

UHEZEKHELI

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1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu, ngenyanga yesine ngosuku lwesihlanu, lapho ngangiphakathi kwabathunjwayo, eduze komfula uKhebhari, amazulu avuleka ngabona umbono kaNkulunkulu.

²Ngosuku lwesihlanu lwenyanga – ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokuthunjwa kwenkosi uJehoyakhini ³ilizwi likaJehova lafika kuHezekheli umphristi, indodana kaBuzi, phansi komfula uKhebhari elizweni lamaBhabhiloni. Khonapho isandla sikaJehova sasiphezu kwakhe.

⁴Ngakhangela, ngabona isiphepho sisiza sivela enyakatho – kuliyezi elikhulukazi lokuphazima kombane njalo lizungezwe yikukhanya okubenyazelayo. Phakathi laphakathi komlilo kwakungathi yinsimbi evuthayo, ⁵njalo phakathi komlilo kwakulokwakungathi yizidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Ngokukhangeleka isimo sazo sasingesomuntu, ⁶kodwa ngasinye sazo sasilobuso obune lezimpiko ezine.

⁷Imilenze yazo yayiqondile; izinyawo zazo zinjengezethole njalo zinkanyazela njengethisi elilolongiweyo. ⁸Ngaphansi kwezimpiko zazo emaceleni azo amane zazilezandla zomuntu. Zonke zone zazilobuso lezimpiko, ⁹njalo izimpiko zazo zazithintana. Esinye lesinye sazo saya phambili; kaziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo.

¹⁰Ubuso bazo babukhangeleka kanje: Esinye lesinye sazo sasilobuso bomuntu, njalo eceleni langakwesokudla esinye lesinye sasilobuso besilwane, ngakwesenxele silobuso benkabi; njalo ngasinye sasilobuso bengqungqulu.

¹¹Babunjalo ubuso bazo. Izimpiko zazo zazichayekele phezulu; ngasinye silezimpiko ezimbili olunye luthinta uphiko lwesinye isidalwa emaceleni womabili, lezimpiko ezimbili zigubuzele umzimba waso. ¹²Esinye lesinye saya phambili. Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona zingaphenduki ekuhambeni kwazo.

¹³Isimo sezidalwa eziphilayo sasinjengamalahle avuthayo omlilo loba njengezibane. Umlilo wahamba usiya phambili lasemuva phakathi kwezidalwa; wawukhazimula, njalo umbane uphazima uphuma kuwo.

¹⁴Izidalwa zagijima zisiya emuva laphambili njengokuphazima kombane.

¹⁵Kwathi lapho ngizikhangele izidalwa eziphilayo, ngabona ivili phansi eceleni kwesidalwa ngasinye silobuso obune.

¹⁶Nansi isimo lokwakhiwa kwamavili: Ayecazimula njengekhrisoli, njalo wonke womane ayefanana. Elinye lelinye lalingathi lenziwa lanquma kwelinye ivili. ¹⁷Ekuhambeni, ayesiya loba kuliphi lamacele amane lapho izidalwa ezazikhangele khona, njalo amavili ayengaphenduki lapho izidalwa zihamba. ¹⁸Amarimu awo ayephakeme njalo esesabeka, njalo womane amarimu ayelamehlo indawo yonke.

¹⁹Lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zihamba, lamavili eceleni kwazo ayezihamba, njalo lapho izidalwa eziphilayo ziphakama emhlabathini amavili lawo ayephakama lazo. ²⁰Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona, njalo lamavili ayephakama lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. ²¹Kwakusithi izidalwa zingahamba lawo ahambe, kuthi izidalwa zingema lawo ame; njalo kuthi lapho izidalwa ziphakama emhlabathini lawo aphakame lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini.

²²Ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo kwakwendlaleke okwakungathi ngumkhathi, kucazimula njengongqoqwane, njalo kusesabeka.

²³Ngaphansi komkhathi izimpiko zazo zazelulekele olunye kolunye, njalo esinye lesinye sasilezimpiko ezimbili ezembese umzimba waso. ²⁴Lapho izidalwa zihamba ngezwa umsindo wezimpiko zazo, unjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi ahamba ngesiqubu, njengelizwi likaSomandla, njengokuxokozela kwebutho. Lapho sezimi, zehlisa izimpiko zazo.

²⁵Emva kwalokho kweza ilizwi elavela ngaphezu komkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda azo lapho zazimi izimpiko zazo zehlisiwe. ²⁶Ngaphezu komkhathi phezu kwamakhanda azo kwakulokwakungani yisihlalo sobukhosi esenziwe ngesafire, njalo ngaphezulu esihlalweni sobukhosi kwakulolutho olwalufana lomuntu. ²⁷Lokho ngakubona kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya phezulu ekhanya angathi yinsimbi evuthayo, kungathi kugcwele umlilo, njalo kusukela lapho kusiya phansi wayengathi ngumlilo, njalo ehonqolozelwe yikukhanya okucazimulayo. ²⁸Ukukhanya okucazimulayo okwakumzungezile kwakunjengomchilo wamakhosikazi emayezini ngosuku lokuna kwezulu. Lokhu kwakuyisimo sesifanekiso senkazimulo kaJehova. Ngathi ngikubona ngawela phansi ngobuso, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lalowo owayekhuluma.

Ukubizwa KukaHezekheli

2 Wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, sukuma ume ngezinyawo zakho ngikhulume lawe." ²Esakhuluma uMoya

wafika kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo zami, ngamuzwa esekhuluma lami.

³Wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma kuma-Israyeli, isizwe esihlamukayo esangihlamukelayo; bona laboyise bangihlamukela kuze kube yilolusuku. ⁴Abantu engikuthuma kubo balenkani njalo bayiziqholo. Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi.' ⁵Njalo langabe bayalalela loba bangalaleli – ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo – bazakwazi ukuthi umphrofethi ubekhona phakathi kwabo. ⁶Njalo wena ndodana yomuntu, ungasabi kumbe wesabe amazwi abo. Ungesabi lanxa usuhonqolozelwe ngameva njalo usuhlala phakathi kwabofezela. Ungakwesabi lokho abakutshoyo loba uthuthunyeliswe yibo, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. ⁷Kumele ukhulume amazwi ami kubo langabe bayalalela loba kabalaleli, ngoba bangabahlamuki. ⁸Kodwa wena, ndodana yomuntu, lalela lokhu engikutshoyo kuwe. Ungahlamuki njengendlu leyana ehlamukayo; vula umlomo wakho udle lokhu engikupha khona."

⁹Ngakhangela ngabona isandla esaselulelwe kimi. Phakathi kwaso kwakulomqulu, ¹⁰awutshombulula phambi kwami. Emaceleni awo womabili kwakubhalwe amazwi okukhala lokulila kanye losizi.

3 Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, dlana okuphambi kwakho, dlana umqulu lo; ube ususiyakhuluma kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli." ²Ngakho ngavula umlomo wami, wasengipha umqulu ukuba ngiwudle.

³Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, dlana umqulu lo engikunika wona ugcwalise isisu sakho ngawo." Ngakho

ngawudla, njalo emlonyeni wami wawuzwakala umnandi njengoluju.

⁴Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, hamba khathesi nje endlini ka-Israyeli ukhulume amazwi ami kubo.

⁵Kawuthunywa ebantwini abalolimi olungaziwayo lolulukhuni, kodwa endlini ka-Israyeli – ⁶hatshi ebantwini abanengi abolimi olungaziwayo lolulukhuni, ongeke uzwe abakutshoyo. Ngeqiniso aluba kade ngikuthume kubo kade bezakulalela. ⁷Kodwa indlu ka-Israyeli kayifuni ukukulalela ngoba kabafuni kungilalela, ngoba yonke indlu ka-Israyeli ilukhuni njalo ilenkani.

⁸Kodwa lawe ngizakwenza ube lenkani lobulukhuni njengabo. ⁹Ngizakwenza ubuso bakho kube njengelitshe elilukhuni kulawo wonke, elilukhuni kulelitshe lomlilo. Ungabesabi kumbe bakuthuthumelise, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo."

¹⁰Njalo wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, lalela kakuhle njalo uwabeke enhliziyweni wonke amazwi engiwatsho kuwe. ¹¹Hamba khathesi nje ebantwini belizwe lakini abasekuthunjweni ukhulume labo. Uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi,' loba bezalalela kumbe bangalaleli."

¹²Lapho-ke uMoya wangiphakamisa, kwathi ngemuva kwami ngezwa umdumo ondindizelayo – Sengathi inkazimulo kaJehova ingadunyiswa endaweni uJehova ahlala kuyo! – ¹³umdumo wezimpiko zezidalwa eziphilayo zigudlana lomdumo wamavili eceleni kwazo, umdumo wokundindizela okukhulu. ¹⁴Umoya wasungiphakamisela phezu ungisusa, njalo ngahamba ngilolaka lokuthukuthela komoya wami lesandla esilamandla siphezu kwami.

¹⁵Ngafika kwababethunjiwe ababehlala eTheli Abhibhi phansi koMfula uKhebhari. Khonapho-ke, lapho ababehlala khona, ngahlala labo izinsuku

eziyisikhombisa – ngiphelelwe ngamandla.

Isixwayiso Ku-Israyeli

¹⁶Ekupheleni kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi, ¹⁷"Ndodana yomuntu, sengikwenze umlindi wendlu ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana ilizwi engilikhulumayo ubanike isixwayiso esivela kimi. ¹⁸Nxa 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. ¹⁹Kodwa uma umuntu omubi umxwayisa yena angaphenduki ebubini bakhe kumbe ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi, uzafela izono zakhe, kodwa wena uyabe uziphephisile.

²⁰"Njalo uma umuntu olungileyoeguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, mina ngibeke isikhubekiso phambi kwakhe, uzakufa. Njengoba nxa wena ungamxwayisanga, uzafela izono zakhe. Izinto ezilungileyo azenzayo kaziyikukhunjulwa, njalo wena ngizakubeka icala legazi lakhe. ²¹Kodwa uma uxwayisa umuntu olungileyo ukuba angoni, lakanye uyabe uziphephisile."

²²Isandla sikaJehova sasiphezu kwami lapho, njalo wathi kimi, "Sukuma uye egcekeni ngizakhuluma lawe khona."

²³Ngakho ngasukuma ngaya egcekeni. Inkazimulo kaJehova yayimi lapho, injengenkazimulo engangiyibone phansi koMfula uKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso.

²⁴Lapho-ke uMoya wangena kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo zami. Wakhuluma wathi kimi, "Hamba uyezivalela endlini yakho. ²⁵Njalo, wena ndodana yomuntu, bazakubopha ngemichilo; uzabotshwa ukuze ungayi phandle ebantwini. ²⁶Ngizakwenza ulimi

Iwakho lunamathele elwangeni lomlomo wakho ukuze uthule unganelisi ukubakhuza lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. ²⁷Kodwa nxa sengikhuluma lawe ngizavula umlomo wakho, njalo uzakuthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi.' Loba ngubani ozalalela myekele alalele, njalo loba ngubani ozakwala myekele ale; ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo.

*Ukuvinjezelwa KweJerusalema
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4 "Khathesi-ke, ndodana yomuntu, thatha umcephe webumba uwubeke phambi kwakho, udwebe kuwo idolobho laseJerusalema. ²Dweba ukuvinjezelwa kwalo: Misa izindawo zokuvinjezelwa kwalo, yakha umthezuko ngaphezu kwalo, misa izinkamba zokulihlasela uphinde ulihonqolozele ngezigodo zokubhidliza. ³Emva kwalokho thatha umganu wensimbi, uwubeke unjengomduli wensimbi phakathi kwakho ledolobho ube usuphendulela ubuso bakho kulo. Lizakuba yisibonakaliso endlini ka-Israyeli.

⁴"Emva kwalokho lala ngomhlubulo wenxele, ubeke isono sendlu ka-Israyeli phezu kwakho. Kumele uthwale isono sabo okwalezozinsuku ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. ⁵Sengikumisele inani linye lezinsuku njengeminyaka yezono zabo. Ngakho izono zendlu ka-Israyeli uzazithwala okwezinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi afica munwe munye.

⁶"Emva kokuba usuqede lokhu, lala phansi futhi, khathesi kube ngomhlubulo wakho wokunene, uthwale isono sendlu kaJuda. Ngikumisele izinsuku ezingamatshumi amane, usuku olulodwa lumele umnyaka munye ngamunye.

⁷Phendulela ubuso bakho ekuvinjezelweni kweJerusalema kuthi izingalo zakho zingembeswanga uphrofethe kubi ngeJerusalema.

⁸Ngizakubopha ngentambo ukuze ungatshibiliki usuka kwelinye icele usiya kwelinye uze uqede izinsuku zokuvinjezelwa kwakho.

⁹"Thattha ingqoloyi lebhali, indumba lelentili, inyawuthi lophoko; ukubeke embizeni yokugcinela ukusebenzise ekwenzeni ukudla kwakho. Kumele ukudle phakathi kwezinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. ¹⁰Linganisa amashekeli angamatshumi amabili okudla ozakudla usuku ngalunye njalo ukudle ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo. ¹¹Njalo linganisa okukodwa kwesithupha kwehini lamanzi uwanathe ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo. ¹²Dlana ukudla njengalapho usidla ikhekhe lebhali, ukupheke abantu bekhangele, ubasela ngamalongwe abantu." ¹³UJehova wathi, "Ngokunjalo abantu bako-Israyeli bazakudla ukudla okungcolileyo phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela kuzo."

¹⁴Lapho-ke mina ngathi, "Akunjalo, Jehova Wobukhosi. Angikaze ngizingcolise. Kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube khathesi angikaze ngidle loba yini etholakale ifile kumbe edlithizwe yizinyamazana. Akulanyama engcolileyo eseyake yangena emlonyeni wami."

¹⁵Wasesithi, "Kulungile. Ngizakuvumela ukuba upheke isinkwa sakho ngamalongwe enkomo esikhundleni samalongwe abantu."

¹⁶Waphinda 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.

5 "Khathesi, ndodana yomuntu, thatha inkemba ebukhali uyisebenzise njengempuco yomgeli ekuphuceni ikhanda lakho kanye lezindevu zakho. Emva kwalokho thatha izilinganiso wehlukhanise izinwele. ² Lapho izinsuku zokuvinjazelwa 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 imicu emilutshwazana yezinwele uyitshwathike emiphethweni yesambatho sakho. ⁴ Thatha njalo emilutshwana yayo uyiphosele emlilweni uyitshise. Umlilo uzamemetheka usuka lapho uye kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli.

⁵ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi ukuthi: Ube ngoxhwale okudlula izizwe ezikuhlanqileyo njalo kawulandelanga izimiso zami kumbe ugcine imithetho yami. Futhi kalilaleli lezimiso zezizwe ezilihanqileyo. ⁸ "Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 uJehova 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 ngizaphephiseka. Njalo lapho ulaka lwami sengiludedele kubo, bazakwazi ukuthi mina uJehova ngikhulume ngokutshiseka kwami.

¹⁴ "Ngizakwenza ube lunxiwa lehlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhlanqileyo, emehlweni abo bonke abadlula khona. ¹⁵ Uzakuba lihlazo lenhleleka, isixwayiso lento eyesabekayo ezizweni ezikuhlanqileyo lapho sengibeka isijeziso phezu kwakho ngentukuthelo langolaka, ngikhuza kabuhlungu. Mina uJehova sengikhulumile. ¹⁶ Lapho ngikutshoka ngemitshoko yami ebulalayo, langemitshoko echithayo yendlala, ngizatshoka ukuba ngikutshabalalise. Ngizakwandisela indlala ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwakho.

¹⁷Ngizakulethela indlala lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba kukuhlasele, kuzakutshiya ungaselamntwana. Isifo lokuchithwa kwegazi kuzadabula phakathi kwakho, njalo ngizaletha inkemba ukuba ikuhlasele.

Mina uJehova sengikhulumile."

Isiphrofetho Ngezintaba Zako-Israyeli

6 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:

²"Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho ezintabeni zako-Israyeli; phrofetha ngazo uzisola ³uthi, 'Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaJehova Wobukhosi. Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi ezintabeni lasemaqaneni, ezingoxweni lasezigodini ukuthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngililethele inkemba yokulihlasela, njalo ngizadiliza izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo. ⁴Ama-alithare enu azabhidlizwa kuthi lama-alithare enu empepha aphahlazwe; njalo abantu benu ngizababulalela phambi kwezithombe zenu. ⁵Izidumbu zabako-Israyeli ngizazibeka phambi kwezithombe zabo, njalo amathambo enu ngizawahlakaza emaceleni ama-alithare enu. ⁶Loba kungaphi elihlala khona amadolobho akhona azadilizwa lezindawo eziphakemeyo zidilizwe, ukuze ama-alithare enu achithwe abhuqwe, kuthi izithombe zenu zipahlazwe ziqothulwe, ama-alithare enu empepha adilizwe, kuthi elikwenzileyo kutshabalaliswe. ⁷Abantu benu bazabulawa phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.

⁸ " 'Kodwa abanye ngizabaphephisa, ngoba abanye benu bazaphunyuka enkembeni lapho selihlakazekele emazweni lasezizweni. ⁹Lapho-ke, ezizweni abathunjelwa kuzo, labo abaphunyukayo bazangikhumbula ukuthi

ngadabuka njani ngenxa yezinhliziyi zabo ezilobufebe, esezasukayo kimi, langamehlo abo akhanuka izithombe zabo. Bazazenyanya bona ngokwabo ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo langenxa yezenzo zonke ezenyanyekayo. ¹⁰Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova. Kangisongelanga ize lapho ngathi ngizabehlisela umonakalo lo.

¹¹ " "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi ukuthi: Tshaya izandla zakho unyathele izinyawo zakho ukhale uthi "Maye!" ngenxa yobubi bonke lezenzo ezenyanyekayo zendlu ka-Israyeli, ngoba bazakufa ngenkemba, langendlala kanye langesifo. ¹²Lowo okhatshana uzakufa ngesifo, kuthi lowo oseduze afe ngenkemba, lalowo osindileyo waphepha uzabulawa yindlala. Ngizaluqeda kanjalo ulaka lwami phezu kwabo. ¹³Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova, lapho abantu babo sebelele befile phakathi kwezithombe zabo emaceleni wonke ama-alithare abo, phezu kwamaqana wonke aphakemeyo kanye lasezingqongeni zonke zezintaba, ngaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza lemi-okhi yonke elamahlamvu amanengi – izindawo abanikelela kuzo impepha elephunga eliminandi kuzo zonke izithombe zabo. ¹⁴Njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami kubo ngenze ilizwe libe lugwadule olungelalutho kusukela enkangala kusiya eDibila – lapho abahlala khona. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.' "

Isiphetho Sesifikile

7 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:

²"Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi elizweni lako-Israyeli ukuthi: Isiphetho! Isiphetho sesifikile emagumbini amane elizwe. ³Isiphetho sesifikile kini njalo ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu

kwenu. Ngizahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu ngilivuze kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.

⁴Kangiyikulikhangela ngesihawu loba ngiliyekele; ngeqiniso ngizalinika umvuzo wezenzo zenu kanye lowokwenza kwenu okunengekayo phakathi kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.

⁵"Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi ukuthi: Umonakalo! Umonakalo ongakaze ubonakale uyeza. ⁶Isiphetho sesifikile! Isiphetho sesifikile! Sizivusele ukumelana lani. Sesifikile! ⁷Incithakalo isifikile kini –

kini lina elihlala elizweni. Isikhathi sesifikile, ilanga selisondele; kulokuphamazela, hatshi intokozo, phezu kwezintaba. ⁸Sekuseduze ukuba ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwenu ngiqedele ukuthukuthela kwami kini. Ngizahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu ngilivuze kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.

⁹Kangiyikulikhangela ngesihawu loba ngiliyekele; ngizalinika umvuzo ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu kanye lokwenza okunengekayo phakathi kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi yimi mina Jehova otshayayo.

¹⁰"Usuku selukhona! Selufikile! Incithakalo isipatshakile, induku isihlumile, ukuziphakamisa sekuqhakazile. ¹¹Udlakela selukhule lwaba yinduku yokujezisa ububi; kakho ebantwini ozatshiywa; kakho kuleliya xuku – akukho notho, akukho lutho oluligugu. ¹²Isikhathi sesifikile, usuku selufikile. Umthengi kangathokozi kumbe umthengisi abe lusizi, ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku lonke.

¹³Umthengisi kayikulithatha futhi ilizwe alithengisileyo nxa bobabili besaphila, ngoba umbono ngexuku lonke kawuyikuhlehliselwa emuva. Ngenxa yezono zabo kakho lamunye wabo

ozalondoloza ukuphila kwakhe.

¹⁴Loba 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. ¹⁶Bonke abasindayo baphunyuke bazakuba sezintabeni, bebubula njengamajuba asezigodini, yilowo lalowo ngenxa yezono zakhe. ¹⁷Izandla zonke zizaxega, lamadolo wonke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi. ¹⁸Bazagqoka amasaka babe lokwesaba. Ubuso babo buzakuba lehlazo lamakhanda abo aphucwe. ¹⁹Bazalahlela isiliva sabo emigwaqweni, legolide labo lizakuba njengento engcolileyo. Isiliva sabo legolide labo akuyikwanelisa ukubakhulula ngosuku lolaka lukaJehova. Bangeke baqede ukulamba kwabo kumbe bagcwalise izisu zabo ngakho, ngoba sekubenze bakhubeka esonweni. ²⁰Babeziqhenya ngeziceciso zabo ezinhle abazisebenzisa ekwenzeni izithombe zabo ezinengekayo lezifanekiso zabo ezenyanyekayo. Ngakho ngizaguqula lokhu kube yizinto ezingcolileyo kubo. ²¹Konke ngizakunika abezizweni njengempango lakwababi basemhlabeni njengezinto ezithunjiweyo, njalo bazakungcolisa. ²²Ngizasusa ubuso bami kubo, njalo bazangcolisa indawo yami eligugu; abaphangi bazangena kuyo bayingcolise. ²³Lungisani amaketani ngoba ilizwe ligcwele ukuchitheka kwegazi ledolobho ligcwele udlakela. ²⁴Ngizaletha izizwe ezimbi kakhulu ukuba zithathe izindlu zabo; ngizaqeda ukuzigqaja kwabalmandla lezindawo zabo ezingcwele zizangcoliswa. ²⁵Lapho ukwesaba kufika, bazafuna ukuthula,

kodwa akuyikuba khona. ²⁶Umonakalo phezu komonakalo uzafika, lamahungahunga phezu kwamahungahunga. Bazazama ukuthola umbono kumphrofethi; ukufundiswa komthetho ngumphristi kuzasweleka njengokuzakwenzakala ngokweluleka kwabadala. ²⁷Inkosi izalila, inkosana izaphelelwa lithemba, lezandla zabantu belizwe zizaqhaqhazela. Kubo ngizakwenza okumayelana lezenzo zabo, ngibahlulele ngemithetho yabo. Lapho ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova."

Ukukhonza Izithombe Ethempelini

8 Ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga yesithupha ngosuku lwesihlanu, lapho ngangihlezi endlini yami labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi kwami, isandla sikaJehova Wobukhosi sehlela phezu kwami khonapho. ²Ngakhangela, ngabona ulutho olwalulesimo somuntu. Kusukela kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya phansi wayenjengomlilo, njalo kusukela lapho kusiya phezulu ukubonakala kwakhe kwakhazimula njengensimbi evuthayo. ³Welula 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. ⁴Njalo khonapho phambili kwami kwakulenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, njengasembonweni engawubona egcekeni.

⁵Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngasenyakatho." Ngakho ngakhangela, kwathi entubeni

esenyakatho kwesango le-alithare ngabona lesisithombe sobukhwele.

⁶Wasesithi 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."

⁷Emva kwalokho wangisa entubeni yeguma. Ngakhangela, ngabona imbobo emdulini. ⁸Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khathesi gubha umduli." Ngakho ngawugubha umduli ngasengibona umnyango khona.

⁹Wasesithi kimi, "Ngena ubone izinto ezimbi lezenyanyekayo abazenzayo lapha." ¹⁰Ngakho ngangena phakathi ngakhangela, ngabona indawo yonke emidulini kufanekiswe izinhlobo zezinto zonke ezihuquzelayo lezinyamazana ezenyanyekayo kanye lezithombe zonke zasendlini ka-Israyeli. ¹¹Phambi kwazo kwakumi abadala bendlu ka-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, loJahazaniya indodana kaShafani emi phakathi kwabo. Omunye lomunye wayephethe udengezi lokutshisela impepha ngesandla, luthunqa intuthu elephunga elimnandi elempepha.

¹²Wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, ukubonile yini okwenziwa ngabadala bendlu ka-Israyeli emnyameni, omunye lomunye esendaweni yokukhonzela isithombe sakhe? Bathi, 'UJehova kasiboni; uJehova uselilahlele ilizwe.' "¹³Wabuye wathi, "Uzababona besenza izinto ezenyanyeka okudlula lokho."

¹⁴Emva kwalokho wangisa ekungeneni kwesango lasenyakatho kwendlu kaJehova, ngabona abesifazana behlezi khona belilela uThamuzi. ¹⁵Wasesithi kimi, "Uyakubona lokhu na, ndodana yomuntu? Uzabona izinto ezenyanyeka kakhulu kulalokhu."

¹⁶ Wasengisa egumeni lendlu kaJehova elingaphakathi, njalo khonapho ekungeneni kwethempeli, phakathi komkhandlu le-alithare, kwakulamadoda ayengaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Ayekhothamele phansi elangeni empumalanga, efulathele ithempeli likaJehova. 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.

Abakhonzi Bezithombe Bayabulawa

9 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 emhlabulweni wayo. Angena ema phansi kwe-alithare lethusi.

³ Khathesi inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yaya phezulu isuka ngaphezu kwamakherubhi, lapho eyayikade ikhona, yasudukela emnyango wethempeli. Lapho-ke uJehova wabiza indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlabulweni 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 kulo lonke 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 amagama ngababuleweyo. Hambani!" Ngakho bahamba baqalisa ukubulala edolobheni lonke. ⁸ Kwathi lapho bebulala, mina ngisele ngedwa, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso, ngakhala ngathi, "Awu Jehova Wobukhosi! Uzaqhothula 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, 'UJehova uselidelile ilizwe; uJehova kaboni.' ¹⁰ Ngakho angiyikuba lesihawu kubo kumbe ngibayekele, kodwa lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwamakhanda abo."

¹¹ Lapho-ke indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlabulweni yaletsa ilizwi isithi, "Ngenze njengokulaya kwakho."

Inkazimulo Iyasuka Ethempelini

10 Ngakhangela ngabona okwakufana lesihlalo sobukhosi esenziwe ngesafire ngaphezu komkhathi owawungaphezu kwamakhanda amakherubhi. ² UJehova wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni, "Ngena

phakathi kwamavili ngaphansi kwamakherubhi. 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 kaJehova yaphakama isuka ngaphezu kwamakherubhi yasudukela ngasemnyango wethempeli. Iyezi lagcwala ethempelini, kwathi iguma lagcwala ukukhanya kwenkazimulo kaJehova. ⁵ Umdumo wezimpiko zamakherubhi wawuzwakala khatshana le egumeni langaphandle, unjengelizwi likaNkulunkulu uSomandla nxa ekhuluma. ⁶ Kwathi lapho uJehova 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 kwezimpiko zamakherubhi kwakubonakala okwakungathi yizandla zomuntu.)

⁹ Ngakhangele, ngabona amavili amane eceleni kwamakherubhi, lilinye eceleni kwekherubi ngalinye, amavili ayecazimula njengekhrisoli.

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 lezimpiko 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 kuyibuso bengqungqulu.

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 izimpiko 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 kaJehova 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 kaJehova, 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

engangiwabone ngasemfuleni
uKhebhari. Lelo lalelo laqonda nqo
phambili.

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11 Lapho-ke uMoya

wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa
esangweni lendlu kaJehova elikhangele
empumalanga. Khonapho ekungeneni
kwesango kwakulamadoda
angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo
phakathi kwawo ngabona uJahazaniya
indodana ka-Azuri kanye loPhalathiya
indodana kaBhenayiya, abakhokheli
babantu. ²UJehova wathi kimi,
"Ndodana yomuntu, laba yibo abantu
abenza amacebo amabi, benika
lezeluleko ezimbi kulelidolobho. ³Bathi,
'Masinyane nje akuyikuba yiso na
isikhathi sokwakha izindlu? Idolobho
leli liyimbiza yokupheka, njalo thina
siyinyama.' ⁴Ngakho-ke phrofetha okubi
ngabo; phrofetha ndodana yomuntu."

⁵Lapho-ke uMoya kaJehova weza
kimi wangitshela ukuba ngithi, "Nanku
okutshiwo nguJehova: Lokho yikho
wena okutshoyo, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli,
kodwa mina ngiyakwazi
okusengqondweni yakho. ⁶Sewabulala
abantu abanengi phakathi kwedolobho
leli wagwalisa imigwaqo yalo
ngabafuleyo.

⁷"Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo
nguJehova Wobukhosi: Izidumbu
oziphosele lapho ziyinyama njalo
idolobho leli liyimbiza, kodwa wena
ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwalo.
⁸Inkemba uyayesaba, njalo inkemba
yiyo engizayiletha ukuba imelane lawe,
kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.
⁹Ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle
kwedolobho ngikunikele kwabezizweni
ngiphinde ngikujezise. ¹⁰Uzabulawa

ngenkemba, njalo ngizakwahlulela
emingceleni yako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke
uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.
¹¹Idolobho leli kaliyikuba yimbiza
yakho, kumbe wena ube yinyama
phakathi kwalo; ngizakwahlulela
emingceleni yako-Israyeli. ¹²Njalo
uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova,
ngoba izimiso zami kawuzilandelanga
kumbe wacina imithetho yami kodwa
ulandele izenzo zezizwe
ezikuhanjileyo."

¹³Kwathi lapho ngisaphrofetha,
uPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya
wafa. Ngakho ngathi mbo phansi
ngobuso ngakhala ngelizwi eliphezulu
ngisithi, "Awu, Jehova Wobukhosi!
Uzaqothula insalela ka-Israyeli na?"

¹⁴Iilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:
¹⁵"Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu –
abafowenu abayizihlobo zakho zegazi
kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli – yibo
labo abantu baseJerusalema abathe
ngabo: 'Bakhatshana kakhulu
kuloJehova; ilizwe leli saliphiwa ukuba
libe yilifa lethu.'

Ukubuyela Kuka-Israyeli Kuyathenjiswa

¹⁶"Ngakho-ke wothi: 'Nanku
okutshiwo nguJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi:
Ngizakubutha ezizweni ngikubuyise
ngikususa emazweni owawuhlakazekele
kuwo, njalo ngizakunika ilizwe lako-
Israyeli futhi.'

¹⁸"Bazabuyela kulo basuse zonke
izifanekiso zalo ezihlalisayo kanye
lezithombe ezenyanyekayo.

¹⁹Ngizabanika inhliziyu

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, lami ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo.²¹ Kodwa labo abazinhliziyi zabo zinikelwe ezifanekisweni zabo ezihlazisayo lasezithombeni ezenyanyekayo, lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwamakhanda abo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi."

²² Lapho-ke amakherubhi, ayelamavili emaceleni, elula izimpiko zawo, njalo inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwawo.²³ Inkazimulo kaJehova yaya phezulu isuka phakathi kwedolobho yayakuma ngaphezu kwentaba ngasempumalanga kwedolobho.²⁴ UMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa kwabathunjiweyo eBhabhiloni ngombono owawulethwe nguMoya kaNkulunkulu.

Emva kwalokho umbono engangiwubonile wasuka kimi,²⁵ ngasengitshela abathunjiweyo konke uJehova ayengitshengise khona.

Ukuthunjwa Kuyafanekiswa

12 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwabantu abahlamukayo. Balamehlo ukuba babone kodwa kababoni, njalo balendlebe ukuba bezwe kodwa kabezwa, ngoba bangabantu abahlamukayo.

³ "Ngakho-ke ndodana yomuntu, lungisa izimpahla zakho zasekuthunjweni njalo kuthi emini, bekhangele, uphume usuke lapho okhona uye kwenye indawo.

Mhlawumbe bazazwisisa, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo.⁴ Ngezikhathi zemini, bekhangele, khuphela izimpahla zakho phandle zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kuthi kusihlwa, bekhangele, uphume njengabaya ekuthunjweni.⁵ Bekhangele, bhoboza umduli ukhuphele izimpahla 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 izimpahla zami zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kusihlwa ngabhoboza umduli ngezandla zami. Izimpahla zami ngazikhuphela ngaphandle kuhwalala, ngizetshethe emahlombe ami bekhangele.

⁸ Ekuseni ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ⁹ "Ndodana yomuntu, indlu leyana ehlamukayo yako-Israyeli kayikubuzanga na yathi, 'Wenzani na?'

¹⁰ "Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Izilo leli limayelana lenkosana eJerusalema kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli ekhonale.'

¹¹ Wothi kubo, 'Ngiluphawu kini.'

"Njengoba ngenzile, kuzakwenziwa kanjalo kubo. Bazakuya ekuthunjweni beyizigqili.

¹² "Oyinkosana phakathi kwabo uzakwetshatha izimpahla zakhe kuhwalala asuke, njalo imbobo izakwenziwa emdulini ukuba aphume ngayo. Uzamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze ilizwe angaliboni.¹³ Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa yisithiyi sami; ngizamusa eBhabhiloniya ilizwe lamaKhaledi, 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 nginguJehova 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 nginguJehova."

¹⁷ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ¹⁸ "Ndodana yomuntu, qhaqhazela nxa unatha amanzi akho. ¹⁹ Yitsho ebantwini belizwe uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi mayelana lalabo abahlala eJerusalema kanye laselizweni lako-Israyeli: Bazakudla ukudla kwabo benqineka 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 nginguJehova.' "

²¹ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ²² "Ndodana yomuntu, yisaga bani lesi na elilaso elizweni lako-Israyeli esithi: 'Izinsuku ziyedlula njalo imibono yonke iba yize?' ²³ Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizasiqeda isaga lesi, njalo kabayikusitsho futhi ko-Israyeli.' Wothi kubo, 'Izinsuku sezisondele lapho imibono yonke izagcwaliseka khona. ²⁴ Ngoba akusayikuba lemibono yamanga futhi kumbe ubungoma benkohliso ko-Israyeli. ²⁵ Kodwa mina Jehova ngizakhuluma engikufunayo, njalo kuzagcwaliseka ngokuphangisa. Ngoba ezinsukwini zakho, wena ndlu ehlamukayo ngizagcwalisa loba kuyini engikutshoyo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

²⁶ Ilizwi likaJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Akukho lalinye lamazwi ami elizaphuziswa; loba kuyini engikutshoyo kuzagcwaliseka, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

Abaphrofethi Bamanga Bayasolwa

13 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha umelana labaphrofethi bako-Israyeli abaphrofethayo khathesi. Uthi kulabo abaphrofetha okuvela emicabangweni yabo: 'Zwanini ilizwi likaJehova! ³ Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Maye kubaphrofethi abayizithutha abalandela umoya wabo kodwa bengabonanga lutho! ⁴ Abaphrofethi bakho, we Israyeli, banjengamakhanka asemanxiweni. ⁵ Kawuyanga phezulu ezikhaxeni emdulini ukuba uwulungisele indlu ka-Israyeli ukuze uqine empini ngosuku lukaJehova. ⁶ Imibono yabo iyinkohliso njalo lobungoma babo bungamanga. Bathi, "UJehova uthi," yena uJehova engabathumanga; kodwa bathembe ukuthi amazwi abo azagcwaliseka. ⁷ Kalikayiboni imibono yenkohliso na njalo lakhuluma ubungoma bamanga lapho lisithi, "UJehova uthi," lanxa mina ngingatshongo?

⁸ "Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngenxa yamazwi enu enkohliso kanye lemibono yenu yamanga, ngimelana lani, kutsho uJehova 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 nginguJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁰ "Ngenxa yokuthi bedukisa abantu bami, besithi "Ukuthula," khona ukuthula kungekho, njalo ngokuba, 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngolaka lwami ngizadedela umoya olamandla, kuthi ngokuthukuthela kwami isiqhotho lesihlambi sezulu kune ngentukuthelo ebhubhisayo. ¹⁴ Ngizadiliza umduli eliwubhade ngekalaga ngiwuwisele phansi ukuze isisekelo sawo sibe segcekeni. Nxa ususiwa lizafela kuwo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova.

¹⁵ Ngakho ngizachitha ulaka lwami ngimelane lomduli kanye lalabo abawubhada ngekalaga. Ngizakuthi kini, "Umduli kawusekho njalo yiso leso lakulabo abawucoma ngekalaga, ¹⁶ labobaphrofethi bako-Israyeli abaphrofetha ngeJerusalem babona imibono yokuthula ngalo, khona ukuthula kungekho, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi." "

¹⁷ "Khathesi-ke ndodana yomuntu, melana lamadodakazi abantu bakini aphrofetha okwemicabango yawo. Phrofetha umelana lawo ¹⁸ uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Maye kwabesifazana abathungela izintebe 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lezintebe zenu elithiya abantu ngazo njengenyoni njalo ngizazidabula ezingalweni zenu; ngizabakhulula abantu elibathiya njengenyoni.

²¹ Izimbombozo zenu ngizazidabula ngikhulule abantu bami ezandleni zenu, njalo kabayikuba ngaphansi kwamandla okubazingela kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova.

²² Ngenxa yokuthi lanyelisa izinhliziyiyo 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 nginguJehova.' "

Abakhonza Izithombe Bayasolwa

14 Abanye babadala bako-Israyeli beza kimi bahlala phambi kwami. ² Ilizwi likaJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Lapho loba nguwuphi um-

Israyeli ebeka izithombe enhliziyweni yakhe, afake lesikhubekiso esibi phambi kobuso bakhe abesesiaphrofetha, mina uJehova ngizamphendula mina ngokwami ngokuhambelana lokukhonza kwakhe izithombe okukhulu.

⁵Ngizakwenza lokhu ukuze ngizibambe futhi izinhliziyi zabantu bako-Israyeli asebengidelile bonke ngenxa yezithombe zabo.'

⁶"Ngakho-ke tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Phendukani! Tshiyani izithombe zenu lilahle imikhuba yenu enengayo!

⁷ "Lapho um-Israyeli loba omunye wabezizweni ohlala ko-Israyeli ezehlukanisa lami abeke izithombe enhliziyweni yakhe njalo afake lesikhubekiso esibi phambi kobuso bakhe abesesiaphrofetha ebuza kimi, mina Jehova ngizamphendula mina ngokwami. ⁸Ngizamelana lalowomuntu ngobuso bami njalo ngimenze isibonelo kanye lesiga. Ngizamsusa ebantwini bami. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova.

⁹ "Njalo uma umphrofethi ekhohliseke ukuba akhulume isiphrofetho, mina uJehova yimi engikhohlise umphrofethi lowo, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane laye ngimbhubhise phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. ¹⁰Bazathwala icala labo – umphrofethi uzakuba lecala njengalowo ombuzayo. ¹¹Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli kabasayikungifulathela kumbe bazingcolise futhi ngazo zonke izono zabo. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

Ukwahlulela Akubalekelwa

¹²Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ¹³"Ndodana yomuntu, uma ilizwe lisona kimi ngokungathembeki besengiselula isandla sami ukuba ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwalo, ngithumele indlala kulo ibulale abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo zabo, ¹⁴lanxa amadoda amathathu la – uNowa, loDanyeli kanye loJobe – angabe ayekhona kulo, ayezazihlenga wona kuphela ngokulunga kwawo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁵"Loba uma ngingathuma izilo zeganga ukuba zidabule phakathi kwalelolizwe zilitshiye lingaselabantwana njalo libe lugwadule okwenza kungabi lamuntu odlula phakathi kwalo ngenxa yezilo, ¹⁶ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, lanxa amadoda la amathathu engabe ayekhona kulo ayengeke awahlenge amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa, kodwa ilizwe lalizachitheka.

¹⁷"Loba uma ngingaletha inkemba imelane lalolizwe ngithi, 'Inkemba kayidlule phakathi kwelizwe lonke, ngibulale abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo, ¹⁸ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, lanxa amadoda la amathathu kungabe ayekulo, ayengeke awahlenge amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa.

¹⁹"Loba uma ngithumela isifo kulelolizwe ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwalo ngokuchithwa kwegazi, sibulale abantu balo kanye lezifuyo zabo, ²⁰ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, lanxa uNowa, loDanyeli kanye loJobe bengabe bekulo bebengeke bahlenge indodana kumbe indodakazi. Bebengazihlenga bona kuphela ngokulunga kwabo.

²¹ "Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 ngaphandle 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 uJehova Wobukhosi."

IJerusalema Livini Elingelasizo

15 Ilizwi likaJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Njengoba nginike isigodo sevini phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu njengokhuni lomlilo, ngizabaphatha kanjalo abantu abahlala

eJerusalema. ⁷ Ngizamelana labo ngobuso bami. Lanxa sebhophumile phakathi komlilo, umlilo usezabaqeda. Njalo lapho sengimelane labo ngobuso bami, lizakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova. ⁸ Ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lugwadule ngoba bebengathembekanga, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi."

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16 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, melana leJerusalema ngezenzo zalo ezinengayo ³ uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi kulo iJerusalema: Umdabuko wenu kanye lozalo ngokwaselizweni lamaKhenani; uyihlo wayengumAmoni unyoko engumHithi. ⁴ Ngosuku owazalwa ngalo ufokothi lwakho kaluqunywanga, njalo kawugezizwanga ngamanzi ukuba uhlambuluke, kumbe uhlikihlwe ngetshwayi 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 uqhatshaqhatsa 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 njalo lezinwele zakho zakhula, wena owawunqunu uze.

⁸ " Muva ngadlula eduze futhi, kwathi lapho sengikukhangele ngabona ukuthi wawusukhulile okwanela uthando, ngelulela ingosi yesambatho sami

ngaphezu kwakho ngavala ubunqunu bakho. Ngakufungela ngesifungo sami esiqinisekileyo, ngenza isivumelwano lawe, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, njalo waba ngowami.

⁹ "Ngakugezisa ngamanzi, ngagezisa legazi kuwe ngasengikugcoba ngamafutha. ¹⁰Ngakugqokisa isigqoko esicecisiweyo ngakufaka amanyathelo esikhumba. Ngakugqokisa ilineni elihle ngakwembesa izambatho ezidulayo. ¹¹Ngakuhlobisa ngamatshe aligugu: Ngafaka amasongo ezingalweni zakho kanye lomgaxo entanyeni yakho, ¹²ngasengifaka leringi empumulweni yakho, lamacici ezindlebeni zakho kanye lomqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho. ¹³Waceciswa kanjalo ngegolide langesiliva; izigqoko zakho zazenziwe ngelineni elihle langamalembu adulayo kanye lamalembu acecisiweyo. Waba muhle kakhulu waze wakhuphuka waba yindlovukazi. ¹⁴Udumo lwakho lwagcwala phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yobuhle bakho, ngoba ubucwazicwazi engangikuphe bona benza ubuhle bakho baphelela, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁵ "Kodwa wena wathemba ubuhle bakho wasebenzisa lodumo lwakho ekubeni liwule. Wachithela umusa wakho emuntwini wonke odlulayo kwathi ubuhle bakho baba ngobakhe. ¹⁶Wathatha ezinye zezambatho zakho wenza ubucwebecwebe bezindawo eziphakemeyo, lapho owaqhubekela khona ngobuwule bakho. Izinto ezinje akumelanga zenzakale, loba zike zivele zenzeke. ¹⁷Njalo wathatha leziceciso ezinhle zamatshe aligugu engakupha zona, iziceciso ezenziwa ngegolide lami lesiliva, wazenzela izithombe ezinduna wawula lazo. ¹⁸Wathatha lezigqoko zakho ezicecisiweyo ukuba wembese izithombe, wanikela amafutha ami lempepha phambi kwazo. ¹⁹Lokudla engakupha khona – ifulawa ecolekileyo,

amafutha e-oliva kanye loluju engakupha khona ukuba udle – wakunikela phambi kwazo njengempepha elephunga elimnandi. Lokhu yikho okwenzakalayo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

²⁰ "Wathatha futhi amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi owangizalela wona wawanikela njengokudla ezithombeni. Ubuwule bakho babunganelanga na? ²¹Wabulala abantwabami wabanikela ezithombeni. ²²Phakathi kwazo zonke izenzo zakho ezinengayo kanye lobuwule bakho kawuzikhumbulanga izinsuku zasebutsheni bakho, lapho wawunqunu njalo uze, uqhatshaqhatsa phakathi kwegazi lakho.

²³ "Maye! Maye kuwe, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Phezu kobubi bakho bonke, ²⁴wazakhela indunduma wenza lezindawo zokukhonzela ezidephileyo ezinkundleni zonke. ²⁵Ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke wakha izindawo zakho zokukhonzela ezidephileyo wonakalisa ubuhle bakho, wanikela umzimba wakho ngokuxabanisa okukhulu kuloba ngubani odlulayo. ²⁶Wenza ubuwule lamaGibhithe, omakhelwane bakho abalesigweba, wangithukuthelisa ngokuba ngubuyazonke kwakho okukhulu. ²⁷Ngakho ngelula isandla sami ukuba ngimelane lawe nganciphisa ilizwe lakho; ngakunikela ekuphangeni kwezitha zakho, amadodakazi amaFilisti, ethuswa yikuziphatha kwakho kobuxhwali! ²⁸Wenza ubuwule lama-Asiriya futhi, ngoba wawungasuthiseki; njalo langasemva kwalokho wawulokhu ungakholwanga. ²⁹Ngakho wandisa ukuxubanisa kwakho ukuba kungenise leBhabhiloni, ilizwe labathengisi, kodwa langalokhu kawusuthisekanga.

³⁰ "Yeka ubuthakathaka bakho enhliziyweni, kutsho uJehova

Wobukhosi, lapho usenza zonke lezizinto, usenza njengewule elingelanhloni! ³¹ Lapho usakha amadundulu akho ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke usenza lezindawo zakho zokukhonzela ezidephileyo ezinkundleni zonke, wawunganjengewule, ngoba wawuyala imbadalo.

³² "Wena mfazi oyisifebe! Uthanda izihambi kulomkakho. ³³ Amawule wonke amukela imbadalo, kodwa wena zonke izithandwa zakho uzinika iziphlo, uzithenga ukuba zize kuwe zivela ezindaweni zonke zilanda ubuwule bakho. ³⁴ Ngakho ebuwuleni bakho wehlukile kwabanye, kakho okudingayo ukuba awule lawe. Wena wahlukile, ngoba upha imbadalo ikanti kayikho wena oyiphiwayo.

³⁵ "Ngakho-ke, wena wule, zwana ilizwi likaJehova! ³⁶ Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Njengoba wachitha inotho yakho waveza lobunqunu bakho ebuwuleni 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 owawuzizonda. Ngizaziqoqa ukuba zimelane lawe zivela ezindaweni zonke ngikunqunule phambi kwazo, njalo zizabubona bonke ubunqunu bakho. ³⁸ Ngizakunika isigwebo sokujeziswa kwabesifazana 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 elimelane lawe, elizakutshaya ngamatshe, likuqumaqume ube yiziqo ngezinkemba zalo. ⁴¹ Bazatshisa izindlu zakho zilobe, bakujezise phambi kwabesifazana abanengi. Ngizabuqeda ubuwule bakho, njalo kawusayikuzibhadala futhi izithandwa zakho. ⁴² Lapho-ke ulaka lwami kuwe luzadeda lokuthukuthela kwami kobukhwele kuzasuka kuwe; ngizaphola ngingabe ngisathukuthela futhi.

⁴³ "Ngenxa yokuthi izinsuku zobutsha bakho kawuzikhumbulanga kodwa wangithukuthelisa ngezinto zonke lezi, ngeqiniso lokhu okwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakho, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Kanje kawenzanga isigwebo kuzo zonke 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 ungudade sibili wabodadewenu, abeyisa omkabo labantwana babo. Unyoko wayengumHithi uyihlo engumAmori. 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 kuzo zonke izindlela zakho wena waphanga waxhwala kakhulu kulabo. ⁴⁸ Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova 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 ISamariya kalenzanga ingxenye yezono wena osuzenzile. Wenze izinto ezinengisayo 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 leyeSamariya 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 omakhelwana bayo kanye lamadodakazi amaFilisti – bonke labo abakuhanyileyo abakweyisayo. ⁵⁸ Uzathwala umvuzo wesigweba sakho kanye lezenzo zakho ezinengayo.

⁵⁹ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizakuphatha njengalokhu okukufaneleyo, ngoba udelele isifungo sami ngokwephula isivumelwano.

⁶⁰ Kodwa ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano engasenza lawe ezinsukwini 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 nginguJehova. ⁶³ Ngakho, lapho sengikwenzela inhlawulelo yakho konke okwenzileyo, uzakhumbula ube lenhloni ungawuvuli futhi umlomo wakho ngenxa yokuthotshiswa kwakho, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

Izingqungqulu Ezimbili Levini

17 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, yenza umzekeliso utshele indlu yako-Israyeli umfanekiso. ³ Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Inggungqulu 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. Izingatsha zalo zaphendukela kuyo, kodwa izimpande zalo zaba ngaphansi kwalo. Ngakho laba livini laveza izingatsha lakhupha lezingaba ezilamahlamvu amanengi.

⁷ "Kodwa kwakulenywe ingqungqulu enkulu elezimpiko ezilamandla lezinsiba ezinengi. Khathesi ivini lakhuphela izimpande zalo kuyo zisuka esivandeni elalihlanyelwe kuso njalo lelulela izingatsha zalo kuyo zifuna amanzi.

⁸ Lalihlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle

phansi kwamanzi amanengi ukuze liveze izingatsha, lithele izithelo libe livini elihle.'

⁹ " 'Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 ulitshaya – libune esivandeni elakhulela kuso na?' ”

¹¹ Ilizwi likaJehova 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 izithunywa 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 uJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakhe isifungo sami asidelayo kanye lesivumelwano sami asephulayo. ²⁰ Ngimendlelela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa yisithiyo 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 uJehova sengikhulumile.

²² " 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Mina ngokwami ngizathatha ihlumela kuso kanye isihloko somsedari ngilihlanye; ngizakwephula ihlumela elibuthakathaka eklintini lawo eliphezulu kakhulu kulamanye ngilihlanye phezu kwentaba ende ephakemeyo.

²³ Ngizalihlanyela ezingqongeni zentaba yako-Israyeli; lizaveza izingatsha 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 Jehova ngifinyeza isihlahla eside ngenze esifitshane sikhule sibe side. Ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza ngenze esomileyo sihlume.

" 'Mina Jehova sengikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza.' ”

Umphefumulo Owonayo Uzakufa

18 Ilizwi likaJehova 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 uJehova Wobukhosi,
"kalisayikusitsho isaga lesi ko-Israyeli.
⁴Ngoba yonke imiphefumulo ephilayo
ngeyami, uyise kanye lendodana –
bobabili ngokufanayo ngabami.
Umphefumulo owonayo yiwo ozakufa.

⁵"Kasithi kulomuntu olungileyo
owenza okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo.

⁶Kadleli ezindaweni zokukhonzela
zasentabeni loba athembe izithombe
zendlu ka-Israyeli.
Kangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane
wakhe
loba alale lowesifazana
esemazibukweni.

⁷Kacindezeli muntu kodwa
uyabuyisela
akuthathayo njengesibambiso
sokwebolekwayo.

Kabenzi ubuphang
kodwa unika abalambileyo ukudla
kwakhe
labanqunu abanike izigqoko.

⁸Kabolekisi ukuba athole inzuzo
loba athathe inzuzo edlulisileyo.
Uyasithinta isandla sakhe ekwenzeni
okubi
njalo ehlulele kuhle phakathi
komuntu lomuntu.

⁹Uyazilandela izimiso zami
agcine lemithetho yami
ngokuthembeka.
Lowomuntu ulungile;
ngempela uzaphila,
kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁰"Kasithi ulendodana elodlakela
echitha igazi kumbe yenze loba yikuphi
kwalezi zinto ¹¹(lanxa uyise engenzanga
lanye yazo):

"Idlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela
ezisentabeni.
Iyamngcolisa umfazi
kamakhelwane
wayo.

¹²Icinezela abayanga labaswelayo.
Yenza ubuphang.
Kayibuyiseli eyakuthatha
kuyisibambiso.
Yethemba izithombe.
Yenza izinto ezinengisayo.

¹³Yebolekisa 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 yethemba izithombe zendlu
ka-Israyeli.
Kayimngcolisi umfazi
kamakhelwane
wayo.

¹⁶Kayicindezeli muntu
kumbe ifune isibambiso
ekwebolekiseni.
Kayibenzi ubuphang
kodwa abalambileyo iyabapha
ukudla

kwayo inike labanqunu izigqoko.

¹⁷Iyasithinta isandla sayo ekoneni njalo kayithathi nzuzo loba inzuzo edlulisileyo.

Iyagcina imilayo yami ilandele lezimiso zami.

Kayiyikufela izono zikayise; izaphila impela. ¹⁸Kodwa 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.

²⁰Umphefumulo owonayo yiwo ozakufa. Indodana kayiyikuba lecala likayise, loba uyise abe lecala lendodana. Ukulunga komuntu olungileyo kuzabalelwa kuye, lobubi bomubi buzamelana laye.

²¹"Kodwa uma umuntu omubi ephenduka kuzo zonke izono azenzayo njalo agcine izimiso zami zonke enze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzaphila impela, akayikufa. ²²Akukho kona kwakhe okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo azenzileyo uzaphila. ²³Ngiyathokoza na ngokufa komuntu omubi? kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Esikhundleni salokho, kangithabi na nxa bephenduka ezindleleni zabo njalo baphile?

²⁴"Kodwa uma 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 kaJehova kayilunganga.' Zwana, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli: Indlela yami kayifanelanga na? ²⁶Uma umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze izono, uzakufela lokho; ngenxa yezono azenzileyo uzakufa. ²⁷Kodwa uma umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini abenzileyo enze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzasilisa ukuphila kwakhe. ²⁸Ngokuba ucabanga konke okubi akwenzayo aphenduke kukho, uzaphila impela; akayikufa. ²⁹Ikanti indlu ka-Israyeli ithi, 'Indlela kaJehova kayilunganga.' Izindlela zami kazilunganga na, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli?

³⁰"Ngakho-ke wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, lowo lalowo ngizamahlulela ngokumayelana lezindlela zakhe, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Phendukani! Tshiyani ububi benu bonke; ngalokho isono kasiyikuba yikufa kwenu. ³¹Zikhululeni kukho konke okubi elikwenzileyo, lizuze inhliziyi entsha lomoya omutsha. Kungani na uzakufa, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? ³²Ngoba angithokozi ngokufa loba ngokukabani, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Phendukani liphile!

Ukulilela Amakhosana Ako-Israyeli

19 "Qhinqani isililo ngamakhosana ako-Israyeli ² lithi:

“ Yeka isilwanekazi esasingunyoko phakathi kwezilwane!

Salala phansi phakathi kwezilwane ezisakhulayo sondla imidlwane yaso.

³Sakhulisa omunye wemidlwane yaso waba yisilwane esilamandla wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe ukudliwa,

wadla labantu.
⁴Izizwe 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.

⁶Wanyonyoba phakathi kwezilwane
 ngoba wawuyisilwane
 esilamandla.
 Wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe
 ukudliwa,
 wadla labantu.

⁷Wadiliza izinqaba zabo
 wachitha lamadolobho abo.
 Ilizwe kanye labo bonke ababekulo
 bathuthumeliswa yikubhonga
 kwawo.

⁸Izizwe zawuvukela,
 lezo ezazivela ezigabeni
 ezizungelezileyo.
 Zendlala amambule azo phezu
 kwawo
 wawela egodini labo.

⁹Bawudonsela ekhejini
 ngezingwegwe
 bawusa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni.
 Bawufaka entolongweni,
 ngakho ukubhonga kwawo
 akuzwakalanga futhi
 ezintabeni zako-Israyeli.

¹⁰“ Unyoko wayenjengevini
 elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini
 esivini sakh;

sasithela izithelo njalo
 silezingatsha
 ezinengi
 ngenxa yamanzi amanengi.
¹¹Izingatsha zaso zaziqinile
 zifanele intonga yombusi.
 Sasiphakeme siphezulu le
 ngaphezu kwamahlamvu
 aminyeneyo,
 sibonakala ngobude baso
 langezingatsha zaso ezinengi.

¹²Kodwa sasitshunwa
 ngokuthukuthela
 saphoselwa phansi.
 Umoya wasempumalanga
 wasomisa,
 izithelo zaso zaqhululwa;
 izingatsha zaso eziqinileyo zabuna
 umlilo wazitshisa.

¹³Khathesi sesihlanyelwe enkangala,
 elizweni elitshisayo lelomileyo.

¹⁴Umlilo umemetheke usuka kolunye
 lwezingatsha ezinkulu,
 watshisa izithelo zaso.
 Akulagatsha oluqinileyo oluseleyo
 kuso olufanele intonga yombusi.’

Lesi yisililo njalo sizasetshenziswa
 njengesililo."

U-Israyeli Ohlamukayo

20 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa,
 ngenyanga yesihlanu ngosuku
 lwetshumi, abanye babadala bako-
 Israyeli bafika bezebuza uJehova,
 bahlala phansi phambi kwami.

² Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:
³ "Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labadala
 bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, 'Nanku
 okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:
 Lilande ukuzangibuza na? Ngeqiniso

elinjengoba ngikhona,
kangiyikulivumela ukuthi lingibuze,
kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.'

⁴"Uzabahlulela na? Uzabahlulela na, ndodana yomuntu? Ngakho batshele ngezenzo zaboyise ezinengayo ⁵uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngosuku engakhetha ngalo u-Israyeli, ngafunga kuyo inzalo yendlu ka-Jakhobe isandla siphakanyisiwe njalo ngiziveza kuyo iGibhithe. Isandla siphakanyisiwe ngathi kubo, "Mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu."
⁶Ngalolosuku ngafunga kubo ukuthi ngizabakhupha eGibhithe ngibase elizweni engabadingela lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe wonke. ⁷Njalo ngathi kubo, "Lowo lalowo wenu kalahle izifanekiso ezenyanyekayo elibeke amehlo enu kuzo, njalo lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zaseGibhithe. Mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu."

⁸" 'Kodwa bangihlamukela kabaze bangilalela; kabazilahlanga izifanekiso zabo ezenyanyekayo ababebeke amehlo abo kuzo, loba balahle izithombe zabo zaseGibhithe. Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngiqede lokuthukuthela kwami ngimelane labo eGibhithe. ⁹Kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe ababehlala phakathi kwazo engiziveze emehlweni azo kwabako-Israyeli ngokubakhupha eGibhithe. ¹⁰Ngakho ngabakhupha eGibhithe ngabasa enkangala.
¹¹Ngabanika izimiso zami ngabazisa lemithetho yami, ngoba umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. ¹²Njalo ngabanika lamaSabatha ami njengesibonakaliso phakathi kwami labo, ukuze bakwazi ukuthi mina Jehova ngabenza baba ngcwele.

¹³" 'Kodwa abantu bako-Israyeli bangihlamukela enkangala. Kabazilandelanga izimiso zami kodwa bayala imithetho yami – lanxa umuntu oyilalelayo ezaphila ngayo – njalo batshaphaza amaSabatha ami kakhulu. Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngibaqede du enkangala. ¹⁴Kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe engabakhupha zikhangele. ¹⁵Njalo isandla siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkangala ukuthi angiyikubafikisa elizweni engangibaphe lona – ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe wonke – ¹⁶ngoba imithetho yami bayala njalo kabalandelanga izimiso zami batshaphaza lamaSabatha ami futhi. Ngoba izinhliziyi zabo zazinamatele ezithombeni zabo. ¹⁷Ikanti ngabazwela isihawu kangaze ngababhuhisa kumbe ngibaqede enkangala. ¹⁸Ngatsho kubantwana babo enkangala ngathi, "Lingalandeli izimiso zaboyihlo loba ligcine imithetho yabo loba lizingcolise ngezithombe zabo. ¹⁹Mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu; landelani izimiso zami linanzelele ukugcina imithetho yami. ²⁰Gcinani amaSabatha engcwele, ukuba abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu."

²¹“ ‘Kodwa abantwana bangihlamukela: Kabazilandelanga izimiso zami, kabananzanga ukugcina imithetho yami – lanxa umuntu oyilalelayo ezaphila ngayo – njalo batshaphaza amaSabatha ami. Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngiqedele ukuthukuthela kwami kubo enkangala. ²²Kodwa ngazithiba, njalo ngenxa yebizo lami ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe engabakhupha

zikhangele. ²³ Njalo isandla siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkangala ukuthi ngangizabahlakazela phakathi kwezizwe ngibachithachithele emazweni, ²⁴ ngoba babengayilalelanga imithetho yami kodwa bezalile izimiso zami batshaphaza 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 yikhona bezakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.'

²⁷ "Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labantu bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngakho lokhu labokhokho benu bangithuka ngokungilahla. ²⁸ Kwathi lapho sengibafikisile 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Lizazingcolisa yini njengabokhokho benu njalo lilangazele izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo na?

³¹ Lapho linikela izipho zenu – imihlatshelo yamadodana enu emlilweni – liyaqhubeka lizingcolisa ngazo zonke izithombe zenu kuze kube lamhla. Kumele ngivume na ukuba ungibuze,

wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova 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 uJehova 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 ngizahlulela kanjalo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ³⁷ Ngizalinancelela 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 nginguJehova.

³⁹ " 'Kuwe-ke, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Hambani liyekhonza izithombe zenu, lonke! Kodwa emva kwalokho ngeqiniso lizangilalela lingalingcolisi futhi ibizo lami ngeziphu zenu langezithombe. ⁴⁰ Ngoba entabeni yami engcwele, intaba ephakemeyo yako-Israyeli, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, khonapho phakathi kwelizwe, yonke indlu ka-Israyeli izangikhonza, njalo khonapho ngizabamukela. Khonapho ngizafuna

iminikelo yenu lezipho zenu zekhethelo ndawonye lemihlatshelelo yenu yonke engcwele. ⁴¹Ngizalamukela njengemphepha elephunga elimnandi lapho sengilikhupha ezizweni njalo sengiliqoqa emazweni elalihlakazelwe kuwo, njalo ngizazibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwenu phambi kwezizwe. ⁴²Lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova lapho sengilingenisa elizweni lako-Israyeli, ilizwe engafunga ngesandla esiphakanyisiweyo ukuthi ngizalipha okhokho benu. ⁴³Khonaphoke lizakhumbula ukuziphatha kwenu lazo zonke izenzo elizingcolise ngazo, njalo lizazenyanya ngenxa yobubi bonke elibenzileyo. ⁴⁴Lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova lapho sengilijezisa ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa kungayisikho mayelana lezindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezenzo zenu ezixhwalileyo, lina ndlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' ”

Isiphrofetho Ngeningizimu

⁴⁵ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ⁴⁶ "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngaseningizimu; tshumayela okubi ngeningizimu uphrofethe okubi ngelizwe laseningizimu. ⁴⁷ Tshono ehlathini laseningizimu uthi: 'Zwana ilizwi likaJehova. Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 uJehova yimi engiwuthungeleyo; kawuyikucitsha.' "

⁴⁹ Ngasengisithi, "Awu Jehova Wobukhosi! Bathi kimi, 'Kakhulumi imifanekiso kuphela nje na?' "

IBhabhiloni, Inkemba KaNkulunkulu Yokwahlulela

21 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, khangalisa ubuso bakho eJerusalema utshumayele okubi ngendawo engcwele. Phrofetha okubi ngelizwe lako-Israyeli ³ uthi kulo: "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngixabane lani. Ngizahwatsha inkemba yami emxhakeni wayo ngisuse kuwe abalungileyo lababi. ⁴ Ngokuba ngizasusa abalungileyo lababi, inkemba yami izahwatshelwa ukumelana labo bonke abavela eningizimu kanye lasenyakatho. ⁵ Lapho-ke abantu bonke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova 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 izinhliziyi zizanyela lezandla zonke zibe buthakathaka, imimoya yonke izaphela amandla lamadolo wonke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi. 'Kuyeza! Ngempela kuzakwenzakala, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

⁸ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ⁹ "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova:

" 'Inkemba, inkemba,
ilolwe njalo yalolongwa –

¹⁰ Ilolwe 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 uJehova 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 izinhliziyi zibe buthakathaka labawileyo babe banengi, sengibeke inkemba yokubulala kuwo wonke amasango abo.
O! 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 uJehova sengikhulumile."

¹⁸ Ilizwi likaJehova 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 leRaba 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 lamanga kulabo asebefungele ukuthobeka kuyo, kodwa yona izabakhumbuza icala labo ibathumbe.

²⁴ "Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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, esuku lwayo

selufikile, esikhathi sokujeziswa kwayo sesifike esijini sayo,²⁶ nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi ngama-Amoni kanye lezithuko zawo:

" 'Inkemba, inkemba,
ihwatshelwe ukubulala,
ilolongelwe ukuqothula
lokuphazima njengombane!

²⁹ Langaphezu kwemibono yamanga
ngawe,
lokuhlhlula okungamanga
ngawe,
izabekwa ezintanyeni zababi
okumele babulawe,
abasuku lwabo selufikile,
abasikhathi sokujeziswa kwabo
sesifike esijini saso.

³⁰ Buyisela inkemba emxhakeni wayo.
Endaweni owadalelwa kuyo,
elizweni labokhokho bakho,
ngizakwahlulela khona.

³¹ Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu
kwakho ngiphefumelele
lentukuthelo yami etshisayo kuwe;
ngizakunikela ebantwini
abalesihluku,
abantu abakwaziyo ukuqothula.

³² Uzakuba zinkuni zomlilo,
igazi lakho lizachithelwa elizweni
lakini,

kawuyikukhunjulwa futhi;
ngoba mina uJehova
sengikhulumile.' "

Izono ZeJerusalema

22 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi
lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, uzalahlulela
na? Uzalahlulela na lelidolobho
lokuchithwa kwegazi? Ngakho melana
lalo kanye lezono zalo ezenyanyekayo
³ uthi: Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
Wobukhosi: Wena dolobho elizilethela
ukutshabalala ngokuchitha igazi
phakathi kwalo njalo lizingcolisa
ngokwenza izithombe, ⁴ usube lecala
ngenxa yegazi olichithileyo njalo
usungcoliswe yizithombe ozenzileyo.
Usulethe izinsuku zakho ekupheleni,
lesiphetho seminyaka yakho sesifikile.
Ngakho ngizakwenza ube yinto
yokuklolodelwa ezizweni lenhlelisa
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 icindezele abezizweni
iphathe 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
abesifazana besesikhathini sabo, lapho

bengahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba.

¹¹ Phakathi kwakho indoda yenza ukona okwenyanyekayo lomfazi kamakhelwana wayo, enye ingcolise umalokazana 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 kumakhelwana wakho umbamba ngamandla. Njalo usungikhohliwe, kutsho uJehova 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 Jehova sengikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza lokho. ¹⁵ Ngizakuhlakazela phakathi kwezizwe ngikuchithachithele emazweni; lokungcola kwakho ngizakuqeda. ¹⁶ Lapho usungcolisiwe phambi kwezizwe, uzakwazi ukuthi mina ngingujehova." "

¹⁷ Ilizwi likaJehova laselifika kimi lisithi: ¹⁸ "Ndodana yomuntu, indlu ka-Israyeli isibe ngamanyala kimi. Bonke balithusi, lomnusu, lensimbi kanye lomthofu okusele phakathi kwemvutho. Kungamanye esiliva. ¹⁹ Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: 'Ngokuba lonke selibe ngamanye, ngizaliquqela eJerusalema.

²⁰ Njengabantu beqoqela isiliva, lethusi, lensimbi, lomthofu kanye lomnusu emvuthweni ukuba kuncibilikiswe ngomfutho womlilo, ngizaliquqqa kanjalo ngokuthukuthela kwami langolaka lwami ngilibeke phakathi kwedolobho ngilincibilikise. ²¹ Ngizaliquqqa njalo ngizalivuthela ngolaka lwami oluvuthayo, njalo lizancibilikiswa

phakathi kwalo. ²² Njengesiliva sincibilikiselwa phakathi kwemvutho, kanjalo lani lizancibilikiselwa phakathi kwalo, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina uJehova sengithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwenu." "

²³ Ilizwi likaJehova 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 baziba izenzo lezi besenzela bona ngemibono yamanga lokuhlahlula okungamanga. Bathi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi' – kodwa uJehova engakhulumanga. ²⁹ Abantu belizwe benza imisebenzi yokufuna imivuzo ngamandla kanye lobuphangi; bacindezela 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 uJehova Wobukhosi."

ODade Ababili Abayizifebe

23 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi

lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, kwakulabesifazana ababili, amadodakazi omfazi munye. ³Baba ngamawule eGibhithe, beqalise ubuwule kusukela ebutsheni babo. Kulelolizwe amabele abo abanjwabanjwa lengaphambili yabo yaphathwaphathwa. ⁴Omdala 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 ⁶agqoke okulifefe, ababusi kanye labalawuli bebutho, bonke babengamajaha amahle, kanye labagada amabhiza. ⁷Wazinikela njengewule kubo bonke abaphakemeyo base-Asiriya njalo wazingcolisa ngezithombe zabo bonke abakhanukayo. ⁸Kabudelanga ubuwule abuqalisa eGibhithe, lapho amajaha alala laye ebutsheni bakhe, ambambabamba ngaphambili, athululela lezinkanuko zawo phezu kwakhe.

⁹"Ngakho ngamnikela kuzithandwa zakhe, ama-Asiriya, ayewakhanuka. ¹⁰Amnqunula, athatha amadodana lamadodakazi akhe yena ambulala ngenkamba. Waba yisiga phakathi kwabesifazana, wajeziswa.

¹¹"Umnawakhe u-Oholibha wakubona lokhu, kodwa ngenkanuko lobuwule bakhe wayexhwale kakhulu kulodadewabo. ¹²Laye wakhanuka ama-Asiriya – ababusi labalawuli bebutho, lamabutho agqoke okupheleleyo, labagadi bamabhiza, lawo wonke amajaha amahle. ¹³Ngabona

ukuthi laye wazingcolisa; bobabili bahamba ndlelanye.

¹⁴"Kodwa yena ubuwule bakhe bengezeleleka futhi. Wabona amadoda efanekisiwe emdulini, izithombe zamaKhaledi ezifanekiswe ngokubomvu, ¹⁵zilamabhanti ezinkalweni zazo njalo zilamaqhiye alengayo emakhanda azo; zonke zikhanya angathi yizikhulu zezinqola zempi zamaBhabhiloni, inzalo yaseKhalediya. ¹⁶Kwathi khonokho nje ebona wahle wabafisa wasethuma izithunywa kubo eKhalediya. ¹⁷Ngakho afika kuye, alala laye, njalo ezinkanukweni zawo amngcolisa. Emva kokuba esengcoliswe yiwo, wasuka kuwo enengekile. ¹⁸Kwathi lapho esesenza ubuwule bakhe obala njalo eveza lobunqunu bakhe, ngasuka kuye nginengekile, njengoba ngangisukile kudadewabo. ¹⁹Kodwa banda ngamandla ubuwule bakhe esekhumbula izinsuku zobutsha bakhe, lapho wayeliwule eGibhithe. ²⁰Khonale wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe, ezazilezitho zangaphambili ezazifana lezabobabhemi, zikhihliza okufana lokwamabhiza. ²¹Ngakho walangazela isigweba sasebutsheni bakho, lapho okwathi useGibhithe ingaphambili yakhe yabanjwabanjwa lamabele akho aphantwaphathwa.

²²"Ngakho-ke, Oholibha, nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizakwenza izithandwa zakho zikuvukele, lezo owazitshiya unengekile, njalo ngizaziletha kuwe ukuba zimelane lawe zivela emaceleni wonke – ²³amaBhabhiloni lamaKhaledi wonke, amadoda asePhekhodi laseShowa kanye leKhowa, lama-Asiriya wonke elazo, amajaha amahle, wonke angababusi labalawuli bebutho, izinduna zezinqola zempi lamanye amadoda alezikhundla

ezinkulu, bonke begade amabhiza.

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 izimpumulo zenu lezindlebe zenu, njalo abenu labo abazasala bazabulawa ngenkamba. Bazathumba amadodana enu lamadodakazi, njalo abenu labo abazasala bazaqothulwa ngumlilo.

²⁶ Njalo bazakuhlubula izigqoko zakho bathathe leziceciso zakho ezinhle.

²⁷ Kanjalo-ke ngizaqeda isigweba lobuwule owabuqalisela eGibhithe. Kawuyikukhangela lezizinto uzikhanuke loba ukhumbule iGibhithe futhi.

²⁸ "Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngikunikele kulabo abakuzondayo, kulabo owasuka kubo unengekile.

²⁹ Bazakuphatha ngenzondo njalo bathumbe yonke into owayisebenzelayo. Bazakutshiya unqunu uze, njalo ihlazo lobuwule bakho lizavela obala. Isigweba sakho lobuwule ³⁰ kwehlisele lokhu phezu kwakho, ngoba wafisa izizwe wazingcolisa wena ngokwakho ngezithombe zaso. ³¹ Ulandele indlela kadadewenu; ngakho ngizabeka inkezo yakhe esandleni sakho.

³² "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

“Uzanatha inkezo kadadewenu,
inkezo enkulu ezikileyo futhi;
izaletsa ukuhlelwa lokuklodelwa,
ngoba ithwele lukhulu.

³³ Uzakhulelwa yikudakwa losizi,

inkezo yokuchitheka
lokuphundleka,

inkezo kadadewenu iSamariya.

³⁴ Uzayinatha uyibhije;
uzayiphahlaza ibe yizicucu
udabule amabele akho.

Sengikhulumile, kutsho UJehova Wobukhosi.

³⁵ Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Njengoba usungikhohliwe wangifufela ngemuva kwakho, kumele uthwale imivuzo yesigweba sakho kanye lobuwule bakho."

³⁶ UJehova 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 lezithunywa ebantwini ukuba beze bevela khatshana, kwathi sebefikile wabagezela, wacamba amehlo akho wasufaka leziceciso zakho.

⁴¹ Wahlala embhedeni 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 zowesifazana lodadewabo kanye lemiqhele emihle emakhanda abo.

⁴³Lapho-ke ngalowo owayesegugiswe yibufefe ngathi, 'Khathesi kabamsebenzise njengewule, ngoba lokho yikho konke ayikho.'⁴⁴Balala laye. Njengabesilisa belala lewule, ngokunjalo balala lalabobafazi abalesigweba, u-Ohola lo-Oholibha. ⁴⁵Kodwa abantu abalungileyo bazabanika isijeziso sabesifazana abafebayo njalo bachithe legazi, ngoba bayizifebe njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi.

⁴⁶"Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Baletheleni ixuku limelane labo beselibanikela kukho ukwesaba lokuphangwa. ⁴⁷Ixuku lizabatshaya ngamatshe libajuqe ngezinkemba; lizabulala amadodana abo lamadodakazi litshise izindlu zabo ngomlilo.

⁴⁸"Ngizakuqeda kanjalo ukuxhwala elizweni, ukuze bonke abesifazana baxwayiseke njalo bangenzi njengani. ⁴⁹Lizajeziselwa ukuxhwala kwenu njalo lithwale lemivuzo yezono zenu zokukhonza izithombe. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova."

Imbiza yokupheka

24 Ngomnyaka wesifcamunye, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngosuku lwetshumi, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, bhala usuku lolu, usuku lolu lona ngokwalo, ngoba iNkosi yaseBhabhiloni isivimbezele iJerusalema ngalo kanye lolusuku. ³Tshela indlu le ehlamukayo umfanekiso uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

" 'Beka imbiza yokupheka eziko; ibeke

phezulu

uthele amanzi phakathi kwayo.

⁴Beka phakathi kwayo amaqatha enyama, wonke amaqatha amahle – umlenze lesiphanga.

Igcwalise ngamathambo amahle; ⁵thatha okukhethiweyo emhlambini.

Basela kakhulu ngezinkuni usenzela amathambo; ibilise upheke amathambo phakathi kwayo.

⁶" 'Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

" 'Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi, kuyo imbiza esithombile, ukuthomba kwayo okungayikuphela! Ikhuphe iqatha ngeqatha kungekho kuwaphosela inkatho.

⁷" 'Ngakho igazi elachithwa lidolobho leli liphakathi kwalo: lalithululela edwalweni elize; kalilithululelanga phansi lapho umhlabathi owawungaligqibela khona.

⁸Ukuze ngivuse intukuthelo njalo ngiphindisele, ngabeka igazi lelo phezu kwedwala elize, ukuze lingagqitshelwa.

⁹" 'Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

" 'Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi! lami futhi, ngizakwenza ibonda lezinkuni eliphakemeyo.

¹⁰Ngakho faka inkuni
uphembe umlilo.

Ipheke kuhle inyama,
uhlenganisa leziyoliso;
uyekele amathambo atshe.

¹¹Emva kwalokho beka imbiza
engelalutho phezu kwamalahle
ize itshise lethusi layo livuthe
ukuze ukungcola kwayo kutshe
kuphele lokuthomba kwayo kutshe
kuphele.

¹²Isiphuthise imizamo yonke;
uqweqwe lokuthomba kwayo
kalususwanga,
loba langomlilo.

¹³" 'Khathesi ukungcola kwakho
yisigweba. Ngoba ngizamile
ukukuhlambulula kodwa ubungeke
uhlanjululwe ekungcoleni kwakho,
kawuyikuhlambuluka futhi
ukukuthukuthelela kwami kuze
kudede.

¹⁴" 'Mina uJehova sengikhulumile.
Isikhathi sokuba ngenze sesifikile.
Kangiyikuzithiba; kangiyikuba
lesihawu, kumbe ngiyekethise.
Uzakwahlulelwa mayelana
lokuziphatha kwakho kanye
lezenzo zakho, kutsho uJehova
Wobukhosi.' "

Ukufa KomkaHezekheli

¹⁵Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:

¹⁶"Ndodana yomuntu, sekuseduze ukuthi
ngokugalela okukodwa nje ngisuse kuwe
intokozo yamehlo akho. Kodwa ungalili
kumbe ukhale loba wehlise izinyembezi.

¹⁷Bubula uthule; ungalileli abafileyo.
Bophela iqhiye yakho lamanyathela
akho ezinyaweni zakho; ungambozi
ingxenye yaphansi yobuso bakho loba
udle ukudla komkhuba wabalilayo."

¹⁸Ngakho ngakhuluma labantu
ekuseni, umkami wafa kusihlwa.
Ekuseni kwakusisa ngenza
njengokulaywa kwami.

¹⁹Abantu basebengibuza besithi,
"Kawuyikusitshela na ukuthi izinto lezi
zilani lathi?"

²⁰Ngakho mina ngathi kubo, "Ilizwi
likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ²¹Tshono
endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku
okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:
Sekuseduze ukuthi ngingcolise indlu
yami engcwele – inqaba eliziqhenya
ngayo, intokozo yamehlo enu, into
eliyithanda kakhulu. Amadodana
lamadodakazi eliwatshiyileyo azabulawa
ngenkemba. ²²Njalo lizakwenza
njengoba ngenzile. Kaliyikumboza
ingxenye yaphansi yobuso benu loba
lidle ukudla komkhuba wabalilayo.
²³Lizafaka amaqhiye enu emakhanda
enu lamanyathela enu ezinyaweni zenu.
Kaliyikulila kumbe likhale kodwa
lizacikizeka ngenxa yezono zenu njalo
libubule phakathi kwenu. ²⁴UHezekheli
uzakuba yisibonakaliso kini; lizakwenza
njengoba enzile. Nxa lokhu kusenzakala,
lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova
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 –

²⁶ngalolosuku isiphepheli yiso
esizalandisa izindaba. ²⁷Ngalesosikhathi
umlomo wakho uzavuleka; uzakhuluma
laye njalo kawuyikuthula futhi. Ngakho
uzakuba yisibonakaliso kubo, njalo
bazakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova."

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana Le-Amoni

25 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho umelane lama-Amoni, uphrofethe okubi ngawo. ³Tshono kuwo uthi, 'Zwanini ilizwi likaJehova Wobukhosi. Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngokuba lina lathi "Aha!" ngendlu yami engcwele lapho yayingcolisiwe langelizwe lako-Israyeli lapho lalichithiwe kanye langabantu bako-Juda lapho babethunjiwe, ⁴ngakho ngizalinelana ebantwini baseMpumalanga njengenotho yabo. Bazakwakha izihonqo zabo bamise amathente abo phakathi kwenu; bazakudla izithelo zenu banathe lochago lwenu. ⁵Ngizakwenza iRabha ibe lidlelo lamakamela le-Amoni ibe yindawo yokuphumulela izimvu. Lapho ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova. ⁶Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngokuba liqakeze izandla zenu lagida langezinyawo zenu, lithokoza ngabo bonke ububi benhliziyo yenu ngelizwe lako-Israyeli, ⁷ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane lani ngilinikele njalo ngiliqede emazweni. Ngizaliquthula, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova.' "

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana LeMowabi.

⁸"Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: 'Ngenxa yokuthi iMowabi kanye leSeyiri athi, "Khangelani, indlu kaJuda isinjengezinye izizwe zonke," ⁹ngakho-ke ngizakwambula uhlangothi lweMowabi, kusukela emadolobheni asemingceleni – iBhethi Jeshimothi, leBhawali Meyoni kanye leKhiriyathayimi – udumo lwelizwe. ¹⁰Ngizalinelana iMowabi ndawonye lama-Amoni ebantwini baseMpumalanga

njengenotho, ukuze ama-Amoni angakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe; ¹¹njalo ngizaletha isijeziso eMowabi. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina ngingu-Jehova.' "

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana Le-Edomi

¹²"Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: 'Ngokuba i-Edomi yaphindisela endlini kaJuda yasisiba lecala elikhulu ngokwenza njalo, ¹³ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane le-Edomi ngibulale abantu bayo kanye lezifuyo. Ngizayichitha, njalo kusukela eThemani kusiya eDedani, bazabulawa ngenkamba. ¹⁴Ngizaphindisela e-Edomi ngesandla sabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo i-Edomi bazayiphatha mayelana lentukuthelo yami kanye lolaka lwami; bazayazi impindiselo yami, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana LeFilistiya

¹⁵"Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: 'Ngokuba amaFilisti enza impindiselo njalo aphindisela ngolunya ezinhliziyweni zawo, njalo ngenzondo yasendulo afuna ukuchitha uJuda, ¹⁶ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngelule ingalo yami ngimelane lamaFilisti, njalo ngizaqothula amaKherethi ngichithe lalabo abaseleyo ngasolwandle. ¹⁷Ngizakwenza impindiselo enkulu kubo njalo ngibajezise ekuthukutheleni kwami. Ngakho bazakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova, lapho sengiphindisela kubo.' "

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana leThire

26 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, ngokuba iThire itshilo kulo iJerusalema yathi, 'Aha!' Isango lokuya ezizweni lidilikile, leminyango ingivulekele; njengoba khathesi selingamanxiwa ngizaphumelela, ³ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lawe, wena Thire, njalo ngizakulethela izizwe ezinengi zimelane lawe njengolwandle luphosa amagagasi alo phezulu. ⁴Zizadiliza imiduli yaseThire, ziwisele phansi imiphotshongo yalo; ngizaphala inkunkuma yalo ngilenze libe lidwala elingelalutho. ⁵Elwandle lizakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Lizakuba yimpango yezizwe, ⁶lemizana yalo ephakathi kwelizwe izachithwa ngenkamba. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova.

⁷"Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizaletha uNebhukhadinezari inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, inkosi yamakhosi, evela enyakatho ukuba amelane leThire, ngamabhiza lezinqola zempi, ngabagadi bamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu. ⁸Uzachitha imizana yakho phakathi kwelizwe ngenkamba; uzamisa izindawo zokuvimbezela, akhe idundulu kusiya phezulu emdulini wakho njalo akuphakamisele lamahawu amelane lawe. ⁹Uzaqondisa izigalelo zemigqala yakhe yokudiliza emdulini yakho, abhidlize imiphotshongo yakho ngezikhali zakhe. ¹⁰Amabhiza akhe azakuba manengi kakhulu okuzakwenza akwembese ngothuli. Imiduli yakho izanyikinyiswa ngumsindo wamabhiza empi, izinqola zokuthwala kanye

lezinqola zempi lapho esengena emasangweni akho njengabantu abangena edolobheni elilemiduli efohliweyo. ¹¹Amasondo amabhiza akhe azanyathela zonke izitalada zakho; uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkamba; lezinsika zakho eziqinileyo zizawela phansi. ¹²Bazaphanga inotho yakho bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo; bazadiliza imiduli yakho babhidlize lezindlu zakho ezinhle njalo baphosele amatshe akho, lezigodo kanye lenkunkuma elwandle. ¹³Ngizaqeda umsindo wezingoma zakho; lomculo wamachacho akho awuyikuzwakala futhi. ¹⁴Ngizakwenza ube lidwala elize, njalo uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi. Kawuyikwakhiwa futhi, ngoba mina uJehova sengikhulumile, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁵"Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi kuyo iThire: Kambe amazwe angasolwandle kawayikunyikinyeka yini ngomsindo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo sebebubula njalo lokubulala sekusenzakala phakathi kwakho na? ¹⁶Lapho-ke wonke amakhosana angasolwandle azakwehla ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi akhuphe izingubo zawo njalo ahlubule lezambatho zawo ezicecisiweyo. Ephethwe yikwesaba, azahlala phansi, eqhaqhazela isikhathi sonke, ngokwesaba wena. ¹⁷Lapho-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. ¹⁸Khathesi amazwe angasolwandle ayathuthumela

ngosuku lokuwa kwakho;
izihlengi zasolwandle
ziyakwesaba ukuwa kwakho.'

¹⁹ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
Wobukhosi: Lapho ngikwenza ube
lidolobho elichithekileyo,
njengamadolobho angasahlali muntu,
njalo lapho ngiletha izinziki zolwandle
phezu kwakho kuthi amanzi alo
amanengi kakhulu akwembese, ²⁰ lapho-
ke ngizakuletha phansi lalabo abaya
phansi egodini, ebantwini basendulo.
Ngizakuhlalisa ngaphansi komhlaba,
kunjengasemanxiweni endulo, lalabo
abaya phansi egodini, njalo
kawuyikuphenduka loba ube lendawo
yakho elizweni labaphilayo.
²¹ Ngizakwenza ukucina kwakho kube
ngokwesabekayo uhle utshabalale.
Uzadingwa, kodwa ungatholakali futhi,
kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

Ukulilela IThire

27 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi
lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo
ngeThire, ³ uthi kuyo iThire,
esesangweni lasolwandle, yona
engumthengiseli wabantu abanengi
abangasolwandle, 'Nanku okutshiwo
nguJehova Wobukhosi:

" 'Wena Thire uthi,
"Ngiphelele ngobuhle."

⁴ Umbuso wakho wawuphakathi
kwezilwandle;
abakhi bakho baphelelisa ubuhle
bakho.

⁵ Wonke amapulanka akho
bawenza ngezihlahla
zamazapulanka
ezivela eSeyiri;

bathatha umsedari eLebhanoni
ukuba bakwenzele insika.

⁶ Ngemi-okhi eyavela eBhashani
bakwenzela amaphini okugwedla
izikepe;
ngezigodo zomsipresi ezavela
ngasolwandle lwaseKhuprosi
benza indawo yokuhamba kuyo,
yendlalwe izimpondo zendlovu.

⁷ Iseyili lakho kwakuyilineni elihle
elicecisiweyo elavela eGibhithe,
elaba yilona phawu lwakho;
amaseyili akho okusitha ilanga
ayengawokuluhlaza lokulubende
okwavela ngasolwandle lwase-
Elisha.

⁸ Amadoda aseSidoni le-Arivadi
ayengabagwedli bakho;
izazi zakho, wena Thire,
zazisemkhunjini
njengabatshayeli bomkhumbi.

⁹ Izingwethi ezindala zaseGebali
zaziphakathi komkhumbi
njengabalungisi bemikhumbi
ukuba bagcike imiphetho yakho.
Yonke imikhumbi
yasolwandle labatshayeli bayo
yeza ikanye lawe ukuzathenga
izimpahla zakho.

¹⁰ " 'Amadoda asePhesiya, le-Lidiya
kanye lePhuthi
asebenza njengamabutho
ebuthweni
lakho.

Alengisa amahawu awo lezingowane
emidulini yakho, akulethela
ubuhle obukhulu.

¹¹ Amadoda ase-Arivadi kanye
leHelekhi

aba khona 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 lomnusu.

¹³ " 'IJavani, leThubali kanye
leMesheki athengiselana lawe, athenga
izimpahla zakho ngezizigqili langezinto
ezenziwe ngethusi.

¹⁴ " 'Abantu baseBhethi Thogarima
bathenga izimpahla zakho ngamabhiza
omsebenzi, amabhiza empi kanye
lezimbongolo.

¹⁵ " 'Abantu baseRodesi bathengiselana
lawe, njalo amazwe amanengi
angasolwandle athenga kuwe,
akubhadala ngezimpondo zendlovu
langenhlaka emnyama.

¹⁶ " 'I-Aramu yathengiselana lawe
ngenxa yezimpahla zakho ezinengi,
izimpahla zakho ezithengiswayo
bazithenga ngamatshe aligugu aluhlaza,
amalembu alubende, umsebenzi
ocecisiweyo, ilineni elihle, ikhorali
langelitshe eliligugu elibomvu.

¹⁷ " 'UJuda lo-Israyeli bathengiselana
lawe; izimpahla 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 " 'AmaDani lamaGriki avela e-
Uzali athenga izimpahla zakho;
azithenga ngensimbi ekhandiweyo,
langekhasiya kanye lekhalamusu.

²⁰ " 'IDedani yathengiselana lawe
ngezingubo zezihlalo.

²¹ " 'I-Arabhiya lazo zonke izikhulu
zaseKhedari babethenga kuwe;
bathengiselana lawe ngezimvu, izinqama
kanye lezimbuzi.

²² " 'Abathengi baseSheba labaseRahama
bathengiselana lawe; izimpahla zakho
bazithenga ngezinhlobo zonke ezinhle
zeziyoliso langamatshe aligugu kanye
legolide.

²³ " 'IHarani, leKhane le-Edeni kanye
labathengi baseSheba, le-Ashuri kanye
leKhilimadi bathengiselana lawe.

²⁴ Endaweni yakho yokuthengiselana,
bakuthengisela izambatho ezinhle,
amalembu aluhlaza, imisebenzi
ececisiweyo kanye lamajali alemibala
eminengi lezintshaka eziphothiweyo
njalo zilamafindo abotshwe aqina.

²⁵ " 'Imikhumbi yaseThashishi isebenza
ukuthwala izimpahla zakho.
Ugcwele izimpahla ezinzima
enzikini yolwandle.

²⁶ " 'Abagwedli bakho
bakusa elwandle olukhulu.
Kodwa umoya wasempumalanga
uzakwephula ube yiziqayiqqa
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 wanouthisa 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.' "

*Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana Lenkosi
 YaseThire.*

28 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi
 lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, tshono
 kumbusi waseThire uthi, 'Nanku
 okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

" 'Ngokuziqqaja kwenhliziyo yakho
 uthi, "Ngingukulunkulu;
 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,
 inhliziyoyakho isizigqaja.

⁶ " 'Ngakho nanku okutshiwo
 nguJehova Wobukhosi:

“ Njengoba ucabanga ukuthi
uhlakaniphile,
uhlakaniphe njengonkulunkulu,
⁷ ngizaletha abezizweni ukuba
bamelane

lawe,
izizwe ezilesihluku kakhulu;
zizahwatsha izinkemba 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 uJehova
Wobukhosi.' "

¹¹ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:
¹² "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo
ngenkosi yaseThire uthi kuyo: 'Nanku
okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

" 'Wawuyisibonelo sokuphelela
ugcwele inhlakanipho lobuhle
obupheleleyo.

¹³ Wawuse-Edeni
isivande sikaNkulunkulu;
waceca ngawo wonke amatshe
aligugu:
irubhi, lethophazi le-emeralidi,
ikhrosolithe, 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 uhlazekile
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 wakuphosa wakuqeda,
njalo ngakwenza waba ngumlotha

emhlabathini phambi kwabo bonke
ababekhangele.

¹⁹Zonke izizwe ezazikwazi
zithithibele ngawe;
usufike ekucineni okwesabekayo
njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi.' "

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana LeSidoni

²⁰Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:
²¹"Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso
bakho eSidoni; uphrofethe okubi ngalo
²²uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
Wobukhosi:

" 'Ngimelana lawe, wena Sidoni,
njalo ngizathola udumo phakathi
kwakho.
Bazakwazi ukuthi mina
ninguJehova
lapho sengiletha isijeziso kulo
njalo ngizibonakalisa
ningongcwele
phakathi kwalo.
²³"Ngizathumela isifo kulo
ngenze igazi ligeleze ezitaladeni
zalo.
Abafuleyo bazakuba phakathi kwalo,
inkemba imelane lalo amacele
wonke.
Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina
ninguJehova.
²⁴" 'Abantu bako-Israyeli
kabasayikuba labomakhelwane
abahliziyombi abangameva abuhlungu
lameva ahlabaya. Lapho-ke bazakwazi
ukuthi mina nginguJehova Wobukhosi.
²⁵" 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
Wobukhosi: Lapho sengiqoqa abantu
bako-Israyeli ezizweni ababehlakazelwe
kuzo, ngizazibonakalisa ngingongcwele
phakathi kwabo phambi kwezizwe.
Emva kwalokho bazahlala elizweni labo,
engalinika inceku yami uJakhobe.

²⁶Bazahlala kulo bevikelekile njalo
bazakwaxha izindlu bahlanye lezivini;
bazahlala bevikelekile lapho sengiletha
isijeziso kubo bonke omakhelwane babo
ababaphatha kubi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi
ukuthi mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu
wabo.' "

Isiphrofetho ngokumelana leGibhithe

29 Ngomnyaka wetshumi,
ngenyanga yetshumi ngosuku lwetshumi
lambili, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi
lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa
ubuso bakho kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe
uphrofethe okubi ngaye langelizwe
lonke laseGibhithe. ³Khuluma laye uthi:
'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
Wobukhosi:

" 'Ngimelane lawe, Faro nkosi
yaseGibhithe,
wena silo esikhulu esilele phakathi
kwezifula zaso.
Uthi, "INayili ngeyami;
ngazenzela yona."

⁴Kodwa ngizafaka iwuka emihlathini
yakho nginamathisele izinhlanzi
zezifula zakho,
emaxolweni akho.

Ngizakukhuphela ngaphandle
kwezifula zakho,
lezinhlanzi zonke zinamathele
emaxolweni akho.

⁵Ngizakutshiya enkangala,
wena kanye lezinhlanzi zonke
zasezifuleni zakho.
Uzawela egcekeni egangeni
njalo ungabuthwa loba udojwe.
Ngizakunikela njengokudla
ezinyamazaneni zomhlaba
lezinyoni zasemoyeni.

⁶Lapho-ke bonke abahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.

"Ube uludondolo lomhlanga lwendlu ka-Israyeli. ⁷Kwathi bekubamba ngezandla zabo, wacezuka waqhaqha amahlombe abo; kwathi lapho beseyama kuwe wephuka lamaqolo abo aqhuzuka.

⁸"Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizaletha inkemba imelane lawe ngibulale abantu bakho kanye lezifuyo zabo. ⁹IGibhithe izakuba yinkangala echithekileyo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.

"Ngokuba wathi, "INayili ngeyami; yimi engayenzayo," ¹⁰ngakho ngimelana lawe kanye lezifula zakho, njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe laseGibhithe libe lunxiwa logwadule oluphundlekileyo kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Aswani, kuze kuyefika emngceleni weKhushi.

¹¹Akulanyawo lomuntu loba olwenyamazana oluzadabula phakathi kwalo; akulamuntu ozahlala khona okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.

¹²Ngizakwenza 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngizaqoqa amaGibhithe ezizweni ayehlakazelwe kuzo. ¹⁴Ngizawabuyisela evela ekuthunjweni ngiwabuyisele eGibhithe yangaPhezulu, ilizwe labokhokho babo. Lapho bazakuba ngumbuso omncane. ¹⁵Uzakuba ngumbuso omncane kakhulu emibusweni njalo kawuyikuziphakamisela phezulu kwezinye izizwe futhi. Ngizawenza

ungabi lamandla ukuze ungabusi izizwe futhi. ¹⁶IGibhithe kaliyikuba ngumthombo wethemba futhi wabantu bako-Israyeli kodwa lizakuba yisikhumbuzo sesono sabo sokuyafuna usizo kulo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova Wobukhosi.' "

¹⁷Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yakuqala ngelanga lakuqala, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ¹⁸"Ndodana yomuntu, uNebhukhadinezari inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waqhuba ibutho lakhe ukuyakulwa impi enzima leThire; amakhanda wonke aphuculwa aphuceka lamahlombe wonke aba buhlungu. Ikanti yena lebuthe lakhe kabatholanga mvuzo empini ayikhokhela ekuhlaseleni iThire.

¹⁹Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: IGibhithe ngizalinikela kuNebhukhadinezari inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzathumba inotho yalo. Uzaliphundla aliphange ilizwe njengeholo lebuthe lakhe. ²⁰Ngimnike iGibhithe njengomvuzo wemizamo yakhe ngokuba yena lebuthe lakhe lokho bakwenzela mina, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

²¹"Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza uphondo lukhulele indlu ka-Israyeli, njalo ngizavula umlomo wakho phakathi kwabo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova."

Ukulilela IGibhithe

30 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi:

"Lilani lithi,
"Maye ngalolosuku!"

³Ngoba usuku seluseduze,

usuku lukaJehova seluseduze
 usuku lwamayezi,
 isikhathi sokutshabalala kwezizwe.
⁴Inkemba izakuzamelana leGibhithe,
 losizi luzakwehlela phezu
 kweKhushi.
 Lapho ababuleweyo besiwa
 eGibhithe inotho yalo izathunjwa
 lezisekelo zalo zidilizelwe phansi.
⁵IKhushi lePhuthi, iLidiya le-
 Arabhiya
 yonke, iLibhiya kanye labantu
 belizwe lesivumelwano bazabulawa
 ngenkemba ndawonye leGibhithe.
⁶" 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
 Wobukhosi:
 " 'Abasekeli beGibhithe bazakufa
 lamandla alo aziqhenyayo
 azaphela.
 Kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-
 Aswani
 bazakuwa ngenkemba phakathi
 kwalo,
 kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.
⁷" 'Bazachitheka
 phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo,
 njalo amadolobho abo azakuba
 phakathi kwamadolobho
 adiliziweyo.
⁸Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina
 nginguJehova,
 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 nguJehova
 Wobukhosi:
 " 'Ngizawaqeda amaxuku
 aseGibhithe
 ngesandla sikaNebhukhadinezari
 inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.
¹¹Yena lebuthe lakhe – abalolunya
 olukhulu
 phakathi kwezizwe
 bazaletswa ukuba bachithe ilizwe.
 Bazahwatsha izinkemba zabo
 ukuba
 bamelane leGibhithe
 bagcwalise ilizwe ngababuleweyo.
¹²Ngizakomisa izifula zeNayili
 lelizwe ngilithengisele abantu
 ababi;
 ngesandla sabezizweni
 ngizalichitha ilizwe lakho konke
 okukulo.
 Mina uJehova sengikhulumile.
¹³" 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
 Wobukhosi:
 " 'Ngizachitha izithombe
 ngiqede izifanekiso eMemfisi.
 Akusayikuba khona inkosana
 eGibhithe,
 njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba kulo
 lonke
 ilizwe.
¹⁴Ngizachitha iGibhithe elingaPhezulu
 ngithungele iZowani ngomlilo
 besengiletha isijeziso phezu
 kweThebesi.
¹⁵Ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu
 kwePhelusiyami,
 inqaba yaseGibhithe,
 ngiqede lamaxuku aseThebesi.
¹⁶Ngizathungela iGibhithe ngomlilo;
 iPhelusiyami izajanqula

ngobuhlungu.

IThebesi izathunjwa ngesidumo
esikhulu;

iMemfisi izakuba sosizini olumiyo.

¹⁷ Amajaha aseHeliyopholisi

leBhubhastisi

azabulawa ngenkemba,

lamadolobho wona ngokwawo

azathunjwa.

¹⁸ EThahiphanihesi imini izakuba

mnyama,

lapho ngisephula ijogwe

leGibhithe;

khonale-ke amandla alo

aziqhenyayo azaphela.

Azakwembeswa ngamayezi,

njalo imizi yalo izayakuya

ekuthunjweni.

¹⁹ Ngokunjalo ngizakwehlisela
isijeziso

phezu kweGibhithe,

njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina

nginguJehova.' ”

²⁰ Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye,
ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku
lwesikhombisa, ilizwi likaJehova 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
nguJehova 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 nginguJehova
lapho sengifaka inkemba yami esandleni
senkosi yaseBhabhiloni layo
isiyizunguza imelane leGibhithe.

²⁶ Ngizachithela amaGibhithe phakathi
kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni
futhi. Lapho-ke azakwazi ukuthi mina
nginguJehova."

Umsedari ELebhanoni

31 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye,

ngenyanga yesithathu ngosuku
lwakuqala, ilizwi likaJehova 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
macele wonke esidindi sawo
zafikisa imisele yazo
kuzo zonke izihlahla zeganga.

⁵ Wawuphakeme kanjalo umude
kulazo zonke izihlahla zeganga;
izingatsha zawo zanda,
izingatsha 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 izimpande 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
nguJehova 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.
Izingatsha 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 ezizuka amanzi
kuhle kanjalo ezizake zifike phezulu
kangako; zonke zimiselwe ukufa,
emhlabeni ongaphansi, phakathi
kwabantu abafayo, kanye lalabo abehlela
egodini.

¹⁵ " 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
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, eziyimikhethwa
lezinhle 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 ngenkamba.

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 ngenkamba .

" 'Lo nguFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe
wonke, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

Ukulilela UFaro

32 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili,
ngenyanga yetshumi lambili ngosuku
lokuqala, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi
lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo
ngoFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uthi kuye:

" 'Wena unjengesilwane phakathi
kwezizwe;
unjengesilo phakathi kwezilwandle
uvubavuba amanzi ezifuleni
zakho,
uchaphaze amanzi ngezinyawo
zakho
ungcolisa lezifula ngodaka.

³" 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
Wobukhosi:

" 'Ngoquqaba olukhulu lwabantu
ngizaphosela imbule lami phezu
kwakho
njalo bazakudonsela phezulu
ngembule lami.

⁴Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini
ngikudonsele egcekeni egangeni.
Ngizakwenza zonke izinyoni
zasemoyeni zihlale
phezu kwakho lezinyamazana
zonke
zasemhlabeni zizitike kuwe.

⁵Ngizachaya inyama yakho phezu
kwezintaba njalo ngigcwalise
izigodi
ngezidumbu zakho.

⁶Ngizathambisa ilizwe ngegazi lakho
eligeleza indawo yonke kusiya
ezintabeni,
lezindonga zizagcwala inyama
yakho.

⁷Lapho sengikucitsha, ngizakwembesa

amazulu ngenze izinkanyezi zawo
zibe mnyama;
ngizakwembesa ilanga ngeyezi,
lenyanga ingabe isakhanyisa.

⁸Zonke izibane ezikhanyisa
emazulwini
ngizazenza zibe mnyama elizweni
lakho,
kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

⁹Ngizakhathaza izinhliziyi zabantu
abanengi lapho sengiletha
ukuchithwa kwakho phakathi
kwezizwe,
phakathi kwamazwe ongazange
uwazi.

¹⁰Ngizakwenza abantu abanengi
bamangale ngawe,
lamakhosi azo azathuthumela
ngokwesaba ngenxa yakho
lapho nginyikinya inkemba
yami phambi kwawo.
Ngosuku lokuwa kwakho
lowo lalowo wabo uzaqhaq hazela
isikhathi sonke sokuphila kwakhe.

¹¹" 'Ngoba nanku okutshiwo
nguJehova
Wobukhosi:

" 'Inkemba yenkosi yaseBhabhiloni
izamelana lawe.

¹²Ngizakwenza amaxuku akho
abulawe
ngezinkemba zamadoda alamanhla
alesihluku kakhulu phakathi
kwezizwe zonke.
Azachoboza ukuziqhenya
kweGibhithe,
njalo wonke amaxuku alo
azanqotshwa.

¹³Ngizabulala zonke izinkomo zabo
ngaseduzane lamanzi amanengi

angaphindi adungwe lunyawo
lomuntu futhi
kumbe angcoliswe ngamasondo
ezinkomo ngodaka.

¹⁴Lapho-ke ngizakwenza amanzi alo
azinze lezifula zalo zigeleze
njengamafutha,
kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁵Lapho iGibhithe sengilichitha
ngiphundla ilizwe lakho konke
okukulo,
lapho sengibacakazela phansi
bonke
abahlala khona,
lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina
ninguJehova.⁷

¹⁶"Lesi yisililo esizaculelwa iGibhithe.
Amadodakazi ezizwe azasicula:
azasiculela iGibhithe kanye lamaxuku
alo wonke, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi."

¹⁷Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili,
ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga,
ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi:
¹⁸"Ndodana yomuntu, lilela amaxuku
aseGibhithe njalo wehlisele ngaphansi
komhlaba kokubili lona iGibhithe kanye
lamadodakazi ezizwe ezilamandla,
lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. ¹⁹Tshono
kubo uthi, 'Lina liyathandwa kakhulu
kulabanye na? Yehlelani phansi lilale
phakathi kwabangasokanga.' ²⁰Bazafela
phakathi kwalabo ababulawa
ngenkemba. Inkemba isihwatshiwe;
iGibhithe kalihudulwe lamaxuku alo
wonke. ²¹Abakhokheli abalamandla
bazakutsho ngeGibhithe labamanyene
layo bephakathi kwengcwaba bathi,
'Sebehlele phansi njalo balele
labangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa
ngenkemba.'

²²"I-Asiriya ikhona lebutsho layo
lonke; izungezwe ngamangcwaba abo

bonke abayo ababuleweyo; bonke
ababulawe ngenkemba. ²³Amangcwaba
abo asekuzikeni kwegodi njalo ibutho
layo lilele lihanqe ingcwaba layo. Bonke
abandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo
babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba.

²⁴"I-Elami 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.

²⁵Yenzelwa umbheda phakathi
kwababuleweyo, lamaxuku ayo wonke
ehanqe ingcwaba layo. Bonke
kabasokanga, babulawa ngenkemba.
Ngokuba 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. ²⁷Kanje 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,
uzakwepfulwa 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 – yena lebutho lakhe – uzababona njalo uzaduduzeka ngamaxuku akhe wonke abulawa ngenkemba, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

³² Lanxa ngamenza wandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo, uFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe wonke, bazalaliswa phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi."

UHezekheli Ungumlindi

33 Ilizwi likaJehova 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 uma 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 uma 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 uma 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 uJehova 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 Uma ngitshela umuntu olungileyo ukuthi impela uzaphila, kodwa abe esethemba ukulunga kwakhe enze okubi, akukho okwezinto ezilungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa; uzafela okubi asekwenzile. ¹⁴ Njalo uma 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 kaJehova kayilunganga.' Kodwa ngeyabo indlela engalunganga. ¹⁸ Uma umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, uzakufela lokho. ¹⁹ Njalo uma umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, uzaphila ngenxa yokwenzanjalo. ²⁰ Ikanti, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Indlela kaJehova 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 sikaJehova sasiphezu kwami, njalo wavula umlomo wami umuntu lowo engakafiki ekuseni. Ngakho umlomo wami wawusuvuliwe njalo ngangingasathulanga.

²³ Ilizwi likaJehova laselifika kimi lisithi: ²⁴ "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu abahlala emanxiweni lawana elizweni lako-Israyeli bathi, 'U-Abrahama wayengumuntu oyedwa nje kuphela, ikanti ilizwe lalingelakhe. Kodwa thina sibanengi; impela ilizwe siliphiwe njengelifa lethu.' ²⁵ Ngakho tshono kubo uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 uncolisa umfazi kamakhelwana wakhe. Kambe lingaba ngabanikazi belizwe na?'

²⁷ "Tshono lokhu kubo uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, labo abaseleyo emanxiweni bazabulawa ngenkemba, labo abangaphandle egangeni ngizabanikela ezinyamazani 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 kungabi khona odlula kuzo. ²⁹ Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova, 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 kuJehova.'

³¹ Abantu bami bayafika kuwe, njengabajayele ukukwenza, bahlale phambi kwakho ukuba bezwe amazwi akho, kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi. Ngemilomo yabo batsho ukuzinikela, kodwa izinhliziyi zabo zihawukela inzuzo engafanelanga. ³² Ngempela, kubo wena kawusulutho 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."

Abelusi Lezimvu

34 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi

lisithi: ²"Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha okubi ngabelusi bako-Israyeli; phrofetha uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Maye kini lina belusi bako-Israyeli elizikhathalelayo lina ngokwenu kuphela! Abelusi akumelanga bakhathalele umhlambi wezimvu na?

³Lidla izankefu, ligqoke iwulu njalo lihlabe imikhethwa yezifuyo, kodwa umhlambi wezimvu kaliwunaki.

⁴Ezibuthakathaka kaliziqinisanga kumbe lelapha ezigulayo loba labopha ezilimeleyo. Kalinqandanga eziphambukileyo loba ladinga ezilahlekileyo. Lizibuse ngochuku langesi hluku. ⁵Ngakho zahlakazeka ngoba kwakungelamelusi, njalo kwathi lapho sezihlakazekile zaba yikudla kwazo zonke izinyamazana zeganga.

⁶Izimvu zami zantula phezu kwezintaba zonke laphezu kwamaqaqa wonke. Zazihlakazekile emhlabeni wonke, njalo kakho owazidingayo loba owazicingayo.

⁷"Ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi likaJehova elithi: ⁸Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, ngokuba umhlambi wami uswela umelusi ngakho usuphangawe njalo usube yikudla kwezinyamazana zonke zeganga, njalo ngenxa yokuthi abelusi bami kabawudinganga umhlambi kodwa bazikhathalela bona ngokwabo kulomhlambi wami, ⁹ngakho-ke lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi likaJehova elithi:

¹⁰Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngimelana labelusi njalo ngizababeka umlandu wezimvu zami. Ngizabasusa ekweluseni umhlambi, abelusi bangabe besaba lokudla. Ngizawuhluthuna umhlambi wami emilonyeni yabo, njalo kawuyikuba yikudla kwabo futhi.

¹¹Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Mina ngokwami ngizadinga izimvu zami ngizeluse. ¹²Njengomelusi eluse umhlambi wakhe ohlakazekileyo elawo, ngizazelusa kanjalo izimvu zami. Ngizazihlenga ezindaweni zonke ezahlakazekela kuzo ngosuku lwamayezi lomnyama. ¹³Ngizazikhupha ezizweni ngizibuthe emazweni, njalo ngizazisa elizweni lazo uqobo. Ngizazidlisa phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli, ezihotsheni kanye lasemizaneni yonke eselizweni. ¹⁴Ngizazelusela emadlelweni amahle, njalo izingqongo zezintaba zako-Israyeli zizakuba ngumhlaba wedlelo lazo. Khonapho zizalala phansi emhlabeni olidlelo elihle, njalo khonapho zizakudla edlelweni elivundileyo phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. ¹⁵Mina ngokwami ngizazelusa izimvu zami njalo ngizazilalisa phansi, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ¹⁶Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo ngingande eziphambukileyo. Ngizabopha ezilimeleyo ngiqinise ezibuthakathaka. Ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibulala. Umhlambi ngizawelusa ngokulunga.

¹⁷"Okunjengawe, mhlambi wami, nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye kanye laphakathi kwezinqama lezimbu. ¹⁸Kwanele 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? ¹⁹Umhlambi kumele udle elikunyatheleyo njalo unathe lokho elikungcolise ngezinyawo zenu na?

²⁰"Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi kuzo: Khangelani, mina ngokwami ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo lezimvu ezicakileyo.

²¹ Ngoba liyafuqa ngemihlubulo langamahlombe, ligqubule zonke izimbuzi ezibuthakathaka ngezimpondo 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 ngumalusi wazo. ²⁴ Mina uJehova ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wazo, njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosana phakathi kwazo. Mina uJehova sengikhulumile.

²⁵ "Ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula lazo njalo ngxixotshe 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 nginguJehova, 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 isigcono sezizwe. ³⁰ Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina, uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, ngilabo kanye lokuthi bona, indlu ka-Israyeli, bangabantu bami, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ³¹ Lina zimvu zami, zimvu zedlelo lami, lingabantu bami, njalo mina nginguNkulunkulu wenu, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi."

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana Le-Edomi

35 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho eNtabeni iSeyiri; uphrofethe okubi ngayo ³ uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 nginguJehova.

⁵ "Ngoba wagcina inzondo yasendulo wanikela ama-Israyeli enkembeni ngesikhathi sosizi lwabo, lapho isijeziso sabo sasesifike ekucineni, ⁶ ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova 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 ngenkamba bazawela phezu kwamaqaqa akho lasezigodini zakho kanye lasezindongeni zakho zonke. ⁹ Ngizakwenza uchitheke okwanininini; amadolobho akho kawayikuhlalwa muntu. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.

¹⁰ "Ngoba wena uthe, "Izizwe lezi ezimbili lamazwe la amabili kuzakuba ngokwethu njalo sizakuthatha," lanxa mina uJehova ngangikhonapho. ¹¹ Ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, ngizakuphatha ngokufanele ukuthukuthela lobukhwele owakubonakalisayo ekubazondeni kwakho njalo ngizakwenza mina ngazakale phakathi kwabo lapho sengikwahlulela. ¹² Lapho-ke uzakwazi

ukuthi mina uJehova sengizizwile zonke izinto ezenyanyekayo owazitshoyo ngezintaba zako-Israyeli. Wathi, "Sezichithiwe njalo sezinkelwe kithi ukuba sizitshwabadele."

¹³ Wazikhukhumeza kubi ngami njalo wakhuluma kubi ngami kungekho kuzibamba, njalo ngakuzwa lokho.

¹⁴ Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Kuzakuthi umhlaba wonke uthokoze, mina ngizakwenza uphundleke. ¹⁵ Ngokuba 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 nginguJehova.' "

Isiphrofetho Kuzo Izintaba Zako-Israyeli

36 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kuzo izintaba zako-Israyeli uthi: 'Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaJehova. ² Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Isitha satsho ngani sathi, "Abe! Iziqongo zasendulo sezibe yilifa lethu." ' ³ Ngakho-ke phrofetha uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngokuba baliphanga njalo balixotsha bevela ezinhlangothini zonke laze laba yilifa lezinye izizwe lento yokunyeywa lokuchothozwa ngabantu, ⁴ ngakho-ke, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaJehova Wobukhosi: Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi kuzo izintaba lamaqaqa, ezindongeni lasezigodini, emanxiweni aphundlekileyo lasemadolobheni atshiyiweyo aphantwayo njalo ahlekwa ngezinye izizwe ezikuhanyileyo –

⁵ nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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, izindonga lezigodi: Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngikhuluma ngolaka lwami olulobukhwele ngoba lithwale isithuko sesizwe. ⁷ Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngifunga izandla ziphakanyiselwe phezu ukuthi izizwe ezilihanqileyo lazo zizathwala isithuko.

⁸ " 'Kodwa lina, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, lizaveza izingatsha lezithelo zabantu bami u-Israyeli, ngoba sebezakuza ekhaya masinyane nje. ⁹ Ngiyalinqinekela njalo ngizalikhangelanga 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 nginguJehova. ¹² Ngizakwenza abantu, abantu bami u-Israyeli, bahambe phezu kwenu. Bazalenza libe ngababo, njalo lizakuba yilifa labo; kaliyikubemuka abantwana babo futhi.

¹³ " 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 uJehova Wobukhosi. ¹⁵ Angiyikulenza lizwe izibhinqo zezizwe, njalo kalisayikuthwala izithuko zabantu loba ngenze ukuba isizwe senu siwe, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.' "

¹⁶ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi njalo lisithi: ¹⁷ "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu

bako-Israyeli besahlala elizweni labo, balingcolisa ngendlela abaziphatha ngayo langezenzo zabo. Ukuziphatha kwabo kwakufana lokungcola kowesifazana kwanyanga zonke emehlweni ami. ¹⁸Ngakho ngehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngoba babechithe igazi elizweni njalo ngoba babelingcolisile ngezithombe zabo. ¹⁹Ngabachithela phakathi kwezizwe, njalo bahlakazekela emazweni; ngabahlulela ngokufanele ukuziphatha kwabo kanye lezenzo zabo.

²⁰Loba ngaphi abaya khona phakathi kwezizwe balingcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, ngoba kwathiwa ngabo, 'Laba ngabantu bakaJehova, kodwa basuswa elizweni'

²¹Nganqinekela ibizo lami elingcwele, elangcoliswa yindlu ka-Israyeli phakathi kwezizwe abaya kuzo.

²²"Ngakho tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Akusingenxa yakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ukuthi ngizakwenza izinto lezi, kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele, osulingcolisile phakathi kwezizwe lapho oye khona.

²³Ngizabonakalisa ubungcwele bebizo elikhulu, eselingcolisiwe phakathi kwezizwe, ibizo osulingcolisile phakathi kwazo. Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi, lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe phambi kwamehlo azo.

²⁴" 'Ngoba ngizakususa ezizweni; ngizakuqoqa emazweni wonke ngikubuyisele elizweni lakho.

²⁵Ngizakuchela ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo, uzahlambuluka; ngizakuhlambulula kukho konke ukungcola kwakho kanye lakuzo zonke izithombe zakho.

²⁶Ngizakunika inhliziyi entsha ngifake lomoya omutsha phakathi kwakho; ngizasusa kuwe inhliziyi yakho yelitshe

ngikunike inhliziyi yenyama. ²⁷Njalo ngizafaka uMoya wami phakathi kwakho ngikwenze ulandele izimiso zami njalo unanzelele ukugcina imithetho yami. ²⁸Lizahlala elizweni engalinika okhokho benu; lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. ²⁹Ngizalikhulula kukho konke ukungcola kwenu. Ngizabiza amabele ngiwenze abe manengi njalo angiyikuletha indlala kini. ³⁰Ngizakwandisa izithelo zezihlahla kanye lamabele emasimini, ukuze lingabi lehlazo futhi phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yendlala. ³¹Lapho-ke lizakhumbula izindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezono zenu ezingalunganga, njalo lizazizona lina ngokwenu ngenxa yezono kanye lezenzo zenu ezenyanyekayo. ³²Ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi lokhu angikwenzeli lina, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Yangeka uhlazeke ngenxa yokuziphatha kwakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli!

³³" 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngosuku engizakuhlambulula ngalo ezonweni zakho zonke, ngizahlalisa abantu emadolobheni akho, njalo lamanxiwa azavuselelwa. ³⁴Ilizwe eliphundlekileyo lizalinywa kulokuthi lihlale liphundlekile emehlweni abo bonke abadabula phakathi kwalo. ³⁵Bazakuthi, "Ilizwe leli elaselenziwe laba lugwadule selibe njengesivande sase-Edeni; amadolobho ayesengamanxiwa, ephundlekile njalo echithekile, khathesi asevikelwe ngezinqaba njalo sekuhlala abantu kuwo." ³⁶Lapho-ke izizwe ezilihanqileyo eziseleyo zizakwazi ukuthi mina uJehova sengikwakhe kutsha okwakudiliziwe njalo sengikuhlanye kutsha okwakuphundlekile. Mina uJehova sengikhulumile njalo ngizakwenza lokhu.'

³⁷ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizasivuma njalo isicelo sendlu ka-Israyeli ngibenzele lokhu: Ngizakwenza abantu bakibo babe banengi njengezimvu, ³⁸ babe banengi njengemihlambi yemihlatshelo eJerusalema ngesikhathi samadili alo amisiweyo. Ngokunjalo amadolobho achithekayo azagcwala ngamaxuku abantu. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova."

Isigodi Samathambo Omileyo

37 Isandla sikaJehova sasiphezu kwami, njalo wangikhuphela phandle ngoMoya kaJehova wangibeka phakathi kwesigodi; sasigcwele amathambo. ² Wangisa emuva laphambili phakathi kwawo, njalo ngabona amathambo amanengi kakhulu phansi esigodini, amathambo ayome kakhulu. ³ Wangibuza wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, kambe amathambo la angaphila na?"

Mina ngathi, "Awu Jehova Wobukhosi, wena kuphela nguwe owaziyo."

⁴ Wasesithi kimi, "Phrofetha emathanjeni la uthi kuwo, 'Mathambo omileyo, zwanini ilizwi likaJehova!'

⁵ Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi kula amathambo: 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 nginguJehova.' "

⁷ Ngakho ngaphrofetha njengokulaywa kwami. Kwathi ngisaphrofetha, kwaba lomsindo, umsindo okhehlezelayo, njalo amathambo aqoqona 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Woza, wena moya, uvela ezindaweni zonke, uphefumulele kubo ababulawayo, ukuba baphile.' "

¹⁰ Ngakho ngaphrofetha njengokungilaya kwakhe, umoya wasungena kuwo; aba lokuphila njalo ema ngezinyawo zawo – kulixuku elikhulukazi.

¹¹ Wasesithi kimi: "Ndodana yomuntu, amathambo la ayiyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. Bona bathi, 'Amathambo ethu omile njalo ithemba lethu liphelile; sesihunundiwe.' ¹² Ngakho phrofetha uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Awu bantu bami, ngizavula amangcwaba enu ngilivuse kuwo; ngizalibuyisela elizweni lako-Israyeli. ¹³ Lapho-ke, lina bantu bami, lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova, lapho sengivula amangcwaba enu ngilivusa kuwo. ¹⁴ Ngizafaka uMoya wami phakathi kwenu njalo lizaphila, futhi ngizalihalisa elizweni lenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina uJehova sengikhulumile, njalo sengikwenzile lokho, kutsho uJehova.' "

Isizwe Sinye Ngaphansi KweNkosinye

¹⁵ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lisithi: ¹⁶ "Ndodana yomuntu, thatha uluthi lwesigodo, ulobe kulo ukuthi, 'NgolukaJuda lama-Israyeli amanyene 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngizathatha uluthi lukaJosefa – olusesandleni sika-Efrayimi – lolwezizwana zama-Israyeli amanyene 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 nguJehova 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 ukuhlelela kwabo emuva esonweni, njalo ngizabahlambulula. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo.

²⁴ "Inceku yami uDavida uzakuba yinkosi yabo, njalo bonke bazakuba lomalusi 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 uJehova ngenza u-Israyeli abe ngewele, nxa indlu yami engewele iphakathi kwabo nini lanini.' "

Isiphrofetho Ngokumelana LoGogi

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Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi

lisithi: ² "Ndodana yomuntu, khangalisa ubuso bakho bumelane loGogi, owaselizweni laseMagogi, inkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye laseThubhali; phrofetha kubi ngaye ³ uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngimela nalawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye laseThubhali.

⁴ Ngizakutshibilikisa, ngifake amawuka emihlathini yakho ngikukhuphe lebuthe lakho lonke – amabhiza akho, abagadi bamabhiza bakho behlome bephelele, lexuku elikhulukazi lilamahawu amancane lamakhulu, bonke benyikinya izinkemba zabo. ⁵ IPhesiya, leKhushi kanye lePhuthi bazakuba belabo, bonke belamahawu lezingowane, ⁶ njalo leGomeri lamabutho ayo wonke, kanye leBhethi Thogama ivela khatshana enyakatho lamabutho ayo wonke – izizwe ezinengi ezilawe.

⁷ "Lunga; zilungisele, wena kanye lamaxuku wonke abuthene emaceleni akho wonke, uwalawule. ⁸ Emva kwezinsuku ezinengi uzabizelwa empini. Eminyakeni ezayo uzahlasela ilizwe eselisindile empini, elilabantu balo ababuthwa ezizweni ezinengi basiwa ezintabeni zako-Israyeli ezaziphundlekile okwesikhathi eside. Babekhuthiwe ezizweni, khathesi bonke bahlezi ekuvikelekeni. ⁹ Wena lamabutho akho wonke kanye lezizwe ezinengi ezilawe lizakuya khonale, liqhubeka

njengesiphepho; lizakuba njengeyezi lisibekele ilizwe.

¹⁰ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngalolosuku kuzafika imicabango engqondweni yakho njalo uzaceba isu elibi. ¹¹ Uzakuthi, "Ngizahlasela ilizwe elilemizi engelamithangala; ngizahlasela abantu abalokuthula abanganqineki 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 ISheba leDedani kanye labathengisi bonke baseThashishi lemizi yalo yonke bazakuthi kuwe, "Ulande 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 nguJehova Wobukhosi: Ngalolosuku, lapho abantu bami u-Israyeli sebehlela 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. Ezinsukwini ezizayo, wena Gogi, ngizakwenza umelane lelizwe lami, ukuze izizwe zingazi lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe phambi kwazo.

¹⁷ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Kanti kawusuwe yini engakhuluma ngawe ezinsukwini zakudala ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi bako-Israyeli na? Ngalesosikhathi

baphrofetha iminyaka eminengi ukuthi ngangizakwenza umelane labo.

¹⁸ Nanku okuzakwenzakala ngalolosuku: Lapho uGogi esehlasela ilizwe lako-Israyeli ulaka lwami oluvuthayo luzavuka, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ¹⁹ Ngokutshiseka kwami langolaka lwami oluvuthayo ngithi ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu elizweni lako-Israyeli. ²⁰ Izinhlanzi zasolwandle, izinyoni zasemoyeni, 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 kuzo zonke izintaba zami, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. Inkemba yomuntu ngamunye izamelana lomfowabo. ²² Ngizamahlulela ngesifo langokuchithwa kwegazi; ngizathululela phansi izihlambi zezulu, isiqhotho lesolufa etshisayo 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 nginguJehova.'

39 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kubi ngoGogi uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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 kuzinhlobo zonke zezinyoni ezidla ingcuba kanye lasezinyamazani zeganga. ⁵Uzafela egangeni, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ⁶Ngizathumela umlilo eMagogi lakulabo abahlezi ngokuvikeleka emazweni angasolwandle, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova.

⁷ “Ngizakwenza ibizo lami elingcwele lazakale phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. Kangisayikuyekela ibizo lami elingcwele lingcoliswa futhi, lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina uJehova ngingoNgcwele ka-Israyeli. ⁸Kuyeza! Kuzakwenzakala impela, kutsho uJehova 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 izinkuni egangeni loba bazigamule emahlathini, ngoba bazabasa izikhali. Njalo bazaphanga labo ababaphangayo bathathele lalabo ababathathelayo, kutsho uJehova 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 uJehova Wobukhosi.

¹⁴ " 'Abantu bazakuba beqatshwa 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 lizakubakhonapho.) Ilizwe bazalihlambulula kanjalo.'

¹⁷ "Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Memezela kuzo zonke izinhlobo zezinyoni lakuzo zonke izinyamazana zeganga uthi: 'Buthanani livela ezindaweni zonke lize ndawonye kumhlatshelo engililungisela wona, umhlatshelo omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. Lapho lizakudla inyama linathe igazi. ¹⁸ Lizakudla inyama yamadoda alamandla linathe legazi lezikhulu zasemhlabeni kube angathi beziyizinqama lamawundlu, izimbuzi lezinkunzi – konke kuyizifuyo ezinonisiweyo ezivela eBhashani. ¹⁹ Kumhlatshelo engililungisela wona, lizakudla amahwahwa lize lisuthise njalo linathe legazi lize lidakwe. ²⁰ Etafuleni lami lizakudla lisuthe amabhiza labagadi, amadoda alamandla kanye lamabutho ezinhlobo zonke,' kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

²¹ "Ngizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe, njalo izizwe zonke zizasibona isijejiso engisilethayo lesandla engisibeka phezu kwabo. ²² Kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili indlu ka-Israyeli izakwazi ukuthi mina

nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wabo.

²³Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abantu bako-Israyeli bathunjwa ngenxa yesono sabo, ngoba ngabanikela ezitheni zabo, njalo bonke babulalwa ngenkamba.

²⁴Ngabaphatha ngokufanele ukungcola kwabo kanye leziphambeko zabo, njalo ngabafihlela ubuso bami.

²⁵“Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Khathesi sengizambuyisa uJakhobe evela ekuthunjweni njalo ngizatshisekela ibizo lami elingcwele. ²⁶Bazalikhohlwa ihlazo labo lakho konke ukungathembeki abakwenza kimi lapho babehlezi bevikelekile elizweni labo engekho owayengabenza besabe. ²⁷Lapho sengibabuyisile bevela ezizweni njalo sengibaqoqile bevela emazweni ezitha zabo, ngizazibonakalisa ngingcwele ngabo phambi kwezizwe ezinengi.

²⁸Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba lanxa ngabasa ekuthunjweni phakathi kwezizwe, ngizabaqoqela elizweni labo, ngingatshiyi lamunye emuva.

²⁹Kangisayikubafihlela ubuso bami futhi, ngoba ngizathululela uMoya wami phezu kwendlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.”

Indawo YeThempeli Elitsha

40 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqaliseni komnyaka, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane emva kokuthunjwa kwedolobho – ngalonalolo usuku isandla sikaJehova sasiphezu kwami njalo wangithatha wangisa khona.

²Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lako-Israyeli wangibeka phezu kwentaba ende kakhulu, eceleni langaseningizimu kwayo kulezindlu

ezazingathi lidolobho. ³Wangisa khonapho, ngasengibona umuntu owayengathi lithusi, wayemi esangweni esandleni ephethe intambo yelineni loluthi lokulinganisa. ⁴Umuntu 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.

⁵Ngabona umduli uzingeleze ithempeli ngokupheleleyo. Ubude boluthi lokulinganisa olwaluphethwe ngumuntu lowo babuzingalo eziyisithupha, eyodwa kuyingalo lobubanzi besandla. Walinganisa umduli; ubuqatha bawo babululuthi lokulinganisa olulodwa lobude bululuthi olulodwa.

⁶Emva kwalokho waya esangweni elikhangele empumalanga. Wakhwela ngamakhwelelo alo walinganisa umbundu wesango; wawululuthi olulodwa ukutshona kwawo. ⁷Izindlwana zabalindi zaziluluthi olulodwa ubude loluthi olulodwa ububanzi; imiduli eyayiphumele emikhandlweni yezindlwana yayizingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha. Umbundu wesango eduze lengenelo elikhangele ithempeli wawuyingalo eyodwa ukutshona kwawo.

⁸Wabuya walinganisa ingenelo lesango; ⁹lalizingalo ezificamibili ukutshona kwalo lezinsika zalo zazizingalo ezimbili. Ingenelo lesango lalikhangele ithempeli.

¹⁰Ngaphakathi 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 – izingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha. Ukulinganisa kwakufike engenelweni elikhangele iguma. ¹⁵ Ibanga kusukela ekungeneni kwesango kusiya ekucineni kwengenelo lalo lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. ¹⁶ Phezu kwezindlwana lemiduli ephumele phandle ngaphakathi kwesango kwakulezikhadlanyana indawo yonke emdulini omncane, lalinjalo lengenelo; 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 lengenelo lalo kwakulingana lokwesango lakuqala. Kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. ²² Izikhadlana zalo, ingenelo lalo kanye lemiceciso yezihlahla zelala, ubude lobubanzi bakho, kwakulingana lokwesango elikhangele empumalanga. Kwakungamanyathelo ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, lilengenelo lalo 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 lengenelo lalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. ²⁵ Isango lengenelo lalo kwakulezikhala ezincane indawo yonke njengezikhala zokunye. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. ²⁶ Kwakungamanyathelo ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, ingenelo lalo limaqondana 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.

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²⁸ Wabuya wangingenisa egumeni langaphakathi ngesango laseningizimu, waselinganisa isango laseningizimu; ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye. ²⁹ Izindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lengenelo lalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. Isango lengenelo lalo 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 Ingenelo lalo lalikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo, njalo lamanyathelo aficamibili ayesiya kulo.

³² Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphakathi, eceleni lasempumalanga, waselinganisa isango; ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye.

³³ Izindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lengenelo lalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. Isango lengenelo lalo kwakulezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi balo.

³⁴ Ingenelo lalo lalikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele womabili, njalo amanyathelo aficamibili ayesiya kulo.

³⁵ Wabuya wangisa esangweni lasenyakatho walilinganisa. Ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye,

³⁶ zinjalo lezindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lengenelo lalo, njalo lalilezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi balo.

³⁷ Ingenelo lalo lalikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele womabili, njalo amanyathelo aficamibili ayesiya kulo.

Izindlu Zokulungisela Imihlatshelo

³⁸ Indlu eyayilomnyango yayiseduze lengenelo kulelo lalelo isango langaphakathi, lapho iminikelo yokutshiswa eyayigeziselwa khona.

³⁹ Engenelweni lesango kwakulamatafula amabili icele ngalinye, lapho okwakuhlatschelwa khona iminikelo yokutshiswa, 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 aficamunye esewonke – okwakuhlatschelwa phezu kwawo 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 leminyane imihlatshelo zazibekwa phezu kwawo. ⁴³ Njalo kwakulezingwegwe ezimbaxambili, enye lenye ingangobubanzi besandla ubude bayo, ezazigxiliswe emdulini indawo yonke. Amatafula ayengawenyama yeminikelo.

Izindlu Zabaphristi

⁴⁴Ngaphandle kwesango langaphakathi, phakathi kweguma langaphakathi, kwakulezindlu ezimbili, enye iseceleni lesango lenyakatho njalo ikhangele eningizimu, enye njalo iseceleni lesango langaseningizimu njalo ikhangele enyakatho. ⁴⁵Wathi kimi, "Indlu ekhangele eningizimu ngeyabaphristi abaphethe ithempeli, ⁴⁶njalo indlu ekhangele enyakatho ngeyabaphristi abaphethe i-alithare. Laba bangamadodana kaZadoki abayibona baLevi kuphela abangasondela phansi kukaJehova ukuba bamkhonze."

⁴⁷Emva kwalokho walinganisa iguma: Lalilingana inxa zone – izingalo ezilikhulu ubude lezingalo ezilikhulu ububanzi. I-alithare laliphansi kwethempeli.

IThempeli

⁴⁸Wabuya wangisa engenelweni 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. ⁴⁹Ingenelo lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi, lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili kusukela phambili kusiya emuva. Kulo kwakufikwa ngamakhwelelo, njalo kwakulezisekelo emaceleni wonke ezinsika.

41 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangisa endaweni engcwele phandle walinganisa izinsika; ububanzi bezinsika babuzingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. ²Intuba 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.

³Wangena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi walinganisa izinsika zentuba; nganye zazizingalo ezimbili ububanzi. Intuba yayizingalo eziyisithupha ububanzi, lemiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye yayizingalo eziyisikhombisa ububanzi. ⁴Walinganisa lobude bendawo engcwele yangaphakathi; babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi bayo babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ngale kwendawo engcwele yangaphandle. Wathi kimi, "Le yindawo eNgcwele kakhulu."

⁵Emva kwalokho walinganisa umduli wethempeli; wawuyizingalo eziyisithupha ubuqatha, njalo enye lenye yezindlu zasemaceleni ezazihanqe ithempeli yayizingalo ezine ububanzi. ⁶Izindlu zasemaceleni zazelekene ngantathu, enye phezu kwenye, amatshumi amathathu mzila munye. Kwakulezisekelo emdulini wonke wethempeli ezazisekela izindlu zasemaceleni ukuze izinsika zingakhelwa phakathi komduli wethempeli. ⁷Izindlu zasemaceleni ezazizingeleze ithempeli zazibanzi phezulu kusukela kwenye indlu kusiya kwenye engaphezu kwayo. Izakhiwo ezazizingeleze ithempeli zazakhiwe zingamabanga akhwelayo esiya phezulu, ukwenza izindlu nxa umuntu esiya phezulu. Kwakulamakhwelelo ayesuka ezindlini ezingaphansi esiya kweziphezulu edlula ezindlini eziphakathi.

⁸Ngabona ukuthi ithempeli lalilombundu olizingelezileyo owawuyisonasisekelo sezindlu zasemaceleni. Wawulingana loluthi,

uzingalo eziyisithupha ubude. ⁹Umduli wangaphandle wezindlu zasemaceleni wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo. Indawo eligceke phakathi kwezindlu zasemaceleni zethempeli ¹⁰lezindlu zabaphristi yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi bayo inxa zonke zethempeli. ¹¹Kwakulamangenelo ukuya ezindlini zasemaceleni ukuvelela endaweni eligceke, elinye enyakatho lelinye eningizimu; njalo isisekelo esasixhumane lendawo eligceke sasizingalo ezinhlanu inxa zonke.

¹²Indlu eyayikhangele iguma lethempeli eceleni lasentshonalanga yayizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ububanzi bayo. Umduli wendlu leyo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo indawo zonke, ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi aficamunye.

¹³Waselinganisa ithempeli; lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude balo, leguma lethempeli lendlu kanye lemiduli yalo lakho kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu ubude .

¹⁴Ububanzi beguma lethempeli ngasempumalanga, kanye langaphambi kwethempeli, babuzingalo ezilikhulu.

¹⁵Waselinganisa ubude bendlu eyayikhangele iguma ngemuva kwethempeli, kanye lemiduli yayo icele ngalinye; babuzingalo ezilikhulu. Indawo engcwele yangaphandle, lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi lengenelo elikhangele iguma, ¹⁶kanye leminyango lamawindi amancane kanye lemiduli ezingeze ezintathu zakhona – konke okuphambili laphaya kubalwa leminyango kwakuvalwe ngamapulanka. Iphansi, imiduli kusiya phezulu emawindini, kanye lamawindi kwakuvaliwe. ¹⁷Indawo eyayiphezu kwangaphandle kwengenelo lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi kanye lasemidulini izibanga ezilinganayo inxa zonke zendawo engcwele engaphakathi

lengaphandle ¹⁸kwakulamakherubhi abaziweyo kanye lezihlahla zelala. Izihlahla zelala zazigabana lamakherubhi. Ikherubhi ngalinye lalilobuso obubili: ¹⁹ubuso bomuntu obukhangele esihlahleni selala kwelinye icele, lobuso besilwane obukhangele esihlahleni selala ngakwelinye icele. Kwakubaziwe inxa zonke zethempeli. ²⁰Kusukela phansi kusiya ngaphezu kwengenelo, amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala kwakubaziwe emdulini wendawo engcwele yangaphandle.

²¹Indawo engcwele yangaphandle yayilemigubazi emide ukuya phezulu imifitshane ukunquma kwayo njalo leyaphambili kweNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu yayinjalo. ²²Kwakule-alithare lezigodo lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama kwalo njalo lizingalo ezimbili ubude lobubanzi; izingosi zalo, lesidindi salo kanye lamacele alo kwakwenziwe ngezigodo. Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, "Leli litafula eliphambi kukaJehova."

²³Kokubili indawo engcwele yangaphandle leNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu kwakulezivalo ezimbili. ²⁴Isivalo ngasinye sasilezimpiko ezimbili – izimpiko ezimbili ezivulekayo isivalo ngasinye. ²⁵Njalo ezivalweni zendawo engcwele yangaphandle kwakulamakherubhi abaziweyo kanye lezihlahla zelala njengokwakubazelwe emidulini, njalo kwakulophahla lwezigodo ngaphambi kwengenelo. ²⁶Emidulini yemaceleni yengenelo kwakulamawindi amancane alezihlahla zelala ezibazelwe kucele ngalinye. Izindlu zemaceleni zethempeli lazo zazilophahla.

Izindlu Zabaphristi

42 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 zesitezi sesithathu zazingelansika, njengamagama ayelazo, ngakho iphansi lazo lalilincane kulelalezo ezazikusitezi esingaphansi lesiphakathi. ⁷ Kwakulomduli wangaphandle owawusekelene lezindlu kanye leguma langaphandle; wawuquma ngaphambi kwezindlu okwezingalo 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 zazilengenelo ngasempumalanga lapho umuntu engena kuzo 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 zangaseningizimu layo yayinjalo. Kwakulomnyango ekuqaliseni kwendawo yokuhamba eyayisekelane lomduli owawuhambelana layo usiya empumalanga, okuyiwo umuntu owayengena ngawo ezindlini.

¹³ Wasesithi kimi, "Izindlu ezingenyakatho lezisingizimu ezikhangele iguma lethempeli yizindlu zabaphristi lapho abaphristi abasondela kuJehova 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, akumelanga baye egumeni langaphandle baze batshiye ngemuva izambatho 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 owawuyizingezelele, izingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu

ububanzi, ukwehlukana okungcwele kokwabantu bonke.

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43 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 laselikhazimula ngenkazimulo yakhe. ³ Umbono engawubonayo wawunjengombono engangiwbone lapho wayezediliza idolobho njalo wawunjengombono engangiwbone ngasemfuleni iKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. ⁴ Inkazimulo kaJehova yangena ethempeleli ngesango elikhangele empumalanga. ⁵ UMoya wangiphakamisa wangisa egumeni langaphakathi, njalo inkazimulo kaJehova yagcwala ethempeleli.

⁶ Kwathi umuntu lowo emi phansi kwami, ngezwa omunye engikhulumisa engaphakathi kwethempeleli. 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 kayisayikulingcolisa 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 ngethempeleli ukuze bayangeke ngezono zabo. Wothi kabacabange ngosekumiselwe ukwenziwa, ¹¹ njalo uma belenhloni ngalokhu konke abakwenzayo, bazise ngesifanekiso sethempeleli – ukuma kwalo, izindawo zalo zokuphuma lezokungena – isifanekiso salo sonke lezimiso zalo zonke kanye lemithetho. Bhala lokhu phansi phambi kwabo ukuze bathembeke kuso isifanekiso salo njalo balandele zonke izimiso zalo.

¹² "Nanku umthetho wethempeleli: Wonke ummango oseduze phezu kwentaba uzakuba ngcwele kakhulu. Lowo yiwo umthetho wethempeleli.

I-Alithare

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 elingaphansi lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama lezingalo ezimbili ububanzi, njalo kusukela elitsheni elincane kusiya elitsheni elikhulu lizingalo ezine ukuphakama lezingalo eyodwa ububanzi. ¹⁵ Iziko le-alithare lizingalo ezine ukuphakama njalo izimpondo ezine zikhokhekele phezulu zisuka eziko. ¹⁶ Iziko le-alithare liyalingana amacele wonke, izingalo ezilitshumi lambili ubude lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili ububanzi. ¹⁷ Uhlangothi lwangaphezulu lalo luyalingana macele wonke, izingalo

ezilitshumi lane ubude lobubanzi lulomphetho oyingxenyengalo lesidindi esiyingalo eyodwa inxa zonke. Izinyathelo ze-alithare zikhangele empumalanga."

¹⁸Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Le izakuba yimithetho yokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa lokuchela igazi phezu kwe-alithare lapho selakhiwe: ¹⁹Kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa njengomnikelo wesono kubaphristi, abangabaLevi, abendlu kaZadoki abasondela eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ²⁰Kumele uthathe elinye igazi ulifake ezimpondweni ezine ze-alithare lasemagumbini amane elitshe langaphezulu lasemphethweni inxa zonke, ngokunjalo uhlambulule i-alithare njalo ulenzele inhlawulelo. ²¹Kumele uthathe inkunzi yomnikelo wesono uyitshisele endaweni ekhethiweyo yethempeli ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele.

²²"Ngosuku lwesibili kumele unikele imbuzi enduna engelasici ukuba ngumnikelo wesono, njalo le-alithare kumele lihlanjululwe njengokuhlanjululwa elakwenziwa ngenkunzi. ²³Lapho usuqedile ukulihlambulula, kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. ²⁴Kumele ukunikele phambi kukaJehova, njalo abaphristi kumele bavuvuzele itshwayi phezu kwakho bakunikele njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuJehova.

²⁵"Okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa kuzamele unikele imbuzi enduna nsuku zonke ukuba ngumnikelo wesono; njalo kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. ²⁶Okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa bazakwenzela i-alithare

inhlawulelo, balihlambulule, kanjalo balenze libe ngcwele. ²⁷Ekupheleni kwalezizinsuku, kusukela ngosuku lwesificamibili kusiya phambili, abaphristi kumele bethule iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yobuzalwane e-alithareni. Lapho-ke ngizalamukela, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi."

Inkosana, AbaLevi, Abaphristi

44 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangibuyisela esangweni langaphandle lendlu engcwele, leli elikhangele empumalanga, njalo lalivaliwe.

²UJehova wasesithi kimi, "Isango leli kumele lihlale livaliwe. Akumelanga livulwe; akulamuntu ongangena ngalo. Kumele lihlale livaliwe ngoba uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ungene ngalo. ³Inkosana yona ngokwayo yiyo kuphela engahlala phakathi kwesango ukuba idle phambi kukaJehova. Kuzamele ingene ngendlela yengenelo lesango njalo iphume ngayonaleyo indlela."

⁴Indoda leyo yangisa phambi kwethempeli ngendlela yesango lasenyakatho. Ngakhangela ngabona inkazimulo kaJehova igcwele ethempelini likaJehova, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso.

⁵UJehova wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngokunanzelela, ulalelisise njalo uqaphele konke engikutshela khona mayelana lemithetho yonke eqondane lethempeli likaJehova. Qaphela ingenelo lethempeli layo yonke iminyango yokuphuma yendlu engcwele.

⁶Tshono kuyo indlu ehlamukayo ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, kaziphele izenzo zakho ezinengayo! ⁷Phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izenzo zakho ezinengayo ungenise

abezizweni abangasokanga enhliziyweni lasenyameni endlini yami engcwele, ungcwisa 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 nguJehova 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 sebehlanhlatheke ezithombeni zabo besuka kimi, kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono sabo. ¹¹ Bangakhonza endlini yami engcwele, bephethe amasango ethempeli njalo bekhonza phakathi kwalo; bangahlabela abantu iminikelo lemihlatshelo yokutshiswa njalo bame phambi kwabantu babasebenzele.

¹² Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi babasebenzela phambi kwezithombe zabo benza indlu ka-Israyeli yawela esonweni, ngakho sengifunge ngesandla siphakanyisiwe ukuthi kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono sabo, kutsho uJehova 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 kaZadoki abasebenza ngokuthembeka imisebenzi yasendlini yami engcwele lapho ama-Israyeli ayengihlamukele, kumele basondele eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami; kumele bame phambi kwami ukuba

banikele umhlatshelo wamafutha legazi, kutsho uJehova 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 ngezambatho zabo.

²⁰ " 'Akumelanga baphuce amakhanda abo kumbe bayekele izinwele zabo zikhula zisiba zinde; kodwa kumele bagcine izinwele zabo zigundiwe.

²¹ Akulamphristi ozanatha iwayini lapho engena iguma langaphakathi.

²² Akumelanga bathathe abafelokazi loba abesifazana abehlukana labomkabo; kumele bathathe izintombi ezimsulwa kuphela zozalo lwako-Israyeli loba abafelokazi babaphristi. ²³ Kumele bafundise abantu bami umahluko phakathi kokungcwele lokwabantu bonke babatshengise indlela yokwehlukana phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlazekileyo.

²⁴ " 'Lapho kulombango abaphristi bazasebenza njengabahluleli baqume mayelana lezimiso zami. Kumele bagcine imithetho yami lezimemezelo zami kuwo wonke amadili ami, njalo kumele bagcine amaSabatha ami engcwele.

²⁵ "Umphristi akumelanga azingcolise ngokuya phansi komuntu ofileyo; kodwa-ke nxa umuntu ofileyo ubenguyise loba unina, indodana yakhe kumbe indodakazi, umfowabo kumbe udadewabo ongendanga, lapho angazingcolisa. ²⁶ Emva kokuba esehlanjululiwe, uzakuma izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ²⁷ Ngosuku azakuya ngalo egumeni langaphakathi lendlu engcwele ukuba enze inkonzo endlini engcwele, kumele azinikelele umnikelo wesono, kutsho uJehova 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 yecal; kanye lakho konke okuko-Israyeli okwahlukaniselwe uJehova 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.

Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe

45 "Lapho usaba ilizwe njengelifa kuzamela wethule kuJehova ingxenye yelizwe njengesifunda esingcwele, izingalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude lengalo eziyizi-20 000 ububanzi; ummango wonke uzakuba ngcwele. ² Kulokhu indawo ezingalo ezingama-500 ubude lobubanzi izakuba ngeyendlu engcwele; kulezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu eziyizingelezileyo yelizwe elingelalutho. ³ Esifundeni esingcwele linganisa

ingxenye ezingalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude lengalo eziyizi-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 kukaJehova. Izakuba yindawo yezindlu zabo kanye lendawo engcwele yendlu engcwele. ⁵ Ummango ozingalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude lengalo eziyizi-10 000 ububanzi izakuba ngeyabaLevi, abakhonza ethempelini, njengesabelo sabo samadolobho okuhlala kuwo.

⁶ "Kumele unike idolobho njengelifa lalo ummango ozingalo eziyizi-5 000 ububanzi lengalo eziyizi- 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 kayisayikucindezela abantu bami kodwa izavumela indlu ka-Israyeli ukuba bathathe ilizwe mayelana lezizwana zabo.

⁹ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Eselikwenzile kwanele, lina makhosana ako-Israyeli! Yekelani udlakela lwenu lokucindezela lenze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo. Khawulani ukuxotsha abantu bami ezindaweni zabo, kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi. ¹⁰ Kumele lisebenzise izikali eziqotho, ihefa eliqotho kanye lebhathi eliqotho. ¹¹ Ihefa lebhathi kumele kulingane, ibhathi lilengxenye yetshumi yehomeri njalo

lehefa ingxenywe yehomeri; ihomeri lizakuba yisilinganiso esamukelekayo kukho kokubili. ¹² Ishekeli lizakuba ngamagera angamatshumi amabili. Amashekeli angamatshumi amabili, lamashekeli angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kanye lamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu kuba limina elilodwa.

Iminikelo Lezinsuku ezingcwele

¹³ "Lesi yisipho esiqakathekileyo okumele usinikele: Ingxenywe yesithupha yehefa kuhomeri ngalinye lamabele lengxenywe yesithupha yehefa kuhomeri ngalinye lebhali. ¹⁴ Ingxenywe emisiweyo yamafutha, elinganiswa ngebhathi, iyingxenywe yetshumi yebhathi kukhori ngalinye (elingamabhathi alitshumi loba ihomeri elilodwa, ngoba amabhathi alitshumi alingana lehomeri.) ¹⁵ Njalo imvu eyodwa kumele ithathwe emhlambini ngamunye wezingamakhulu amabili emadlweni ako-Israyeli alamanzi amanengi. Lezi zizasetshenziswa eminikelweni yamabele, eminikelweni yokutshiswa kanye laseminikelweni yobuzalwane ukwenzela abantu inhlawulelo, kutsho uJehova 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 – kuwo wonke amadili endlu ka-Israyeli. Izanikela iminikelo yesono, iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yobuzalwane ukwenzela indlu ka-Israyeli inhlawulelo. ¹⁸ "Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova 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-alithare 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, idili elithatha izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, ngalesosikhathi uzakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. ²² Ngalolosuku inkosana izanika inkunzi njengomnikelo wesono izinikelela yona ngokwayo kanye labantu bonke belizwe. ²³ Nsuku zonke phakathi kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa zeDili kumele inike izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa lezinqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuJehova, lembuzi enduna eyomnikelo wesono. ²⁴ Kuzamela inike njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa elilodwa lenkunzi ngayinye lehefa elilodwa lenqama ngayinye ndawonye lehini lamafutha elilodwa kuhefa ngalinye.

²⁵ "Phakathi kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa zeDili, eliqalisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu, kumele inike okufanayo okomnikelo wesono, umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha.

46 " 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Isango leguma langaphakathi elikhangele empumalanga kumele livalwe ngezinsuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza, kodwa ngosuku lweSabatha langosuku lokuthwasa kwenyanga kumele livulwe.

² Inkosana izangena ngengenelo lesango ivela phandle ibe isisima phansi kwensika 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 kukaJehova ekungeneni kwalelosango. ⁴ Umnikelo wokutshiswa olothwa yinkosana kuJehova 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 ngengenelo lesango, njalo kumele iphume ngaleyondlela.

⁹ " 'Lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi kukaJehova 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 " 'Emikhosini lasemadilini amisiweyo, 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 kuJehova – loba kungumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe iminikelo yobuzalwane – kumele ivulelwe isango elikhangele empumalanga. Izanikela umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kumbe umnikelo wayo wobuzalwane njengekwezayo ngosuku lweSabatha. Emva kwalokho izaphuma, njalo emva kokuba isiphumile, isango lizavalwa.

¹³ " 'Izinsuku zonke kuzamele unike izinyane elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuJehova; uzalinika nsuku zonke ekuseni. ¹⁴ Kuzamele unike kanye lalo nsuku zonke ekuseni umnikelo wamabele kuhlanguanise ingxenye yesithupha yehefa lengxenye yesithathu yehini lamafutha ukuba athambise impuphu. Ukwethulwa kwalo umnikelo wamabele kuJehova kuyisimiso esingapheliyo. ¹⁵ Ngakho izinyane lomnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha kuzanikwa nsuku zonke ekuseni kube ngumnikelo wansuku zonke wokutshiswa.

¹⁶ " 'Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: Uma inkosana inika enye yamadodana ayo isipho elifeni layo, sizakuba ngesezizukulwane zayo futhi; sizakuba yimpahla yazo ngokudla ilifa. ¹⁷ Kodwa-ke uma inika esinye sezisebenzi zayo isipho elifeni layo, isisebenzi singasigcina kuze kube ngumnyaka wokukhululwa; lapho sesibuyela kuyo inkosana. ¹⁸ Inkosana akumelanga ithathe ilifa labantu, ibaxotsha empahleni yabo. Kumele inike amadodana ayo ilifa empahleni yayo,

ukuze kungabi khona ebantwini bami
owehlukaniswa lempahla yakhe.' "

¹⁹ Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo
wangikhupha ngentuba eseceleni
kwesango ukuya ezindlini ezingcwele
ezikhangele enyakatho
ezazingabaphristi, 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 kungcweliswa abantu."

²¹ Wabuya wangisa egumeni
langaphandle wangibhodisa ezingosini
ezine, njalo engosini ngayinye ngabona
elinye iguma. ²² Ezingosini ezine zeguma
langaphandle kwakulamagama
ayebiyelwe, ezingalo ezingamatshumi
amane ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi
amathathu ubanzi; wonke amagama
ezingosini ezine ayelingana.

²³ Ngaphakathi kwalelo lalelo lamagama
amane kwakulesakhiwo samatshe,
silezindawo ezakhelwe umlilo indawo
yonke ngaphansi kwaso. ²⁴ Wasesithi
kimi, "Le yimikulu lapho labo
abakhonzayo ethempelini abazaphekela
khona imihlatshelo yabantu."

Umfula Ophuma EThempelini

47 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-alithare.

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 ekhunjinini 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 lezinhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu,
ngoba amanzi la agelezela khona njalo
enza amanzi aletshwayi 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. Izinhlanzi
zizakuba ngezehlobo ezinengi –
njengenhlanzi yoLwandle olukhulu.
¹¹ Kodwa amaxhaphozi lamatete
kawayikuba mahle. Azasala eyizindawo

zetshwayi. ¹² Izinhlobo zonke zezihlahla zezithelo zizakhula emakhunjini womabili omfula. Amahlamvu azo kawayikubuna, lezithelo zazo kazisoze ziphuthu. Zizathela nyanga zonke ngoba amanzi avela endlini engcwele agelezela kuzo. Izithelo zazo zizakuba yikudla kuthi amahlamvu azo abe ngawokwelapha."

Imingcele yelizwe

¹³ Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova Wobukhosi: "Le yimingcele ozakwehlukana ngayo ilizwe lokuba yilifa phakathi kwezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zaka-Israyeli, kulezigaba ezimbili zikaJosefa. ¹⁴ Kumele uhlukane ngokulingana, ngoba ngafunga isandla siphakanyiselwe phezu 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 eHazeri Enani ulandela umngcele wangasenyakatho weDamaseko, umngcele weHamathi

usenyakatho. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenyakatho.

¹⁸ "Empumalanga umngcele uzahamba phakathi kweHawurani leDamaseko, ulandela iJodani

phakathi kweGileyadi 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 zaka-Israyeli.

²² Kumele lilabe njengelifa lenu kanye labezizweni asebehlezi phakathi kwenu njalo abalabantwana. Kumele libathathe njengabomdabuko wama-Israyeli; kanye lani bazakwabelwa ilifa

phakathi kwezizwana zaka-Israyeli. ²³ Loba kuphakathi kwasiphi isizwana owezizweni ahlale kuso, kumele limnike ilifa lakhe khonapho," kutsho uJehova Wobukhosi.

Ukwabiwa Kwelizwe

48 Lezi yizizwana, zihlelwe ngamabizo: Emngceleni wasenyakatho, uDani uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizalandela umgwaqo weHethiloni oya eLebho Hamathi; iHazeri Enani lasemngceleni weDamaseko wasenyakatho eduze leHamathi kuzakuba yingxenywe yomngcele

kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

²"U-Asheri uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaDani kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

³"Nafthali uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe lika-Asheri kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

⁴"UManase uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaNafthali kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

⁵"U-Efrayimi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaManase kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

⁶"URubheni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe lika-Efrayimi kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

⁷"UJuda uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaRubheni kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

⁸"Okungcelelana lelizwe likaJuda kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga kuzakuba yisigaba ozasethula njengesipho esiqakathekileyo. Sizakuba zingalo eziyizi-25 000 ububanzi, njalo ubude baso kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga buzalingana lobesinye sezigaba zezizwana; indlu engcwele izakuba phakathi kwaso.

⁹"Isigaba esiqakathekileyo ozasipha uJehova sizakuba zingalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude lengalo eziyizi- 10 000 ububanzi.

¹⁰Lesi sizakuba yisigaba esingcwele sabaphristi. Sizakuba zingalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude ngasenyakatho, ingalo eziyizi-10 000 ububanzi ngasentshonalanga, ingalo eziyizi-10 000 ububanzi

ngasempumalanga kanye lengalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude ngaseningizimu. Phakathi enkabeni yaso kuzakuba lendlu engcwele kaJehova. ¹¹Lesi sizakuba ngesabaphristi abangcwelisiweyo, amaZadoki, ababethembekile ekungikhonzeni njalo abangaduhanga njengokwenziwa ngabaLevi ekuduheni kwama-Israyeli. ¹²Sizakuba yisipho esiqakathekileyo kubo sivela esigabeni esingcwele selizwe, isigaba esingcwele kakhulu, esingcelelane lesigaba sabaLevi.

¹³"AbaLevi bazakuba lesabelo esizingalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude lengalo eziyizi-10 000 ububanzi njalo sisekelane lesabaphristi. Ubude baso sonke buzakuba zingalo eziyizi-25 000 ububanzi baso buzingalo eziyizi-10 000. ¹⁴Akumelanga basithengise loba bantshintshe ngokunye kwaso. Lesi ngesihle kakhulu selizwe njalo akumelanga siphewe abanye abantu ngoba singcwele kuJehova.

¹⁵"Indawo eseleyo, ingalo eziyizi-5 000 ububanzi lengalo eziyizi-25 000 ubude, izasetshenziswa nguzulu wedolobho, ngeyezindlu lamadlelo. Idolobho lizakuba phakathi kwayo ¹⁶njalo lizakuba lalezi izilinganiso: Icele lasenyakatho izingalo eziyizi-4 500, icele laseningizimu izingalo eziyizi-4 500, icele lasempumalanga izingalo eziyizi-4 500, lecele lasentshonalanga izingalo eziyizi-4 500. ¹⁷Amadlelo edolobho azakuba zingalo ezingama-250 ngasenyakatho, izingalo ezingama-250 ngaseningizimu, izingalo ezingama-250 ngasempumalanga, lezingalo ezingama-250 ngasentshonalanga. ¹⁸Indawo esalayo, engcelelane lesigaba esingcwele njalo ilandela ubude baso izakuba zingalo eziyizi-10 000 ngaseceleni lasempumalanga lezingalo eziyizi-10 000 ngaseceleni lasentshonalanga. Izithelo zayo zizakuba yikudla

kwezisebenzi zedolobho. ¹⁹ Izisebenzi ezivela edolobheni eziyilimayo zizavela kuzo zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli.

²⁰ Isigaba sonke sizalingana inxa zonke, izingalo eziyi-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 eziyizi-25 000 zesigaba esingcwele kusiya emngceleni wasempumalanga, kuphinde kuye entshonalanga kusukela kuzingalo eziyizi-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 "USimeyoni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaBhenjamini kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

²⁵ "U-Isakhari uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaSimeyoni kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

²⁶ "UZebhuluni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe lika-Isakhari kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

²⁷ "UGadi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelelana lelizwe likaZebhuluni

kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga.

²⁸ "Umngcele wangaseningizimu kaGadi uzakamba eningizimu usuka eThamarisiya 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 uJehova Wobukhosi.

Amasango Edolobho

³⁰ "Lezi zizakuba zintuba zedolobho zokuphuma: Kusukela eceleni lenyakatho, elizingalo eziyizi-4 500 ubude, ³¹ amasango amathathu eceleni langenyakatho azakuba lisango likaRubheni, isango likaJuda lesango likaLevi.

³² "Eceleni langempumalanga, elizingalo eziyizi-4 500 ubude, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaJosefa, isango likaBhenjamini lesango likaDani.

³³ "Eceleni langeningizimu, elizingalo eziyizi-4 500, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaSimeyoni, isango lika-Isakhari lesango likaZebhuluni.

³⁴ "Eceleni langentshonalanga, elizingalo eziyizi-4 500 ubude, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaGadi, isango lika-Asheri lesango likaNafthali.

³⁵ "Ubude obubhoda indawo yonke buzakuba zingalo eziyizi-18 000.

"Njalo ibizo ledolobho kusukela ngalesosikhathi kusiya phambili lizakuba:

INKOSI IKHONA."