphindisela inhlupho kulabo abalihluphayo, 7 alinike kanye lathi ukuhlaliseka lina elihlutshwayo. Lokhu kuzakwenzakala lapho iNkosi uJesu isibonakaliswa ezulwini phakathi komlilo ovuthayo ilezingilosi zayo ezilamandla. 8 Izabajezisa labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu labangalilaleliyo ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu. 9 Bazajeziswa ngokubhujiswa okulaphakade, bavalelwe ngaphandle kobukhona beNkosi lasenkazimulweni yamandla ayo 10 ngosuku ezafika ngalo ukuba idunyiswe ngabantu bayo abangcwele lokuba ibatshazwe phakathi kwabo bonke abakholwayo. Lokhu kugoqela lani ngoba labukholwa ubufakazi bethu kini.

11 Nxa sikhumbula lokhu, sihlala silikhulekela kokuphela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wethu alibale njengabafanele ukubizwa nguye njalo kuthi ngamandla akhe afeze injongo yenu elungileyo lakho konke ukwenza kwenu okuthunganyelwa yikukholwa kwenu. 12 Sikhulekela lokhu ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuyo, ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi uJesu Khristu.

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Umuntu Ongelamthetho

1 Mayelana lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu lokubuthana kwethu kuyo, siyalicela bazalwane 2 ukuthi lingaphangi likhathazeke kumbe lethuswe ngeyinye imfundiso loba isiphrofethi kumbe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni loba incwadi okungathiwa ivela kithi kuthiwa usuku lweNkosi selufikile. 3 Lingavumeli muntu elikhohlisa langayiphi indlela ngoba lolosuku kaluyikufika umvukela uze wenzakale, lomuntu ongelamthetho abonakaliswe yena omiselwe ukubhujiswa. 4 Uzaphikisa, azikhukhumeze ezintweni zonke ezibiza uNkulunkulu loba ezikhonzwayo, aze azihlalise ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, amemezele ukuthi yena unguNkulunkulu.

5 Kalisakhumbuli yini ukuthi ngisesekini ngangijayele ukulitshela izinto lezi? 6 Khathesi selikwazi okumvimbelayo ukuze abonakaliswe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. 7 Ngoba amandla afihlakeleyo okungabi lamthetho asesebenza kodwa lowo owavimbelayo khathesi uzaqhubeka esenza njalo aze asuswe endleleni. 8 Laphoke, lowo ongelamthetho uzabonakaliswa, lowo iNkosi uJesu ezamchitha ngomoya

womlomo wayo, imqede ngenkazimulo yokufika kwayo. 9 Ukufika kwalowo ongelamthetho kuzakuya ngendlela yemisebenzi kaSathane. Uzasebenzisa inhlobo zonke zokubonakalisa amandla ngezibonakaliso lezimanga zamanga 10 kanye lezinhlobo zonke zobubi obukhohlisa ababhubhayo. Babhubha ngoba bala ukuthanda iqiniso ukuba basindiswe. 11 Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu ubehlisela inkohliso elamandla ukuba bakholwe amanga 12 ukuze balahlwe bonke abangalikholwanga iqiniso kodwa bathokoziswa yibubi.

Qinani

13 Kodwa kufanele sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu, bazalwane abathandwa yiNkosi, ngoba uNkulunkulu walikhetha kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba lisindiswe ngomsebenzi ongcwele kaMoya langokukholwa eqinisweni. 14 Walibizela kulokhu ngevangeli lethu ukuze lihlanganyele enkazimulweni yeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu.

15 Ngakho-ke bazalwane, qinani libambelele ezifundweni esalinika zona, kungaba ngelizwi lomlomo loba ngencwadi.

16 Sengathi iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu uqobo kanye loNkulunkulu uBaba owasithandayo kwathi ngomusa wakhe wasinika induduzo engapheliyo lethemba elihle 17 angakhuthaza inhliziyo zenu njalo aliqinise kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle lasemazwini amahle.

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Ukucela Umkhuleko

1 Okokucina bazalwane, sikhulekeleni ukuba ilizwi leNkosi liqhubeke ngokuphangisa njalo lihlonitshwe njengalokhu okwenzeka kini. 2 Khulekani njalo ukuba sikhululwe ebantwini abaxhwalileyo lababi ngoba akusimuntu wonke okholwayo. 3 Kodwa iNkosi ithembekile, izaliqinisa ilivikele komubi. 4 Silethemba eNkosini ukuba lenza izinto esalilaya zona njalo lizaqhubeka lizenza. 5 Sengathi iNkosi ingaqondisa inhliziyo zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu lasekubekezeleni kukaKhristu.

Isixwayiso Ngokuvilapha

6 Ebizweni leNkosi uJesu Khristu, siyalilaya bazalwane ukuba libaxwaye bonke abazalwane abangamavila, abangaphili ngokwemfundiso elayamukela kithi. 7 Ngoba lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuba kufanele lisilandele njani isibonelo sethu. Sasingavilaphi lapho siseselani 8 njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu singakuhlawulelanga. Kodwa sasebenza ebusuku lemini, sisebenza nzima njalo sitshikatshika ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani phakathi kwenu. 9 Lokhu sakwenza kungayisikho ukuthi kasilalungelo losizo olunjalo kodwa ukuba sizenze sibe yisibonelo kini ukuba lisilandele. 10 Ngoba langesikhathi silani salinika umlayo othi: “Nxa umuntu engafuni ukusebenza, kangadli.”

11 Sizwa kuthiwa abanye phakathi kwenu bayavilapha. Kabenzi lutho, bangenela izindaba zabanye. 12 Ebizweni leNkosi uJesu Khristu, siyabalaya njalo sibakhuthaza abantu abanjalo ukuba bazimisele, basebenzele ukudla abakudlayo. 13 Lina bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle.

14 Qaphelani iloba ngubani ongalaleli imilayo yethu ekule incwadi. Lingadlelani laye ukuze ayangeke. 15 Lingamthathi njengesitha kodwa mxwayiseni njengomzalwane.

Ukuvalelisa

16 Sengathi iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula ngezikhathi zonke njalo ngezindlela zonke. INkosi kayibe lani lonke.

17 Mina Phawuli ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu ngesami isandla, okuyilo uphawu oluphawulayo kuzozonke izincwadi zami. Ngiloba kanje.

18 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani lonke.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yakuqala KuThimothi

1 Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi
wethu lokukaKhristu uJesu ithemba lethu,

2 KuThimothi indodana yami eqotho ekukholweni ngithi:

Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu
iNkosi yethu kakube kuwe.

Isixwayiso Ngabafundisi Bomthetho Abafundisa Inkohliso

3 Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya, hlala khonapho e-Efesu
ukuze ulaye abantu abathile ukuba bangafundisi imfundiso yamanga futhi 4 loba
ukuchitha isikhathi ngezinganekwane langezimbali zensendo ezingapheliyo. Lokhu
kubanga ukuphikisana hatshi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu wokukholwa. 5 Inhloso yalo
umlayo luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe, lesazela esihle lokholo oluqotho.
6 Abanye sebedukile kulokhu baphendukela ekukhulumeni okuyize. 7 Bafuna
ukuba ngabafundisi bomthetho kodwa kabakwazi abakhuluma ngakho loba lokhu
abakuqinisa kangaka ngesibindi.
8 Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ulungile nxa umuntu ewusebenzisa kuhle.
9 Siyakwazi lokuthi umthetho kawenzelwanga abantu abalungileyo kodwa wenzelwa
abeqa imithetho labahlamuki, abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangalun-
ganga labangakholwayo; wenzelwa ababulala oyise labonina, lababulali, 10 lezifebe,
izitabane, abathengisa izigqili labaqamba amanga kanye labafakazela amanga kanye
lokunye okuphambene lemfundiso eqotho 11 evumelana levangeli elilenkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu obusisekileyo, enginika lona.

Umusa WeNkosi KuPhawuli

12 Ngiyambonga uKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu onginike amandla, wangibona
ngithembekile njalo wangibeka emsebenzini wakhe. 13 Lanxa ngake ngaba ngumh-
lambazi, lomhlukuluzi, lesidlwangudlwangu, ngenzelwa isihawu ngoba ngakwenza
ngokungazi langokungakholwa. 14 Umusa weNkosi wathululelwa phezu kwami
ngokwanda okukhulu, ndawonye lokukholwa kanye lothando olukuKhristu uJesu.
15 Nansi isitsho esiqotho esifanele ukwamukelwa esithi: UKhristu uJesu weza
emhlabeni ukuba asindise izoni, mina ngingesibi kakhulu kulazo. 16 Kodwa ngenxa
yalesosizatho ngenzelwa isihawu ukuze kuthi ngami isoni esibi kakhulu uJesu
Khristu abonakalise ukubekezela kwakhe okungelamkhawulo njengesibonelo kulabo
abakholwa kuye bamukele lokuphila okungapheliyo. 17 Manje kuyo iNkosi yaphakade
engafiyo, engabonakaliyo, uNkulunkulu yedwa, udumo lenkazimulo akube kuye kuze
kube nini lanini. Ameni.

Icala LikaThimothi Liyavuselelwa

18 Thimothi ndodana yami, ngikunika umlayo lo ekulondolozeni iziphrofethi ezake
zenziwa ngawe ukuze uthi ngokuzikhumbula ulwe ukulwa okuhle, 19 ubambelele
ekukholweni lesazeleni esihle. Abanye bakwalile lokhu, ngakho-ke, babhidliza
ukukholwa kwabo. 20 Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi lo-Alekizanda esengibanikele
kuSathane ukuba bafundiswe ukungahlambazi uNkulunkulu.

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Imilayo Ngokukhonza

1 Ngakho-ke, phezu kwakho konke ngiyakhuthaza ukuba izicelo, lemikhuleko,
lokukhulekela abanye kanye lokubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke, 2 amakhosi labo
bonke abaphethe amandla ukuze sihlale ngokuthula empilweni enhle kukho konke
ukumesaba uNkulunkulu lobungcwele. 3 Lokhu kuhle njalo kuyamthokozisa uNku-
lunkulu uMsindisi wethu 4 ofuna ukuba abantu bonke basindiswe njalo balazi iqiniso.
5 Ngoba uNkulunkulu munye njalo lomeli munye phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu,
umuntu uKhristu Jesu, 6 owazinikela njengenhlawulo yabantu bonke, ubufakazi
obanikwa ngesikhathi sabo esifaneleyo. 7 Ngenxa yalokhu mina ngakhethelwa
ukuba ngumanduleli lompostoli njalo ngikhuluma iqiniso kangiqambi manga kanye
lomfundisi wokholo oluqotho kwabeZizweni.

8 Ngakho ngifuna amadoda ezindaweni zonke aphakamise izandla zawo ezingcwele
ekhuleka kungela kuthukuthela kumbe ukuphikisana. 9 Ngifuna ukuba abesifazane
bagqoke ngokuzothileyo, okuhle lokufaneleyo, kungabi ngenwele ezelukiweyo loba
igolide loba amangqongqo loba izigqoko ezidulayo 10 kodwa ngezenzo ezinhle
ezifanele abesifazane abathi bayamkhonza uNkulunkulu.

11 Owesifazane kumele afunde ethule langokuzithoba okupheleleyo. 12 Kangivumeli
ukuba owesifazane afundise loba ukuba lamandla phezu kowesilisa; kumele athule.
13 Ngoba u-Adamu wabunjwa kuqala; kwalandela u-Eva. 14 Njalo u-Adamu kasuye
owakhohliswayo; ngowesifazane owakhohliswayo wasesiba yisoni. 15 Kodwa abesi-
fazane bazasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana nxa beqhubeka ngokukholwa, ngothando
kanye lobungcwele ngokufaneleyo.

3

Abathungameli Lamadikoni

1 Nansi isitsho esiqotho esithi: Lowo ofuna ukuba ngumthungameli ufisa um-
sebenzi olesithunzi. 2 Umthungameli akumelanga abengosolekayo njalo kumele
abeyindoda elomfazi oyedwa, ezithibayo, elamandla okuzibamba, ehloniphekayo,
ephatha kuhle izihambi, eyenelisa ukufundisa, 3 engayisiso sidakwa, engeladlakela
kodwa emnene, engathandi ingxabano, engathandi imali. 4 Kayibe ngephatha
kuhle umuzi wayo njalo ibone ukuba abantwana bayo bayayilalela ngenhlonipho
efaneleyo. 5 (Nxa umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha umuzi wakhe angaliphatha njani
ibandla likaNkulunkulu na?) 6 Akumelanga kube ngosanda kuphenduka hlezi
azikhukhumeze abe ngaphansi kokwahlulelwa kunye loSathane. 7 Njalo kumele
abe ngodume ngokuhle kwabangaphandle ukuze angaweli ehlazweni lasemjibileni
kaSathane.

8 Ngokunjalo, amadikoni lawo kumele kube ngabantu abahloniphekayo, abaqotho,
abanganathi iwayini elinengi, abangadingi inzuzo ngobuqili. 9 Kumele babambelele
eqinisweni elizikileyo kanye lasekukholweni ngesazela esihlanzekileyo. 10 Kumele
baqale bahlolwe; nxa kungekho lutho olubi ngabo, kabasebenze njengamadikoni.

11 Ngokunjalo, labomkabo kumele babe ngabesifazane abahloniphekayo, aban-
gahlebiyo kodwa abazithibayo labathembekileyo ezintweni zonke.

12 Umdikoni kabe lomfazi oyedwa kuphela njalo ophatha kuhle abantwana bakhe
kanye labendlu yakhe. 13 Labo abasebenze kuhle bazuza isithunzi lesithembiso
esikhulu ekukholweni kwabo kuKhristu uJesu.

Izizatho Zeziqondiso ZikaPhawuli

14 Lanxa ngikhangelele ukuza kuwe masinyane, ngikulobela iziqondiso lezi
ukuze kuthi 15 nxa ngibambeka, ukwazi ukuthi abantu kumele baziphathe njani

endlini kaNkulunkulu elibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso.
16 Kungekho kuthandabuza imfihlakalo yokwesaba uNkulunkulu inkulu:
Wabonakaliswa emzimbeni,
wafakazelwa nguMoya,
wabonwa yizingilosi,
watshunyayelwa phakathi kwezizwe,
umhlaba wakholwa kuye,
wenyukiselwa phezulu ngenkazimulo.

4

Iziqondiso KuThimothi

1 Umoya utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazalahla
ukukholwa balandele imimoya ekhohlisayo lezinto ezifundiswa ngamadimoni.
2 Ukufundisa okunjalo kuza labaqambi bamanga abangabazenzisi abalezazela ezin-
gathi zahaqazwa ngensimbi etshisayo. 3 Balela abantu ukuba bathathane njalo
babalaye ukuba bazile ukudla okuthize, uNkulunkulu akudalela ukuthi kwamukelwe
ngokubonga yilabo abakholwayo labalaziyo iqiniso. 4 Ngoba konke uNkulunkulu aku-
dalayo kulungile njalo akulalutho okumele lulahlwe nxa lusamukelwa ngokubonga
5 ngoba kungcweliswe yilizwi likaNkulunkulu lomkhuleko.
6 Nxa lezizinto uziphawula kubazalwane, uzakuba ngumfundisi omuhle kaKhristu
uJesu, owondliwe phakathi kwamaqiniso okukholwa lemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo.
7 Ungazinaki izinganekwane ezikhohlakeleyo kanye lezindaba eziyize kodwa wena
zifundise ukumesaba uNkulunkulu. 8 Ngoba imisebenzi yokuqinisa umzimba ilosizo
oluthile kodwa ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kulosizo ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso
ekuphileni kwakhathesi lasekuphileni okuzayo. 9 Lesi yisitsho esiqotho okumele
samukelwe ngokupheleleyo 10 njalo lokhu siyakusebenzela sikutshikatshikele ngoba
ithemba lethu silibeke kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, onguMsindisi wabantu bonke,
ikakhulu owalabo abakholwayo.
11 Laya njalo ufundise ngalezizinto. 12 Ungavumeli muntu ukuba akweyise
ngenxa yokuthi usasemutsha kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo ngokukhu-
luma, ngokuphila, ngothando, ngokukholwa kanye langokuhlambuluka. 13 Zinikele
ekufundeleni uzulu imibhalo, ekutshumayeleni kanye lasekufundiseni ngize ngifike.
14 Ungasideli isipho sakho owasiphiwa ngelizwi lesiphrofethi ngesikhathi ibandla
labadala libeka izandla zalo phezu kwakho.
15 Khuthalela izinto lezi; zinikele ngokupheleleyo kuzo ukuze umuntu wonke abone
ukuqhubeka kwakho. 16 Qaphela kakhulu ukuphila kwakho kanye lemfundiso.
Bambelela kuzo ngoba nxa usenza njalo uzazisindisa wena ngokwakho kanye
labakuzwayo.

5

Izeluleko Ngabafelokazi Labadala Kanye Lezigqili

1 Ungamkhuzi ngolaka umuntu omdala kodwa mncenge ngokungathi nguyihlo.
Amajaha aphathe njengabafowenu, 2 abesifazane abadala njengonyoko, abesifazane
abatsha njengodadewenu ngokuhlambuluka okupheleleyo.
3 Woba lonanzelelo olufaneleyo kubafelokazi abaswelayo kakhulu. 4 Kodwa nxa
umfelokazi elabantwana kumbe abazukulu, kumele bafunde kuqala kulakho konke
ukusebenzisa ukholo lwabo ngokukhathalela abendlu yakwabo langokusiza abazali
babo labazali babazali babo ngoba lokhu kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu. 5 Umfelokazi
oswelayo kakhulu njalo esele eyedwa ubeka ithemba lakhe kuNkulunkulu njalo

uqhubeka ebusuku lemini ekhuleka ecela usizo kuNkulunkulu. 6 Kodwa umfelokazi
ophilela intokozo ufile lanxa esaphila. 7 Banike labo abantu izeluleko lezi ukuze
angabikhona ongasoleka. 8 Nxa umuntu enganakekeli izihlobo zakhe ikakhulu
abendlu yakwabo, uselulahlile ukholo lwakhe njalo mubi kakhulu kulongakholwayo.
9 Akulamfelokazi ozabekwa eluhlwini lwabafelokazi ngaphandle kokuba ese-
leminyaka edlula engamatshumi ayisithupha, obengokade ethembekile kumkakhe
10 njalo edumile ngezenzo zakhe ezinhle, ezinjengokondla abantwana, lokuphatha
kuhle izihambi, lokugezisa inyawo zabangcwele, lokusiza abahluphekayo kanye
lokuzinikela kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle.
11 Abafelokazi abasesebatsha ungababeki eluhlwini olunjalo. Ngoba lapho
izinkanuko zabo zomzimba sezikhulela ukuzinikela kwabo kuKhristu bafuna uk-
wenda. 12 Ngalokho-ke, bazilethela ukwahlulelwa phezu kwabo ngoba bephule
isithembiso sabo sokuqala. 13 Langaphandle kwalokho, basuka babe lomkhuba
wokuvilapha batshone benquma ngemizi. Njalo kababi ngamavila nje kuphela kodwa
bangabanyeyayo labathandi bezindaba zabanye besitsho izinto okungafanelanga
bazitsho. 14 Ngakho, abafelokazi abasesebatsha ngibacebisa ukuba bende, ba-
belabantwana, baphathe izindlu zabo njalo banganiki isitha ithuba lokuba kube
lokuhleba. 15 Abanye bavele sebedukile balandela uSathane.
16 Nxa umuntu okholwayo elabafelokazi emzini wakhe, kumele abasize hatshi
ukuyekela besinda ibandla ukuze ibandla lisize abafelokazi abaswela kakhulu.
17 Abadala abaqhuba kuhle imisebenzi yebandla bafanele ukuhlonitshwa
okuphindiweyo ikakhulu labo abasebenza ukutshumayela lokufundisa. 18 Ngoba
umbhalo uthi: “Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele,”* njalo uthi,
“Isisebenzi sifanele umholo waso.”† 19 Ungalamukeli icala eletheswa umuntu omdala
ngaphandle kokuba limangalwa ngabafakazi ababili loba abathathu. 20 Abenza izono
kumele bakhuzwe phambi kwabantu ukuze labanye baxwayiseke. 21 Ngiyakulaya
phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu lezingilosi ezikhethiweyo ukuba ugcine
iziqondiso lezi kungekho bandlululo njalo ungenzi lutho ngokukhetha.
22 Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla emuntwini njalo ungahlanganyeli ezonweni
zabanye. Zigcine uhlambulukile.
23 Yekela ukunatha amanzi kuphela kodwa sebenzisa lewayini elincinyane ngenxa
yesisu sakho lokuhlala kwakho ugula.
24 Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zifika endaweni yokwahlulela kuqala kulabo;
kodwa abanye ezabo izono zilandela ngemva kwabo. 25 Ngokufanayo, izenzo ezinhle
zisobala njalo lalezo ezingenjalo azingeke zihlale zifihliwe.

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1 Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe lobugqili kumele bakhangele amakhosi abo
ngokuthi afanele ukuhlonitshwa ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu kanye lokufundisa
kwethu kungadunyazwa. 2 Labo abalamakhosi akholwayo kabangawadeleli ngoba
angabazalwane. Kodwa kabawasebenzele ngcono kakhulu ngoba labo abasizakala
ngokubasebenzela kwabo ngabakholwayo labathandekayo kubo.

Abafundisi Bamanga Lokuthanda Imali

Lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise njalo uzigcizelele. 3 Nxa umuntu efundisa
imfundiso yamanga njalo engawuvumi umlayo oqotho weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu
lemfundiso yokwesaba uNkulunkulu, 4 uyazikhukhumeza njalo akulalutho aluzwi-
sisayo. Ulezifiso ezimbi enkanini lasekuphikisaneni ngamazwi okudala umona,
lombango, lezinkulumo ezilimazayo, ukucabangelana okubi 5 kanye lokuxabana

* **5:18** 5.18 UDutheronomi 25.4 † **5:18** 5.18 ULukha 10.7

kokuphela kwabantu abalengqondo ezixhwalileyo, asebalahlekelwa liqiniso labacabanga ukuthi ukulalela uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yokuzuza imali.
6 Kodwa-ke, ukulalela uNkulunkulu ngokusuthiseka kuyinzuzo enkulu. 7 Ngoba akulalutho esalulethayo emhlabeni njalo akulalutho esingasuka lalo kuwo. 8 Kodwa nxa silokudla lezigqoko kumele sisuthiseke ngalokho. 9 Abantu abafuna ukunotha bawela ezilingweni lasemijibileni lasezinkanukweni ezinengi zobuthutha ezilimazayo leziwisela abantu ekufeni lasekubhujisweni. 10 Ngoba ukuthanda imali kuyimpande yezinhlobo zonke zobubi. Abanye abantu ngokutshisekela imali baphambuka ekukholweni bazibangele insizi ezinengi.

UPhawuli Ulaya UThimothi

11 Kodwa wena muntu kaNkulunkulu, kubalekele konke lokhu ufune ukulunga lokulalela uNkulunkulu, lokukholwa, lothando, lokubekezela kanye lobumnene. 12 Ilwa ukulwa okuhle kokukholwa. Bambelela ekuphileni okulaphakade owabizelwa kukho ekuvumeni kwakho okuhle owakwenza kulabafakazi abanengi. 13 Phambi kukaNkulunkulu onika izinto zonke ukuphila laphambi kukaKhristu uJesu owathi efakaza phambi kukaPhontiyasi Philathu wenza ukuvuma okuhle, ngiyakulaya 14 ukuba ugcine umlayo lo kungelasici loba ukusoleka kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, 15 okuzalethwa nguNkulunkulu ngesikhathi sakhe, uNkulunkulu obusisekileyo njalo onguye uMbusi kuphela, iNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, 16 onguye kuphela ongafiyo lohlala ekukhanyeni okungafinyelelekiyo, okungekho owake wambona loba ongambona. Udumo lamandla akube kuye kuze kube laphakade. Ameni.
17 Balaye labo abanothileyo kulo umhlaba wakhathesi ukuba bangazikhukhumezi loba babeke ithemba labo enothweni engathembekanga kodwa ukuba babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu osinika kakhulu konke okwentokozo yethu. 18 Balaye ukuba benze okuhle, bande ngezenzo ezinhle, baphane njalo bathande ukwaba okungokwabo. 19 Ngalokhu-ke, bazazibekela inotho njengesisekelo esiqinileyo sesizukulwane esizayo ukuze babambe ukuphila okuyikuphila okuqotho.
20 Thimothi, londoloza lokho okuphathisiweyo. Xwaya inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu, lemibono ephikisana leqiniso ebizwa ngokuthi lulwazi, 21 njalo abanye sebekuvumile, bathi ngokwenza njalo baphambuka ekukholweni.

Umusa kawube kuwe.

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yesibili KuThimothi

1 Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, mayelana
lesithembiso sokuphila okukuKhristu uJesu,

2 KuThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo ngithi:

Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu
iNkosi yethu.

Ukubonga

3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu engimkhonzayo njengokwenziwa ngokhokho bami
ngesazela esimsulwa lapho ngikukhumbula kokuphela emikhulekweni yami ebusuku
lemini. 4 Lapho ngikhumbula inyembezi zakho, ngifisa ukukubona ukuze ngibe
lokuthokoza okukhulu. 5 Ngikhunjuzwe ngokukholwa kwakho okuqotho okwaqala
kugogo wakho uLoyisi lakunyoko uYunisi njalo ngiyathemba ukuba khathesi
kukhona lakuwe futhi.

Inkuthazo Yokuthembeka KuPhawuli Levangelini

6 Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyakukhumbuza ukuba sihlale sivutha isipho sikaNkulunkulu
owasamukela ngokubekwa kwezandla zami phezu kwakho. 7 Ngoba uNku-
lunkulu kasiphanga umoya wobugwala kodwa umoya wamandla, lowothando kanye
lowokuzithiba. 8 Ngakho-ke, ungabi lenhloni ukufakaza ngeNkosi yethu loba ube
lenhloni ngami isibotshwa sayo. Kodwa hlanganyela lami ekuhluphekeleni ivangeli
ngamandla kaNkulunkulu 9 owasisindisayo, wasibizela ekuphileni okungcwele kun-
gayisikho kuthi kukhona esakwenzayo kodwa ngenxa yenjongo yakhe langomusa
wakhe. Umusa lo sawunikwa ngoKhristu uJesu ngaphambi kokuqala kwesikhathi
10 kodwa khathesi usubonakaliswe ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu uKhristu Jesu,
osechithe ukufa waletha ekukhanyeni ukuphila lokungafi ngevangeli. 11 Njalo
ivangeli leli mina ngabekwa ukuba yisithunywa lompostoli kanye lomfundisi walo.
12 Yikho-nje ngihlupheka njengoba nginje. Kodwa kangilanhloni ngoba ngiyamazi en-
gikholwa kuye njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke
kuye ngalolosuku.
13 Lokho owakuzwa ngami kugcine njengesibonelo semfundiso epheleleyo,
ngokukholwa langothando kuKhristu uJesu. 14 Londoloza isibambiso osiphathisiweyo
usilondoloze ngosizo lukaMoya oNgcwele ohlala phakathi kwethu.

Izibonelo Zokuthembeka Lokungathembeki

15 Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu bonke esabelweni sase-Ezhiya sebangidela, kubalwa
loFigelusi kanye loHemogenesi.
16 Sengathi iNkosi ingaba lomusa kwabendlu ka-Onesiforosi ngoba wayehlala
engivuselela njalo wayengelanhloni ngezibopho zami. 17 Kodwa kwathi eseRoma
wangidinga kakhulu waze wangithola. 18 Sengathi iNkosi ingenza ukuba athole
umusa eNkosini ngalolosuku! Uyakwazi kakuhle ukuba wangisiza ngezindlela
ezinengi kangakanani e-Efesu.

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Isikhalazo Siyavuselelwa

1 Ngakho-ke, wena ndodana yami, qina emuseni okuKhristu uJesu. 2 Izinto
owangizwa ngizitsho phambi kwabafakazi abanengi ziphathise abantu abathembek-
ileyo abazafanela ukuba labo bafundise abanye. 3 Hlanganyelana lathi ebunzimeni
njengebutho likaKhristu uJesu elifaneleyo. 4 Kakho osebenza njengebutho ongenela
ezindabeni zabangasibo bebutho kodwa ufuna ukuthokozisa umlawuli wakhe.
5 Ngokufanayo, nxa umuntu encintisa njengomdlali kawutholi umqhele wokunqoba
ngaphandle kokuba encintisa ngokusemthethweni. 6 Umlimi osebenza kakhulu
kumele kube nguye oqala ukuthola isabelo sezilimo. 7 Nakana ngalokho engikutshoyo
ngoba iNkosi izakupha umbono kukho konke lokhu.
8 Khumbula uJesu Khristu owavuka kwabafileyo, wadabuka kuDavida. Leli yilo
ivangeli lami 9 engilihluphekelayo ngize ngibotshwe ngamaketane njengesigangi.
Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. 10 Ngakho-ke, ngibekezelela konke
ngenxa yabakhethiweyo ukuze labo bazuze ukusindiswa okukuKhristu uJesu lenkaz-
imulo engapheliyo.
11 Nansi isitsho esiqotho:
Nxa safa laye
sizaphila laye futhi;
12 nxa sibekezela
sizabusa laye futhi.
Nxa simphika,
laye futhi uzasiphika;
13 nxa singelalo ithemba
yena uzaqhubeka ethembekile,
ngoba angeke azidele.

Isisebenzi Esivunywe NguNkulunkulu

14 Qhubeka ubakhumbuza abantu bakaNkulunkulu ngalezizinto. Baxwayise
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngokuxabana ngamazwi; akulasizo, kuchitha labo abalale-
leyo. 15 Yenza ubungcono bakho ukuba uzethule kuNkulunkulu njengohloli-
weyo, isisebenzi esingadingi ukuba sibe lenhloni njalo esiliphatha kuhle ilizwi
leqiniso. 16 Xwaya inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu ngoba abazikholisayo
baqhubeka kokuphela besiba ngabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. 17 Imfundiso yabo
izaqhela njengesilonda esibhibhidlayo. Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi loFilethosi,
18 abaphambukayo eqinisweni. Bathi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekwenzakala njalo ba-
chitha ukukholwa kwabanye. 19 Noma kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu esiqinileyo
sigxilile, sibekwe uphawu lombhalo othi: “UThixo uyabazi labo abangabakhe,”*
lokuthi, “Bonke abalivumayo ibizo likaThixo kumele badele ububi.”
20 Endlini enkulukazi akulazitsha zegolide lezesiliva nje kuphela kodwa lezezigodo
kanye lezebumba; ezinye ngezemisebenzi encomekayo njalo ezinye ngezokusebenzisa nje. 21 Nxa umuntu ezihlambulula kokulihlazo, uzasetshenziswa emisebenzini
encomekayo, angcweliswe, abe luncedo eNkosini yakhe njalo elungele ukwenza loba
yiwuphi umsebenzi omuhle.
22 Xwaya izinkanuko ezimbi zobutsha ufune ukulunga, lokukholwa, lothando kanye
lokuthula, ukanye lalabo abakhuleka eNkosini ngezinhliziyo ezimhlophe. 23 Xwaya
ukuphikisana kobuthutha lobuwula ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi kudala ingxabano.
24 Inceku yeNkosi kumele ixwaye ingxabano; kodwa kumele ibe lomusa ebantwini
bonke, yenelise ukufundisa, ingabi lenzondo. 25 Abaphikisayo kumele belulekwe
kuhle, ngethemba lokuthi uNkulunkulu uzabaguqula inhliziyo baholelwe ekwazini

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iqiniso 26 lokuthi baphaphame, baphunyuke emjibileni kaSathane obathumbele ukuba benze intando yakhe.

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Ukweyisa UNkulunkulu Ensukwini Zokucina

1 Kodwa nanzelela lokhu: Ensukwini zokucina kuzakuba lezikhathi ezinzima.
2 Abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo, labathanda imali, labazikhukhumezayo,
labazigqajayo, labathukayo, labangalaleli abazali babo, labangabongiyo, labang-
colileyo, 3 labangelathando, labangathetheleliyo, labahlebayo, labangazikhuziyo,
labalesihluku, labangakuthandiyo okuhle, 4 labalamacebo amabi, labacaphuka ngeze,
labaziphakamisayo, labathanda injabulo kulokuthanda uNkulunkulu, 5 belesimo
sokukholwa kuNkulunkulu kodwa belandula amandla okukholwa. Ungahlanganyeli
labo.
6 Yibo laba abanyenyela emakhaya bazuze amandla phezu kwabesifazane
ababuthakathaka, abasindwa yizono njalo bebuswa zinhlobo zonke zezinkanuko
ezimbi, 7 behlezi befunda kodwa besehluleka ukufinyelela elwazini lweqiniso.
8 NjengoJanesi loJambiresi abaphikisa uMosi, ngokunjalo abantu laba baphikisa
iqiniso. Abantu bengqondo ezonakeleyo, abalahliweyo ngokokholo. 9 Kodwa
kabayikufika ndawo ngoba njengokwalawo madoda, ubuthutha babo buzakuba
sobala ebantwini bonke.

UPhawuli Ulaya UThimothi

10 Kodwa wena wazi konke ngemfundiso yami, lempilo yami, lenjongo yami,
lokukholwa, lokubekezela, lothando, lokuqinisela, 11 lokuhlukuluzwa, inhlupheko
zonke engahlangana lazo e-Antiyokhi, lase-Ikhoniyamu, laseListra kanye lokuh-
lukuluzeka engangena phakathi kwakho. Kodwa iNkosi yangihlenga kukho konke
lokhu. 12 Ngempela umuntu wonke othanda ukuphila impilo yokulalela uNkulunkulu
kuKhristu uJesu uzahlukuluzwa, 13 kukanti abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazakonakala
ngokudlulisayo, bekhohlisa labo bekhohliswa. 14 Kodwa wena qhubeka ngalokho
okufundileyo njalo wakukholwa ngoba uyabazi labo okufunde kubo, 15 lokuthi
kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi njani imibhalo eNgcwele engakwenza uhlakaniphele
ukusindiswa ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu. 16 IMibhalo yonke yaphefumulelwa
nguNkulunkulu njalo ilosizo ekufundiseni, lokukhuza, lokuqondisa, lokufundisa
ngokulunga, 17 ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngokupheleleyo yonke
imisebenzi emihle.

4

1 Phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu ozathonisisa abaphilayo labafileyo
njalo mayelana lokubonakala kwakhe kanye lombuso wakhe ngikunika lumlayo:
2 Tshumayela iLizwi; lungiselela isikhathi esifaneleyo lesikhathi esingafanelanga;
lungisa, ukhuze njalo ukhuthaze ngokubekezelela okukhulu langokulaya ngoku-
nanzelela. 3 Ngoba isikhathi sizafika lapho abantu abangayikuyivuma khona
imfundiso eqotho. Kodwa ukuze basuthise izinkanuko zabo, bazaziqoqela abafundisi
abanengi ukuba batsho lokho indlebe zabo ezilumela ukukuzwa. 4 Indlebe zabo
bazazisusa eqinisweni baphambukele ezinganekwaneni. 5 Kodwa wena lulamisa
ikhanda kuzozonke izehlakalo, ubekezele ebunzimeni, wenze umsebenzi womvan-
geli, uyifeze yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yakho.
6 Ngoba mina sengilungele ukuthululwa njengomnikelo onathwayo njalo lesikhathi
sokusuka kwami sesifikile. 7 Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, sengiliqedile ibanga lami
lokukholwa ngikulondolozile. 8 Khathesi ngigcinelwe umqhele wokulunga iNkosi

uMahluleli olungileyo ezanginika wona ngalelolanga njalo kungayisimi kuphela kodwa kubo bonke abatshisekela ukubonakala kwayo.

Amazwi Aqondene Laye

9 Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba uze kimi ngokuphangisa 10 ngoba uDemasi ngenxa yokuthi ubethanda umhlaba lo, usengibalekele waya eThesalonika. UKhrisensi useye eGalathiya, uThithu waya eDalmathiya. 11 ULukha nguye kuphela olami. Thatha uMakho ubuye laye ngoba ulusizo kakhulu enkonzweni yami. 12 UThikhikhasi ngamthuma e-Efesu. 13 Lapho usubuya ubuye lejazi engalitshiya kuKhaphusi eTrowasi lengwalo zami ikakhulu leziyana ezemibhalo elotshwe ezikhumbeni.

14 U-Alekizanda umkhandi wensimbi wenza okubi kakhulu kimi. INkosi izaphindisela kuye lokhu akwenzileyo. 15 Lawe futhi kumele umqaphele ngoba ilizwi lethu waliphikisa kakhulu.

16 Ekuzivikeleni kwami kwakuqala kakho owangisekelayo kodwa abantu bonke bangihlamukela. Kabangabi lamlandu ngalokho. 17 Kodwa iNkosi yema phansi kwami yangipha amandla ukuze kuthi ngami ilizwi litshunyayelwe ngokupheleleyo njalo labeZizweni bonke balizwe. Ngempela ngasindiswa emlonyeni wesilwane. 18 INkosi izangihlenga kukho konke ukuhlaselwa okubi ingilethe kungekho bubi embusweni wayo wasezulwini. Udumo kalube kuyo kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

Ukuvalelisa

19 Bingelela uPhrisila lo-Akhwila kanye labendlu ka-Onesiforosi.

20 U-Erastusi wasala eKhorinte, kwathi uThrofimasi ngamtshiya egula eMilethusi. 21 Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba ufike lapha ubusika bungakafiki.

UYubhulasi, loPhudeni, loLino, loKlawudiya kanye labazalwane bonke bayakubingelela.

22 INkosi kayibe lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lawe.

KuThithu

1 Mina Phawuli inceku kaNkulunkulu lompostoli kaJesu Khristu wokukholwa
kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lokwazi iqiniso eliholela ekwesabeni uNku-
lunkulu, 2 ukukholwa lokwazi okweyame ethembeni lokuphila okulaphakade ok-
wathenjiswa ekudatshulweni komhlaba nguNkulunkulu 3 njalo ngesikhathi sakhe
esimisiweyo wabonakalisa ilizwi lakhe ngentshumayelo engayiphathiswa ngomlayo
kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu,

4 KuThithu indodana yami ngokukholwa kwethu sonke ngithi:

Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu uMsindisi wethu.

Ukubeka Abadala Bebandla Abathanda Okuhle

5 Engakutshiyela khona eKhrethe yikuthi uqondise lokho okwasala kungaphelanga
njalo ubeke abadala bebandla emizini yonke njengokukulaya kwami. 6 Umdala
webandla kumele abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi oyedwa, indoda elabant-
wana abakholwayo njalo abangelacala lobudlwangudlwangu loba ukwedelela.
7 Njengoba umthungameli ephathiswe umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kumele angabi
lasici, angazikhukhumezi, ongazondi masinyane, ongasisosidakwa, ongathandi
ukulwa, ongadingi inzuzo ngobuqili. 8 Kodwa kumele abe ngophatha kuhle izihambi,
othanda okuhle, ozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele lozithibayo. 9 Kumele abambelele
elizwini eliqotho njengokufundiswa kwalo ukuze akhuthaze abanye ngemfundiso
eqotho njalo amelane lalabo abayiphikisayo.

Ukukhuza Abehluleka Ukwenza Okuhle

10 Ngoba banengi abantu abahlamukayo, abakhulumayo nje kanye labakhohlisi
ikakhulu abeqembu lokusoka. 11 Kumele bathuliswe ngoba bachitha imizi epheleleyo
ngokufundisa izinto okungamelanga bazifundise besenzela ukuthola inzuzo ngob-
uqili lenkohliso. 12 Omunye wabaphrofethi babo wathi, “AbaseKhrethe ngabantu
bamanga, izilo ezimbi, izihwaba ezingamavila.” 13 Ubufakazi lobu buliqiniso.
Ngakho-ke, bakhuze ngamandla ukuze baqine ekukholweni 14 bangalaleli izinganek-
wane zamaJuda loba imilayo yalabo abadela iqiniso. 15 Kwabahlambulukileyo
izinto zonke zihlambulukile kodwa kulabo abaxhwalileyo njalo bengakholwa aku-
lalutho oluhlambulukileyo. Ngempela, ingqondo lezazela zabo konke kuxhwalile.
16 Bathi uNkulunkulu bayamazi kodwa ngezenzo zabo bayamphika. Bayenyanyeka,
bayadelela njalo kabafanelanga ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle.

2

Ukwenza Okuhle Ngenxa Yevangeli

1 Kumele ufundise okuvumelana lemfundiso eqotho. 2 Fundisa amadoda amadala
ukuzithiba, afanele ukuhlonitshwa, azikhuze, njalo aqine ekukholweni, ethandweni
kanye lasekubekezeleni.

3 Ngokunjalo, fundisa abesifazane abadala ukuba babe ngabahloniphayo
ekuphileni kwabo, bangabi ngabahlebayo kumbe ababuswa liwayini kodwa ukuba
bafundise okulungileyo. 4 Ngakho-ke, bangafundisa abesifazane abatsha ukuba
bathande omkabo labantwana babo 5 ukuba bazikhuze njalo bahlambuluke, lokuba

bakhuthale emakhaya, lokuba lomusa, lokuba bazehlise ngaphansi kwabomkabo ukuze kungabikhona ogcona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

6 Ngokunjalo, khuthaza abesilisa abatsha ukuba bazikhuze. 7 Kukho konke babekele isibonelo ngokwenza okuhle. Ekufundiseni kwakho tshengisa ubuqotho lokuzimisela 8 kanye lokukhuluma okulengqondo okungeke kusolwe ukuze kuthi labo abakuphikisayo bayangeke ngoba bengelalutho olubi abangalutsho ngathi.

9 Fundisa izisebenzi ukuba zizehlisele ngaphansi kwamakhosi azo ezintweni zonke, zizame ukuwathokozisa, zingawaphenduli, 10 zingawantshontsheli, kodwa zibonakalise ukuthi zingathembeka okupheleleyo ukuze kuthi ngakho konke zenze imfundiso ngoNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ibe ngebukekayo.

11 Ngoba umusa kaNkulunkulu oletha insindiso usubonakele ebantwini bonke. 12 Uyasifundisa ukuthi “Hayi” ekweyiseni uNkulunkulu lasezinkanukweni za-semhlabeni njalo siphile ngokuzikhuza, ngokuqonda empilweni yokulalela uN-kulunkulu ngesikhathi samanje, 13 lapho sisalindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu wethu omkhulu longuMsindisi uJesu Khristu 14 owazinikela ngenxa yethu ukuba asihlenge ebubini bonke kanye lokuthi azihlambululele abantu abangabakhe, abatshisekela ukwenza okuhle.

15 Ngakho lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise. Khuthaza njalo ukhuze ngamandla wonke. Ungavumeli muntu ukuthi akweyise.

3

Lisindisiwe Ukuze Lenze Okuhle

1 Khumbuza abantu ukuba bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi, labaphathi, lokuba balalele, lokuba balungele ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle, 2 lokunganyeyi muntu, lokuba lokuthula kanye lozwelo, kanye lokubonakalisa ukuzithoba okuqotho ebantwini bonke.

3 Ngesinye isikhathi lathi sake saba yiziwula, singalaleli, sikhohliswa njalo sithunjwe zinhlobo zonke zenkanuko kanye lenjabulo. Saphila phakathi kwen-zondo lomhawu, sizondwa njalo sizondana. 4 Kodwa kwathi umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu sekubonakele, 5 wasisindisa, hatshi ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo esasizenzile kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakhe. Wasisindisa ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha kanye lokuvuselelwa nguMoya oNgcwele 6 amthela kakhulu phezu kwethu ngoJesu Khristu uMsindisi wethu 7 ukuze kuthi sesilungiswe ngumusa wakhe, sibe zindlalifa silethemba lokuphila okulaphakade. 8 Leli yilizwi eliqotho. Njalo ngithanda ukuba izinto lezi uzigcizelele ukuze kuthi labo abathembele kuNkulunkulu bananzelele ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle. Izinto lezi zinhle kakhulu njalo zilosizo ebantwini bonke.

9 Kodwa xwaya impikiswano yobuwula lezindaba zosendo kanye lemibango lengxabano mayelana lomthetho ngoba lokhu akulasizo njalo kuyize. 10 Umuntu oxabanisayo mlaye kanye, uphinde umlaye okwesibili. Emva kwalokho mxwaye. 11 Ungaba leqiniso ukuthi umuntu onjalo uxhwalile njalo uyisoni; nguye ozilahlayo yena ngokwakhe.

Amazwi Okucina

12 Ngingaze ngithumele u-Athemasi kumbe uThikhikhasi kuwe, kumele uzame ngamandla akho wonke ukuza kimi eNikhopholisi ngoba sengizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. 13 Yenza konke ongakwenza ukuba usize uZenasi igqwetha kanye lo-Apholo ohanjweni lwabo ubone ukuba balakho konke abakuswelayo.

14 Abantu bakithi kumele bafunde ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle ukuze bagcwalise
izinswelo zansuku zonke njalo bangaphili impilo eyize.

15 Bonke abalami bayakubingelela.
Bingelela labo abasithandayo ekukholweni.

Umusa kawube lani lonke.

UFilimoni

1 Mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu,

KuFilimoni umngane wethu othandekayo loyisisebenzi kanye lathi, 2 ku-Afiya
udadewethu, ku-Akhiphasi olibutho kanye lathi, lasebandleni elihlanganela ekhaya
lakho ngithi:

3 Umusa kawube kuwe kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini
uJesu Khristu.

Ukubonga Lokukhuleka

4 Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami lapho ngikukhumbula
emikhulekweni yami 5 ngoba ngiyezwa ngothando lwakho lokukholwa eNkosini
uJesu kanye lothando lwakho kubo bonke abangcwele. 6 Ngikhulekela ukuba ukuh-
langanyela kwakho kanye lathi ekukholweni kube lomfutho ngokujula ekuqedisiseni
kwakho konke ukulunga esikwabelana ngenxa kaKhristu. 7 Uthando lwakho lungiphe
ukuthokoza okukhulu lokududuzeka ngoba wena, mzalwane, uvuselele inhliziyo
zabangcwele.

Isikhalazo SikaPhawuli Ngo-Onesimasi

8 Ngakho-ke, lanxa kuKhristu ngingaba lesibindi ngikulaye ukuba wenze
lokho okumele ukwenze 9 kodwa ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yothando. Ngakho-ke,
mina Phawuli, umuntu omdala khathesi oyisibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu futhi,
10 ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yendodana yami u-Onesimasi owaba yindodana yami
ngibotshiwe. 11 Kuqala wayengelasizo kuwe kodwa khathesi uselusizo kuwe lakimi.
12 Ngimthuma kuwe yena othandwe yinhliziyo yami. 13 Kade ngingathanda
ukuhlala laye ukuze athathe indawo yakho yokungisiza ngisabotshelwe ivan-
geli. 14 Kodwa angithandanga ukwenza lutho kungelamvumo yakho ukuze kuthi
loba ngumusa owenzayo ube ngowokuzithandela hatshi ukubanjwa ngamandla.
15 Mhlawumbe isizatho sokwehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhatshana sasiyikuthi ube laye
futhi kokuphela 16 engaseyiso sigqili kodwa esengcono kulesigqili njengomzalwane
othandekayo. Uyathandeka kimi kodwa uthandeka kakhulu kuwe njengomunye
wakho lanjengomzalwane eNkosini.
17 Ngakho-ke, nxa ungithatha njengohlanganyela lawe, mamukele ngendlela
obuzangamukela ngayo. 18 Nxa kulokubi akwenze kuwe kumbe elesikwelede kuwe,
kubalele kimi. 19 Mina Phawuli, ngiloba lokhu ngesandla sami. Ngizahlawula
ngingabali ukuthi lawe ulomlandu kimi wena ngokwakho. 20 Ngiyafisa, mzalwane,
ukuba ngithole usizo oluthile kuwe eNkosini; uvuselele inhliziyo yami kuKhristu.
21 Ngileqiniso ngokulalela kwakho, ngikulobela ngisazi ukuthi uzakwenza okudlula
engikucelayo.
22 Okunye njalo yilokhu: Ngilungisela indlu yezihambi ngoba ngithemba ukuba
ngizabuyiselwa kuwe ngenxa yemikhuleko yakho.

23 U-Ephafrasi oyisibotshwa kanye lami ngenxa kaKhristu uJesu, uyakubingelela.
24 UMakho, lo-Aristakhasi, loDemasi kanye loLukha abayizisebenzi kanye lami
bayakubingelela.

25 Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wakho.

KumaHebheru

ILizwi Lika Nkulunkulu Lokucina: INdodana Yakhe

1 Kudala uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kubokhokho kanenginengi ngabaphrofethi
langezindlela ezehlukeneyo 2 kodwa ngalezizinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeN-
dodana yakhe, ayibeka ukuba yindlalifa yezinto zonke, yona adala ngayo izulu lomh-
laba. 3 INdodana iyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kanye lomfanekiso
wokuba nguye kwakhe uqobo, iqinisa izinto zonke ngelizwi layo elilamandla. Emva
kokuba isikufezile ukuhlanjululwa kwezono, yahlala phansi esandleni sokunene
sobukhosi ezulwini. 4 Ngakho yaba ngaphezu kwezingilosi ngoba ibizo eyalithola
njengelifa lilikhulu kulelazo.

INdodana Ingaphezulu Kwezingilosi

5 Ngoba kukuyiphi ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo:
“Wena uyiNdodana yami;
lamhla sengibe nguYihlo”*?
Kumbe njalo wathi,
“Ngizakuba nguYise,
yona izakuba yiNdodana yami”†?
6 Njalo, lapho uNkulunkulu eletha izibulo lakhe emhlabeni, uthi:
“Zonke izingilosi zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze.”‡
7 Lapho ekhuluma ngezingilosi uthi,
“Wenza izingilosi zakhe zibe yimimoya,
izinceku zakhe zibe ngamalangabi omlilo.”§
8 Kodwa ngeNdodana uthi,
“Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Oh Nkulunkulu,
sizakuma nini lanini,
intonga yokwahlulela okulungileyo
izakuba yintonga yombuso wakho.
9 Ukuthandile ukulunga wazonda ububi;
ngakho uNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu wakho
usekubeke ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho
ngokukugcoba ngamafutha entokozo.”*
10 Njalo uthi,
“Ekuqaleni, Oh Nkosi, wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho.
11 Kuzabhubha kodwa wena uzasala;
konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko.
12 Uzakugoqa njengesembatho;
kuzantshintshwa njengesigqoko.
Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo,
leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela.”†
13 Kukuyiphi ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo:
“Hlala ngakwesokunene sami;
ngize ngenze izitha zakho

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* **1:5** 1.5 AmaHubo 2.7 † **1:5** 1.5 2 USamuyeli 7.14; 1 ImiLando 17.13 ‡ **1:6** 1.6 UDutheronomi 32.43 § **1:7** 1.7 AmaHubo 104.4 * **1:9** 1.9 AmaHubo 45.6-7 † **1:12** 1.12 AmaHubo 102.25-27

zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho”‡?
14 Izingilosi kazisimimoya esebenzayo yini, ethunywe ukukhonza labo abazakudla
ilifa lokusindiswa na?

2

Isixwayiso Sokuba Kunanzelelwe

1 Ngakho kufanele siqaphelelisise lokho esikuzwileyo ukuze singaduki. 2 Ngoba
nxa ilizwi elakhulunywa yizingilosi liqinisa njalo konke ukona lokungalaleli kuthole
isijeziso sakho esifaneleyo, 3 pho thina sizaphepha njani nxa singanaki insindiso
enkulu kangaka na? Lokhu kusindiswa okwabikwa kuqala yiNkosi, kwafakazwa kithi
yilabo abayizwayo. 4 LoNkulunkulu wakufakaza ngezibonakaliso langezimangaliso
ezithile, langezipho zikaMoya oNgcwele ezabiwa ngokwentando yakhe.

UJesu Wenziwa Waba Njengabafowabo

5 Akusikho ezingilosini abeka khona ngaphansi kwazo ilizwe elizayo esikhuluma
ngalo. 6 Kodwa ikhona indawo lapho omunye ofakaza khona esithi:
“Uyini umuntu osungaze uzihluphe ngaye na,
loba indodana yomuntu ukuba uyinanze na?
7 Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosi;
wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosi,
8 wabeka lezinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.”*
Ekubekeni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe uNkulunkulu katshiyanga lutho ol-
ungekho ngaphansi kwakhe. Kodwa khathesi kasiboni zinto zonke zingaphansi
kwakhe. 9 Kodwa sibona yena, owenziwa waba ngaphansanyana kwezingilosi
okwesikhatshana, uJesu, ebekwa umqhele wobukhosi lodumo ngoba wavuma ukufa
ukuze kuthi ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ezwe ukufa ngenxa yabantu bonke.
10 Ekuletheni amadodana amanengi enkazimulweni, kwakufanele ukuba uNku-
lunkulu, yena owenza zonke izinto njalo zabakhona ngenxa yakhe, enze umsunguli
wokusindiswa kwabo aphelele ngokuhlupheka kwakhe. 11 Ngoba lowo owenza
abantu babengcwele kanye lalabo abenziwe baba ngcwele ngabendlunye. Ngakho
uJesu kakumyangisi ukuba athi bangabafowabo. 12 Uthi,
“Ngizamemezela ibizo lakho kubafowethu;
ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho phambi kwebandla.”†
13 Njalo uthi,
“Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye.”‡
Uphinda athi,
“Mina ngilapha, kanye labantwana uNkulunkulu angiphe bona.”§
14 Njengoba abantwana belomzimba legazi, laye wahlanganyela ebuntwini babo
ukuze kuthi ngokufa kwakhe amchithe lowo ophethe amandla okufa okutsho
uSathane, 15 abakhulule ababesebugqilini impilo yabo yonke ngenxa yokwesaba
kwabo ukufa. 16 Ngoba impela akusizo ingilosi azisizayo kodwa inzalo ka-Abhrahama.
17 Ngenxa yalokhu kwakumele enziwe afane labafowabo kukho konke ukuze abe
ngumphristi omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileyo enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu, lokuba
abeyinhlawulo yezono zabantu. 18 Njengoba laye wahlupheka lapho elingwa,
uyenelisa ukubasiza abalingwayo.

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UJesu Ungaphezu KukaMosi

‡ **1:13** 1.13 AmaHubo 110.1 * **2:8** 2.8 AmaHubo 8.4-6 † **2:12** 2.12 AmaHubo 22.22 ‡ **2:13** 2.13 U-Isaya 8.17
§ **2:13** 2.13 U-Isaya 8.18

1 Ngakho-ke, bafowethu abangcwele, abahlanganyela ekubizweni ezulwini, bekani
imicabango yenu kuJesu, umpostoli lomphristi omkhulu esimvumayo. 2 Wathembeka
kulowo owambekayo, njengoMosi owayethembekile kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu.
3 UJesu ufunyenwe efanele udumo olukhulu kuloMosi njengomakhi wendlu elodumo
olukhulu kulendlu yona ngokwayo. 4 Ngoba yileyo laleyondlu yakhiwa ngumuntu
othize kodwa uNkulunkulu ungumakhi wezinto zonke. 5 "UMosi wayethembekile
njengenceku kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu,"* efakaza lokho okwakuzatshiwo
ensukwini ezizayo. 6 Kodwa uKhristu uthembekile njengendodana endlini kaNku-
lunkulu. Njalo thina siyindlu yakhe nxa sibambelela ngesibindi langethemba lethu
esizincoma ngakho.

Isixwayiso Ngokungakholwa

7 Ngakho, njengoba uMoya oNgcwele esithi:
"Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe,
8 lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu,
njengelakwenza ekuhlamukeni,
ngesikhathi sokulingwa enkangala,
9 lapho okhokho benu abangihlola khona bangilinga,
babona engakwenzayo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.
10 Yikho-nje ngasithukuthelela isizukulwane leso,
njalo ngathi, 'Inhliziyo zabo zihlezi ziduka,
njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami.'
11 Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi,
'Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.'†"
12 Bonani bazalwane ukuthi kakho omunye wenu olenhliziyo yokona lokun-
gakholwa, ephambukayo kuNkulunkulu ophilayo. 13 Kodwa khuthazanani insuku
zonke kusabizwa ngokuthi lamuhla, ukuze angabikhona owenu oba lukhuni ngenxa
yokukhohliswa yisono. 14 Ngoba sesingabahlanganyelayo kuKhristu nxa sibambelele
ngokuqina kuze kuphele ithemba esasilalo kuqala. 15 Njengoba kutshiwo ukuthi:
"Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe,
lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu
njengelakwenzayo ekuhlamukeni."‡
16 Babengobani labo abezwayo basebehlamuka na? Akusibo yini bonke labo
uMosi abakhupha eGibhithe na? 17 Njalo ngobani ayebathukuthelele okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane na? Akusibo yini labo abonayo, abazidumbu zabo zawela
enkangala na? 18 Ngobani uNkulunkulu abafungela ukuthi kabayikungena ekuphu-
muleni kwakhe nxa kungayisibo labo abangalalelanga na? 19 Ngakho siyabona ukuthi
babengeke bangene ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

4

Ukuphumula Kwabantu BakaNkulunkulu NgeSabatha

1 Ngakho-ke, njengoba isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe silokhu
sikhona, kasiqapheleni ukuba kakho phakathi kwenu otholakala engafinyeleli
kuso. 2 Ngoba ivangeli latshunyayelwa kithi njengakubo; kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo
lalingelasizo kubo ngoba labo abalizwayo kabalihlanganisanga lokholo. 3 Thina
esakholwayo siyangena kulokho kuphumula njengoba uNkulunkulu etshilo ukuthi:
"Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo
ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi,

* **3:5** 3.5 AmaNani 12.7 † **3:11** 3.11 AmaHubo 95.7-11 ‡ **3:15** 3.15 AmaHubo 95.7-8

‘Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.’*”
Kodwa umsebenzi wakhe wapheleliswa ekudalweni komhlaba. 4 Ngoba kwenye
indawo ukhulume ngosuku lwesikhombisa ngala amazwi athi: “Ngakho ngosuku
lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe.”† 5 Njalo
endimeni engaphezulu uthi, “Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.”‡
6 Kulokhu kunjalo ukuthi abanye bazangena kulokho kuphumula, lalabo ivangeli
elatshunyayelwa kubo kuqala kabangenanga ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo. 7 Ngakho
uNkulunkulu wabuya wamisa olunye usuku, elubiza ngokuthi Lamuhla, lapho kwathi
emva kwesikhathi eside wakhuluma ngoDavida, njengokwakutshiwo mandulo
ukuthi:
“Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe,
lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu.”§
8 Ngoba aluba uJoshuwa wayebanikile ukuphumula, ngabe uNkulunkulu kakhu-
lumanga muva ngolunye usuku. 9 Ngakho kulokhu kukhona ukuphumula
kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu; 10 ngoba loba ngubani ongena eku-
phumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi njengokwenziwa
nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. 11 Ngakho-ke, kasenzeni imizamo yonke ukuba singene
kulokho ukuphumula, ukuze angabikhona ozawiswa yikulandela isibonelo sakhe
sokungalaleli.
12 Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyaphila njalo liyasebenza. Libukhali kulenkemba esika
inxa zombili, ingena ize yehlukanise umphefumulo lomoya, amalunga lomnkantsho;
lahlulela imicabango lomumo wenhliziyo. 13 Kukho konke okudaliweyo akulalutho
olufihlakeleyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. Konke kwambuliwe kwabekwa obala
phambi kwamehlo akhe yena okumele sizibike kuye.

UJesu UmPhristi Omkhulu

14 Ngakho-ke, njengoba silomphristi omkhulu kakhulu osengene emazulwini,
uJesu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, kasibambeleleni kakhulu okholweni esiluvumayo.
15 Ngoba kasilamphristi omkhulu onganelisiyo ukusizwela ebuthakathakeni bethu
kodwa silaye oseke walingwa ngezindlela zonke njengathi kodwa akazange one.
16 Kasisondeleni esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa ngesibindi ukuze samukele isihawu
njalo sithole umusa wokusisiza ezikhathini zokuswela kwethu.

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1 Wonke umphristi omkhulu ukhethwa ebantwini abekwe ukuba abamele ezind-
abeni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukunikela izipho lemihlatshelo yezono. 2 Ulakho
ukubaphatha ngesineke labo abangaziyo abadukayo, njengoba laye uqobo ephethwe
yikuba buthakathaka. 3 Yikho-nje kumele anikele imihlatshelo yezono zakhe kanye
leyezono zabantu. 4 Kakho ozethesa udumo lolu phezu kwakhe; kumele abizwe
nguNkulunkulu njengo-Aroni.
5 Ngakho loKhristu kazethesanga udumo lokuba ngumphristi omkhulu. Kodwa
uNkulunkulu wathi kuye,
“Wena uyiNdodana yami;
lamuhla sengibe nguYihlo.”*
6 Njalo kwenye indawo uthi,
“Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini,
emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.”†
7 Ngensuku zokuphila kukaJesu emhlabeni, wakhuleka wacela ngokukhala kakhulu
langezinyembezi kuye lowo owayengamphephisa ekufeni njalo wezwakala ngenxa

* **4:3** 4.3 AmaHubo 95.11 † **4:4** 4.4 UGenesisi 2.2 ‡ **4:5** 4.5 AmaHubo 95.11 § **4:7** 4.7 AmaHubo 95.7-8
* **5:5** 5.5 AmaHubo 2.7 † **5:6** 5.6 AmaHubo 110.4

yokuzehlisa kwakhe okuhloniphekayo. 8 Lanxa wayeyindodana wafunda ukulalela
kulokhu ahlupheka ngakho, 9 kwathi lapho esephelelisiwe, waba ngumthombo
wokusindiswa okulaphakade wabo bonke abamlalelayo 10 wasekhethwa nguNku-
lunkulu ukuba abe ngumphristi omkhulu, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.

Isixwayiso Ngokuhlamuka

11 Kunengi esingakutsho ngalokho kodwa kunzima ukuchaza ngoba liyaphuza
ukufunda. 12 Ngeqiniso, lanxa ngalesisikhathi lifanele ukuba ngabafundisayo, liswela
omunye ukuba alifundise amaqiniso okuqala elizwi likaNkulunkulu. Lifuna uchago,
hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo! 13 Lowo ophila ngochago, ulokhu elusane, kayazi
imfundiso emayelana lokulunga. 14 Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo ngokwabakhulileyo
asebazifundisa ukwehlukanisa okuhle kokubi.

6

1 Ngakho kasiyekeleni imfundiso elula ngoKhristu siqhubeke siye ekukhuleni.
Kasingasibeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka ezenzweni eziholela ekufeni,
lezokukholwa kuNkulunkulu, 2 lemfundiso ngemibhaphathizo, lokubekwa
kwezandla, lokuvuka kwabafileyo kanye lokwahlulelwa okulaphakade. 3 Njalo
nxa uNkulunkulu evuma sizakwenza njalo.

4 Akwenzakali kulabo asebake bakhanyiselwa, asebenambithe isipho sasezulwini,
asebehlanganyele kuMoya oNgcwele, 5 asebenambithe ubumnandi belizwi likaNku-
lunkulu kanye lamandla esikhathi esizayo, 6 njalo nxa behlamuka ukuba babuyiselwe
ekuphendukeni ngoba ekulahlekelweni kwabo bayayibethela futhi esiphambanweni
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu beyethesa ihlazo phambi kwabantu bonke. 7 Umhlabathi
onatha izulu elihlezi lisina phezu kwawo loveza isilimo esilusizo kulabo abawulimayo
uthola isibusiso sikaNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa umhlabathi oveza ameva lokhula
kawulasizo njalo usengozini yokuqalekiswa. Ekucineni uzatshiswa.

9 Kodwa lanxa sikhuluma kanje bazalwane abathandekayo, silethemba lezinto
ezingcono ngani, izinto ezilokwenza lokusindiswa. 10 UNkulunkulu ulungile, kasoke
awukhohlwe umsebenzi wenu lothando elamtshengisa lona njengoba lasiza abantu
bakhe njalo liyaqhubeka libasiza. 11 Sifuna omunye lomunye wenu abonakalise
ukukhuthala lokhu kuze kube sekupheleni ukuze ithemba lenu liqiniseke. 12 Kasifuni
ukuba libe ngamavila kodwa ukuba lilingisele labo okwathi ngokukholwa lan-
gokubekezela bathola ilifa lalokhu okwakuthenjisiwe.

Ubuqotho Besithembiso SikaNkulunkulu

13 Lapho uNkulunkulu esenza isithembiso sakhe ku-Abhrahama, njengoba
wayengekho omkhulu ayengafunga ngaye, wafunga ngaye yena ngokwakhe 14 esithi,
“Ngempela ngizakubusisa njalo ngikuphe inzalo enengi.”* 15 Ngakho emva kokulinda
ngokubekezela, u-Abhrahama wathola okwakuthenjisiwe.

16 Abantu bafunga ngomunye omkhulu kulabo njalo isifungo siqinisa lokho
okutshiwoyo siqede lokuphikisana konke. 17 Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathanda
ukuba enze ukungaguquki kwesimo senhloso yakhe kube sobala kuzindlalifa zalokho
okwathenjiswayo, wakuqinisa ngesifungo. 18 UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze
kuthi ngezinto ezimbili ezingaguqulekiyo, uNkulunkulu angeke aqambe amanga
ngazo, thina esibaleke sabambelela ethembeni esiliphiwayo sikhuthazeke kakhulu.
19 Silethemba leli njengensika yemiphefumulo yethu, eliqinileyo njalo eligxilileyo.
Lingena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi ngemva kwamakhetheni 20 lapho uJesu
owahamba phambi kwethu angena khona ngenxa yethu. Usebe ngumphristi
omkhulu emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi kuze kube nini lanini.

* **6:14** 6.14 UGenesisi 22.17

7

UMelikhizedekhi Umphristi

1 UMelikhizedekhi lo wayeyinkosi yaseSalemu lomphristi kaNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke. Wahlangabeza u-Abhrahama evela kwehlula amakhosi, wambusisa,
2 u-Abhrahama wamnika okwetshumi kwakho konke. Okwakuqala, ibizo elithi
Melikhizedekhi litsho ukuthi "Nkosi yokulunga"; lokuthi futhi, "Nkosi yaseSalemu"
kutsho ukuthi "Nkosi yokuthula." 3 Engelayise loba unina, engelamdabuko,
engelakuqala kwensuku loba ukuphela kokuphila njengeNdodana kaNkulunkulu
uhlezi engumphristi nini lanini.
4 Ake licabange ukuthi wayemkhulu kangakanani: Lokhokho u-Abhrahama
wamnika okwetshumi kwempango! 5 Khathesi umthetho ufuna abenzalo kaLevi
ababa ngabaphristi ukuba baqoqe okwetshumi ebantwini, lokhu kutsho abafowabo
lanxa abafowabo beyinzalo ka-Abhrahama. 6 Umuntu lo kazange alonde umdabuko
wakhe usukela kuLevi kodwa waqoqa okwetshumi ku-Abhrahama njalo wambusisa
yena lowo owayelezithembiso. 7 Kakulakuthandabuza ukuthi umuntu omncinyane
ubusiswa ngomkhulu. 8 Kwesinye isehlakalo, okwetshumi kuthathwa ngabantu
abafayo kodwa kwesinye isehlakalo kube ngulowo okuthiwe uyaphila. 9 Umuntu
angatsho lokuthi uLevi oqoqa okwetshumi, wanikela okwetshumi ngo-Abhrahama
10 ngoba lapho uMelikhizedekhi ehlangabeza u-Abhrahama uLevi wayelokhu es-
esemzimbeni kakhokho wakhe.

UJesu NjengoMelikhizedekhi

11 Nxa ukuphelela kwakungatholakala ngobuphristi babaLevi njalo ngempela
umthetho owaphiwa abantu wasungula lobobuphristi, pho kungani kwakulokhu
kudingeka ukuba omunye umphristi abuye evela emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi,
engasiwemkhondweni ka-Aroni na? 12 Ngoba lapho kulokuguqulwa kobuphristi,
kufanele kube lokuguqulwa komthetho futhi. 13 Yena lowo okutshiwo lezizinto
ngaye ngowesinye isizwana njalo kakho owalesosizwana owake wakhonza e-
alithareni. 14 Ngoba kusobala ukuba iNkosi yethu yadabuka koJuda njalo mayelana
lalesosizwana uMosi katshongo lutho ngabaphristi. 15 Njalo lokhu esesikutshilo
kucace kakhulu nxa omunye umphristi onjengoMelikhizedekhi evela, 16 omunye obe
ngumphristi kungayisikho komthetho ngokosendo lwakhe kodwa ngokumayelana
lamandla okuphila okungeke kuchithwe. 17 Ngoba kumenyezelwe ukuthi:

"Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini,
emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi."*

18 Umthetho wakuqala ubekwe eceleni ngoba wawubuthakathaka njalo ungelasizo
19 (ngoba umthetho kawenzanga lutho olupheleleyo) ngakho kulethwa ithemba
elitsha esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu.
20 Njalo kwakungayisikho ngaphandle kwesifungo! Abanye babangabaphristi
kungekho sifungo, 21 kodwa yena waba ngumphristi ngesifungo lapho uNkulunkulu
athi kuye:

"INkosi ifungile
njalo kayiyikuguqula ingqondo yayo:
'Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini.'†"

22 Ngenxa yesifungo lesi, uJesu usebe yisiqiniselo sesivumelwano esingcono.
23 Abaphristi labo sebebanengi njengoba babevinjelwa yikufa ukuba baqhubeke
besezikhundleni; 24 kodwa uJesu uphila kuze kube laphakade, ulobuphristi obuy-
isimakade. 25 Ngakho ulamandla okubasindisa ngokupheleleyo labo abeza kuNku-
lunkulu ngaye ngoba uhlezi ephilela ukubancengela.

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* **7:17** 7.17 AmaHubo 110.4 † **7:21** 7.21 AmaHubo 110.4

26 Umphristi omkhulu onjalo wagcwalisa izinswelo zethu, ongongcwele, ongelasici,
lohlanzekileyo, lowehlukaniswe lezoni, lophakanyiselwe ngaphezu kwamazulu.
27 Hatshi njengabanye abaphristi abakhulu, yena kadingi kunikela imihlatshelo
insuku zonke, kuqala eyezono zakhe, kulandele owezono zabantu. Wabenzela
umhlatshelo wezono zabo kwaba kanye kuphela lapho ezinikela. 28 Ngoba umthetho
ubeka abantu ababuthakathaka ukuba ngabaphristi abakhulu kodwa isifungo eseza
emva komthetho sabeka iNdodana eyenziwe yaba ngepheleleyo kuze kube nininini.

8

Umphristi Omkhulu Wesivumelwano Esitsha

1 Isiqokoqela salokho esikutshoyo yilesi: Silaye umphristi omkhulu onjalo, owahlala
phansi esandleni sokunene kwesihlalo sobukhosi soMkhulu ezulwini, 2 okhonzayo
endaweni engcwele, ithabanikeli eliqotho elamiswa yiNkosi hatshi ngabantu.
3 Umphristi omkhulu ngamunye ubekelwe ukunikela izipho lemihlatshelo, ngakho
kwakufanele ukuba lalo abe lolutho alunikelayo. 4 Aluba wayesemhlabeni wayen-
gayikuba ngumphristi ngoba bevele bekhona abantu abanikela izipho eziphawulwa
ngumthetho. 5 Bakhonza endaweni engcwele engumfanekiso lesithunzi salokho
okusezulwini. Yikho-nje uMosi waxwayiswa lapho esezakwakha ithabanikeli
ngokuthi: “Qaphela ukuba wenze konke njengalokhu owakutshengiswa entabeni.”*
6 Kodwa inkonzo uJesu ayemukeleyo ingcono kuleyabo njengesivumelwano yena
angumeli waso singcono kulesidala njalo sakhelwe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono.
7 Ngoba aluba kwakungelalutho olungalunganga kusivumelwano sakuqala leso,
akulasizatho esasingadingelwa esinye. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathola isici ebantwini
wasesithi:

“Isikhathi siyeza, kutsho iNkosi,
lapho engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha
lendlu ka-Israyeli
kanye lendlu kaJuda.
9 Kasiyikufana lesivumelwano
engasenza labokhokho babo
lapho engababamba khona ngesandla
ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe,
ngoba kabaqhubekanga bethembekile esivumelwaneni sami,
ngasengibadela,
kutsho iNkosi.
10 Nansi isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli,
ngemva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi.
Ngizabeka imithetho yami ezingqondweni zabo,
ngiyilobe ezinhliziyweni zabo.
Ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo,
bona babengabantu bami.
11 Umuntu kasayikufundisa umakhelwane wakhe,
kumbe umfowabo, esithi, ‘Yazi iNkosi,’
ngoba bonke bazangazi,
kusukela komncinyane wabo kusiya komkhulu.
12 Ngoba ngizabathethelela ububi babo,
njalo angiyikukhumbula izono zabo futhi.”†

13 Ngokuthi isivumelwano lesi “sitsha” wenze esakuqala sangasasebenzi; futhi
okungasasebenzi lokugugileyo kuzanyamalala masinyane.

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* **8:5** 8.5 U-Eksodasi 25.40 † **8:12** 8.12 UJeremiya 31.31-34

9

Inkonzo Ethabanikeleni Lasemhlabeni

1 Isivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso zokukhonza kanye lendawo engcwele
yasemhlabeni. 2 Kwakhiwa ithabanikeli. Ekamelweni lalo lakuqala kwakuloluthi
lwesibane, letafula kanye lesinkwa esingcwelisiweyo; lokhu kwakubizwa ngokuthi
yiNdawo eNgcwele. 3 Ngemva kwekhetheni lesibili kwakulekamelo elalithiwa
yiNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, 4 eyayile-alithare lokutshisela impepha elalihuqwe nge-
golide kanye lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano owawuhuqwe ngegolide. Umtshokotsho
wakhona wawulembizanyana yemana, lentonga ka-Aroni eyahlumayo kanye lez-
ibhebhedu zamatshe esivumelwano. 5 Phezu komtshokotsho kwakulamakherubhi
eNkazimulo enze ithunzi phezu kwendawo yomhlatshelo. Kodwa khathesi asingeke
silandise okugcweleyo ngalezozinto.

6 Kwathi konke sekulungisiwe kanje, abaphristi bangena njalonjalo ekamelweni
langaphandle ukuba benze inkonzo yabo. 7 Kodwa umphristi omkhulu nguye kuphela
owayengena ekamelweni langaphakathi kanye ngomnyaka, njalo kungeke kwenzeke
engelagazi alinikelela yena kanye lezono abantu abazenza bengazi. 8 UMoya
oNgcwele wayetshengisa ngalokho ukuthi indlela eya eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele
yayingabonakaliswa nxa ithabanikeli lakuqala lilokhu likhona. 9 Lokhu kungum-
fanekiso walesisikhathi, okubonakalisa ukuthi izipho lemihlatshelo okwakunikelwa
kwakunganelisi ukuhlambulula izazela zabakhonzayo. 10 Kuyindaba yokudla loku-
natha kuphela kanye lemikhuba eyehlukeneyo yokugeza imilayo yangaphandle
komzimba esebenza kuze kufike isikhathi sezimiso ezintsha.

Igazi LikaKhristu

11 Kwathi lapho uKhristu esefikile njengomphristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle
esezikhona, wadabula phakathi kwethabanikeli elikhulu elipheleleyo elingenziwanga
ngabantu, okuyikuthi, kalisingxenye yale indalo. 12 Kangenanga ngokusebenzisa
igazi lembuzi loba elamathole; kodwa wangena kanye kuphela eNdaweni
eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi lakhe, esethole ukuhlengwa okulaphakade. 13 Igazi
lembuzi lelenkunzi lemilotha yamathokazi okufafazwa ebantwini abangahlambu-
lukanga ngokomkhuba kuyabangcwelisa ukuba babe ngabahlambulukileyo ngaphan-
dle. 14 Pho igazi likaKhristu, owazinikela engelasici kuNkulunkulu ngomoya
olaphakade, lizazihlambulula kakhulu okungakanani izazela zethu emisebenzini
edonsela ekufeni, ukuze sikhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo!

15 Ngenxa yalokhu uKhristu ungumeli wesivumelwano esitsha ukuze kuthi labo
ababiziweyo bathole ilifa elingapheliyo elathenjiswayo njengoba sewafa njen-
genhlawulo ukuba abakhulule ezonweni abazenzayo esivumelwaneni sakuqala.

16 Mayelana lentando yokwaba ilifa, kuyadingakala ukuba kufakazwe ukufa
kwalowo owakwenzayo, 17 ngoba intando yokwaba ilifa isebenza kuphela lapho
kukhona ofileyo; kayisebenzi nxa lowo owayenzayo elokhu esaphila. 18 Yikho-nje
lesivumelwano sakuqala kasifezwanga kungekho gazi. 19 Kwathi uMosi esememezele
imilayo yonke yomthetho ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole lelempongo
ndawonye lamanzi, lewulu ebomvu kanye lezingatsha zehisophi, wachela umqulu
kanye labantu bonke. 20 Wathi, “Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alaye ukuba
lisigcine.”* 21 Ngendlela efanayo wachela ithabanikeli ngegazi kanye lezinto zonke
ezisetshenziswayo emikhosini yalo. 22 Ngempela umthetho uphose ufune ukuba
izinto zonke zihlanjululwe ngegazi, njalo kungekho kuchithwa kwegazi akukho
ukuthethelela.

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* **9:20** 9.20 U-Eksodasi 24.8

23 Ngakho kwakufanele ukuba imifanekiso yezinto zasezulwini zihlanjululwe
ngemihlatshelo le kodwa izinto zasezulwini uqobo kube ngemihlatshelo engcono
kulale. 24 Ngoba uKhristu kangenanga endaweni engcwele eyenziwa ngabantu
eyayingumfanekiso waleyo eqotho kuphela; yena wangena ezulwini uqobo, ukuba
asimele phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 25 Kangenanga ezulwini ukuba azinikele
njalonjalo, njengomphristi omkhulu engena eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele minyaka
yonke legazi elingayisilo lakhe. 26 Ngakho uKhristu wayezahlupheka kanengi
kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. Kodwa khathesi usebonakale kanye kuphela
ekupheleni kwezikhathi ukuba asuse isono ngomhlatshelo onguye. 27 Njengalokhu
umuntu wamiselwa ukufa kanye, kuthi emva kwalokho abhekane lokwahlulelwa,
28 ngokunjalo uKhristu wanikelwa kanye ukuba asuse izono zabantu abanengi;
njalo uzabonakala okwesibili, hatshi ukuthwala isono, kodwa ukuletha ukusindiswa
kulabo abamlindeleyo.

10

Umhlatshelo KaKhristu Kanye Kuphela

1 Umthetho uyisithunzi nje sezinto ezinhle ezizayo kodwa hatshi lokho okuyikho
uqobo. Ngenxa yemihlatshelo efanayo ephindwaphindwa kokuphela iminyaka
leminyaka ayingeke ibenze baphelele labo abasondela ekukhonzeni. 2 Aluba wawu-
sanelisa, imihlatshelo yayingayikuyekelwa ukunikelwa na? Ngoba abakhonzayo
babezahlanjululwa kube kanye kuphela, njalo babengasayikuzizwa belecala lezono
zabo. 3 Kodwa imihlatshelo iyisikhumbuzo sezono zeminyaka yonke, 4 ngoba
akwenzakali ukuba igazi lenkunzi lelembuzi lisuse izono.

5 Ngakho-ke, uKhristu esefikile emhlabeni wathi:
“Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufunanga,
kodwa wena wangilungisela umzimba;
6 kawuthokozanga
ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yesono.
7 Ngasengisithi, ‘Ngilapha,
kulotshiwe ngami emqulwini,
ngilande ukuzokwenza intando yakho,
Oh Nkulunkulu.’*”
8 Kuqala wathi, “Imihlatshelo leminikelo, iminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo
yesono kawuyifunanga, njalo kayikuthokozisanga” (lanxa umthetho usithi kayen-
ziwe). 9 Wabuya wathi, “Ngilapha, ngilande ukuzokwenza intando yakho.” Ususa
okokuqala ukuze amise okwesibili. 10 Njalo ngaleyontando senziwe saba ngcwele
ngomhlatshelo womzimba kaJesu Khristu kanye kuphela.

11 Insuku zonke umphristi uyema enze imisebenzi yakhe yenkonzo, anikele
njalonjalo imihlatshelo minye, engeke isuse izono. 12 Kodwa kwathi umphristi lo
esenikelele izikhathi zonke umhlatshelo owodwa wezono, wahlala phansi esandleni
sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 13 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi ulindele izitha zakhe ukuba
zibe yisenabelo sakhe, 14 ngoba ngomhlatshelo owodwa usephelelise nini lanini labo
abenziwayo ukuba ngcwele.

15 LoMoya oNgcwele uyafakaza kithi ngalokho. Kuqala uthi:
16 “Lesi yisivumelwano engizasenza labo
emva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi.
Ngizafaka imithetho yami ezinhliziyweni zabo
ngiyilobe lasezingqondweni zabo.”†

* **10:7** 10.7 AmaHubo 40.6-8 † **10:16** 10.16 UJeremiya 31.33

17 Wabuya wengeza wathi:
“Izono zabo lezenzo zokungabi lomthetho,
angiyikukhumbula futhi.”‡
18 Nxa lezi sezithethelelwe, kawusekho umhlatshelo wesono.

Inkuthazo Yokubekezela

19 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, njengoba silethemba lokungena eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi likaJesu, 20 ngendlela entsha ephilayo, esiyivulelwe ekhethenini, okuyikuthi umzimba wakhe, 21 njalo njengoba silomphristi omkhulu ophethe indlu kaNkulunkulu, 22 kasisondeleni kuNkulunkulu ngezinhliziyo eziqotho ngethemba elipheleleyo lokholo; sibe lezinhliziyo ezicheliweyo ukuba sihlanjululwe isazela secala lemizimba yethu igeziswe ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo. 23 Kasibambeleleni ngokuqina kulo ithemba esilikholwayo, ngoba lowo owathembisayo uthembekile. 24 Njalo kasicabangeni ukuba singakhuthazana njani ethandweni lasezenzweni ezinhle. 25 Kasingakudeli ukuhlangana, njengalokhu abanye abajayele ukukwenza kodwa kasikhuthazaneni ikakhulu njengoba sibona uSuku lusondela.

26 Nxa siqhubeka sisenza izono ngabomu emva kokuba iqiniso sesilazi, kawusekho umhlatshelo wezono, 27 kodwa umlindelo owesabekayo wokwahlulelwa kuphela kanye lomlilo ovuthayo ozaqothula izitha zikaNkulunkulu. 28 Owawalayo umthetho kaMosi wafa kungela sihawu ngobufakazi babafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. 29 Pho licabanga ukuthi ufanele ukujeziswa kakhulu kangakanani umuntu owanyathela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngaphansi konyawo, ophathe igazi lesivumelwano elamenza waba ngcwele njengento engangcwele, lohlambaza uMoya womusa na? 30 Ngoba thina siyamazi lowo owathi, “Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela,”§ njalo wathi, “INkosi izakwahlulela abantu bayo.”* 31 Kuyinto eyesabekayo ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

32 Khumbulani insuku zakuqala leziyana emva kokuba selamukele ukukhanya, lapho elaqinisela khona ebunzimeni obukhulu phakathi kokuhlupheka. 33 Ngezinye izikhathi lenziwa umbukiso wokuhlanjazwa lokuhlukuluzwa; kwathi ngezinye izikhathi lamanyana lalabo ababephathwa kanjalo. 34 Laba lozwelo kulabo ababesentolongweni, lamukela ngentokozo ukuthunjwa kwempahla yenu, ngoba lalikwazi ukuthi lina lilempahla engcono engapheliyo. 35 Ngakho lingalilahli ithemba lenu; lizavuzwa ngokunengi.

36 Kuyadingeka ukuba libekezele ukuze kuthi lapho seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lamukele lokho akuthembisayo. 37 Ngoba,
“Ngesikhatshana nje,
lowo ozayo uzafika
njalo kasoze aphuze.”
38 Kodwa,
“Olungileyo wami uzaphila ngokukholwa.
Angahlehlela emuva,
kangiyikuthokoza ngaye.”†
39 Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva babhujiswe, kodwa labo abakholwayo basindiswe.

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Imisebenzi Yokukholwa

‡ **10:17** 10.17 UJeremiya 31.34 § **10:30** 10.30 UDutheronomi 32.35 * **10:30** 10.30 UDutheronomi 32.36; AmaHubo 135.14 † **10:38** 10.38 UHabhakhukhi 2.3-4

1 Ukukholwa yikuba leqiniso lalokhu esikulindeleyo njalo kuqinisekile ngalokho
esingakuboniyo. 2 Lokhu yikho abendulo abanconywa ngakho.
3 Ngokukholwa siyezwisisa ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kwadalwa ngokulaya kukaNku-
lunkulu, ngoba okubonakalayo kakwenziwanga ngalokho okwakubonakala.
4 Ngokukholwa u-Abheli wanikela kuNkulunkulu umnikelo omuhle kulokaKhayini.
Ngokukholwa wanconywa njengomuntu olungileyo, ngesikhathi uNkulunkulu ekhu-
luma kuhle ngeminikelo yakhe. Njalo ngokukholwa ulokhu ekhuluma, lanxa sewafa.
5 Ngokukholwa u-Enoki wasuswa kulumhlaba ephila ukuze angakuzwa ukufa:
“Kabonakalanga ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemthethe.”* Engakathathwa, wayen-
conywe njengowayethokozise uNkulunkulu. 6 Kungelakukholwa akweneliseki
ukumthokozisa uNkulunkulu ngoba oza kuye kumele akholwe ukuthi ukhona lokuthi
uyabanika umvuzo labo abamdinga ngobuqotho.
7 Ngokukholwa uNowa esexwayisiwe ngezinto ezazingakabonakali, ngokwesaba
okungcwele wakha umkhumbi ukuba ahlenge abendlu yakhe. Ngokukholwa kwakhe
wawulahla umhlaba waba yindlalifa yokulunga okuza ngokukholwa.
8 Ngokukholwa u-Abhrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamukela
muva njengelifa lakhe, walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesiya khona.
9 Ngokukholwa wahlala elizweni lesithembiso njengesihambi, elizweni elingayisilo
lakibo; wahlala emathenteni, njengokwenziwa ngu-Isaka loJakhobe, ababezindlalifa
zalelolizwe lesithembiso kanye laye. 10 Ngoba wayelindele idolobho elilezisekelo,
elimcandi walo lomakhi walo nguNkulunkulu. 11 Ngokukholwa, lanxa u-Abhrahama
wayeseluphele loSara eyinyumba, wanikwa amandla okuba lomntwana ngoba
wambona njengothembekileyo lowo owayenze isithembiso. 12 Ngakho-ke, kusukela
kulumuntu oyedwa, owayefana lofileyo, kwavela inzalo enengi njengezinkanyezi
emkhathini njalo engeke ibalwe njengenhlabathi ekhunjini lolwandle.
13 Abantu bonke laba bafa belokhu bephila ngokukholwa. Kabazamukelanga
izinto ezathenjiswayo; bazibona nje kuphela bazithakazelela zikude. Njalo bavuma
ukuthi bona babeyizizwe lezihambi emhlabeni. 14 Abantu abakhuluma izinto ezinje
babonakalisa ukuthi bafuna ilizwe elingelabo. 15 Aluba babecabanga ngelizwe
abasuka kulo, babezakuba lethuba lokubuyela. 16 Kodwa-ke bona babefuna ilizwe
elingcono, lona elisezulwini. Ngakho uNkulunkulu akumyangisi ukubizwa ngokuthi
unguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba usebalungisele idolobho.
17 Ngokukholwa, kwathi u-Abhrahama ehlolwa nguNkulunkulu, wanikela u-Isaka
njengomhlatshelo. Yena owayamukele izithembiso wayeseseduze ukuba anikele
indodana yakhe eyodwa njalo eyiyo kuphela, 18 lanxa uNkulunkulu wayethe kuye,
“isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka.”† 19 U-Abhrahama wanakana ukuthi
uNkulunkulu wayengabavusa abafileyo, njalo nxa kuzekeliswa, wamamukela u-Isaka
evela ekufeni.
20 Ngokukholwa u-Isaka wabusisa uJakhobe lo-Esawu ngekusasa labo.
21 Ngokukholwa uJakhobe, esesifa wawabusisa wonke amadodana kaJosefa,
wasekhonza eyame phezu kwentonga yakhe.
22 Ngokukholwa uJosefa, isiphetho sakhe sesisondele, walandisa ngokuphuma
kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe njalo walayezela ngamathambo akhe.
23 Ngokukholwa abazali bakaMosi bamfihla izinyanga ezintathu emva kokuzalwa
kwakhe, ngoba babona ukuthi wayengasumntwana nje ojayelekileyo, njalo baben-
gawesabi umthetho wenkosi.
24 Ngokukholwa uMosi esekhulile, wala ukuba aziwe njengendodana yendodakazi
kaFaro. 25 Wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuba

* **11:5** 11.5 UGenesisi 5.24 † **11:18** 11.18 UGenesisi 21.12

akholise injabulo yesono okwesikhathi esifitshane. 26 Wakhetha ihlazo ngenxa
kaKhristu njengegugu elikhulu kulenotho yaseGibhithe ngoba wayekhangelele
umvuzo phambili. 27 Ngokukholwa wasuka eGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi;
wabekezela ngoba wambona lowo ongabonakaliyo. 28 Ngokukholwa wagcina
iPhasika lokuchelwa kwegazi, ukuze umbulali wamazibulo angawathinti amazibulo
ako-Israyeli.
29 Ngokukholwa abantu badabula phakathi koLwandle oluBomvu njengasemhla-
bathini owomileyo, kodwa kwathi amaGibhithe ezama ukwenzanjalo agalula.
30 Ngokukholwa imiduli yaseJerikho yadilika emva kokuba abantu beyibhode
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
31 Ngokukholwa uRahabi isifebe, ngoba wamukela inhloli, kabulawanga kanye
lalabo ababengalaleli.
32 Kuyini okunye engingakutsho? Kangilasikhathi sokulandisa ngoGidiyoni, loB-
harakhi, loSamsoni, loJeftha, loDavida, loSamuyeli kanye labaphrofethi, 33 abanqoba
imibuso ngokukholwa benza okulungileyo njalo bathola okwakuthenjisiwe; bona
abavala imilomo yezilwane, 34 bacitsha ukuvutha kwamalangabi, baphepha lase-
bukhalini benkemba; ubuthakathaka babo baphenduka baba ngamandla; njalo baba
lamandla empini bawachitha amabutho ezizweni. 35 Abesifazane bamukela abafayo
babo sebevuselwe ekuphileni futhi. Abanye bahlukuluzwa njalo bala ukukhululwa,
ukuze bathole ukuvuka ekufeni okuhle. 36 Abanye bahozwa batshaywa, kwathi
abanye babotshwa ngamaketane bafakwa entolongweni. 37 Batshaywa ngamatshe,
baqunywa ngesaha baba yiziqa ezimbili; babulawa ngenkemba. Bahamba begqoke
izikhumba zezimvu lezikhumba zembuzi, beswela, behlukuluzwa, bephathwa kubi,
38 umhlaba kubo wawungabafanele. Bantula enkangala lasezintabeni lasezimbalwini
kanye lasemilindini emhlabathini.
39 Bonke laba banconywa ngokukholwa kwabo, kodwa kakho phakathi kwabo
owathola okwakuthenjisiwe. 40 Thina uNkulunkulu wayesimisele okuhle ukuze kuthi
sebe kanye lathi bapheleliswe.

12

1 Ngakho-ke, njengoba sihanqwe lixuku elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, kasikulahleni
konke okusivimbelayo kanye lesono esisibopha lula njalo kasigijimeni ngokubekezela
kulo umjaho ophawulelwe thina. 2 Kasikhangeleni kuJesu, uMqalisi loMphelelisi
wokukholwa kwethu, okwathi ngentokozo eyayibekwe phambi kwakhe wabekezelela
isiphambano, engananzi ihlazo laso, wahlala phansi esandleni sokunene sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu. 3 Cabangani ngaye owabekezelela ukuphikiswa okungaka ngabantu
abayizoni ukuze lingabi buthakathaka lilahle ithemba.

UNkulunkulu Ulaya Abantwana Bakhe

4 Ekulweni kwenu lesono, kalimelananga laso kwaze kwaba sebangeni lokuchitha
igazi lenu. 5 Njalo selilikhohliwe lelizwi lokulikhuthaza elikhuluma kini njengamado-
dana elithi:
“Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kweNkosi.
Njalo ungalahli ithemba lapho ikukhuza,
6 ngoba uThixo ulaya labo abathandayo,
abuye ajezise bonke abamukela njengendodana.”*
7 Bekezelelani ukuhlupheka njengokulaywa; uNkulunkulu uliphatha njengabant-
wana bakhe. Kambe yibaphi abantwana abangalaywa nguyise na? 8 Nxa
lingalaywa (umuntu wonke uyalaywa), liyabe lingabantwana abazalwa ngokungekho
emthethweni njalo abangasiwo amadodana lamadodakazi uqobo. 9 Phezu kwalokho,

* **12:6** 12.6 Izaga 3.11-12

sonke sake saba labobaba abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha ngenxa yalokho. Pho
kufanele sizehlise kakhulu okungakanani kuBaba wemimoya yethu njalo siphile!
10 Obaba basilaya okwesikhatshana ngababekubona kukuhle, kodwa uNkulunkulu
usilaya ukuba sisizakale, ukuba sihlanganyele ebungcweleni bakhe. 11 Akukho
kulaywa okukhanya kukuhle ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kubuhlungu. Kodwa muva,
kuletha isivuno sokulunga lokuthula kulabo abafundiswa yikho.
12 Ngakho-ke, qinisani izingalo zenu ezibuthakathaka lamadolo enu axegayo.
13 "Lungiselani inyawo zenu izindlela ezibekekileyo,"† ukuze abaqhulayo banga-
gogeki, kodwa basiliswe.

Isixwayiso Ngokwala UNkulunkulu

14 Zamani kakhulu ukuhlalisana ngokuthula labantu bonke lokuba ngcwele;
kungekho bungcwele kakho ozayibona iNkosi. 15 Bonani ukuthi kakho oswela umusa
kaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi akulampande ebabayo ekhulayo ukuba idale uhlupho
ingcolise abanengi. 16 Bonani ukuthi kakho oyisifebe, loba ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu
njengo-Esawu okwathi ngenxa yokudla kunye wathengisa amalungelo elifa lakhe
okuba lizibulo. 17 Muva, njengoba lisazi, lapho esefuna ukuzuza isibusiso lesi
waliwa. Wayengeke enze kube lokuguquka kwengqondo, lanxa wafuna isibusiso leso
ngezinyembezi.

Intaba Yokwesaba Lentokozo

18 Kalizanga entabeni engathintwayo njalo ebhebha umlilo; ebumnyameni laseku-
fiphaleni lesiphepho; 19 ekukhaleni kwecilongo loba ilizwi elinjalo elikhulumayo,
okwenza labo abalizwayo bacela ukuba kungabi lelizwi elikhulunywa kubo futhi,
20 ngoba babengeke bakumele ukulaywa okwakusithi: "Lenyamazana ingathinta
intaba, kumele itshaywe ngamatshe."‡ 21 Okwabonwayo kwakusesabeka kakhulu
uMosi waze wathi, "Ngiyathuthumela ngenxa yokwesaba."§
22 Kodwa lina lize eNtabeni iZiyoni, iJerusalema lasezulwini, umuzi kaNkulunkulu
ophilayo. Lize kuzinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zezingilosi ezihlangane ngen-
tokozo 23 ebandleni lezibulo, ezimabizo azo alotshiwe ezulwini. Lize kuNkulunkulu,
umahluleli wabantu bonke, emimoyeni yabantu abalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo,
24 kuJesu umeli wesivumelwano esitsha, lasegazini elicheliweyo elikhuluma ilizwi
elihle kulegazi lika-Abheli.
25 Bonani ukuthi kalimenqabeli lowo okhulumayo. Nxa bengaphephanga lapho
benqabela lowo owabaxwayisa emhlabeni, koba kuncane kangakanani kithi, nxa
sidela lowo osixwayisa ezulwini na? 26 Ngalesosikhathi ilizwi lakhe lanyikinya
umhlaba, kodwa khathesi usethembisile wathi: "Ngizaphinda njalo futhi nginyikinye,
hatshi umhlaba kuphela, kodwa lamazulu futhi."* 27 Amazwi la "njalo futhi" atsho
ukususwa kwalokho okunganyikinyiswa, okuyikuthi izinto ezadalwayo, ukuze kuthi
lokho okungeke kunyikinyiswe kusale.
28 Ngakho-ke, njengoba sisamukela umbuso ongeke unyikinywe, kasibongeni
njalo sikhonze uNkulunkulu ngokufaneleyo ngenhlonipho langokwesaba, 29 ngoba
"uNkulunkulu wethu ungumlilo oqothulayo."†

13

Izixwayiso Zokucina

1 Qhubekani lithandana njengabazalwane. 2 Lingakhohlwa ukwamukela iz-
ihambi ngoba ngokwenza njalo abanye abantu bamukela izingilosi bengazi.

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† **12:13** 12.13 Izaga 4.26 ‡ **12:20** 12.20 U-Eksodasi 19.12-13 § **12:21** 12.21 UDutheronomi 9.19 * **12:26** 12.26 UHagayi 2.6 † **12:29** 12.29 UDutheronomi 4.24

3 Khumbulani abasentolongweni ngokungathi lani liyizibotshwa kanye labo, kanye
lalabo abaphethwe kubi ngokungathi lani uqobo liyahlupheka.
4 Ukuthathana kumele kuhlonitshwe ngumuntu wonke, kuthi lomendlalo
wokuthathana uhlale uhlambulukile ngoba uNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela isifebe labo
bonke abahlobongayo. 5 Ekuphileni kwenu xwayani ukuthanda imali lisuthiseke
ngalokho elilakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi:
“Kangisoze ngilitshiye;
kangisoze ngilidele.”*
6 Ngakho siyatsho ngethemba sithi:
“INkosi ingumsizi wami; kangiyikwesaba.
Umuntu angenzani kimi na?”†
7 Khumbulani abakhokheli benu, abakhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kini. Caban-
gani okwavela endleleni yokuphila kwabo lilingisele ukukholwa kwabo. 8 UJesu
Khristu uyafana izolo lanamhla kanye laphakade.
9 Lingathatheki ngazozonke inhlobo zemfundiso engaziwayo. Kuhle ukuba
inhliziyo zethu ziqiniswe ngumusa, hatshi yikudla komkhuba okungelasizo kulabo
abakudlayo. 10 Thina sile-alithare lapho labo abakhonza ethabanikeleni bengelalun-
gelo lokudlela kulo.
11 Umphristi omkhulu uletha igazi lezifuyo eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele njen-
gomnikelo wesono kodwa izidumbu zazo ziyatshiswa ngaphandle kwezihonqo.
12 Ngokunjalo uJesu laye wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango ledolobho ukuba enze
abantu bakhe babengcwele ngegazi lakhe. 13 Ngakho-ke, kasiyeni kuye ngaphandle
kwezihonqo silehlazo alithwalayo. 14 Ngoba lapha kasiladolobho elimiyo njalo, kodwa
sidinga idolobho elizayo.
15 Ngakho, ngoJesu kasinikeleni njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo wokubonga,
isithelo sezindebe ezivuma ibizo lakhe. 16 Njalo lingakhohlwa ukwenza okulungileyo
kanye lokwabela abanye ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngemihlatshelo enje.
17 Lalelani abakhokheli benu njalo lithobele amandla abo. Bayalilinda njengabantu
okumele balandise ngani. Balaleleni ukuze umsebenzi wabo uthokozise njalo
ungasindi ngoba lokho akungeke kube lusizo kini.
18 Sikhulekeleni. Sileqiniso ukuthi silesazela esihle njalo sifisa ukuhlala ngobuqotho
ngezindlela zonke. 19 Ikakhulu ngiyalincenga ukuba likhuleke ukuze ngibuyiselwe
kini masinyane.

Izibusiso Lokuvalelisa

20 Sengathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula, owavusa iNkosi yethu uJesu kwabafileyo
ngegazi lesivumelwano esingapheliyo, lowoMalusi omkhulu wezimvu,
21 angalihlomisa ngakho konke okulungele ukwenza intando yakhe, njalo sengathi
angasebenza phakathi kwethu lokho okumthokozisayo ngoJesu Khristu, udumo
kalube kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

22 Bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuba libekezelele ilizwi lami lokuqonqosela kwami
ngoba ngililobele incwadi emfitshane nje.

23 Ngithanda ukuba likwazi ukuthi umzalwane wethu uThimothi usekhululwe.
Angafika masinyane ngizakuza laye sizelibona.

24 Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli benu kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke.

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* **13:5** 13.5 UDutheronomi 31.6 † **13:6** 13.6 AmaHubo 118.6-7

Abavela e-Ithali bayalibingelela.

25 Umusa kawube lani lonke.

UJakhobe

1 UJakhobe inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi uJesu Khristu,

Kuzo izizwana ezilitshumi lambili ezihlakazekele phakathi kwezizwe:

Ngiyalibingelela.

Ukuhlolwa Lezilingo

2 Bazalwane bami, lapho lisehlelwa yizilingo ezitshiyeneyo, kubaleni njengentokozo epheleleyo 3 ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kukhulisa ukubekezela. 4 Ukubekezela kufanele kuwuqede umsebenzi wakho ukuze lina likhule njalo liphelele, lingasileli ngalutho. 5 Nxa omunye wenu eswela ukuhlakanipha kumele acele kuNkulunkulu onika bonke ngesihle engadinganga sici, ngempela uzakuphiwa. 6 Kodwa lapho ecela kumele akholwe angathandabuzi ngoba othandabuzayo unjengegagasi lolwandle eliphetshulwa ngumoya uliphose. 7 Umuntu lowo akumelanga acabange ukuthi kulolutho azaluthola eNkosini; 8 ungumuntu ongqondombili, kazinzanga kukho konke akwenzayo.

9 Umzalwane olesimo esiphansi kumele aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe esiphezulu. 10 Kodwa lowo onothileyo kumele aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe esiphansi, ngoba uzadlula njengeluba leganga. 11 Ngoba ilanga liphuma litshisa okuhangulayo libunise ihlumela, umqhakazo walo uwohloke lobuhle balo buphele. Ngokufanayo umuntu onothileyo uzanyamalala elokhu esawenza umsebenzi wakhe.

12 Ubusisiwe umuntu oqiniselayo ekulingweni, ngoba lapho esephumelele ekuhlolweni, uzaphiwa umqhele wokuphila, ukuphila uNkulunkulu akuthembisa labo abamthandayo.

13 Ekulingweni, kakho okumele athi, “UNkulunkulu uyangilinga.” Ngoba uNkulunkulu angeke alingwe yibubi, futhi kalingi muntu; 14 kodwa lowo lalowo ulingwa yinkanuko yakhe embi, lapho edonselwa kude ehugwa. 15 Ngakho-ke, nxa inkanuko isidaliwe izala isono; njalo isono lapho sesikhulile okugcweleyo, sizala ukufa.

16 Lingakhohliswa bazalwane bami abathandekayo. 17 Zonke izipho ezinhle leziphelelelyo zivela phezulu, zehlele phansi zivela kuYise wezibane zasezulwini, ongaguqukiyo njalo ongelathunzi lokuphenduka. 18 Wakhetha ukusizala ngelizwi leqiniso ukuze sibe luhlobo lwezithelo zakuqala kukho konke akudalayo.

Ukulalela Lokwenza

19 Bazalwane bami abathandekayo, qaphelani lokhu: Umuntu wonke kumele aphange alalele, aphuze ukukhuluma, njalo aphuze lokuthukuthela 20 ngoba ukuthukuthela komuntu kakulethi ukuphila okulungileyo okufiswa nguNkulunkulu. 21 Ngakho-ke, lahlani amanyala wonke lobubi obande kangaka, lilamukele ngokuthobeka ilizwi elahlanyelwa kini, elingalisindisa.

22 Lingalaleli ilizwi nje kuphela, beselizikhohlisa ngalokho. Yenzani lokho elikutshoyo. 23 Loba ngubani olalela ilizwi kodwa angaze enza elikutshoyo unjengomuntu okhangela ubuso bakhe esibukweni 24 kuthi esezibukile asuke ahle akhohlwe ukuthi unjani. 25 Kodwa umuntu owukhangela ngenjongo umthetho opheleleyo oletha ukukhululeka, njalo aqhubeke esenza lokhu engakhohlwa asekuzwile, kodwa ekwenza, uzabusiswa kulokho akwenzayo.

26 Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uyakholwa kodwa engabambi ulimi lwakhe
okuqinileyo, uyazikhohlisa njalo lokholo lwakhe luyize. 27 Ukukholwa okwamukelwa
nguNkulunkulu uBaba okuhlambulukileyo njalo kungelasici yilokhu: ukugcina
izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, kanye lokuzigcina thina ngokwethu
ekungcolisweni ngumhlaba.

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Ukubandlulula Akuvunyelwa

1 Bazalwane bami, njengabakholwayo eNkosini yethu elenkazimulo uJesu Khristu,
lingabandlululi. 2 Kasithi umuntu ufika emhlanganweni wenu egqize indan-
datho yegolide, egqoke lezigqoko ezinhle, besekungena umyanga egqoke izigqoko
ezinithizelayo. 3 Nxa limnaka kakhulu lowo ogqoke izigqoko ezinhle lithi kuye, “Nansi
isihlalo esingcono,” kodwa kongumyanga lithi, “Wena mana laphayana,” kumbe
lithi, “Hlala phansi eduze kwezinyawo zami,” 4 Kambe kalibandlululanga njalo laba
ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi na?

5 Lalelani, bazalwane bami abathandekayo: Kanti uNkulunkulu kabakhethanga
yini labo abangabayanga emehlweni omhlaba ukuba babengabanothileyo ekukhol-
weni kanye lokudla ilifa lombuso awuthembisa labo abamthandayo na? 6 Kodwa lina
libathukile abayanga. Abanothileyo akusibo yini abadinga inzuzo ngani? Akusibo
yini abalihudulela emithethwandaba? 7 Akusibo yini abahlambaza ibizo lobukhosi
elalowo lina elingabakhe na?

8 Nxa liwugcina sibili umthetho wobukhosi otholakala eMbhalweni othi, “Thanda
umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda,”* lenza okulungileyo. 9 Kodwa
nxa libandlulula lenza isono njalo lilahlwa ngumthetho njengabephuli bomthetho.
10 Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umthetho wonke, kodwa akhubeke endaweni eyodwa,
ulecala lokuwephula wonke. 11 Ngoba yena owathi, “Ungafebi,”† wathi futhi,
“Ungabulali.”‡ Nxa ungafebi, kodwa ubulala, usube yisaphulamthetho.

12 Khulumani njalo lenze njengalabo abazakwahlulelwa ngumthetho onika ukukhu-
luleka, 13 ngoba ukwahlulela okungelasihawu kuzakuba kulowo obengelasihawu.
Isihawu sinqoba ukwahlulela!

Ukukholwa Lezenzo

14 Kusizani bazalwane bami, nxa umuntu esithi ulokholo kodwa engelazenzo?
Ukholo olunjalo lungamsindisa na? 15 Kasithi umfowenu loba udadewenu
kalazigqoko lokudla kwansukuzonke. 16 Nxa omunye wenu esithi kuye, “Hamba,
ngikufisela okuhle; hlala ufudumala njalo usutha,” kodwa angenzi lutho ngalezi
zinswelo zakhe zomzimba, kusizani na? 17 Ngokunjalo, ukukholwa nje kuphela, nxa
kungelamisebenzi kufile.

18 Kodwa omunye uzakuthi, “Wena ulokukholwa; mina ngilezenzo.”
Ngitshengisa ukukholwa kwakho kungelazenzo, njalo mina ngizakutshengisa
ukukholwa kwami ngalokho engikwenzayo. 19 Uyakholwa ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu
oyedwa. Kulungile! Lamadimoni ayakukholwa lokhu njalo ayathuthumela.

20 Wena ndoda eyisiwula, ufuna ubufakazi bokuthi ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi
kuyize na? 21 Kanje ukhokho wethu u-Abhrahama kabalwanga njengolungileyo
ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo lapho anikela indodana yakhe u-Isaka e-alithareni na?
22 Liyabona ukuthi ukukholwa kwakhe lezenzo zakhe kwakusebenza ndawonye,
njalo ukukholwa kwakhe kwapheleliswa yilokho akwenzayo. 23 Njalo umbhalo
wagcwaliseka othi, “U-Abhrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa kuye

* **2:8** 2.8 ULevi 19.18 † **2:11** 2.11 U-Eksodasi 20.14; UDutheronomi 5.18 ‡ **2:11** 2.11 U-Eksodasi 20.13; UDutheronomi 5.17

njengokulunga,”§ njalo wabizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu. 24 Liyabona
ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa yilokho akwenzayo hatshi ngokukholwa kuphela.
25 Ngokunjalo, loRahabi isifebe konje kabalwanga njengolungileyo ngalokho
akwenzayo lapho anika inhloli indawo yokulala wabuya wazikhupha ngenye indlela
na? 26 Njengoba umzimba ongelamoya ufile, ngokunjalo ukukholwa okunge-
lamisebenzi kufile.

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Ukuthambisa Ulimi

1 Bazalwane bami, abanengi benu akumelanga babe ngabafundisi ngoba liyakwazi
ukuthi thina esifundisayo sizakwahlulelwa kalukhunikazi. 2 Sonke siyakhubeka
ngezindlela ezinengi. Nxa umuntu engakaze abelesici kulokho akutshoyo, ungu-
muntu opheleleyo, oyenelisayo ukuwubamba wonke umzimba wakhe.
3 Lapho sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuba asilalele, ibhiza sin-
galiphendula lonke. 4 Kumbe lithathe imikhumbi njengesibonelo. Lanxa imikhulu
kangaka njalo iqhutshwa ngumoya olamandla, iqondiswa ngophinyana oluncane
loba kungaphi lapho umtshayeli afuna ukuya khona. 5 Ngokufanayo ulimi luyisitho
esincane somzimba kodwa luyazincoma kakhulu. Cabangani ngehlathi elikhulu
elithungelwa yinhlansi encane yomlilo. 6 Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi
phakathi kwezitho zomzimba. Lungcolisa lonke uqobo lomuntu, luyithungele
ngomlilo yonke impilo yakhe, lalo luthungelwe yisihogo somlilo.
7 Zonke inhlobo zezinyamazana, izinyoni, lezihuquzelayo kanye lezidalwa zasol-
wandle ziyathanjiswa njalo sezathanjiswa ngumuntu, 8 kodwa akulamuntu ongath-
ambisa ulimi, luyibubi obuyaluzelayo, lugcwele itshefu ebulalayo.
9 Ngolimi siyayibonga iNkosi uBaba, njalo ngalo sithuka abantu abenziwa
ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. 10 Emlonyeni munye kuphuma ukubonga lokuthuka.
Bazalwane bami, lokhu akufanelanga. 11 Kambe amanzi amnandi lamanzi aletswayi
angagobhoza mthombo munye na? 12 Bazalwane bami, umkhiwa ungathela ama-
oliva na, kumbe ivini lithele imikhiwa na? Lomthombo oletswayi awungeke ukhuphe
amanzi amnandi.

Imihlobo Emibili Yokuhlakanipha

13 Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu na? Kakubonakalise
ngokuphila kwakhe kuhle, langezenzo ezenziwa ngokuzithoba okuvela ekuhlaka-
nipheni. 14 Kodwa nxa ligcine umhawu lokulangazela kobukhwele ezinhliziyweni
zenu, lingazincomi ngakho kumbe liphike iqiniso. 15 “Ukuhlakanipha” okunjalo
kakwehli kuvela ezulwini, kodwa ngokwasemhlabeni, akusikomoya, ngokwamadi-
moni. 16 Ngoba lapho okulomhawu khona lokutshisekela kokuzisuthisa kulapho
okutholakala khona ingxabangxoza kanye lezenzo zonke ezimbi.
17 Kodwa ukuhlakanipha okuvela ezulwini kuqala ngokuhlambuluka; be-
sekuthanda ukuthula, kulozwelo, kuyazehlisa, kugcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle,
kakukhethi njalo kuqotho. 18 Abalamuli abahlanyela ukuthula bathola isivuno
sokulunga.

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Zehliseni KuNkulunkulu

1 Kuyini okubangela ukulwa lengxabano phakathi kwenu na? Kakuveli ezinkanuk-
weni zenu ezilwayo phakathi kwenu na? 2 Lifuna ulutho oluthile, kodwa kalilutholi.

§ **2:23** 2.23 UGenesisi 15.6

Liyabulala njalo lihawukele kodwa kalingeke likuthole lokho elikufunayo. Liyaxabana lilwe. Kalilalutho ngoba kaliceli kuNkulunkulu. 3 Lapho licela, kaliphiwa ngoba licela ngenjongo embi, ukuba lichithe lokho elikuzuzayo enjabulweni yenu.

4 Lina zifebe zabantu, kalikwazi yini ukuthi ubungane lomhlaba kuyikuzonda uNkulunkulu na? Umuntu okhetha ukuba ngumngane womhlaba uba yisitha sikaNkulunkulu. 5 Kumbe licabanga ukuthi umbhalo utsho kungelasizatho ukuthi umoya awenza ukuba uhlale phakathi kwethu ugebela ebukhweleni? 6 Kodwa yena usinika umusa owengeziweyo. Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi:

“UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo,
kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo.”*

7 Ngakho-ke, zehliseni kuNkulunkulu. Menqabeleni uSathane, uzalibalekela. 8 Sondelani phansi kukaNkulunkulu laye uzasondela kini. Gezani izandla zenu lina zoni, lihlambulule lezinhliziyo zenu, lina abangqondombili. 9 Dabukani, lilile, likhale. Guqulani ukuhleka kwenu kube yikukhala, kuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kube yikudana. 10 Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, izaliphakamisa.

11 Bazalwane, lingachothozani. Umuntu okhuluma kubi ngomzalwane wakhe, loba amahlulele, ukhuluma kubi ngomthetho awahlulele. Lapho lisahlulela umthetho, kaliwugcini kodwa liyawahlulela. 12 KuloMenzi wemithetho loMahluleli oyedwa kuphela, lowo olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa. Kodwa lina lingobani ukuba lahlulele omakhelwane benu na?

Ukuzincoma Ngekusasa

13 Lalelani lina elithi, “Lamhla loba kusasa sizakuya kuleli loba kuleliyana idolobho, siqede umnyaka khona, senze imisebenzi sizuze imali.” 14 Kungani ngoba phela kalikwazi okuzakwenzakala kusasa. Ukuphila kwenu kuyini na? Liyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhatshana ibe isinyamalala. 15 Kodwa kumele lithi, “Nxa kuyintando yeNkosi sizaphila senze lokhu loba lokhuyana.” 16 Okwakhathesi liyazincoma lizikhukhumeza. Konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi. 17 Ngakho-ke, loba ngubani okwaziyo okulungileyo okumele akwenze kodwa angakwenzi, wenza isono.

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Isixwayiso Kubancindezeli Abanothileyo

1 Lalelani lina bantu abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa yosizi oluzayo phezu kwenu. 2 Inotho yenu isibolile, lezigqoko zenu sezidliwe linondo. 3 Isiliva legolide lenu sekuthombile. Ukuthomba kwakho kuzafakaza kubi ngani, kudle inyama yemizimba yenu njengomlilo. Libuthelele inotho ensukwini zokucina. 4 Khangelani! Imiholo elingayibhadalanga izisebenzi ezavuna amasimu enu iyalikhalela. Ukukhala kwabavuni sekufikile ezindlebeni zeNkosi uSomandla. 5 Emhlabeni lihlale ngentokozo langokuminza. Selikhuluphele ngenxa yokuhlaba imihla ngemihla. 6 Libagwebile lababulala abantu abamsulwa, ababengamelani lani.

Ukubekezela Phakathi Kokuhlupheka

7 Ngakho, bazalwane, bekezelani iNkosi ize ifike. Khangelani ukuthi umlimi uyilindela njani insimu ukuba ithele izilimo zayo eziligugu kanye lokuthi ukubekezelela njani ukuna kwezulu lentwasa. 8 Lani futhi, bekezelani liqine ngoba ukufika kweNkosi sekusondele. 9 Lingasolani bazalwane hlezi lahlulelwe. UMahluleli umi emnyango!

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* **4:6** 4.6 Izaga 3.34

10 Bazalwane, njengesibonelo sokubekezela ekuhluphekeni, khumbulani abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngebizo leNkosi. 11 Njengoba lisazi, labo ababekezelayo sibabala njengababusisiweyo. Selezwa ngokubekezela kukaJobe njalo selikubonile okwalethwa yiNkosi ekucineni. INkosi igcwele isihawu esikhulu lomusa.
12 Phezu kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, lingafungi, kungaba ngezulu loba ngomhlaba kumbe ngolunye ulutho. “U-Yebo” wenu kabe nguyebo, lo “Hatshi” wenu abenguhatshi, hlezi lilahlwe.

Umkhuleko Wokukholwa

13 Ukhona phakathi kwenu ohluphekayo na? Kakhuleke. Ukhona othokozayo na? Kahlabele izingoma zokudumisa. 14 Ukhona kini ogulayo na? Kumele abize abadala bebandla bamkhulekele njalo bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi. 15 Umkhuleko owenziwe ngokukholwa uzakwenza lowomuntu ogulayo asile; iNkosi izamvusa. Nxa enze isono, uzathethelelwa. 16 Ngakho-ke, vumani izono zenu omunye komunye njalo likhulekelane ukuze lisiliswe. Umkhuleko womuntu olungileyo ulamandla njalo uyasebenza.
17 U-Elija wayengumuntu njengathi. Wakhuleka ngokutshiseka ukuba izulu lingani, lakanye kalinanga elizweni iminyaka emithathu lengxenye. 18 Wakhuleka futhi, amazulu aletha izulu, kwathi umhlaba lawo wathela izilimo zawo.
19 Bazalwane bami, nxa omunye wenu ephambuka eqinisweni, omunye ambuyisele, 20 khumbulani lokhu: Lowo onqanda isoni ekoneni kwaso uzasisindisa ekufeni, agubuzele izono ezinengi.

Incwadi Yakuqala KaPhethro

1 UPhethro, umpostoli kaJesu Khristu,

Kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, lasezihambini emhlabeni labahlakazekileyo kulolonke elasePhontusi, laseGalathiya, laseKhaphadokhiya, lase-Ezhiya kanye laseBhithiniya, 2 abakhethwe ngokumayelana lokwazi mandulo kukaNkulunkulu uBaba, ngomsebenzi ongcwelisayo kaMoya, ngokulalela uJesu Khristu langokuchelwa ngegazi lakhe:

Umusa lokuthula kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo.

Ukudumisa UNkulunkulu Ngenxa Yethemba Eliphilayo

3 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu! Ngenxa yesihawu sakhe esikhulu usinike ukuzalwa kutsha ethembeni eliphilayo ngokuvuka kwabafileyo kukaJesu Khristu, 4 kanye laselifeni elingasoze libole, lonakale loba libune njalo eliligcinelweyo ezulwini. 5 Ngokukholwa livikelwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kuze kufike ukusindiswa okulungiselwe ukubonakaliswa ngesikhathi sokucina. 6 Liyathokoza kakhulu ngalokhu lanxa like lahlupheka okwesikhatshana ngezinsizi zezinhlobo zonke zezilingo. 7 Zifikile ukuze ukukholwa kwenu okulinganisiweyo, okuqakatheke kakhulu kulegolide, elonakalayo lanxa licengwe ngomlilo kubonakaliswe kuqotho njalo kulethe ukubonga, lenkazimulo kanye lodumo lapho uJesu Khristu esebonakaliswa. 8 Lanxa lingambonanga, liyamthanda; njalo lanxa lingamboni khathesi, liyakholwa kuye njalo ligcwele intokozo engakhulumekiyo lemangalisayo, 9 ngoba lamukela umvuzo wokukholwa kwenu, ukusindiswa kwemiphefumulo yenu.

10 Mayelana lokusindiswa lokhu, abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngomusa owawuzakuza kini, badingisisa ngesineke esikhulu, 11 bezama ukwazi isikhathi lomumo okwakutshiwo nguMoya kaKhristu owayekubo lapho atsho mandulo ngezinhlupheko zikaKhristu lenkazimulo eyayizalandela. 12 Kwabonakaliswa kubo ukuthi bona babengazisebenzeli kodwa besebenzela lina lapho babekhuluma ngezinto khathesi eselizitshelwe yilabo abatshumayele ivangeli kini ngoMoya oNgcwele owathunywa evela ezulwini. Lezingilosi ziyafisa ukuzibona lezizinto.

Wobani Ngcwele

13 Ngakho-ke, lungiselani ingqondo zenu okungenziwa; zithibeni; bekani ithemba lenu ngokupheleleyo emuseni elizawuthola lapho uJesu Khristu esebonakaliswa. 14 Njengabantwana abalalelayo lingavumeli izinkanuko ezimbi elalilazo lingakazi. 15 Kodwa njengoba lowo owalibizayo engcwele, ngakho wobani ngcwele kukho konke elikwenzayo; 16 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Wobani ngcwele ngoba mina ngingcwele.”*

17 Njengoba likhuleka kuYihlo owahlulela imisebenzi yomuntu ngamunye kungekho bandlululo, philani impilo yenu lapha njengezihambi ngokuhlonipha. 18 Ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezifayo ezinjengegolide lesiliva endleleni yokuphila eyize elakutshiyelwa ngokhokho benu, 19 kodwa ngegazi

* **1:16** 1.16 ULevi 11.44-45; 19.2

eliligugu likaKhristu imvana engelacala loba isici. 20 Wakhethwa umhlaba ungakadalwa, kodwa wabonakaliswa ngalezi izikhathi zokucina ngenxa yenu. 21 Ngaye liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo wamnika inkazimulo, ngakho ukukholwa kwenu lethemba kukuNkulunkulu.

22 Njengoba khathesi selizihlambulule ngokulalela iqiniso ukuze libe lothando oluqotho kubazalwane benu, thandanani kakhulu, kusuka enhliziyweni. 23 Ngoba selizelwe kutsha, kungasikho ngenhlanyelo ebolayo, kodwa ngengaboliyo, ngelizwi eliphilayo eliqinileyo likaNkulunkulu. 24 Ngoba,

“Abantu bonke banjengotshani,
bonke ubukhosi babo bunjengamaluba eganga;
utshani buyabuna njalo amaluba ayakhithika,
25 kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kube nini lanini.”†

Njalo leli yilo ilizwi elatshunyayelwa kini.

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1 Ngakho-ke, lahlani ububi bonke lenkohliso yonke, lokuzenzisa, lomona, kanye lesinyeyo senhlobo zonke. 2 Njengabantwana abasanda kuzalwa, funani uchago lwakomoya oluhlambukileyo, ukuze likhuliswe yilo ekusindisweni kwenu, 3 njengoba selibonile ukuthi iNkosi ilungile.

ILitshe Eliphilayo Kanye Labantu Abakhethiweyo

4 Lapho lisiza kuye, iLitshe eliphilayo, elalahlwa ngabantu, kodwa elakhethwa nguNkulunkulu njalo liligugu kuye, 5 lani futhi, njengamatshe aphilayo lakhiwa laba yindlu yakomoya ukuba libe ngabaphristi abangcwele, linikela imihlatshelo yakomoya eyamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesu Khristu. 6 Ngoba emibhalweni kuthiwa:

“Khangelani, ngibeka ilitshe eZiyoni,
ilitshe lekhoneni elikhethiweyo eliligugu,
njalo lowo okholwa kuye
akayikuyangiswa.”*

7 Kini lina abakholwayo, ilitshe leli liligugu. Kodwa kulabo abangakholwayo,

“Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni,”†

8 njalo,

“Ilitshe elikhubekisa abantu
ledwala elibenza bawe.”‡

Bayakhubeka ngoba badelela ilizwi okuyikho njalo abakumiselweyo.

9 Kodwa lina lingabantu abakhethiweyo, ubuphristi bobukhosi, isizwe esingcwele, abantu abangabakaNkulunkulu, ukuba limemezele indumiso yakhe yena owalibiza lisemnyameni ukuba lize ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo. 10 Lake langabi ngabantu, kodwa khathesi selingabantu bakaNkulunkulu; lake laswela isihawu; kodwa khathesi selithole isihawu.

Ukuphila Ngokulunga Emphakathini Ongakholwayo

11 Bangane abathandekayo, ngiyalincenga, njengabezizweni lezihambi emhlabeni ukuba lizile izinkanuko zesono ezilwa lemiphefumulo yenu. 12 Philani impilo elungileyo phakathi kwabangakholwayo ukuze kuthi lanxa besithi lenza okubi, babone izenzo zenu ezilungileyo badumise uNkulunkulu mhla esiza kithi.

Ukuzehlisa Kubabusi Lasemakhosini

† **1:25** 1.25 U-Isaya 40.6-8 * **2:6** 2.6 U-Isaya 28.16 † **2:7** 2.7 AmaHubo 118.22 ‡ **2:8** 2.8 U-Isaya 8.14

13 Zehliseni ngenxa yeNkosi emibusweni yonke ebekwe phakathi kwabantu: loba
enkosini, njengamandla amakhulu, 14 loba kubabusi abathunywe yiyo ukuba bajezise
labo abenza okubi kanye lokubonga labo abenza okulungileyo. 15 Ngoba kuyin-
tando kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ngokwenza okulungileyo lizaqeda inkulumo yokungazi
yabantu abayiziwula. 16 Philani njengabantu abakhululekileyo, kodwa lingasebenzisi
inkululeko yenu njengezaba lokufihla ububi; philani njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu.
17 Tshengisani inhlonipho eqondileyo kwabanye. Thandani izimuli zabazalwane,
lihloniphe umuntu wonke, mesabeni uNkulunkulu, lihloniphe umbusi.
18 Zigqili, zehliseni emakhosini enu ngenhlonipho yonke, hatshi kuphela ku-
lawo alungileyo lalozwelo, kodwa lakulawo alolaka. 19 Ngoba kuyabongeka
nxa umuntu eqinisela ebuhlungwini bokuhlupheka okungafanelanga ngoba uyazi
ngoNkulunkulu. 20 Kodwa kuba ludumo njani kini nxa litshayelwa ukwenza
okungalunganga njalo likubekezelela? Kodwa nxa lihlukuluzelwa ukwenza okuhle
njalo likubekezelela, lokhu kuyancomeka phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 21 Labizelwa
lokhu, ngoba uKhristu walihluphekela, walitshiyela isibonelo ukuba lilandele eziny-
athelweni zakhe.
22 "Yena kenzanga sono,
njalo akukho nkohliso eyatholakala emlonyeni wakhe."§
23 Kwathi bemthethisa, yena kaphindiselanga; lapho ehlupheka, kazange asonge.
Kodwa wathembeka kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga. 24 "Yena ngokwakhe wathwala
izono zethu"* emzimbeni wakhe esiphambanweni ukuze siphephe ezonweni njalo
siphilele ukulunga; "lisilisiwe ngamanxeba akhe."† 25 Ngoba "lina lalinjengezimvu
ezilahlekileyo,"‡ kodwa khathesi selibuyele kuMalusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo
yenu.

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Abesifazane Labomkabo

1 Ngokunjalo, bafazi zehliseni kubomkenu ukuze kuthi lanxa abanye babo
bengalikholwa ilizwi, baphenduke ngokuziphatha kwabomkabo kungekho kukhu-
luma, 2 lapho bebona ukuhlanzeka lenhlonipho yokuphila kwenu. 3 Ubuhle benu
kabungaveli ekuziceciseni kwangaphandle, okunjengenwele ezelukiweyo lokugqiza
izigqizo zegolide kanye lokugqoka izigqoko ezinhle. 4 Kodwa kumele bube ngob-
angaphakathi kwenu, ubuhle obungapheliyo bomoya omnene lothuleyo, oligugu
elikhulu emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. 5 Ngoba le yiyo indlela abesifazane abangcwele
bakudala ababethembe uNkulunkulu bejayele ukuzicola ngayo. Babezehlisa kubomk-
abo, 6 njengoSara owalalela u-Abhrahama wambiza ngokuthi yinkosi yakhe. Linga-
madodakazi kaSara nxa lisenza okulungileyo njalo lingavumeli ukwesaba.
7 Ngokufanayo, madoda ekuphileni kwenu labomkenu wobani lozwelo, libaphathe
ngenhlonipho njengababuthakathaka labazindlalifa kanye lani zesipho sokuphila
esomusa, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluzavimbela imikhuleko yenu.

Ukuhluphekela Ukwenza Okulungileyo

8 Okokucina lonke hlalisanani ngokuthula; wobani lozwelo, lithandane
njengabazalwane, libe lesihawu kanye lokuthobeka. 9 Lingaphindiseli okubi ngokubi
loba inhlamba ngenhlamba, kodwa ngesibusiso, ngoba labizelwa ukuze lizuze ilifa
lokubusiswa. 10 Ngoba,
"Lowo othanda ukuphila
abone lensuku ezinhle
kumele anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi

§ **2:22** 2.22 U-Isaya 53.9 * **2:24** 2.24 U-Isaya 53.5 † **2:24** 2.24 U-Isaya 53.5 ‡ **2:25** 2.25 U-Isaya 53.6

lezindebe zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso.
11 Kumele batshiye ububi benze okulungileyo;
kumele bafune ukuthula njalo bakunxwanele.
12 Ngoba amehlo kaThixo akhangele abalungileyo
lezindlebe zakhe ziyezwa, imikhuleko yabo,
kodwa ubuso bukaJehova bumelana lalabo abenza okubi."*
13 Ngubani ozalilimaza nxa litshisekela ukwenza okulungileyo na? 14 Kodwa lanxa lingahlupheka ngenxa yokulungileyo, libusisekile. "Lingakwesabi lokho abakwesabayo; kalingethuswa."† 15 Kodwa yamukelani uKhristu ezinhliziyweni zenu njengeNkosi engcwele. Hlalani lilungele ukuphendula loba ngubani olibuza isizatho ngethemba elilalo. 16 Kodwa lokhu kwenzeni ngobumnene langenhlonipho, lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi labo abakhuluma okubi ngokuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKhristu bayangeke ngokuhlambaza kwabo. 17 Ngoba kungcono nxa kuyintando kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlupheka ngenxa yokwenza okulungileyo kulokwenza okubi. 18 Ngoba uKhristu wafela izono zenu kwaba kanye, olungileyo efela abangalunganga, ukuze alise kuNkulunkulu. Wabulawa emzimbeni, kodwa wavuswa nguMoya, 19 wahamba ngaye wayatshumayela emimoyeni eyayisentolongweni yona 20 engalalelanga kudala lapho uNkulunkulu alinda khona ngokubekezela ensukwini zikaNowa umkhumbi usakhiwa. Phakathi kwawo abantu abalutshwana nje kuphela, abayisificaminwembili bebonke, basindiswa ngamanzi, 21 njalo amanzi la afanekisa umbhaphathizo osusilisa lani futhi, kungayisikho kususa ingcekeza emzimbeni kodwa kuyisibambiso sesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu. Siyalisilisa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo kukaJesu Khristu, 22 oseye ezulwini njalo usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu, lezingilosi, leziphathamandla kanye lezikhulu ekuzehliseni kuye.

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Ukuphilela UNkulunkulu

1 Ngakho, njengoba uKhristu wahlupheka emzimbeni wakhe, lani hlomani ngesimo esifanayo, ngoba lowo owahluphekayo emzimbeni wakhe usehlule isono. 2 Ngakhoke, ukuphila kwakhe kwasemhlabeni okuseleyo kakuphileli izinkanuko ezimbi zabantu, kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngoba selichithe isikhathi esaneleyo ngaphambili lisenza lokho abahedeni abakhetha ukukwenza, impilo yobudlova, inkanuko, lokudakwa, ukuzitika, ukuzivusa amadlabuzane kanye lezithombe eziyisinengiso. 4 Bakubona kumangalisa ukuthi kalibhudlukeli kanye labo kusikhukhula sinye sencithakalo, njalo bayalithuka kakhulu. 5 Kodwa kuzamela baziphendulele kuye olungele ukwahlulela abaphilayo kanye labafileyo. 6 Ngoba lesi yiso isizatho esenza kwatshunyayelwa ivangeli lakulabo khathesi asebefile, ukuze bahlulelwe ngokwabantu ngokomzimba, kodwa baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu ngokomoya.

7 Ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele. Ngakho-ke, kumele liqedisise njalo lizithibe ukuze likhuleke. 8 Phezu kwakho konke, thandanani ngokupheleleyo, ngoba uthando lugqibela izono ezinengi. 9 Yamukelanani emakhaya enu kungekho kukhonona. 10 Lowo lalowo kumele asebenzise loba yisiphi isipho somoya asamukelayo ekusizeni abanye, njengenceku ezithembekileyo zomusa kaNkulunkulu ngesimo sawo olezimo ezehlukeneyo. 11 Nxa umuntu ekhuluma, kumele akhulume njengokhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu wona ngokwawo. Nxa umuntu ekhonza, kumele akhonze ngamandla awaphiwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu adunyiswe ngoJesu Khristu. Udumo lamandla kakube kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.

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* **3:12** 3.12 AmaHubo 34.12-16 † **3:14** 3.14 U-Isaya 8.12

Ukuhlupheka Ngenxa Yokuba NgumKhristu

12 Bangane bami abathandekayo, lingamangaliswa yibuhlungu besilingo
elibuzwayo, kungathi kwenzakala into engaziwayo kini. 13 Kodwa thokozani
ngokuthi liyahlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kukaKhristu, ukuze lithokoze kakhulu
lapho inkazimulo yakhe isibonakaliswa. 14 Nxa lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKhristu,
libusisiwe, ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu. 15 Nxa
lihlupheka, akungabi njengombulali loba isela kumbe olunye uhlobo lwesigebenga
loba lanjengongenelayo ezindabeni zabanikazi. 16 Kodwa-ke, nxa lihlupheka
njengomKhristu, lingayangeki, kodwa dumisani uNkulunkulu ngebizo lakhe.
17 Ngoba kuyisikhathi sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqalise ngabendlu kaNkulunkulu;
njalo nxa kuqalisa ngathi, isiphetho sizakuba yini kulabo abangalaleli ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu na? 18 Njalo,

“Nxa kunzima ukuba abalungileyo basindiswe,
pho kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo labayizoni na?”*

19 Ngakho-ke, labo abahlupheka ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu kumele bazinikele
kuMdali wabo othembekileyo njalo baqhubeke besenza okulungileyo.

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Ebadaleni Lemhlambini

1 Ebadaleni abaphakathi kwenu, ngiyakhalaza njengomunye wabadala, ufakazi
wezinhlupheko zikaKhristu lomunye laye ozahlanganyela enkazimulweni ez-
abonakaliswa: 2 Wobani ngabelusi bomhlambi kaNkulunkulu eliwugcinayo,
lisebenze njengababonisi, kungasikubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngenxa yokuthanda
kwenu, njengoba uNkulunkulu efuna ukuba libe njalo; lingelamhawu wemali,
kodwa lifisa ukusiza; 3 hatshi ukubusa ababekwe ezandleni zenu, kodwa liyisibonelo
emhlambini. 4 Lapho uMalusi oMkhulu evela, lizakwamukela umqhele wenkazimulo
engayikufiphala.

5 Majaha, ngokunjalo zehliseni ebadaleni. Lonke zembathiseni ngokuthobeka
omunye komunye, ngoba,

“UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo,
kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo.”*

6 Ngakho-ke, zithobeni ngaphansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze
aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. 7 Yethulani kuye konke ukukhathazeka kwenu
ngoba yena uyalikhathalela.

8 Zithibeni, liqaphele. Isitha senu uSathane, siyazulazula njengesilwane esibhon-
gayo sidinga esingamudla. 9 Menqabeni, liqine ekukholweni ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi
abazalwane benu emhlabeni wonke baphakathi kwalezo zinhlupheko.

10 Njalo uNkulunkulu womusa wonke, yena owalibizela enkazimulweni kaKhristu
engulaphakade, emva kokuba lihlupheke okwesikhatshana, yena uqobo uzalivuselela
alenze libe lamandla, liqine njalo lithembeke. 11 Amandla kawabe kuye kuze kube
nini lanini. Ameni.

Ukuvalelisa

12 Ngosizo lukaSayilasi, engimthanda njengomzalwane othembekileyo, ngililobele
ngamafitshane ngilikhuthaza njalo ngifakaza ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNku-
lunkulu. Bambelelani kuwo.

* **4:18** 4.18 Izaga 11.31 * **5:5** 5.5 Izaga 3.34

13 Lowo oseBhabhiloni, owakhethwa kanye lani, uyalibingelela, loMakho indodana
yami iyalibingelela.
14 Bingelelanani ngokwangana kothando.

Ukuthula kakube kini lonke elikuKhristu.

Incwadi Yesibili KaPhethro

1 USimoni Phethro, inceku lompostoli kaJesu Khristu,

Kulabo abamukele ukholo oluligugu njengolwethu ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi uJesu Khristu:

2 Umusa lokuthula kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo ngokumazi uNkulunkulu loJesu iNkosi yethu.

Ukwenza Ukubizwa Lokukhethwa Komuntu Kuqiniseke

3 Amandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asesinike konke esikudingayo ekuphileni kanye lokumesaba uNkulunkulu ngokumazi kwethu yena owasibiza ngenkazimulo yakhe langokulunga. 4 Ngalokhu-ke usesinike izithembiso zakhe ezinkulu kakhulu eziligugu, ukuze kuthi ngazo lihlanganyele esimeni sobuNkulunkulu njalo liphephe ekonakaleni kwasemhlabeni okubangelwa yizinkanuko ezimbi.
5 Ngenxa yalesisizatho, yenzani imizamo yonke ukuba lengeze ukulunga ekukholweni kwenu; lekulungeni lengeze ukwazi; 6 ekwazini lengeze ukuzithiba; ekuzithibeni lengeze ukubekezela; ekubekezeleni lengeze ukumesaba uNkulunkulu; 7 ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu lengeze umusa wobuzalwane; lasemuseni wobuzalwane lengeze uthando. 8 Ngoba nxa lilalezizinto ngokwanda kwazo, zizalinqanda ekubeni ngabangafezi lutho labangelazithelo ekwazini kwenu iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 9 Kodwa nxa umuntu engelazo ubona kalufifi njalo uyisiphofu, ekhohlwa ukuthi usehlanjululwe ezonweni zakhe zakudala.
10 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, tshisekelani kakhulu ukwenza ukubizwa lokukhethwa kwenu kuqiniseke. Ngoba nxa lisenza lezizinto kalizukuwa, 11 njalo lizakwamukelwa ngokupheleleyo embusweni olaphakade weNkosi loMsindisi wethu uJesu Khristu.

Isiphrofethi SoMbhalo

12 Ngakho ngizahlala ngilikhumbuza lezizinto, lanxa lizazi njalo liqinile ngokupheleleyo eqinisweni eselilalo. 13 Ngibona kufanele ukuba ngilikhumbuze nxa ngisaphila kulelithente lomzimba lo, 14 ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngizaphanga ngilibeke eceleni, njengoba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu isikwenze kwabasobala kimi. 15 Njalo ngizakwenza imizamo yonke ukubona ukuthi emva kokusuka kwami lizahlala lizikhumbula lezizinto.
16 Sasingalandeli izinganekwane ezaqaliswa ngokuhlakanipha lapho silitshela ngamandla langokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kodwa sasingofakazi bobukhosi bakhe. 17 Ngoba wamukela udumo lenkazimulo kuNkulunkulu uBaba lapho ilizwi lifika kuye livela eNkazimulweni yoBukhosi, lisithi, “Le yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo.”* 18 Thina ngokwethu salizwa ilizwi lelo elavela ezulwini silaye phezu kwentaba engcwele.
19 Njalo ilizwi labaphrofethi seliqiniswe kakhulu, futhi kuzakuba kuhle kini ukuba lilinake njengesibane esikhanyise endaweni emnyama, kuze kuse lendonsakusa ize iphume ezinhliziyweni zenu. 20 Phezu kwakho konke, kumele liqedisise ukuthi akukho siphrofethi soMbhalo esavela ngokuchasisa okungokomphrofethi. 21 Ngoba

* **1:17** 1.17 UMatewu 17.5; UMakho 9.7; ULukha 9.35

isiphrofethi kasizange sivele entandweni yomuntu, kodwa abantu bakhuluma kuvela kuNkulunkulu beholwa nguMoya oNgcwele.

2

Abafundisi Bamanga Lokubhujiswa Kwabo

1 Kodwa phakathi kwabantu kwakulabaphrofethi bamanga futhi, njengoba kuzakuba labafundisi bamanga phakathi kwenu. Ngasese bazangenisa inkolo yamanga echithayo, baze bamphike loThixo iNkosi yobukhosi eyabathengayo, bazilethele ukubhujiswa ngokuphangisa. 2 Abanengi bazalandela izindlela zabo ezilihlazo benze lendlela yeqiniso idumazeke. 3 Ngobugovu babo abafundisi laba bazakwenza inzuzo ngani ngezinganekwane zokuzibumbela. Ukulahlwa kwabo kubengamile, lokubhujiswa kwabo akuzange kukhohlakale.

4 Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga izingilosi ekwenzeni kwazo isono, kodwa wazisa egehena, wazifaka emigodini emnyama ukuba zigcinelwe ukwahlulelwa. 5 Nxa engayekelanga umhlaba wasendulo lapho aletha khona uzamcolo ebantwini bawo ababengamesabi uNkulunkulu, kodwa wamvikela uNowa, umtshumayeli wokulunga, labanye abayisikhombisa. 6 Nxa watshabalalisa amadolobho aseSodoma leGomora ngokuwatshisa aba ngumlotha, wawenza aba yisibonelo salokho okuzakwenzakala kwabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. 7 Njalo nxa wahlenga uLothi, umuntu olungileyo, owayekhathazekile ngokuphila okungcolileyo kwabantu ababengelamthetho 8 (ngoba lowomuntu olungileyo, wayehlala phakathi kwabo insuku zonke, ehlutshwa emoyeni yizenzo zabo ezimbi ayezibona layezizwa). 9 Nxa lokhu kunjalo, uThixo uyakwazi ukuhlenga abantu abamesabayo ekulingweni kanye lokugcinela abangalunganga usuku lokwahlulela, eqhubeka ngokujeziswa kwabo. 10 Lokhu kuliqiniso ikakhulu kulabo abalandela izinkanuko ezonakeleyo zenyama njalo beseyisa umthetho.

Ngesibindi lokuzikhukhumeza, abantu laba kabakwesabi ukuhlambaza izidalwa zasezulwini; 11 ikanti lezingilosi, lanxa ziqinile njalo zilamandla amakhulu, kazizethesi macala ngokuhlambaza izidalwa ezinjalo phambi kukaThixo. 12 Kodwa abantu laba bahlambaza ngezindaba abangaziqedisisiyo. Banjengezinyamazana ezinganakaniyo, izidalwa ezibuswa yimvelo, ezazalelwa ukubanjwa lokubulawa kuphela, labo njalo njengezilo bazabhubha.

13 Bazaphindiselwa ngokubi ngenxa yokubi abakwenzileyo. Umcabango wabo ngenjabulo yikuminza emini libalele. Bayizixhwali lezoni, bezitika enjabulweni yabo besidla lani edilini. 14 Ngamehlo agcwele ubufebe kabayekeli ukwenza isono; baxhwalisa abangaqinanga; bazingcitshi zobugovu, inzalo eqalekisiweyo! 15 Bayitshiyile indlela eqondileyo, baduka belandela indlela kaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori owayethanda inzuzo yobubi. 16 Kodwa wakhuzwa ngezenzo zakhe ezimbi ngubabhemi, inyamazana eyisimungulu, eyakhuluma ngelizwi lomuntu yanqanda ukuphambana komphrofethi.

17 Abantu laba bayimithombo engelamanzi lenkungu eqhutshwa yisiphepho. Ubumnyama obukhulu bugcinelwe bona. 18 Ngoba bakhuluma amazwi okuzikhukhumeza ayize, njalo ngokulangatha izinkanuko zemizimba yabantu elesono, bahuga abantu abasanda kuphunyuka kulabo abahlala ekoneni. 19 Babathembisa inkululeko, bona beyizigqili zobuxhwali, ngoba umuntu uyisigqili salokho okumbusayo. 20 Nxa bebalekele ukonakala komhlaba ngokwazi iNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Khristu baphinde bahitsheleke kukho behlulwe, isiphetho sabo sibi njalo siyesabeka kulasekuqaliseni kwabo. 21 Kwakuzakuba ngcono kubo ukungayazi indlela yokulunga, kulokuthi sebeyazi bafulathele imilayo engcwele ababeyiphiwe.

22 Izaga ziqinisile ngabo ukuthi: “Inja iyawabuyelela amahlanzo ayo,”* njalo ukuthi,
“Ingulube egezisiweyo iyabuyela iyezibhixa edakeni.”

3

USuku LukaThixo

1 Bangane abathandekayo, le yincwadi yami yesibili kini. Ngizilobe zombili njengezikhumbuzo ukuba ngivuselele kini ukucabanga kuhle. 2 Ngithanda
ukuba likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa kudala ngabaphrofethi abangcwele lomlayo owaphiwa yiNkosi loMsindisi ngabapostoli benu.
3 Phezu kwakho konke, kumele liqedisise ukuthi ngezinsuku zokucina kuzafika abaklolodayo baklolode belandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi. 4 Bazakuthi, “Kungaphi ‘ukuza’ lokhu akuthembisayo? Selokhu obaba bafayo, konke kuqhubeka njengokwakuvele kusenzakala kusukela ekuqaleni kwendalo.” 5 Kodwa bakhohlwa
ngabomo ukuthi endulo ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu amazulu abakhona lomhlaba wavela emanzini njalo ngamanzi. 6 Ngamanzi futhi umhlaba wakulezozinsuku wakhukhulwa wachitheka. 7 Ngelizwi elifanayo amazulu akhathesi kanye lomhlaba kugcinelwe umlilo, kulindele usuku lokwahlulelwa lokubhujiswa kwabantu abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu.
8 Kodwa, bangane abathandekayo, lingakhohlwa into le eyodwa ukuthi: KuThixo usuku lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane leminyaka eyinkulungwane injengosuku olulodwa. 9 INkosi kayiphuzi ukugcwalisa isithembiso sayo, njengoba abanye bekuqedisisa njengokuphuza. Iyalibekezelela, ingafuni ukuba lamunye abhubhe, kodwa ukuba umuntu wonke aphenduke.
10 Kodwa usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela. Amazulu azanyamalala ngokuhlokoma; imimoya izaqothulwa ngomlilo, lomhlaba lakho konke okukuwo kuzatshabalaliswa.
11 Njengoba izinto zonke zizachithwa ngale indlela, lina kumele libe ngabantu abanjani na? Kumele liphile impilo engcwele leyokumesaba uNkulunkulu 12 lisalindele usuku lwakhe liphangisise ukufika kwalo. Lolosuku luzaletha ukuchithwa kwamazulu ngomlilo, njalo imimoya izancibilikiswa yikutshisa. 13 Kodwa mayelana lesithembiso sakhe silindele izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha, ikhaya lokulunga.
14 Ngakho-ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba lokhu likulindele, yenzani imizamo yonke ukuba litholakale lingelasici, lingelacala njalo lihlalisane laye ngokuthula. 15 Khumbulani ukuthi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu kutsho ukusindisa, njengalokhu umzalwane wethu othandekayo uPhawuli walilobela ngenhlakanipho uNkulunkulu amupha yona. 16 Uloba ngendlela efanayo kuzozonke izincwadi zakhe, ekhuluma lezizindaba kuzo. Izincwadi zakhe zimumethe ezinye izinto okunzima ukuzizwisisa, okuthi abantu abangaziyo labangaqinanga bazihlanekele, njengabakwenzayo kweminye iMibhalo, okuzaletha ukubhujiswa kwabo.
17 Ngakho-ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba selike lenqatshelwa, qaphelani ukuze lingedukiswa yibubi babantu abangelamthetho beselisiwa ezindaweni zenu eziqinileyo. 18 Kodwa khulani emuseni lasekwazini iNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Khristu.

Inkazimulo kayibe kuye khathesi lanininini! Ameni.

* **2:22** 2.22 Izaga 26.11

Incwadi Yakuqala KaJohane

ILizwi Lokuphila

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esesikuzwile, esesikubone ngamehlo
ethu, esesikukhangele lezandla zethu zakuthinta, lokhu siyakutshumayela mayelana
leLizwi lokuphila. 2 Ukuphila kwabonakala; sikubonile njalo siyakufakaza, njalo
sitshumayela kini ukuphila okulaphakade okwakukhona kuBaba njalo sekubonakele
kithi. 3 Sitshumayela kini esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo ukuze lani libe lokuh-
langanyela lathi. Ukuhlanganyela kwethu kuloBaba kanye leNdodana yakhe, uJesu
Khristu. 4 Siloba lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwethu kuphelele.

Ukuhamba Ekukhanyeni

5 Leli yilizwi esilizwe kuye esilitshumayela kini elokuthi: UNkulunkulu
uyikukhanya; kuye akukho ubumnyama. 6 Nxa sisithi silokuhlanganyela laye, kodwa
sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo leqiniso kasilenzi. 7 Kodwa nxa
sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengoba esekukhanyeni, silokuhlanganyela omunye lomunye
legazi likaJesu iNdodana yakhe liyasihlambulula ezonweni zonke.
8 Nxa sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa njalo kasilaqiniso. 9 Nxa sivuma izono
zethu, yena uthembekile njalo ulungile, uzasithethelela izono zethu, asihlambulule
kukho konke ukungalungi kwethu. 10 Nxa sisithi akulasono esasenzayo, simenza abe
ngumqambi wamanga, njalo ilizwi lakhe kalilandawo kithi.

2

1 Bantwabami abathandekayo, ngililobela incwadi le ukuze lingenzi izono. Kodwa
nxa umuntu enze isono, silaye osimelayo kuBaba esivikela yena uJesu Khristu
oLungileyo. 2 Ungumhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu, kungasizono zethu kuphela
kodwa lezono zomhlaba wonke.

Uthando Lenzondo Yabazalwane

3 Siba leqiniso ukuthi siyamazi nxa silalela imilayo yakhe. 4 Umuntu othi,
“Ngiyamazi,” kodwa angagcini imilayo yakhe uqamba amanga, leqiniso kalalo.
5 Kodwa nxa umuntu elalela ilizwi lakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa
sibili kuye. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi sikuye: 6 Lowo othi uhlala kuye kumele
aphile njengokwenziwa nguJesu.
7 Bangane abathandekayo, kangililobeli umlayo omutsha, kodwa omdala, elalilawo
kusukela ekuqaleni. Umlayo lo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo. 8 Ikanti ngililobela
umlayo omutsha; iqiniso lawo libonakala kuye lakini, ngoba ubumnyama buyedlula
lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya.
9 Lowo othi usekukhanyeni kodwa ezonda umzalwane wakhe ulokhu esebumnya-
meni. 10 Othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni njalo akulalutho kuye
olungamenza akhubeke. 11 Kodwa lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni
njalo uyazula ebumnyameni. Kakwazi lapho aya khona ngoba ubumnyama
sebumenze waba yisiphofu.

Izizatho Zokuloba

12 Ngiyalilobela bantwana abathandekayo,
ngoba izono zenu zithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe.
13 Ngiyalilobela bobaba,

ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni.
Ngiyalilobela majaha,
ngoba limnqobile omubi.

14 Ngiyalilobela, bantwana abathandekayo,
ngoba liyamazi uBaba.
Ngiyalilobela bobaba,
ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni.
Ngiyalilobela majaha,
ngoba lilamandla
lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini,
njalo limnqobile omubi.

Lingawuthandi Umhlaba

15 Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba olunye ulutho olusemhlabeni. Nxa umuntu
ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaBaba kalukho kuye. 16 Ngoba izinto zonke
ezisemhlabeni, izinkanuko zabantu abalezono, ukulangazela kwamehlo abo kanye
lokuzigqaja ngempahla akuveli kuBaba, kodwa emhlabeni. 17 Umhlaba lezinkanuko
zawo kuyadlula, kodwa umuntu owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uphila kuze kube
nininini.

Isixwayiso Ngabaphika UKhristu

18 Bantwana abathandekayo, lesi yisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengoba lizwile ukuthi
umphikuKhristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi abaphika uKhristu sebekhona. Yikho
esikwazi ngakho ukuthi lesi yisikhathi sokucina. 19 Baphuma besuka kithi, kodwa
impela babengasibo bakithi. Ngoba aluba babengabakithi, babezahlala lathi; kodwa
ukusuka kwabo kwatshengisa ukuthi kakho kubo owayengowakithi.
20 Kodwa lina ligcotshwe ngoNgcwele, njalo lonke liyalazi iqiniso.* 21 Kangililobeli
ngoba iqiniso kalilazi, kodwa ngoba liyalazi langenxa yokuthi akulamanga aphuma
eqinisweni. 22 Umqambi wamanga ngubani? Ngumuntu ophikayo ukuthi uJesu
unguKhristu. Umuntu onjalo ngumphikuKhristu, uphika uYise leNdodana. 23 Kakho
ophika iNdodana oloYise; lowo owamukela iNdodana uloYise futhi.
24 Bonani ukuthi lokho elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuyahlala kini. Nxa kuhlala,
lani lizahlala likhona eNdodaneni lakuYise. 25 Njalo nanku asithembisa khona,
ukuphila okulaphakade.
26 Ngililobela ngalezizinto mayelana lalabo abazama ukulidukisa. 27 Ukugcotshwa
kwenu elakwamukela kuye, kuhlezi kukini, njalo kalisweli muntu wokulifundisa.
Kodwa njengoba ukugcoba kwakhe kulifundisa izinto zonke njalo njengoba ukugcoba
lokho kuqotho, akusinkohliso njengoba kulifundisile, hlalani likuye.

Abantwana BakaNkulunkulu

28 Ngakho-ke, bantwana abathandekayo, qhubekani likuye ukuze kuthi lapho
esebonakala sibe lesibindi njalo singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe.
29 Nxa likwazi ukuthi ulungile, liyakwazi ukuthi umuntu wonke oyenza okulungi-
leyo uzelwe ngaye.

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1 Yeka ubukhulu bothando uBaba asinika lona, ukuba sibizwe ngokuthi singa-
bantwana bakaNkulunkulu! Njalo lokho yikho esiyikho! Okwenza umhlaba
thina ungasazi yikuthi laye kawumazanga. 2 Bangane abathandekayo, khathesi
singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo lokho esizakuba yikho akukaziwa. Kodwa

* **2:20** 2.20 Eminye imibhalo ithi njalo liyazazi zonke izinto

siyakwazi ukuthi lapho ebonakala sizakuba njengaye ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo. 3 Wonke umuntu olethemba leli ngaphakathi kwakhe uyazihlambulula njengoba laye ehlambulukile.

4 Umuntu wonke owenza izono wephula umthetho; ngempela isono yikungabi lomthetho. 5 Kodwa liyakwazi ukuthi wabonakala ukuze asuse izono zethu. Njalo kuye akulasono. 6 Kakho ohlala kuye oqhubeka esona. Kakho oqhubeka esona owambonayo kumbe omaziyo.

7 Bantwana abathandekayo, lingavumeli muntu eledukisa. Lowo oyenza okulungileyo ulungile, njengoba laye elungile. 8 Lowo owonayo ngokaSathane ngoba uSathane wona kusukela ekuqaleni. INdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakala ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kaSathane. 9 Kakho ozelwe ngokukaNkulunkulu ozaqhubeka esona, ngoba inhlanyelo kaNkulunkulu ihlala ikubo, abasoze baqhubeke besona ngoba bazelwe nguNkulunkulu. 10 Sibazi ngalokhu ukuthi abantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngobani kanye lokuthi abangabantwana bakaSathane ngobani. Lowo ongenzi okulungileyo kasuye mntakaNkulunkulu, loba lowo ongamthandiyo umfowabo lodadewabo.

Thandanani

11 Leli yilizwi elalizwa kusukela ekuqaleni: Kumele sithandane. 12 Lingabi njengoKhayini, owayengokaSathane wasebulala umfowabo. Wambulalelani na? Ngoba ezakhe izenzo zazizimbi ezomfowabo zilungile. 13 Lingamangali bazalwane bami nxa umhlaba ulizonda. 14 Siyakwazi ukuthi sesidlulile ekufeni saya ekuphileni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane bethu. Lowo ongathandiyo ulokhu esekufeni. 15 Lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali, njalo liyakwazi ukuthi akulambulali olokuphila okungapheliyo kuye.

16 Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi uthando luyini: UJesu Khristu wadela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yethu. Lathi kufanele sidele ukuphila kwethu ngenxa yabazalwane bethu. 17 Nxa umuntu enothile abone umzalwane wakhe oswelayo, kodwa angabi lesihawu kuye, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungaba kuye kanjani na? 18 Bantwana abathandekayo, kasingathandi ngamazwi loba ulimi kuphela kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso.

19 Ngalokhu sazi kanje ukuthi singabeqiniso lokuthi sizibeka njani inhliziyo zethu ekuphumuleni phambi kwakhe 20 lapho inhliziyo zethu zisilahla. Ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kakhulu kulezinhliziyo zethu njalo wazi izinto zonke. 21 Bazalwane abathandekayo, nxa inhliziyo zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi phambi kukaNkulunkulu 22 njalo samukela kuye konke esikucelayo ngoba siyayilalela imilayo yakhe senze okumthokozisayo. 23 Nanku umlayo wakhe: ukukholwa ebizweni leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu, lokuthandana njengokusilaya kwakhe. 24 Labo abalalela imilayo yakhe bahlala kuye, laye kubo. Njalo sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi uhlala kithi: Sikwazi ngoMoya asinika yena.

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Hlolani Omoya

1 Bazalwane abathandekayo, lingaze labakholwa omoya bonke, kodwa bahloleni omoya ukuba libone bangabe bevela kuNkulunkulu na ngoba abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi sebekhona emhlabeni. 2 Lingamazi kanje uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Umoya wonke ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza esenyameni uvela kuNkulunkulu, 3 kodwa wonke umoya ongamvumiyo uJesu kawuveli kuNkulunkulu. Lowo ngumoya womphikuKhristu, elezwa ukuthi uyeza njalo osukhona khathesi emhlabeni.

4 Lina, bantwana abathandekayo, lingabakaNkulunkulu njalo selibanqobile ngoba
lowo okini mkhulu kulalowo osemhlabeni. 5 Bona bangabasemhlabeni, ngakho
bakhuluma ngokwengqondo yasemhlabeni njalo umhlaba uyabalalela. 6 Thina
singabakaNkulunkulu njalo lowo omaziyo uNkulunkulu uyasilalela, kodwa lowo
ongasuye kaNkulunkulu kasilaleli. Simbona ngalokhu uMoya weqiniso lomoya
wamanga.

Uthando LukaNkulunkulu Lolwethu

7 Bangane abathandekayo kasithandaneni, ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu.
Umuntu wonke othandayo uzelwe ngoNkulunkulu njalo uyamazi uNkulunkulu.
8 Lowo ongathandiyo kamazi uNkulunkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando.
9 UNkulunkulu walubonakalisa kanje uthando lwakhe kithi: Wathumela emhlabeni
iNdodana yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuba siphile ngayo. 10 Lolu luthando: kungayisikuthi
sasimthanda uNkulunkulu kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda wathumela iNdodana
yakhe njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu. 11 Bangane abathandekayo,
njengoba uNkulunkulu wasithanda kangaka, lathi kumele sithandane. 12 Kakho
owake wabona uNkulunkulu; kodwa nxa sithandana, uNkulunkulu uhlala kithi
lothando lwakhe luyapheleliswa kithi.
13 Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi sihlala kuye laye uhlala kithi ngoba usinike okukaMoya
wakhe. 14 Sibonile njalo siyafakaza ukuthi uBaba uyithumele iNdodana yakhe
ukuba ibe nguMsindisi womhlaba. 15 Nxa umuntu evuma ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye laye kuNkulunkulu. 16 Ngakho siyazi njalo
sithembe uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi.
UNkulunkulu uluthando. Ohlala ethandweni, uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu
kuye. 17 Uthando luyapheleliswa kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi ngosuku lokwahlulelwa,
ngoba kulumhlaba lathi sinjengaye. 18 Ethandweni akulakwesaba. Uthando
olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba kukhumbuza isijeziso. Umuntu
owesabayo kapheleliswa ethandweni.
19 Siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala. 20 Nxa umuntu esithi, “Mina
ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu,” kodwa ezonda umfowabo, ulamanga. Ngoba umuntu
ongamthandiyo umfowabo ambonayo, angeke amthande uNkulunkulu angakaze
ambone. 21 Njalo wasinika umlayo lo: Lowo othanda uNkulunkulu kumele athande
lomfowabo.

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Ukukholwa ENdodaneni KaNkulunkulu

1 Umuntu wonke okholwayo ukuthi uJesu nguKhristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo
umuntu wonke othanda uBaba uyamthanda lomtanakhe. 2 Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi
siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu: ngokuthanda uNkulunkulu sigcina im-
ilayo yakhe. 3 Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu yilokhu: ukulalela imilayo yakhe. Njalo
imilayo yakhe kayinzima, 4 ngoba umuntu wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uwunqobile
umhlaba. Lokhu yikunqoba okwehlule umhlaba, okuyikukholwa kwethu. 5 Ngubani
lowo onqoba umhlaba? Ngulowo kuphela okholwayo ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu.
6 Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi langegazi, uJesu Khristu kabuyanga ngamanzi
kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi langegazi. Njalo nguMoya ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya
uliqiniso. 7 Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo*: 8 uMoya, lamanzi kanye legazi;
njalo bobathathu laba bayavumelana. 9 Siyabamukela ubufakazi babantu, kodwa

* **5:7** 5.7 Imibhalo yeVulgate yamuva bayafakaza ezulwini: uBaba, uLizwi loMoya oyiNgcwele, njalo laba bobathathu bamunye. 8 Njalo bathathu abafakaza emhlabeni: (okungatholakali emibhalweni yesiGrikhi eyayikhona kusiya ekuqaleni kwesentshuri yetshumi lane)

ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu ngoba yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu abunikayo
ngeNdodana yakhe. 10 Lowo okholwayo eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi
lobu enhliziyweni yakhe. Lowo ongamkholwayo uNkulunkulu umenze waba
ngolamanga ngoba engabukholwanga ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abunike ngeNdodana
yakhe. 11 Ubufakazi lobo yilobu: UNkulunkulu usinike ukuphila okulaphakade njalo
lokhu kuphila kuseNdodaneni yakhe. 12 Lowo oleNdodana yakhe ulokuphila; lowo
ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalakho ukuphila.

Amazwi Okucina

13 Ngililobela lezizinto lina abakholwayo ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu
ukuze lazi ukuthi lilokuphila okulaphakade. 14 Silesiqiniselo lesi ekusondeleni
kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi nxa sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. 15 Nxa
sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa loba kuyini esikucelayo siyakwazi ukuthi sesilakho esikucele
kuye.

16 Lapho umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe esenza isono esingakhokheleli ekufeni,
kumele akhuleke, uNkulunkulu uzamnika ukuphila. Ngitsho kulabo abasono sabo
kasikhokheleli ekufeni. Kulesono esikhokhelela ekufeni. Kangitsho ukuthi akhuleke
ngaleso. 17 Konke ukwenza okubi kuyisono, njalo kulesono esingakhokheleli ekufeni.

18 Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kaqhubeki esenza izono;
lowo owazalwa nguNkulunkulu uyamvikela, loSathane kamthinti. 19 Siyakwazi
ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi umhlaba wonke ungaphansi
kwamandla omubi. 20 Siyakwazi lokuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu yeza yasinika
ukuqedisisa, ukuze siyazi yona eqotho. Njalo sikuye yena oqotho kanye laseNdo-
daneni yakhe uJesu Khristu. Yena unguNkulunkulu oqotho kanye lokuphila
okulaphakade.

21 Bantwana abathandekayo, xwayani izithombe.

Incwadi Yesibili KaJohane

1 Mina omdala,

Ngilobela inkosikazi ekhethiweyo labantwana bayo, engibathandayo eqinisweni, kungayisimi kuphela, kodwa labo bonke abalaziyo iqiniso, 2 ngenxa yeqiniso elikhona kithi njalo elizakuba lathi kuze kube nininini:

3 Umusa, lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuJesu Khristu, iNdodana kaBaba, kuzakuba lathi ngeqiniso langothando.

4 Kungithokozise kakhulu ukufumana abanye babantwana benu bephila ngeqiniso njengokulaywa kwethu nguBaba. 5 Khathesi-ke, nkosikazi ethandekayo, ngikulobela umlayo omutsha, kodwa esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngicela ukuba sithandane. 6 Uthando yilolu: ukuba siphile ngokulalela imilayo yakhe. Njengoba uzwile kusukela ekuqaleni, umlayo wakhe yikuthi uphile impilo yothando.
7 Ngitsho lokhu ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi abangavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza engumuntu sebekhona emhlabeni. Lowomuntu onjalo ungumkhohlisi lomphikuKhristu. 8 Qaphelani ukuba lingalahlekelwa yilokho elakusebenzelayo, kodwa ukuba liphiwe umvuzo ngokupheleleyo. 9 Lowo odlulela phambili angabe esaqhubeka ngemfundiso kaKhristu kalaye uNkulunkulu; lowo oqhubekayo ngemfundiso uloBaba leNdodana. 10 Nxa umuntu esiza kini engalethi imfundiso le, lingamngenisi ezindlini zenu njalo lingamamukeli. 11 Lowo omamukelayo uyahlanganyela emisebenzini yakhe emibi.

12 Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona, kodwa angifuni ukusebenzisa iphepha leinki. Kodwa ngithemba ukuthi ngizalethekelela ngikhulume lani sikhangelene ukuze intokozo yethu iphelele.

13 Abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingelela.

Incwadi Yesithathu KaJohane

1 Mina omdala,

Ngilobela umngane wami othandekayo uGayiyasi, engimthanda ngeqiniso.

2 Mngane wami othandekayo, ngiyakhuleka ukuba ube lempilo enhle lokuthi
konke kukuhambele kuhle njengalokhu umphefumulo wakho uphila kuhle.
3 Kwangithokozisa kakhulu ukuba labanye abazalwane abafika bafakaza
ngokuthembeka kwakho eqinisweni kanye lokuthi uyaqhubeka uphila ngeqiniso.
4 Angilakuthokoza okukhulu okudlula ukuzwa ukuthi abantwabami baphila
ngokweqiniso.
5 Mngane othandekayo, uthembekile kulokho okwenzela abazalwane, lanxa nje
kuwe bengabemzini. 6 Sebetshele ibandla ngothando lwakho. Ngicela ubathume
ngendlela edumisa uNkulunkulu. 7 Baphuma ngenxa yeBizo, abaze bathola usizo
kwabangakholwayo. 8 Ngakho kufanele sitshengise ukuphana ebantwini abanjalo
ukuze sisebenzele ndawonye iqiniso.
9 Ngalobela ebandleni kodwa uDiyothrefasi othanda ubukhulu akasoze asemukela.
10 Ngakho-ke, ngingeza ngizakukhangelisisa lokhu akwenzayo, ekhuluma kakubi
ngathi. Kasuthiseki ngalokho, uyala ukwamukela abazalwane. Labafuna ukwen-
zanjalo uyabalela abaxotshe ebandleni.
11 Bangane abathandekayo, lingalingiseli okubi, kodwa lingisani okuhle. Lowo
oyenza okuhle ngokaNkulunkulu. Lowo oyenza okubi kakamboni uNkulunkulu.
12 UDemetriyasi unconywa ngabantu bonke kanye laliqiniso uqobo. Lathi sikhuluma
okuhle ngaye njalo liyakwazi ukuthi ubufakazi bethu buliqiniso.

13 Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona, kodwa angifuni ukusebenzisa usiba le-
inki. 14 Ngithemba ukuthi ngizalibona masinyane lapho esizakhuluma khona ubuso
ngobuso.

15 Ukuthula kakube kini.

Abangane abalapha bayalibingelela. Bingelela abangane abangapho munye
ngamunye.

UJuda

1 UJuda, inceku kaJesu Khristu lomfowabo kaJakhobe,

Kulabo ababiziweyo, abathandwa nguNkulunkulu uBaba belondolozwa nguJesu Khristu:

2 Isihawu, lokuthula kanye lothando kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo.

Isono Lokubhubha Kwabantu Abangalunganga

3 Bangane abathandekayo, lanxa kade ngitshisekela kakhulu ukulilobela mayelana lensindiso esilayo, kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngilobele ukulikhuthaza ukuba lilwele ukholo lolu olwaphiwa abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu 4 Ngoba abantu abathile abokulahlwa kwabo okwalotshwa ngakho endulo sebengene phakathi kwenu ngasese. Bangabantu abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu abaguqulela umusa kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ubeyimvumo yokuganga bamphike loJesu Khristu onguye kuphela iNkosi yethu Yobukhosi.

5 Lanxa likwazi konke lokhu, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ukuthi iNkosi yakhupha abantu bayo eGibhithe, kodwa muva yababhubhisa labo abangakholwanga. 6 Lezingilosi ezingagcinanga izikhundla zazo zamandla, kodwa zadela ikhaya lazo, lezi wazigcina ebumnyameni, zibotshwe ngamaketane angaqamukiyo zilindele ukwahlulelwa ngoSuku olukhulu. 7 Ngokunjalo, iSodoma leGomora lamadolobho aseduzane azinikela ekuxhwaleni kobufebe lokonakala. Ayisibonelo salabo abezwa isijeziso somlilo waphakade.

8 Ngokunjalo, ngamandla okuphupha kwabo lababantu abangalunganga bangcolisa imizimba yabo, baphike ubukhokheli, bachothoze lezidalwa zasezulwini. 9 Kodwa lengilosi enkulu uMikhayeli lapho ephikisana loSathane ngesidumbu sikaMosi kazange alokothe ukumthuka ngenhlamba, kodwa wathi, “INkosi kayikukhuze!” 10 Kodwa abantu laba bakhuluma behlambaza lokho abangakuzwisisiyo; njalo lezozinto abazizwisisayo ngokwemvelo njengezinyamazana ezingacabangiyo, lezi yizo kanye izinto ezizababhubhisa.

11 Maye kubo! Balandela indlela kaKhayini; baphuthuma inzuzo besona njengoBhalamu; babhujiswa emvukeleni kaKhora.

12 Abantu laba bayisinengiso emadilini enu abantu abathetheneyo besidla lani bengelanhloni lakancane, abelusi abazitika ngokudla bona bodwa. Bangamayezi angelazulu, aphetshulwa ngumoya; izihlahla zasekwindla ezingelazithelo njalo ezisitshuniweyo, ezife kabili. 13 Bangamagagasi olwandle alamandla, bebhubhudla ihlazo labo; izinkanyezi ezintulayo, ezilobumnyama obukhulu obugcinelwe zona kuze kube nininini.

14 U-Enoki, owesikhombisa kusukela ku-Adamu waphrofitha ngabantu laba wathi: “Khangelani, iNkosi iza lezinkulungwane lezinye izinkulungwane zabangcwele bayo 15 ukwahlulela abantu bonke, lokubalahla ngenxa yamacala abawenzayo ebubini babo, langenxa yamazwi wonke okudelela, izoni ezingamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ezawakhuluma ngaye.” 16 Abantu laba bangabakhononi labachothozi; balandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi; bayazikhukhumeza, bancome abanye ngamanga ukuze bazitholele inzuzo.

Isimemezelo Sokubekezela

17 Kodwa-ke, bangane abathandekayo, khumbulani okwatshiwo ngaphambilini
ngabapostoli beNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. 18 Bathi kini, “Ngezikhathi zokucina
kuzakuba labaklolodayo, belandela izinkanuko zabo zokungalungi.” 19 Laba yibo
abantu abalehlukanisayo, abalandela isazela semvelo nje bengelawo uMoya.
20 Kodwa lina, bangane abathandekayo, zakheni ekukholweni kwenu okungcwele
kakhulu likhuleke kuMoya oNgcwele, 21 lizigcine lisothandweni lukaNkulunkulu
lisalindele isihawu seNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ukuba ilingenise ekuphileni oku-
laphakade.
22 Yibani lesihawu kulabo abathandabuzayo; 23 lenyule abanye emlilweni libasilise;
kwabanye bonakalisani isihawu, kuhlangene lokwesaba, lizonde lezigqoko ezingcol-
iswe yimizimba exhwalileyo.

Ihubo Lokubonga

24 Kuye olamandla okuligcina ukuba lingawi, lokulibeka phambi kwenkazimulo
yobukhona bakhe kungelasici njalo ngentokozo enkulu, 25 kuye yedwa uNkulunkulu
onguMsindisi wethu, kakube lodumo, ubukhosi kanye lamandla ngoJesu Khristu
iNkosi yethu, mandulo kwezikhathi zonke, khathesi kanye lanininini! Ameni.

Isambulo

Isandulelo

1 Isambulo esivela kuJesu Khristu, asiphiwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba atshengise izinceku zakhe okufanele kwenzakale masinyane. Wakwenza kwazakala ngokuthuma ingilosi yakhe encekwini yakhe uJohane 2 ofakaza konke akubonayo, lona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kanye lobufakazi bukaJesu Khristu. 3 Ubusisiwe lowo ofunda amazwi alesisiphrofethi njalo babusisiwe lalabo abakuzwayo bakugcine ezinhliziyweni okulotshwe kuso ngoba isikhathi sesisondele.

Ukubingelela Lehubo Lokubonga

4 Johane,

Emabandleni ayisikhombisa esifundeni sase-Ezhiya:

Umusa lokuthula kakube kini okuvela kuye okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, lokuvela kubomoya abayisikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, 5 lokuvela kuJesu Khristu, ongufakazi othembekileyo, izibulo kwabafileyo, lombusi wamakhosi asemhlabeni.

Kuye osithandayo lowasikhululayo ezonweni zethu ngegazi lakhe, 6 njalo osenze saba ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba sisebenzele uNkulunkulu wakhe loYise, kakube kuye udumo lamandla kuze kube nininini! Ameni.

7 “Khangelani uyeza ngamayezi,
amehlo wonke azakumbona,
lalabo abamgwazayo”*;
labantu bonke abasemhlabeni “bazalila ngenxa yakhe.”†
Kuzakuba njalo! Ameni.

8 “Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega,” kutsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu, “okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, uSomandla.”

Umbono KaJohane NgoKhristu

9 Mina Johane, umzalwane wenu lomkhula wenu ekuhluphekeni lasembusweni kanye lekubekezeleni ngesineke okungokwethu kuJesu, ngangisesihlengeni sasePhathimosi ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi bukaJesu. 10 NgoSuku lweNkosi ngangenwa nguMoya kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu kungathi licilongo, 11 elathi: “Loba emqulwini lokhu okubonayo uwuthumele emabandleni ayisikhombisa: kwelase-Efesu, lelaseSimina, lelasePhegamami, lelaseThiyathira, lelaseSadisi, lelaseFiladelifiya kanye lelaseLodikheya.”

12 Ngatshibilika ukuze ngimbone lowo owayekhuluma lami. Sengiphendukile ngabona izinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, 13 njalo phakathi kwezinti zezibane kwakulomuntu owayenjengendodana yomuntu,‡ egqoke isembatho esasifika phansi ezinyaweni zakhe, ibhanti legolide libophe isifuba sakhe. 14 Ikhanda lakhe lezinwele zakhe kwakumhlophe njengotshinda, kumhlophe nke njengongqwaqwane, lamehlo akhe ayenjengomlilo ovuthayo. 15 Inyawo zakhe zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo

* **1:7** 1.7 UDanyeli 7.13 † **1:7** 1.7 UZakhariya 12.10 ‡ **1:13** 1.13 UDanyeli 7.13

emvuthweni, ilizwi lakhe linjengokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo. 16 Esandleni sakhe sokunene wayephethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa, emlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma insingo. Ubuso bakhe babunjengelanga likhanyisa ngenkazimulo yalo yonke.

17 Kwathi ngimbona ngawela ezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo. Wabeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami, wathi: "Ungesabi. Mina ngiyisiQalo lesiPhetho. 18 NgingoPhilayo; ngangifile njalo khangela ngiyaphila kuze kube nininini! Njalo ngiphethe izihluthulelo zokufa kanye leHadesi.

19 Ngakho-ke, loba lokhu okubonileyo, okukhona khathesi kanye lokuzakwenzakala muva. 20 Imfihlakalo yezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ozibone esandleni sami sokunene kanye lezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa yile: Izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa yizingilosi zamabandla ayisikhombisa, izinti zezibane ngamabandla ayisikhombisa."

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Ebandleni Lase-Efesu

1 "Ingilosi yebandla lase-Efesu ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene ehamba phakathi kwezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa.

2 Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho lokusebenza kwakho nzima kanye lokubekezela kwakho. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi awungeke ubabekezelele abantu abaxhwalileyo lokuthi ubahlolile labo abathi bangabapostoli, kodwa bengayisibo, njalo waba-fumana bengabalamanga. 3 Ubekezele waqinisela ebunzimeni ngenxa yebizo lami, kawaze wadinwa. 4 Kodwa ngilale insolo ngawe: Usuludelile uthando lwakho obulalo kuqala. 5 Khumbula isiqongo owe kuso! Phenduka wenze izinto owawuzenza kuqala. Nxa ungaphenduki, ngizakuza kuwe, ngisuse uluthi lwakho lwesibane endaweni yalo. 6 Kodwa ulalokhu okuhle ngawe: Uyayizonda imikhuba yamaNikholayitha, engiyizondayo lami. 7 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo ngizamnika ilungelo lokudla esihlahleni sokuphila esisepharadise kaNkulunkulu."

Ebandleni LaseSimina

8 "Ingilosi yebandla laseSimina ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi akhe yena oyisiQalo lesiPhetho, owafayo wabuya wavuka.

9 Ngiyazazi inhlupheko zakho kanye lobuyanga bakho, kanti-ke unothile! Ngiyak-wazi ukuhlambaza kwalabo abathi bangamaJuda bengayisiwo, kodwa beyisina-gogu kaSathane. 10 Ungazesabi inhlupheko esezizakwehlela. Ngiyakutshela ukuthi uSathane uzabeka abanye benu entolongweni ukuba alilinge njalo lizahlukuluzwa okwensuku ezilitshumi. Thembeka, lanxa kuselungeni lokufa, mina ngizakupha umqhele wokuphila. 11 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo kasoze alinyazwe lakancane yikufa kwesibili."

Ebandleni LasePhegamumi

12 "Ingilosi yebandla lasePhegamami ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe insingo.

13 Ngiyakwazi lapho ohlala khona, lapho uSathane alesihlalo sakhe. Ikanti wena uqhubeke uqotho ebizweni lami. Kawukuphikanga ukukholwa kwakho

kimi, lasezinsukwini zika-Antiphasi, ufakazi wami othembekileyo, owabulawayo edolobheni lakini, lapho uSathane ahlala khona. 14 Kodwa-ke, kulezinto ezimbalwa engilensolo ngazo kuwe: Kulabantu khonapho ababambelele emfundisweni kaBhalamu, owafundisa uBhalaki ukuhugela abako-Israyeli ekwenzeni isono ngokudla ukudla okwakunikelwe ezithombeni kanye langokuxhwala kobufebe. 15 Njalo ulabanye ababambelele emfundisweni yamaNikholayitha. 16 Ngakho-ke, phenduka! Hlezi ngize kuwe ngilwe labo ngenkemba yomlomo wami. 17 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo, ngizamupha enye yemana efihliweyo. Ngizamupha lelitshe elimhlophe okulotshwe kulo ibizo elitsha, elaziwa ngulowo kuphela olamukelayo.”

Ebandleni LaseThiyathira

18 “Ingilosi yebandla laseThiyathira ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi eNdodana kaNkulunkulu, emehlo ayo anjengomlilo ovuthayo lezinyawo zayo zinjengethusi elikhazimulayo.

19 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, uthando lokholo lwakho, kanye lokuthi khathesi ususenza okunengi kulakuqala. 20 Kodwa-ke, ngilale insolo ngawe: Uyambekezelela owesifazane lowana uJezebheli, ozibiza ngokuthi ngumphrofethikazi. Ngemfundiso yakhe udukisela izinceku zami ekuxhwaleni kobufebe lekudleni ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni. 21 Ngimnike isikhathi ukuba aphenduke ekuxhwaleni kwakhe, kodwa kafuni. 22 Ngakho ngizamphosela phezu kombheda wokuhlupheka, njalo labo afeba labo ngizabenza bahlupheke kakhulu, ngaphandle kokuba baphenduke ezindleleni zakhe. 23 Abantwabakhe ngizabatshaya bafe. Ngakho-ke, amabandla wonke azakwazi ukuthi mina nginguye ohlola inhliziyo lezingqondo njalo ngizavuza omunye lomunye wenu ngemisebenzi yenu. 24 Manje-ke, ngithi kwabanye benu eThiyathira, kini elingabambelelanga emfundisweni yakhe njalo lingafundanga okuthiwa zimfihlo ezizikileyo zikaSathane, ‘Kangiyikulethesa omunye umthwalo, 25 lina bambelelani kuphela kulokho elilakho ngize ngifike.’ 26 Lowo onqobayo esenza intando yami kuze kube sekupheleni ngizamnika amandla phezu kwezizwe, 27 ‘Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; aziphahlaze zibe yizicucu njengokwenziwa ngebumba,’*njengalokhu ngiphiwe amandla avela kuBaba. 28 Ngizamupha lendonsakusa. 29 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni.”

3

Ebandleni LaseSadisi

1 “Ingilosi yebandla laseSadisi ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe omoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu kanye lezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa.

Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho; ulodumo lokuba ngophilayo, kodwa ufile. 2 Vuka! Qinisa okuseleyo osekuseduze lokufa, ngoba izenzo zakho angizifumananga ziphelele emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngakho, khumbula okwamukeleyo lokuzwileyo; kulalele, uphenduke. Kodwa nxa ungavuki, ngizakuza njengesela njalo kawusoze wazi ukuthi ngizafika kuwe ngasiphi isikhathi. 4 Kodwa ulabantu abalutshwana eSadisi abangangcolisanga izigqoko zabo. Bazahamba lami begqoke ezimhlophe,

* **2:27** 2.27 AmaHubo 2.9

ngoba bazifanele. 5 Lowo onqobayo uzagqoka ezimhlophe njengabo. Ibizo
lakhe kangisoze ngilesule encwadini yokuphila, kodwa ibizo lakhe ngizalivuma
phambi kukaBaba lezingilosi zakhe. 6 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya
emabandleni.”

Ebandleni LaseFiladelifiya

7 “Ingilosi yebandla laseFiladelifiya ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi akhe lowo ongcwele loqotho, ophethe isihluthulelo sikaDavida.
Akuvulileyo kakho ongakuvala; lakuvalileyo kakho ongakuvula.

8 Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho. Khangela phambi kwakho sengibeke umnyango
okungelamuntu ongawuvala. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ulamandla amancinyane, kodwa
ilizwi lami uligcinile njalo ibizo lami kawuliphikanga. 9 Ngizakwenza labo
abangabesinagogu likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda bona bengayisiwo, kodwa
beqamba amanga beze kuwe bawele phansi ngasezinyaweni zakho bavume ukuthi
ngikuthandile. 10 Njengoba ugcine umlayo wami ukuba ubekezele ngesineke,
lami ngizakugcina esikhathini sokulingwa esizafika emhlabeni wonke ukuhlola
labo abahlala emhlabeni. 11 Ngiyeza masinyane. Bambelela kulokho olakho,
ukuze kungabikhona othatha umqhele wakho. 12 Lowo onqobayo ngizamenza abe
yinsika ethempelini likaNkulunkulu. Kasoze asuke kulo futhi. Ngizaloba phezu
kwakhe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami kanye lebizo ledolobho likaNkulunkulu wami,
iJerusalema elitsha, elehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini livela kuNkulunkulu wami;
njalo ngizaloba phezu kwakhe lebizo lami elitsha. 13 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe
okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni.”

Ibandla LaseLodikheya

14 “Ingilosi yebandla laseLodikheya ilobele uthi:

La ngamazwi ka-Ameni, ufakazi othembekileyo loqotho, umbusi wendalo
kaNkulunkulu.

15 Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho, ukuthi kawuqandi njalo kawutshisi. Ngifisa
ukuthi ngabe uyilokhu loba lokhuyana. 16 Ngakho-ke, njengoba ubuthukuthuku,
ungatshisi njalo ungaqandi, sekuseduze ukuba ngikukhafule emlonyeni wami.
17 Wena uthi, ‘Nginothile; sengazuza inotho njalo kangisweli lutho.’ Kodwa
kawunanzeleli ukuthi uyahlupheka, ulusizi, ungumyanga, uyisiphofu njalo un-
qunu. 18 Ngiyakucebisa ukuba uthenge kimi igolide elihlanjululwe emlilweni
ukuze unothe; ugqoke izigqoko ezimhlophe ukuze uvale ubunqunu bakho obu-
lihlazo, lamafutha okugcoba amehlo akho ukuze ubone. 19 Labo engibathandayo
ngiyabakhuza ngibajezise. Ngakho-ke, woba lokutshiseka uphenduke. 20 Mina
ngilapha! Ngimi emnyango ngiqoqoda. Nxa kukhona ozwa ilizwi lami avule
umnyango, ngizangena ngidle laye, laye adle lami. 21 Lowo onqobayo, ngizamnika
ilungelo lokuhlala lami esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, njengoba lami nganqoba
ngasengihlala loBaba esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 22 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe
okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni.”

4

Isihlalo Sobukhosi Ezulwini

1 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela, ngabona umnyango phambi kwami uvulekile
ezulwini. Ilizwi engangilizwe kuqala lingikhulumisa kungathi licilongo lathi, “Woza

lapha ngikutshengise okuzakwenzakala emva kwalokhu.” 2 Khonokho nje ngahle
ngehlelwa nguMoya, kwathi phambi kwami ngabona isihlalo sobukhosi ezulwini
kulomuntu owayehlezi kuso. 3 Lowo owayehlezi lapho wayefana lejaspa lekhaneliya.
Umchilowamakhosikazi owawufana le-emeralidi wawuzingeleze isihlalo sobukhosi.
4 Kwakulezinye izihlalo zobukhosi ezingamatshumi amabili lane ezazizingelezele isih-
lalo sobukhosi leso, kuzo kuhlezi abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane. Babegqoke
okumhlophe njalo belemiqhele yegolide emakhanda abo. 5 Esihlalweni sobukhosi
kwaba lokuphazima kombane, lokundindizela kanye lokukhwaza kwezulu. Phambi
kwesihlalo sobukhosi kwakuvutha izibane eziyisikhombisa. Lezi zazingomoya
abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu. 6 Phambi kwesihlalo futhi kwakulokungani
lulwandle lwengilazi, kucwebezela njengelitshe elikhazimulayo.

Phakathi, emaceleni wonke esihlalo sobukhosi, kwakulezidalwa ezine eziphilayo,
zilamehlo phambili langemuva. 7 Isidalwa sakuqala esiphilayo sasinjengesilwane,
esesibili sinjengenkabi, esesithathu sasilobuso obunjengobomuntu, esesine sasin-
jengokhozi oluphaphayo. 8 Esinye lesinye salezozidalwa eziphilayo sasilempiko
eziyisithupha njalo sigcwele amehlo amacele wonke, kanye langaphansi kwempiko.
Emini lebusuku kazizange zithule ukuthi:

“ ‘Ingcwele, Ingcwele, Ingcwele,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla,’*
owayekhona, okhona, njalo ozabuya.”

9 Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zimdumisa, zimhlonipha njalo zimbonga lowo
ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi njalo ophila kuze kube nininini, 10 abadala abangamat-
shumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kwakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi,
bamkhonza yena ophila kuze kube nininini. Babeka imiqhele yabo phambi
kwesihlalo sobukhosi bathi:

11 “Ufanele, Nkosi yethu loNkulunkulu wethu,
ukwamukela udumo lenhlonipho kanye lamandla,
ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke,
njalo zadalwa ngentando yakho,
njalo zilabo ubukhona bazo.”

5

Umqulu LeWundlu

1 Esandleni sokunene salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi ngabona umqulu
ulombhalo emaceleni womabili ungcinwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa. 2 Ngabuya
ngabona ingilosi elamandla imemeza ngelizwi eliphakemeyo isithi, “Ngubani ofanele
ukuqhaqha impawu avule umqulu na?” 3 Kodwa kakho ezulwini loba emhlabeni
loba ngaphansi komhlaba owayengawuvula umqulu kumbe akhangele phakathi
kwawo. 4 Ngakhala, ngakhala ngoba kakho owatholakala efanele ukuwuvula
umqulu loba ukukhangela phakathi kwawo. 5 Omunye wabadala wathi kimi,
“Ungakhali! Khangela, iNgonyama yesizwe sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida, sinqobile.
Sizakwanelisa ukuwuvula umqulu lezimpawu zawo eziyisikhombisa.”

6 Ngabona iWundlu, kukhanya angathi lalibulewe, limi phakathi laphakathi kwe-
sihlalo sobukhosi, lizingelezwe yizidalwa eziphilayo ezine labadala. Lalilempondo
eziyisikhombisa lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNku-
lunkulu abathunywe emhlabeni wonke. 7 Leza lathatha umqulu esandleni sokunene
salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi. 8 Esewuthethe, izidalwa ezine eziphilayo
labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu. Omunye

* **4:8** 4.8 U-Isaya 6.3

lomunye wabo wayelechacho njalo babephethe imiganu yegolide igcwele impepha,
eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. 9 Bahlabela ingoma entsha besithi:
“Wena ufanele ukuwuthatha umqulu
lokuvula impawu zawo,
ngoba wahlatshwa,
kwathi ngegazi lakho wahlengela uNkulunkulu
abantu bezizwana zonke lezindimi labantu kanye lezizwe.
10 Usubenze baba ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba bakhonze uNkulunkulu wethu,
njalo bazabusa emhlabeni.”
11 Ngakhangela ngasengisizwa amazwi ezingilosi ezinengi, ezaziyizinkulungwane
lezinkulungwane, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi ziphindwe okuzinkulungwane ezil-
itshumi. Zazizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa eziphilayo kanye labadala.
12 Zahlabela ngamazwi aphezulu zisithi:
“Lifanele iWundlu, elahlatshwayo,
ukwamukela amandla lenotho lenhlakanipho lokuqina
lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lokudunyiswa!”
13 Ngezwa izidalwa zonke ezulwini lasemhlabeni langaphansi komhlaba lasolwan-
dle lakho konke okukukho, kuhlabela kusithi:
“Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi lakulo iWundlu
kakube lenhlonipho lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lamandla kuze
kube nininini!”
14 Izidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi, “Ameni,” kwathi abadala bawela phansi bakhonza.

6

Impawu

1 Ngakhangela iWundlu livula uphawu lwakuqala kweziyisikhombisa. Ngasengi-
sizwa esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sisithi, ngelizwi elinjengomdumo wezulu,
“Woza!” 2 Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza elimhlophe!
Umgadi walo wayephethe idandili njalo waphiwa umqhele, wasuka wahamba
njengomnqobi ehlose ukunqoba.
3 Kwathi iWundlu selivula uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa isidalwa sesibili esiphilayo
sisithi, “Woza!” 4 Kwaphuma elinye ibhiza; libomvu okomlilo. Umgadi walo wanikwa
amandla okususa ukuthula emhlabeni lokuthi abantu babulalane. Waphiwa inkemba
enkulu.
5 Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa sesithathu es-
iphilayo sisithi, “Woza!” Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza
elimnyama! Umgadi walo wayephethe isikali sokulinganisa. 6 Ngasengisizwa
okwakungathi yilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo lisithi, “Ikhilogramu
elilodwa lamabele umholo wosuku, lamakhilogramu amathathu ebhali umholo
wosuku njalo ungoni amafutha lewayini!”
7 Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu lwesine, ngezwa ilizwi lesidalwa sesine es-
iphilayo lisithi, “Woza!” 8 Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza
eliliganu! Umgadi walo wayethiwa nguKufa, leHadesi lalimlandela eduzane emva
kwakhe. Babephiwe amandla phezu kwengxenye yesine yomhlaba ukuba babulale
ngenkemba langendlala langezifo kanye langezilo zeganga zasemhlabeni.
9 Kwathi livula uphawu lwesihlanu ngabona ngaphansi kwe-alithari imiphefumulo
yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi abema ngabo.
10 Yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, “Koze kube nini, Thixo wobukhosi, engcwele
leqotho ukuze wahlulele abasemhlabeni uphindisele igazi lethu na?” 11 Lapho-ke

omunye lomunye wayo waphiwa isembatho esimhlophe ukuba alinde okwesikhatshana, inani lezinceku ezingabakhula bayo labazalwane ababezabulawa njengayo lize liphelele.

12 Ngakhangela lapho livula uphawu lwesithupha. Kwaba lokuzamazama
okukhulu komhlaba. Ilanga laphenduka laba mnyama tshu njengesigqoko samasaka
esenziwe ngoboya bembuzi, inyanga yonke yaphenduka yaba bomvu okwegazi,
13 izinkanyezi emkhathini zawela emhlabeni njengemikhiwa yamuva ikhithika
esihlahleni somkhiwa lapho sinyikinywa ngumoya olamandla. 14 Umkhathi wahlehla
wagoqeka njengomqulu, kwathi izintaba zonke lezihlenge kwasuswa ezindaweni
zakho.
15 Amakhosi omhlaba lamakhosana lezinduna zamabutho lezinothi labalamandla
lezigqili zonke kanye labantu bonke abakhululekileyo bacatsha ezimbalwini kanye
lasemadwaleni ezintaba. 16 Babiza izintaba lamadwala besithi, “Welani phezu
kwethu lisifihle ebusweni balowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi kanye lasolakeni
lweWundlu! 17 Ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwabo selufikile, pho ngubani ongema
na?”

7

Abazinkulungwane Ezilikhulu Lamatshumi Amane Lane Bafakwa Uphawu

1 Emva kwalokhu ngabona izingilosi ezine zimi emagumbini womane omhlaba,
zivimbele imimoya emine yomhlaba zisenqabela loba yiwuphi umoya ukuvunguza
elizweni loba olwandle loba kwesinye isihlahla. 2 Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi
isiza ivela empumalanga, ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Yamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu ezingilosini ezine ezaziphiwe amandla okulimaza umhlaba lolwandle,
isithi: 3 “Lingawulimazi umhlaba loba ulwandle loba izihlahla size sibeke up-
hawu emabunzini ezinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethu.” 4 Ngasengisizwa inani lalabo
ababekwa uphawu: Abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane (144,000)
abezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli.

5 Abesizwana sakoJuda abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000) bafakwa
uphawu,
abesizwana sakoRubheni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sakoGadi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
6 abesizwana sako-Asheri abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sakoNafithali abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sakoManase abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
7 abesizwana sakoSimiyoni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sakoLevi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sako-Isakhari abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
8 abesizwana sakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sakoJosefa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000),
abesizwana sikaBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili (12,000).

Ixuku Elikhulukazi Elabembethe Ezimhlophe

9 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami kwakulexuku elikhu-
lukazi elingela kubalwa livela ezizweni zonke lezizwaneni lasebantwini kanye
lasezindimini zonke limi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kweWundlu.
Babegqoke izembatho ezimhlophe bephethe ingatsha zelala ngezandla zabo.
10 Bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi:
“Ukusindisa ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu,
ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi,

kanye lokweWundlu.”
11 Izingilosi zonke zazimi zizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosi njalo zizingeleze abadala
kanye lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Zathi mbo phansi ngobuso bazo phambi kwesihlalo
sobukhosi zakhonza uNkulunkulu 12 zisithi:
“Ameni!
Udumo lobukhosi
lokuhlakanipha lokubongwa lokuhlonitshwa
lamandla kanye lokuqina
kakube kuNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini.
Ameni!”
13 Emva kwalokho omunye wabadala wangibuza wathi, “Laba abezembatho
ezimhlophe ngobani, njalo bavele ngaphi?”
14 Ngaphendula ngathi, “Nkosi, uyakwazi.”
Wasesithi, “Laba yibo abaphume ekuhluphekeni okukhulu; bagezise izembatho
zabo egazini leWundlu bazenza zaba mhlophe. 15 Ngakho-ke,
baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu
bemkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini lakhe;
njalo yena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
uzakubavikela ngobukhona bakhe.
16 ‘Kabasoze balambe futhi;
njalo kabasoze bome futhi.
Ilanga kalisayikuhlaba phezu kwabo’*
loba ukutshisa okuhangulayo.
17 Ngoba iWundlu elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lizakuba ngumelusi wabo;
lizabaholela emithonjeni yamanzi okuphila.
‘UNkulunkulu uzazesula zonke
inyembezi emehlweni abo.’†”‡

8

Uphawu Lwesikhombisa Lomganu Wegolide Wokutshisela Impepha

1 Kwathi lapho iWundlu livula uphawu lwesikhombisa kwaba lokuthula ezulwini
okwesikhathi esasingaba yingxenye yehola.
2 Ngasengibona izingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezima phambi kukaNkulunkulu ziphiwa
amacilongo ayisikhombisa.
3 Enye ingilosi eyayilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha yeza yema ngase-
alithareni. Yanikwa impepha enengi ukuba iyinikele lemikhuleko yabangcwele
bonke e-alithareni legolide phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi. 4 Intuthu yempepha kanye
lemikhuleko yabangcwele kwaya phezulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu kusuka esandleni
sengilosi leyo. 5 Ingilosi yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha yawugcwalisa
ngomlilo osuka e-alithareni yasiwuphosela emhlabeni kwasekusiba lokukhwaza
kwezulu lokundindizela lokuphazima kombane kanye lokuzamazama komhlaba.

Amacilongo

6 Izingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilamacilongo ayisikhombisa zalungisela
ukuwakhalisa.
7 Ingilosi yokuqala yakhalisa icilongo layo kwasekusiba lesiqhotho lomlilo kuh-
langene legazi kwasekuphoselwa phansi emhlabeni. Ingxenye yesithathu yomhlaba
yatsha lotshani bonke obuluhlaza batsha.
8 Ingilosi yesibili yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi ulutho olwalunjengentaba enkulu
olwalubhebha, lwaphoselwa olwandle. Ingxenye yesithathu yolwandle yaphenduka

* **7:16** 7.16 U-Isaya 49.10 † **7:17** 7.17 U-Isaya 49.10 ‡ **7:17** 7.17 U-Isaya 25.8

yaba ligazi, 9 kwathi ingxenye yesithathu yezidalwa eziphilayo olwandle yafa, kwathi
lengxenye yesithathu yemikhumbi yatshabalaliswa.
10 Ingilosi yesithathu yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi inkanyezi enkulukazi
eyayivutha njengesibane yawa ivela emkhathini yawela phezu kwengxenye
yesithathu yemifula lasemithonjeni yamanzi, 11 ibizo lenkanyezi leyo nguMhlonyane.
Ingxenye yesithathu yamanzi yaphenduka yababa, abantu abanengi bafa ngenxa
yamanzi ayesebaba.
12 Ingilosi yesine yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi ingxenye yesithathu yelanga yat-
shaywa, lengxenye yesithathu yenyanga kanye lengxenye yesithathu yezinkanyezi,
okwenza ingxenye yesithathu yalokhu yaphenduka yaba mnyama. Ingxenye
yesithathu yemini yayingelakukhanya, kanye lengxenye yesithathu yobusuku.
13 Kwathi ngilokhu ngikhangele ngezwa ingqungqulu iphapha emkhathini imemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu isithi, “Maye! Maye! Maye kwabahlezi emhlabeni ngenxa
yokukhala kwamacilongo asezakhaliswa ngezinye izingilosi ezintathu!”

9

1 Ingilosi yesihlanu yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengibona inkanyezi eyavela
emkhathini iwela emhlabeni. Inkanyezi leyo yayiphiwe isihluthulelo soMgodi
ongelamkhawulo. 2 Isivule umgodi ongelamkhawulo kwaphuma kuwo izikhatha
zentuthu ezazifana leziphuma esihogweni somlilo esikhulukazi. Ilanga lomkhathi
kwaba mnyama ngenxa yezikhatha lezi ezaphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo.
3 Entuthwini leyo kwaphuma izintethe zehlela phansi emhlabeni ziphiwe amandla
anjengawezinkume zasemhlabeni. 4 Zazitshelwe ukuthi zingalimazi tshani basemh-
labeni loba olunye ulutho olwamilayo loba isihlahla, kodwa kuphela labobantu
ababengelalo uphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo. 5 Zazingaphiwanga
amandla okubabulala, kodwa ukubazwisa ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu.
Ubuhlungu ababuzwayo babufana lobuhlungu benkume lapho intinyela umuntu.
6 Ngalezonsuku abantu bazadinga ukufa, kodwa bazakuswela; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa
ukufa kuzababalekela.
7 Izintethe lezo zazifana lamabhiza alungele impi. Emakhanda azo zazigqoke
ulutho olwalunjengemiqhele yegolide, ubuso bazo babufana lobuso babantu.
8 Uboya bazo babunjengenwele zabesifazane, amazinyo azo enjengamazinyo esil-
wane. 9 Zazilezivikelo zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo zensimbi njalo umdumo wempiko
zazo wawunjengomdumo wamabhiza amanengi lezinqola zempi zigijimela empini.
10 Zazilemisila elobuhlungu njengezinkume, njalo emisileni yazo zazilamandla
okuzwisa abantu ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu. 11 Inkosi yazo ezazilayo
yingilosi yoMgodi ongelamkhawulo, ebizo layo ngesiHebheru lalingu-Abhadoni,
ngesiGrikhi lingu-Apholiyoni (okuyikuthi, uMtshabalalisi).
12 Uhlupho lwakuqala selwedlule; ezinye inhlupho ezimbili zisazobuya.
13 Ingilosi yesithupha yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela em-
pondweni ze-alithare legolide eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu. 14 Lathi engilosini
yesithupha eyayiphethe icilongo, “Khulula izingilosi ezine ezibotshiweyo emfuleni
omkhulu uYufrathe.” 15 Ngakho izingilosi ezine lezo ezazigcinwe zilindele lesisikhathi
losuku lenyanga kanye lomnyaka zakhululelwa ukubulala ingxenye yesithathu
yoluntu. 16 Inani lamabutho ayegade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezingamakhulu amabili.
Ngalizwa inani lawo.
17 Amabhiza labagadi engakubona embonweni wami kwakukhanya kunje: Inqaba
zabo zesifuba zazibomvu okomlilo, ziluhlazanyana njalo zilithanga njengesolufa.
Amakhanda amabhiza ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane njalo emilonyeni yawo kwa-
phuma umlilo lentuthu kanye lesolufa. 18 Ingxenye yesithathu yoluntu yabulawa

yizifo ezintathu zomlilo lentuthu kanye lesolufa okwaphuma emilonyeni yawo.
19 Amandla amabhiza ayesemilonyeni yawo lasemisileni yawo ngoba imisila yawo
yayinjengezinyoka ilamakhanda elimaza ngawo.
20 Abanengi boluntu ababengabulawanga yizifo lezi kabazange baphenduke
emisebenzini yezandla zabo; kabayekelanga ukukhonza amadimoni lezithombe
zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi, lezamatshe kanye lezezigodo, izithombe ezingeke zibone
loba zizwe loba zihambe. 21 Njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni zabo zokubulala,
lasebuthakathini babo, ekuxhwaleni kwabo kobufebe loba ebuseleni babo.

10

Ingilosi Lomqulu Omncane

1 Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi elamandla isehla ivela ezulwini. Yayembethe
iyezi kulomchilo wamakhosikazi ngaphezu kwekhanda layo; ubuso bayo babun-
jengelanga; imilenze yayo injengensika zomlilo. 2 Yayiphethe umqulu omncane,
uvulekile usezandleni zayo. Yagxilisa unyawo lwayo lokwesokunene olwandle
kwathi unyawo lwayo lwesokunxele lwaba semhlabathini 3 njalo yamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu njengokubhonga kwesilwane. Ekumemezeni kwayo imidumo eyisikhombisa
yakhuluma. 4 Kwathi imidumo eyisikhombisa ikhuluma ngasengilungele ukuloba
kodwa ngezwa ilizwi elavela ezulwini lisithi, “Vala lokho okutshiwo yimidumo
eyisikhombisa njalo ungakulobi.”
5 Ingilosi engangiyibone imi olwandle lasemhlabathini yaphakamisela isandla sayo
sokunene ezulwini. 6 Yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala amazulu
lakho konke okukuwo, lomhlaba lakho konke okukuwo lolwandle lakho konke
okukulo, yathi, “Kakusayikuba khona ukuphuza futhi! 7 Kodwa ngezinsuku lapho
ingilosi yesikhombisa isizakhalisa icilongo layo imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu izafezeka
njengokutsho kwakhe ezincekwini zakhe abaphrofethi.”
8 Ilizwi engangilizwe livela ezulwini lakhuluma lami futhi lathi: “Hamba uyethatha
umqulu ovulekileyo esandleni sengilosi emi olwandle lasemhlabathini.”
9 Ngakho ngaya kuleyongilosi ngacela ukuba ingiphe lowomqulu omncane. Yathi
kimi, “Uthathe uwudle. Uzaqubula isisu sakho ngokubaba, kodwa emlonyeni wakho
uzakuba mnandi njengoluju.”* 10 Ngawuthatha umqulu omncane esandleni sengilosi
ngawudla. Emlonyeni wami wanambitheka mnandi njengoluju, kodwa sengiwudlile
isisu sami saqubuka, sababa. 11 Ngasengitshelwa ukuthi, “Kumele uphrofithe futhi
ngabantu abanengi, langezizwe, langezindimi kanye langamakhosi.”

11

Ofakazi Ababili

1 Ngaphiwa umhlanga njengomqwayi wokulinganisa, ngasengitshelwa ukuthi,
“Hamba uyelinganisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu le-alithari, ubale labakhonza khona.
2 Kodwa utshiye iguma langaphandle ungalilinganisi ngoba liphiwe abeZizweni.
Bazanyathela idolobho elingcwele izinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili (42).
3 Ofakazi bami ababili ngizabanika amandla njalo bazaphrofitha insuku eziyinku-
lungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha (1,260), begqoke izigqoko
zamasaka.” 4 Laba “bayizihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva”* lezinti ezimbili zezibane
“ezimi phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba.” 5 Umuntu angazama ukuzilimaza, kuphuma
umlilo emilonyeni yazo uqothule izitha zazo. Le yiyo indlela umuntu ofuna
ukuzilimaza afa ngayo. 6 Abantu laba balamandla okuvala umkhathi ukuba

* **10:9** 10.9 UHezekhiyeli 3.3 * **11:4** 11.4 UZakhariya 4.3, 11, 14

izulu lingani lapho bephrofitha njalo balamandla okuphendula amanzi abe ligazi lawokutshaya umhlaba ngezinhlobo zonke zezifo kanengi njengokuthanda kwabo.
7 Kuzakuthi lapho sebeqedile ukufakaza kwabo isilo esiphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo sizabahlasela sibehlule sibabulale. 8 Izidumbu zabo zizalala emgwaqweni wedolobho elikhulu okuthi ngokufaniswa libizwe ngokuthi yiSodoma leGibhithe lapho leNkosi yabo eyabethelwa khona esiphambanweni. 9 Okwensuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku abantu abavela emihlotsheni yonke yabantu lasezizwaneni zonke lasezindimini zonke kanye lasezizweni zonke bazakhangela izidumbu zabo bale ukuba zingcwatshwe. 10 Abantu basemhlabeni bazazikhangela ngokuthokoza bazijabulise ngokuthumela izipho ngoba abaphrofethi ababili laba babebahluphile abahlala emhlabeni.
11 Kodwa emva kwalezonsuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku umoya wokuphila owavela kuNkulunkulu wabangena, basebesima ngezinyawo zabo, kwathi labo abababonayo besaba kakhulu. 12 Bezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini lisithi kubo, “Wozani phezulu lapha.” Baya phezulu ezulwini bephakathi kweyezi izitha zabo zilokhu zikhangele.
13 Ngalesosikhathi kwaba lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba kwathi ingxenye yetshumi yedolobho yabhidlika. Abantu abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa bafa ekuzamazameni komhlaba, abaphephayo, besaba kakhulu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini.
14 Uhlupho lwesibili selwedlule; uhlupho lwesithathu luyeza masinyane.

Icilongo Lesikhombisa

15 Ingilosi yesikhombisa yakhalisa icilongo layo kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini, ayesithi:
“Umbuso wasemhlabeni usube
ngumbuso weNkosi yethu loKhristu wayo,
njalo izabusa kuze kube nininini.”
16 Abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane ababehlezi ezihlalweni zobukhosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso babo bakhonza uNkulunkulu, 17 besithi:
“Siyakubonga Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla,
onguye okhona lowayekhona,
ngoba usuwathethe amandla akho amakhulu
njalo usuqalisile ukubusa.
18 Izizwe zazithukuthele;
lolaka lwakho selufikile.
Isikhathi sokwahlulela abafileyo sesifikile
kanye lesokuvuza izinceku zakho abaphrofethi
labangcwele bakho kanye lalabo abalihloniphayo ibizo lakho,
abancinyane labakhulu
kanye lesokuchitha labo abachitha umhlaba.”
19 Emva kwalokho ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lavulwa ezulwini phakathi kwethempeli lakhe kwabonakala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sakhe. Kwasekusiba lokuphazima kwemibane lokundindizela lokukhwaza kwezulu lokuzamazama komhlaba kanye lesiqhotho esikhulu.

12

Owesifazane Lomgobho

1 Isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo sabonakala ezulwini: owesifazane egqoke ilanga, inyanga ingaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe, umqhele wezinkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili usekhanda lakhe. 2 Wayezithwele njalo ekhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo

ngoba wayesezabeletha. 3 Kwabuya kwabonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini:
umgobho omkhulukazi obomvu olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi
kanye lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. 4 Umsila wawo wakhucula ingxenye
yesithathu yezinkanyezi emkhathini waziphosela emhlabeni. Umgobho wema
phambi kowesifazane owayesezabeletha ukuze kuthi umntwana angazalwa uhle
umtshwabadele. 5 Wazala indodana, "eyayizabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yen-
simbi."* Umntanakhe wahluthunelwa phezulu kuNkulunkulu lasesihlalweni sakhe
sobukhosi. 6 Owesifazane wabalekela enkangala endaweni ayeyilungiselwe nguNku-
lunkulu lapho ayezagcinakala khona okwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha (1,260).

7 Kwaba lempi ezulwini. UMikhayeli lezingilosi zakhe balwa lomgobho kwathi
umgobho kanye lezingilosi zawo lawo walwa labo. 8 Kodwa wawungelamandla kan-
gako njalo wona lezingilosi zawo balahlekelwa yindawo yabo ezulwini. 9 Umgobho
omkhulu waphoselwa phansi, inyoka leyana endala ethiwa ngoMubi loba uSathane
odukisa umhlaba wonke. Waphoselwa emhlabeni ekanye lezingilosi zakhe.

10 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini lisithi:

"Khathesi ukusindiswa sekufikile lamandla
kanye lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu
kanye lobukhosi bukaKhristu wakhe.
Ngoba umangaleli wabazalwane bethu,
obamangalelayo
phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku,
usephoselwe phansi.
11 Bamnqobile
ngegazi leWundlu
langelizwi lobufakazi babo;
kabakuthandanga kakhulu ukuphila kwabo
ukuba besabe ukufa.
12 Ngakho-ke, thokozani lina mazulu
kanye lani elihlala kuwo!
Kodwa maye kuwo umhlaba lolwandle
ngoba omubi useze phansi kini!
Ugcwele intukuthelo
ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sifitshane."

13 Kwathi umgobho ubona ukuthi wawusuphoselwe emhlabeni wamdinga owesi-
fazane owayebelethe umntwana wesilisa. 14 Owesifazane lowo wayephiwe amaphiko
amabili okhozi olukhulu ukuze andizele endaweni ayilungiselwayo enkangala lapho
ayezagcinwa khona okwesikhathi lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi lapho inyoka
eyayingeke ifike khona. 15 Inyoka yasikhupha amanzi emlonyeni wayo angathi
ngumfula ukuze ifice owesifazane imkhucule ngesikhukhula. 16 Kodwa umhlaba
wasiza owesifazane ngokuvula umlomo wawo wasuginya umfula owawukhutshwe
ngumgobho emlonyeni wawo. 17 Ngakho-ke, umgobho wamthukuthelela owesifazane
wasusuka usiyakulwa impi lenzalo yonke yowesifazane, labo abagcina imilayo
kaNkulunkulu bebambelele kubo ubufakazi bukaJesu. Umgobho wema okhunjini
lolwandle.

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Isilo Siphuma Olwandle

* **12:5** 12.5 AmaHubo 2.9

1 Ngabuya ngabona isilo siphuma olwandle. Sasilempondo ezilitshumi lamakhanda
ayisikhombisa silemiqhele elitshumi phezu kwempondo zaso njalo ekhanda ngalinye
kulebizo elihlambazayo. 2 Isilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, kodwa silenyawo
ezifana lezebhele lomlomo onjengowesilwane. Umgobho wanika isilo leso amandla
awo lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi kanye lamandla amakhulu. 3 Elinye lamakhanda
esilo leso lalingathi lalike laba lenxeba elibulalayo, kodwa inxeba elibulalayo lelo
laselipholile. Umhlaba wonke wamangala wasilandela isilo. 4 Abantu bawukhonza
umgobho ngoba wawunike isilo amandla, lesilo basikhonza bebuza besithi, “Ngubani
onjengesilo? Ngubani ongalwa impi laso na?”
5 Isilo saphiwa umlomo ukuba sikhulume amazwi okuzigqaja lokuhlambaza kanye
lokuthi sisebenzise amandla aso okwezinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili.
6 Savula umlomo waso ukuba sihlambaze uNkulunkulu lokuba sichothoze ibizo lakhe
lendawo yakhe yokuhlala kanye lalabo abahlala ezulwini. 7 Sasiphiwe amandla
okulwa impi labangcwele kanye lokubanqoba. Saphiwa lamandla phezu kwezizwana
zonke labantu lezindimi kanye lezizwe zonke. 8 Bonke abantu abahlala emh-
labeni bazasikhonza isilo leso, bonke abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini
yokuphila yeWundlu elahlatshwayo kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba.
9 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe.
10 “Nxa umuntu kumele aye ekuthunjweni,
uzakuya ekuthunjweni.
Nxa umuntu kumele abulawe ngenkemba,
uzabulawa ngayo inkemba.”*
Lokhu kufuna ukubekezela okuqinileyo lokuthembeka kwabangcwele.

Isilo Siphuma Emhlabeni

11 Ngabuya ngabona esinye isilo siphuma emhlabeni. Sasilempondo ezimbili
njengewundlu, kodwa sikhuluma njengomgobho. 12 Sasisebenzisa wonke amandla
esilo sakuqala esikhundleni saso njalo senza umhlaba labahlezi kuwo bakhonze
isilo sakuqala, esinxeba laso eselapholayo. 13 Njalo senza izibonakaliso ezinkulu
lezimangalisayo, kanye lokwenza ukuthi umlilo wehlele phansi usuka ezulwini
usiza emhlabeni abantu bezibonela. 14 Ngenxa yezibonakaliso saphiwa amandla
okumela isilo sakuqala, sakhohlisa abahlezi emhlabeni. Sabalaya ukuba bamise
umfanekiso wokuhlonipha isilo esalinyazwa ngenkemba, kodwa saphila. 15 Saphiwa
amandla okuba umfanekiso wesilo sakuqala siwunike umphefumulo ukuze sikhu-
lume njalo sibangele ukuthi bonke abala ukukhonza umfanekiso babulawe. 16 Njalo
sabamba abantu bonke ngamandla, abancane labakhulu, abanothileyo labayanga,
abakhululekileyo kanye lezigqili ukuba babekwe uphawu ezandleni zabo zokudla
loba emabunzini abo 17 ukuze angabikhona ozathenga kumbe athengise ngaphandle
kokuba elophawu lolo olulibizo lesilo leso loba inombolo yebizo laso.
18 Lokhu kufuna inhlakanipho. Umuntu olombono lengqondo ebonayo, kayidingi-
sise inombolo yesilo ngoba yinombolo yomuntu. Inombolo yaso ngamakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha (666).

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IWundlu Kanye Labazinkulungwane Ezilikhulu Lamatshumi Amane Lane (144,000)

1 Ngabuya ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakuleWundlu, limi phezu
kweNtaba iZiyoni, lilabazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane (144,000)
ababelotshwe ibizo lalo lelikaYise emabunzini abo. 2 Ngezwa umdumo ovela
ezulwini ufana lokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo lanjengokukhwaza okukhulu kwezulu.

* **13:10** 13.10 UJeremiya 15.2

Umdumo engawuzwayo wawunjengowabatshayi bamachacho betshaya amachacho abo. 3 Bahlabela ingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo kanye laphambi kwabadala. Kakho owayengayifunda ingoma leyo ngaphandle kwaba zinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane (144,000) ababehlengwe emhlabeni. 4 Laba yilabo abangazingcolisanga ngabesifazane ngoba bazigcina behlambulukile. Balandela iWundlu loba kungaphi lapho eliya khona. Bahlengwa phakathi kwabantu banikelwa njengezithelo zakuqala kuNkulunkulu laseWundlwini. 5 Akulamanga atholakala emilonyeni yabo; kabalasici.

Izingilosi Ezintathu

6 Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi indiza emoyeni ilevangeli elingapheliyo ukuba ilitshumayele kulabo abahlezi emhlabeni lasezizweni zonke lasezizwaneni lasezindimini kanye lasebantwini. 7 Ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, “Mesabeni uNkulunkulu limdumise ngoba isikhathi sokwahlulela kwakhe sesifikile. Mkhonzeni yena owadala amazulu, lomhlaba, lolwandle kanye lemithombo yamanzi.”

8 Ingilosi yesibili yalandela yathi, “Liwile! Liwile iBhabhiloni eliKhulu elenza izizwe zonke zanatha iwayini layo elihlanyisayo ngobufebe balo.”*

9 Ingilosi yesithathu yazilandela yathi ngelizwi elikhulu, “Nxa umuntu angakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso afakwe uphawu lwaso ebunzini loba esandleni, 10 laye uzanatha iwayini lentukuthelo kaNkulunkulu elithelwe ngamandla agcweleyo enkezweni yolaka lwakhe. Uzahlukuluzwa ngesolufa elitshisayo phambi kwezingilosi ezingcwele laphambi kweWundlu. 11 Intuthu yokuhlukuluzwa kwabo ithunqa kuze kube nininini. Akukho suku loba ubusuku bokuphumula kulabo abakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso loba lowo owemukela uphawu lwebizo laso.” 12 Lokhu kufuna ukubekezela okuqinileyo kwabangcwele abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu baqhubeke bethembekile kuJesu.

13 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi, “Loba ukuthi: Babusisiwe abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili.”

“Yebo,” kutsho uMoya, “bazaphumula ekutshikatshikeni kwabo ngoba izenzo zabo zizabalandela.”

Ukuvuna Emhlabeni

14 Ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami kwakuleyezi elimhlophe njalo phezu kweyezi lelo kwakuhlezi ofana lendodana yomuntu† elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe lesikela ebukhali esandleni sakhe. 15 Enye ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini yamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu kulowo owayehlezi phezu kweyezi isithi, “Thatha isikela uvune ngoba isikhathi sokuvuna sesifikile kalokho isivuno emhlabeni sesivuthiwe.” 16 Ngakho-ke, lowo owayehlezi phezu kweyezi watshibilikisela isikela yakhe emhlabeni, umhlaba wavunwa.

17 Enye ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini ezulwini layo futhi yayilesikela ebukhali. 18 Enye njalo ingilosi eyayilamandla phezu komlilo yeza ivela e-alithareni yamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu kulowo owayelesikela ebukhali isithi, “Thatha isikela yakho ebukhali ubuthe amahlukuzo amavini esivinini somhlaba, ngoba amavini aso asevuthiwe.” 19 Ingilosi leyo yatshibilikisela isikela yayo emhlabeni yabutha amavini awo yawaphosela esikhamelweni sewayini solaka lukaNkulunkulu. 20 Avoxwa phakathi kwesikhamelo sewayini ngaphandle kwedolobho, igazi lageleza liphuma esikhamelweni, laphakama okufika ematomini ebhiza okwebanga elingaba ngamakhilomitha angamakhulu amathathu (300).

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* **14:8** 14.8 U-Isaya 21.9 † **14:14** 14.14 UDanyeli 7.13

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Izingilosi Eziyisikhombisa Lezifo Eziyisikhombisa

1 Ezulwini ngabona esinye isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo: Izingilosi
eziyisikhombisa zilezifo zokucina eziyisikhombisa, ezokucina ngoba ngazo ulaka
lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa. 2 Ngabuya ngabona okwakungathi lulwandle
lwamangilazi axutshaniswe lomlilo njalo eceleni kolwandle kwakumi labo ababesin-
qobile isilo lomfanekiso waso kanye lenombolo yebizo laso. Babephethe amachacho
ababewaphiwe nguNkulunkulu 3 behlabela ingoma kaMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu
kanye lengoma yeWundlu besithi:
"Mikhulu iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho
Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla.
Zilungile njalo ziqotho izindlela zakho,
Nkosi yezikhathi zonke.
4 Ngubani ongayikukwesaba wena Nkosi,
adumise ibizo lakho na?
Ngoba nguwe kuphela ongcwele.
Zonke izizwe zizakuza
zikhonze phambi kwakho,
ngoba imisebenzi yakho elungileyo isibonakalisiwe."
5 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela ngabona ezulwini ithempeli, okulithabanikeli
lobufakazi livuliwe. 6 Ethempelini kwaphuma izingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezifo
eziyisikhombisa. Zazigqoke ilembu elihlanzekileyo, elicazimulayo njalo zibophe
izifuba zazo ngamabhanti egolide. 7 Esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika
izingilosi eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide eyisikhombisa igcwele ulaka lukaNku-
lunkulu ophila kuze kube nininini. 8 Ithempeli lagcwala intuthu evela enkazimulweni
kaNkulunkulu lasemandleni akhe, njalo kakho owayengangena ethempelini izifo
eziyisikhombisa zezingilosi eziyisikhombisa zingakapheli.

16

Imiganu Eyisikhombisa Yolaka LukaNkulunkulu

1 Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livelela ethempelini lisithi ezingilosini eziyisikhombisa,
"Hambani, lithululele emhlabeni imiganu eyisikhombisa yolaka lukaNkulunkulu."
2 Ingilosi yakuqala yahamba yathululela umganu wayo emhlabeni kwasekuphih-
lika izilonda ezenyanyekayo njalo ezibuhlungu ebantwini ababelophawu lwesilo
njalo bekhonza umfanekiso waso.
3 Ingilosi yesibili yathululela umganu wayo olwandle lwaphenduka lwaba ligazi
elinjengelomuntu ofileyo, kwathi yonke into ephilayo esolwandle yafa.
4 Ingilosi yesithathu yathululela umganu wayo emifuleni lasemithonjeni yamanzi
yaba ligazi. 5 Ngasengisizwa ingilosi eyayingumphathi wamanzi isithi:
"Ulungile ngalezizahlulelo, wena oNgcwele
wena okhona lowayekhona,
6 ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele bakho lelabaphrofethi,
ngakho ubanike igazi ukuba balinathe njengokubafaneleyo."
7 Ngezwa i-alithari liphendula lisithi:
"Yebo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla,
ziqotho njalo zilungile lezi zahlulelo zakho."
8 Ingilosi yesine yathululela umganu wayo elangeni, ilanga laseliphiwa amandla
okutshisa abantu ngomlilo. 9 Bosiwa yikutshisa okukhulu kwelanga njalo balithuka
ibizo likaNkulunkulu, owayelamandla phezu kwezifo lezi, kodwa bala ukuba
baphenduke bamdumise.

10 Ingilosi yesihlanu yathululela umganu wayo phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sesilo, umbuso waso wembeswa yibumnyama. Abantu baxhanxatha inlimi zabo
ngobuhlungu, 11 bamthuka uNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngenxa yobuhlungu bezilonda
zabo, kodwa bala ukuphenduka kulokho ababekwenzile.
12 Ingilosi yesithupha yathululela umganu wayo emfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe,
amanzi awo asesitsha ukuba kulungiswe indlela yamakhosi avela empumalanga.
13 Ngabuya ngabona imimoya emibi emithathu eyayifana lamaxoxo eyaphuma
emlonyeni womgobho lasemlonyeni wesilo kanye lasemlonyeni womphrofethi
wamanga. 14 Yimimoya yamadimoni eyenza izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo njalo
iyahamba iye emakhosini omhlaba wonke iwaqoqela impi ngosuku olukhulu
lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla.

15 “Khangelani, ngiza njengesela! Ubusisiwe lowo ohlala elindile egcina izigqoko
zakhe zikuye ukuze angahambi nqunu abelihlazo.”

16 Basebeqoqela amakhosi ndawonye endaweni ethiwa yi-Amagedoni ngesiHebheru.
17 Ingilosi yesikhombisa yathululela umganu wayo emoyeni kwasekuphuma
ilizwi elikhulu ethempelini livela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi, “Sokwenziwe!”
18 Kwasekusiba lokuphazima kwemibane lemidumo lokukhwaza kwezulu kanye
lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba. Akulakuzamazama komhlaba okunjengakho
okwake kwenzeka selokhu umuntu waba semhlabeni, kwakukukhulu kakhulu lokho
kuzamazama komhlaba. 19 Idolobho elikhulu lehlukana laba yizigaba ezintathu,
amadolobho ezizwe abhidlika. UNkulunkulu wakhumbula iBhabhiloni eliKhulu
walinika inkezo yewayini egcwele ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe. 20 Izihlenge zonke
zabaleka kwathi izintaba zanyamalala. 21 Emkhathini kwehla amatshe amakhulukazi
esiqhotho, lilinye lingaba ngamakhilogramu angamatshumi amathathu, awela phezu
kwabantu. Bamthuka uNkulunkulu ngenxa yohlupho lwesiqhotho ngoba uhlupho
lolo lwalusesabeka.

17

Owesifazane Phezu Kwenyamazana

1 Enye yezingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa yeza kimi yathi,
“Woza ngikutshengise ukujeziswa kwesiphingi esikhulu esihlezi phezu kwamanzi
amanengi. 2 Amakhosi omhlaba afeba laso njalo abahlezi emhlabeni badakwa
yiwayini yobufebe baso.”
3 Ingilosi yasingithatha ngiseMoyeni yangisa enkangala. Khonapho ngabona
owesifazane ehlezi phezu kwesilo esibomvu gebhu sigcwele amabizo ahlambazayo
njalo yayilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 4 Owesifazane lowo
wayegqoke okuyibubende lokubomvu gebhu njalo wayekhazimula ngegolide langa-
matshe aligugu kanye langobuhlalu. Esandleni sakhe wayephethe inkezo igcwele
izinto ezenyanyekayo kanye lamanyala obufebe bakhe. 5 Umbhalo owawulotshwe
ebunzini lakhe wawusesabeka:

iBhabhiloni eliKhulu
uNina weziPhingi
kanye lamaNyala wonke oMhlaba.

6 Ngabona ukuthi owesifazane lowo wayedakwe ligazi labangcwele, igazi lalabo
abalobufakazi bukaJesu.
Ekumboneni kwami ngamangala kakhulu. 7 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi, “Kungani uman-
gala? Ngizakuchazela imfihlakalo yowesifazane lesilo asigadileyo esilamakhanda
ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 8 Isilo osibonileyo sake saba khona, kodwa
khathesi kasisekho njalo sizaphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo siye ekubhujisweni

kwaso. Abahlezi emhlabeni abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba bazamangala lapho besibona lesosilo ngoba sake saba khona, kodwa khathesi kasisekho, kodwa sizabuya sivele.
9 Lokhu kufuna ingqondo elokuhlakanipha. Amakhanda ayisikhombisa nga-
maqaqa ayisikhombisa owesifazane ahlezi phezu kwawo. 10 Njalo angamakhosi
ayisikhombisa. Amahlanu kudala awa, eyodwa ikhona, enye kayikaveli, kodwa
nxa isisiza kumele ihlale isikhatshana. 11 Isilo esake saba khona njalo khathesi
esingasekho yinkosi yesificaminwembili. Ngenye yalawo ayisikhombisa njalo isisiya
ekubhujisweni kwayo.
12 Impondo ezilitshumi ozibonileyo ngamakhosi alitshumi angakatholi mbuso,
kodwa azathola amandla obukhosi okwehola elilodwa kanye lesilo. 13 Alenjongo
yinye njalo azakupha isilo amandla awo kanye lelungelo. 14 Azakulwa impi leWundlu,
kodwa iWundlu lizawanqoba ngoba liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, njalo
lizabe lilababiziweyo balo abangabalandeli abakhethiweyo labathembekileyo.”
15 Ingilosi yabuya yathi kimi, “Amanzi owabonileyo lapho isiphingi esihlezi
khona ngabantu bemihlobo yonke, amaxuku lezizwe kanye lezindimi. 16 Isilo
lempondo ezilitshumi ozibonileyo kuzasizonda isiphingi. Zizasichitha zisitshiye size;
zizakudla inyama yomzimba waso zisitshise ngomlilo. 17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubeke
ezinhliziyweni zazo ukuba afeze injongo yakhe ngokuvuma ukunika isilo amandla
azo okubusa amazwi kaNkulunkulu aze agcwaliseke. 18 Owesifazane ombonileyo
lidolobho elikhulu elibusa amakhosi omhlaba.”

18

Ukudilika KweBhabhiloni

1 Emva kwalokhu ngabona enye ingilosi isehla ivela ezulwini. Yayilamandla
amakhulu njalo umhlaba wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo. 2 Yamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu yathi:
“ ‘Liwile! Liwile iBhabhiloni eliKhulu!’*
Selibe likhaya lamadimoni
lomango wabomoya ababi,
lomango wezinyoni zonke ezingcolileyo lezenyanyekayo.
3 Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe
iwayini elihlanyisayo lobufebe balo.
Amakhosi omhlaba afeba lalo,
labathengisi basemhlabeni banothiswa yinotho yalo edlulisileyo.”

Izixwayiso Zokwahlulelwa KweBhabhiloni

4 Ngabuya ngezwa elinye ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi:
“ ‘Bantu bami, phumani kulo,’†
ukuze lingahlanganyeli ezonweni zalo
ukuze lingehlelwa yizifo zalo;
5 ngoba izono zalo ziyinqwaba efika ezulwini,
njalo uNkulunkulu usekhumbule amacala alo.
6 Lipheni njengokupha kwalo;
buyiselani ngokuphindiweyo kulokho elikwenzileyo.
Thelani kabili isilinganiso enkezweni yalo.
7 Lizwiseni uchuku olukhulu losizi
okulingana inkazimulo lenotho elizipha khona.”‡
Enhliziyweni yalo liyazincoma lisithi,

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* **18:2** 18.2 U-Isaya 21.9 † **18:4** 18.4 UJeremiya 51.45 ‡ **18:7** 18.7 U-Isaya 47.7-8

ngihlezi njengendlovukazi; kangisumfelokazi,
njalo kangisoze ngilile.
8 Ngakho-ke, ngosuku olulodwa izifo zalo zizalifica:
ukufa lokukhala kanye lendlala.
Lizahangulwa ngumlilo
ngoba ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu olahlulelayo.

Izixwayiso Ezintathu Ngokuwa KweBhabhiloni

9 Lapho amakhosi asemhlabeni afeba lalo njalo abelana lalo inotho yalo ebona intuthu yokutsha kwalo azalikhalela alililele. 10 Azesaba ngenxa yokuhlukuluzwa kwalo eme khatshana akhale esithi:
Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu,
Oh Bhabhiloni, dolobho lamandla!
Ngehola linye nje incithakalo yakho ifikile!
11 Abathengisi basemhlabeni bazalikhalela balililele ngoba kungasekho othenga impahla yabo, 12 imithwalo yegolide leyesiliva leyamatshe aligugu leyobuhlalu; eyelineni elihle leliyibubende, ilembu lesilika lelembu elibomvu gebhu; inhlobo zonke zezigodo zesithironi lezinhlobo zonke zezinto ezenziwe ngempondo zendlovu lezigodo ezidulayo lethusi lensimbi kanye lelitshe elimhlophe; 13 imithwalo yesinamoni leyeziyoliso, eyempepha leyemure kanye leyamakha, eyewayini lamafutha e-oliva, eyefulawa ecolekileyo kanye lengqoloyi; inkomo lezimvu; amabhiza lezinqola lezigqili kanye lemiphefumulo yabantu.
14 Bazakuthi, “Izithelo owawuzilangathela zisukile kuwe. Yonke inotho yakho lenkazimulo sekunyamalele, kakuyikutholakala futhi.” 15 Abathengisi ababethengisa lezizinto bezuza inotho yabo kuyo bazakuma khatshana, besesaba ngokuhlukuluzwa kwalo. Bazalila babubule 16 njalo bakhale kakhulu besithi:
“Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu,
eligqoke ilineni elihle, okuyibubende lokubomvu,
elikhazimulayo ngegolide langamatshe
aligugu kanye lobuhlalu!
17 Ngehola linye nje inotho enengi kangaka isichithiwe!”
Izinduna zonke zemikhumbi labo bonke abahamba ngayo labatshayeli labo bonke abazuza ukuphila kwabo olwandle bazakuma khatshana. 18 Lapho bebona izikhatha zokutsha kwalo bazachaza bathi, “Kambe kwake kwaba ledolobho elinjengaleli idolobho elikhulu na?” 19 Bazathela uthuli emakhanda abo balile babubule bekhala besithi:
“Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu,
lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle
abanothiswa khona yinotho yalo!
Ngehola linye nje selichithiwe!

20 Thokoza ngalo, Oh Zulu!
Thokozani bangcwele labapostoli kanye labaphrofethi!
UNkulunkulu uselahlulele
ngendlela elaliphatha ngayo.”

Isinqumo Sokubhujiswa KweBhabhiloni

21 Ingilosi elamandla yasidobha ilitshe elingangembokodo enkulu yaliphosela olwandle, yathi:
“Idolobho elikhulu laseBhabhiloni lizaphoselwa phansi,
ngodlakela olunje,
lingaphindi libonakale futhi.

22 Umculo wabatshayi bamachacho labahlabeleli labatshayi bemihlanga lamacilongo,
kawusoze uzwakale kuwe futhi.
Akukho sisebenzi lesawuphi umsebenzi
esizatholakala kuwe futhi.
Umsindo wembokodo
kawusoze uzwakale kuwe futhi.
23 Ukukhanya kwesibane
akusoze kukhanye kuwe futhi.
Ilizwi lomyeni lelomlobokazi
kalisoze lizwakale kuwe futhi.
Abathengisi bakho babeyizikhulu zomhlaba.
Izizwe zonke zadukiswa yibuthakathi bakho.
24 Kuwe kwafunyanwa igazi labaphrofethi lelabangcwele,
kanye lelabo bonke ababulawayo emhlabeni.”

19

Haleluya Ngokuwa KweBhabhiloni!

1 Emva kwalokhu ngezwa umsindo onjengokuhlokoma kwexuku elikhulu ezulwini
limemeza lisithi:
“Haleluya!
Ukusindisa lodumo lamandla ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu
2 ngoba ukwahlulela kwakhe kuqotho njalo kulungile.
Usilahlile isiphingi esikhulu
esaxhwalisa umhlaba ngobufebe baso.
Uphindisele kuso igazi lezinceku zakhe.”
3 Bamemeza njalo bathi:
“Haleluya!
Intuthu yokutsha kwaso ithunqa kuze kube nininini.”
4 Abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo bawela phansi
bakhonza uNkulunkulu owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi. Bamemeza njalo bathi:
“Ameni, Haleluya!”
5 Kwasekuzwakala ilizwi elavela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi:
“Dumisani uNkulunkulu wethu,
lonke lina zinceku zakhe,
lina elimesabayo,
abancane labakhulu!”
6 Ngabuya ngezwa okwakungathi lixuku elikhulu, kunjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi
agelezayo lanjengokukhwaza kwezulu besithi:
“Haleluya!
Ngoba iNkosi yethu uNkulunkulu uSomandla uyabusa.
7 Kasithokozeni sijabule
simuphe udumo.
Ngoba umthimba weWundlu usufikile,
lomlobokazi walo usezilungisele.
8 Ilineni elihle elicazimulayo
elihlanzekileyo uliphiwe ukuba agqoke.”
(Ilineni elihle limele imisebenzi emihle yabangcwele.)

9 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi, “Loba ukuthi: Babusisiwe labo abanxusiweyo edilini
lomtshado weWundlu!” Yengeza yathi, “La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu.”

10 Ngawela ezinyaweni zayo ngayikhonza. Kodwa yathi kimi, “Ungakwenzi lokhu!
Mina ngiyinceku kanye lawe kanye labazalwane bakho abalobufakazi bukaJesu.
Khonza uNkulunkulu! Ngoba ubufakazi bukaJesu bungumoya wesiphrofethi.”

Umgadi Webhiza Elimhlophe

11 Ngabona izulu livulekile njalo khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza
elimhlophe, umgadi walo ethiwa nguThembekile loQiniso. Wahlulela ngokulunga
alwe impi. 12 Amehlo akhe anjengomlilo ovuthayo njalo ekhanda lakhe kulemiqhele
eminengi. Ulebizo elilotshwe kuye elingaziwa muntu ngaphandle kwakhe yena
ngokwakhe. 13 Ugqoke isembatho esigxanyuzwe egazini njalo ibizo lakhe nguLizwi
likaNkulunkulu. 14 Amabutho asezulwini ayemlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe
njalo egqoke ilineni elihle elimhlophe njalo lihlanzekile. 15 Emlonyeni wakhe
kuphuma inkemba ebukhali agalela ngayo izizwe. “Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi.”*
Unyathela isikhamelo sewayini sentukuthelo yolaka lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla.
16 Esambathweni sakhe lasemlenzeni wakhe kulotshwe ibizo leli elithi:

INkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi.

17 Ngasengibona ingilosi imi elangeni eyamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu ezinyonini
zonke ezazindiza emoyeni isithi, “Wozani libuthanele idili elikhulu likaNkulunkulu
18 ukuze lidle inyama yemizimba yamakhosi, eyezinduna zempi, eyamadoda
alamandla, eyamabhiza labagadi bawo kanye leyabantu bonke abakhululekileyo
lezigqili, abancane labakhulu.”

19 Ngabuya ngabona isilo lamakhosi asemhlabeni lamabutho awo ebuthanele
ukulwa impi lomgadi webhiza kanye lebutho lakhe. 20 Kodwa isilo sathunjwa
ndawonye lomphrofethi wamanga owayenze izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo emele
sona. Ngalezi zibonakaliso wabedukisa labo ababebekwe uphawu lwesilo bakhonza
umfanekiso waso. Sona lomphrofethi wamanga baphoselwa bephila echibini lomlilo
wesolufa ovuthayo. 21 Abanye babo babulawa ngenkemba eyaphuma emlonyeni
womgadi webhiza njalo izinyoni zonke zazitika ngenyama yemizimba yabo.

20

Iminyaka Eyinkulungwane

1 Ngasengibona ingilosi isehlela phansi isuka ezulwini ilesihluthulelo soMgodi
ongelamkhawulo iphethe ngesandla sayo iketane enkulu. 2 Yabamba umgobho,
inyoka leyana endala, engoMubi loba uSathane, yambopha okweminyaka eyinku-
lungwane. 3 Yamphosela eMgodini ongelamkhawulo, yawuhluthulela, yawuvala
silikici, ukumvimbela ukuba angakhohlisi izizwe futhi kuze kuphele iminyaka
eyinkulungwane. Emva kwalokho kumele akhululwe okwesikhatshana.

4 Ngabona izihlalo zobukhosi okwakuhlezi kuzo labo ababephiwe amandla
okwahlulela. Ngabona imiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe amakhanda ngenxa
yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu. Babengasikhonzanga isilo
loba umfanekiso waso njalo bengabekwanga uphawu lwaso emabunzini abo loba
ezandleni zabo. Bavuka baphila njalo babusa loKhristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane.
5 (Inengi labafileyo kalivukanga kwaze kwaphela iminyaka eyinkulungwane.) Lokhu
yikuvuka ekufeni kwakuqala. 6 Babusisiwe njalo bangcwele labo abahlanganyela
ekuvukeni kwakuqala. Ukufa kwesibili akulamandla phezu kwabo, kodwa bazakuba
ngabaphristi bakaNkulunkulu labakaKhristu njalo bazabusa laye okweminyaka
eyinkulungwane.

Ukulahlwa KukaSathane

* **19:15** 19.15 AmaHubo 2.9

7 Iminyaka eyinkulungwane isidlule uSathane uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe
8 aphume ukuyakhohlisa izizwe emagumbini womane omhlaba, uGogi loMagogi,
ukuba abaqoqele empini. Ngobunengi bangangenhlabathi okhunjini lolwandle.
9 Badabula phakathi komhlaba bahonqolozela izihonqo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu,
idolobho alithandayo. Kodwa kwehla umlilo uvela ezulwini wabaqothula. 10 Omubi
owayebakhohlisile waphoselwa echibini lesolufa elivuthayo, lapho okwakuphoselwe
khona isilo lomphrofethi wamanga. Bazakutsha emini lebusuku kuze kube nininini.

Ukwahlulelwa Kwabafileyo

11 Ngabuya ngabona isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu kanye lalowo owayehlezi kuso.
Umhlaba lomkhathi kwabaleka phambi kwakhe, akwaze kwaba lendawo yakho.
12 Ngasengibona abafileyo, abancane labakhulu, bemi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi,
kwasekuvulwa izincwadi. Kwavulwa enye incwadi, eyincwadi yokuphila. Abafi-
leyo bahlulelwa mayelana lalokho ababekwenzile okwakulotshwe ezincwadini.
13 Ulwandle lwakhupha abafileyo ababekulo, ukufa leHadesi kwakhupha abafi-
leyo ababekukho, umuntu ngamunye wahlulelwa mayelana lalokho akwenzayo.
14 Ukufa leHadesi kwaphoselwa echibini lomlilo. Ichibi lomlilo liyikufa kwesibili.
15 Nxa umuntu ibizo lakhe lalitholakala lingalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila
wayephoselwa echibini lomlilo.

21

Izulu Elitsha Lomhlaba Omutsha

1 Ngabuya ngabona “izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha,”* ngoba izulu lakuqala
lomhlaba wakuqala kwasekudlule njalo ulwandle lwalungasekho. 2 Ngabona
iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema elitsha, lisehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini kuNku-
lunkulu lilungiswe njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. 3 Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu
livela esihlalweni sobukhosi lisithi, “Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu selisebantwini,
uzahlala labo. Bazakuba ngabantu bakhe njalo uNkulunkulu yena uqobo uzakuba
labo abe nguNkulunkulu wabo. 4 Uzazesula zonke inyembezi emehlweni abo.
Akusayikuba khona futhi ukufa loba ukulila loba ukukhala loba ubuhlungu ngoba
umumo omdala wezinto usudlule.”†
5 Lowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi wathi, “Ngenza izinto zonke zibe
zintsha!” Wabuya wathi, “Kulobe lokhu ngoba amazwi la aqotho njalo aliqiniso.”
6 Wasesithi kimi, “Sekwenzakele. Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, isiQalo lesiPhetho. Lowo
owomileyo ngizamnathisa emthonjeni wamanzi okuphila kungekho mbadalo. 7 Lowo
onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lakho konke lokhu njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe
yena abe yindodana yami. 8 Kodwa amagwala, abangakholwayo, abaxhwalileyo,
ababulali, iziphingi, abathakathi, abakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqamba
amanga; indawo yabo izakuba sechibini lomlilo wesolufa ovuthayo. Lokhu yikufa
kwesibili.”

IJerusalema Elitsha, Umlobokazi LeWundlu

9 Enye yezingilosi eziyisikhombisa eyayilemiganu eyisikhombisa eyayigcwele izifo
zokucina eziyisikhombisa yeza yathi kimi, “Woza, ngizakutshengisa umlobokazi,
umkaWundlu.” 10 Yangithwala ngiseMoyeni yangisa entabeni enkulu ende yangit-
shengisa iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema lisehla liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu.
11 Lakhanyisa ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, ukucwebezela kwalo kwakufana lok-
welitshe eliligugu, njengejaspa, licwebezela njengelitshe elikhanyisayo. 12 Lalilomduli
omkhulu, ophakemeyo lamasango alitshumi lambili kanye lezingilosi ezilitshumi
lambili emasangweni. Emasangweni kwakulotshwe amabizo ezizwana ezilitshumi

* **21:1** 21.1 U-Isaya 65.17 † **21:4** 21.4 U-Isaya 25.8

lambili zako-Israyeli. 13 Kwakulamasango amathathu ngasempumalanga, lamathathu
ngasenyakatho, lamathathu ngaseningizimu, kanye lamathathu ngasentshonalanga.
14 Umduli wedolobho wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili njalo phezu kwazo kwaku-
lamabizo abapostoli beWundlu abalitshumi lambili.

15 Ingilosi eyakhuluma lami yayilomqwayi wegolide owokulinganisa idolobho,
amasango alo lomduli walo. 16 Idolobho lalakhiwe lalingana inxa zonke, lilide
okungangobubanzi balo. Yalilinganisa idolobho ngomqwayi yathola lingaba nga-
makhilomitha azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amabili (2,200) ubude njalo
libanzi liphakeme okulingana lobude balo. 17 Yalinganisa umduli walo isebenzisa
isilinganiso sabantu, wawuzingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane (144) ubuqatha
bawo. 18 Umduli wawakhiwe ngejaspa, idolobho lakhiwe ngegolide elicengeke
njengengilazi. 19 Izisekelo zemiduli yedolobho zaziceciswe ngezinhlobo zonke
zamatshe aligugu. Isisekelo sakuqala sasiyijaspa, esesibili kuyisafire, esesithathu
kuyikhalisedoni, esesine kuyi-emaralidi, 20 esesihlanu kuyisadonikisi, esesithupha
kuyikhaneliyani, esesikhombisa kuyikhrisolithe, esesificaminwembili kuyibherili,
esesificamunwemuye kuyithophazi, esetshumi kuyikhrisophirase, esetshumi lanye
kuyijasinti, esetshumi lambili kuyi-amethisithi. 21 Amasango alitshumi lambili
ayengamatshe obuhlalu alitshumi lambili, isango ngalinye lenziwe ngelitshe elilodwa
lobuhlalu. Umgwaqo omkhulu wedolobho wawuligolide elicengekileyo njengengilazi
elibonisa okungale kwalo.

22 Kangibonanga thempeli edolobheni ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla
leWundlu balithempeli lalo. 23 Idolobho kalisweli langa loba inyanga yokukhanyisa
kulo ngoba inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ilinika ukukhanya leWundlu liyisibane salo.
24 Izizwe zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwalo lamakhosi omhlaba azaletha ubukhazikhazi
bawo kulo. 25 Akulasuku lapho amasango alo azake avalwe ngalo ngoba akuyikuba
lobusuku khona. 26 Inkazimulo lodumo lwezizwe kuzalethwa kulo. 27 Akulalutho
olungcolileyo oluzake lungene kulo, loba ngubani owenza amanyala kumbe inkohliso,
kodwa labo kuphela abalamabizo abo alotshwe encwadini yokuphila yeWundlu.

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Umfula Wokuphila

1 Ingilosi yasingitshengisa umfula wamanzi okuphila acengekileyo kakhulu egeleza
evela esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu 2 esehla ephakathi komg-
waqo omkhulu wedolobho. Eceleni ngalinye lomfula kwakulesihlahla sokuphila
sithela izithelo ezilitshumi lambili, sithela izithelo zaso nyanga zonke. Amahlamvu
esihlahla leso ngawokwelapha izizwe. 3 Akusoze kube lesiqalekiso futhi. Isihlalo
sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu zizakuba sedolobheni njalo izinceku zakhe
zizamkhonza. 4 Zizabubona ubuso bakhe lebizo lakhe lizakuba semabunzini
azo. 5 Akusayikuba lobusuku futhi. Kaziyikukuswela ukukhanya kwesibane loba
okwelanga ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu izazikhanyisela. Njalo zizabusa kuze kube
nininini.

UJesu Uyeza

6 Ingilosi yasisithi kimi, “Amazwi la aqotho njalo aliqiniso. INkosi, uNkulunkulu
wemimoya yabaphrofethi wathuma ingilosi yakhe ukuba itshengise izinceku zakhe
izinto okumele zenzakale masinyane.”

7 “Khangelani, ngiyeza masinyane! Ubusisiwe lowo ogcina amazwi esiphrofethi
asencwadini le.”

8 Mina Johane, yimi engazibonayo njalo ngazizwa izinto lezi. Kwathi lapho
sengizwile njalo ngazibona, ngawela phansi ukuba ngikhonze ezinyaweni zengilosi
eyayingitshengisa zona. 9 Kodwa yathi kimi, “Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina ngiyinceku
njengawe kanye labazalwane bakho abaphrofethi labo bonke abagcina amazwi
encwadi le. Khonza uNkulunkulu!”
10 Yabuya yathi kimi, “Ungawagciki amazwi esiphrofethi sencwadi le, ngoba
isikhathi sesiseduze. 11 Owenza okubi kaqhubeke esenza okubi; oxhwalileyo
kaqhubeke ngokuxhwala; olungileyo kaqhubeke esenza okulungileyo; njalo ongcwele
kaqhubeke engcwele.”

Isiphetho: Unxuso Kanye Lesixwayiso

12 “Khangelani, ngiyeza masinyane! Ngilomvuzo wami, njalo ngizakupha umuntu
munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzayo. 13 Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, ngiyiKuqala
loKucina, isiQalo lesiPhetho.

14 Babusisiwe labo abagezisa izembatho zabo ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni
sokuphila njalo bangene ngesango edolobheni. 15 Ngaphandle kulezinja, labo abenza
imisebenzi yobuthakathi, izifebe ezixhwalileyo, lababulali, labakhonza izithombe
labo bonke abathanda inkohliso njalo beyenza.

16 Mina Jesu, ngithume ingilosi yami ukuba ilinike ubufakazi lobu emabandleni.
NgiyiMpande leNzalo kaDavida, kanye leNdonsakusa ekhanyayo.”

17 UMoya lomlobokazi bathi, “Woza!” Ozwayo katsho athi, “Woza!” Loba ngubani
owomileyo, keze; njalo loba ngubani ofisayo, kathathe isipho esingahlawulelwayo
samanzi okuphila.

18 Ngiyabaxwayisa bonke abezwa amazwi esiphrofethi sencwadi le: Nxa umuntu
ezakwengeza olunye ulutho kuwo, uNkulunkulu uzazengeza kuye izifo ezibaliswe
kule incwadi. 19 Njalo nxa umuntu esusa amazwi kule incwadi yesiphrofethi, uNku-
lunkulu uzamthathela isabelo sakhe esihlahleni sokuphila laseDolobheni eliNgcwele,
okubaliswe kule incwadi.

20 Yena lowo ofakaza izinto lezi uthi, “Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane.”
Ameni. Woza, Nkosi Jesu.

21 Umusa weNkosi uJesu kawube sebantwini bakaNkulunkulu. Ameni.